

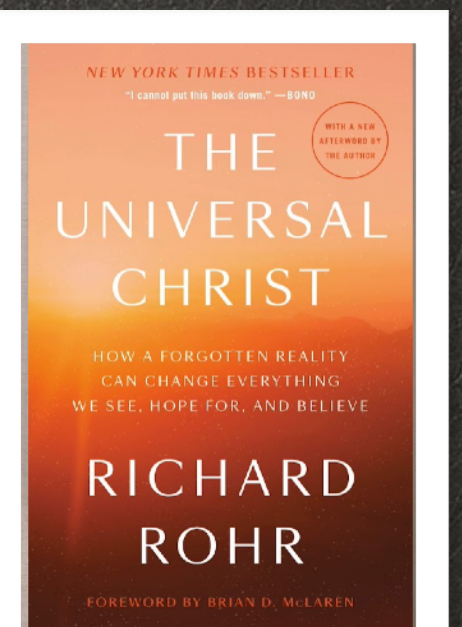
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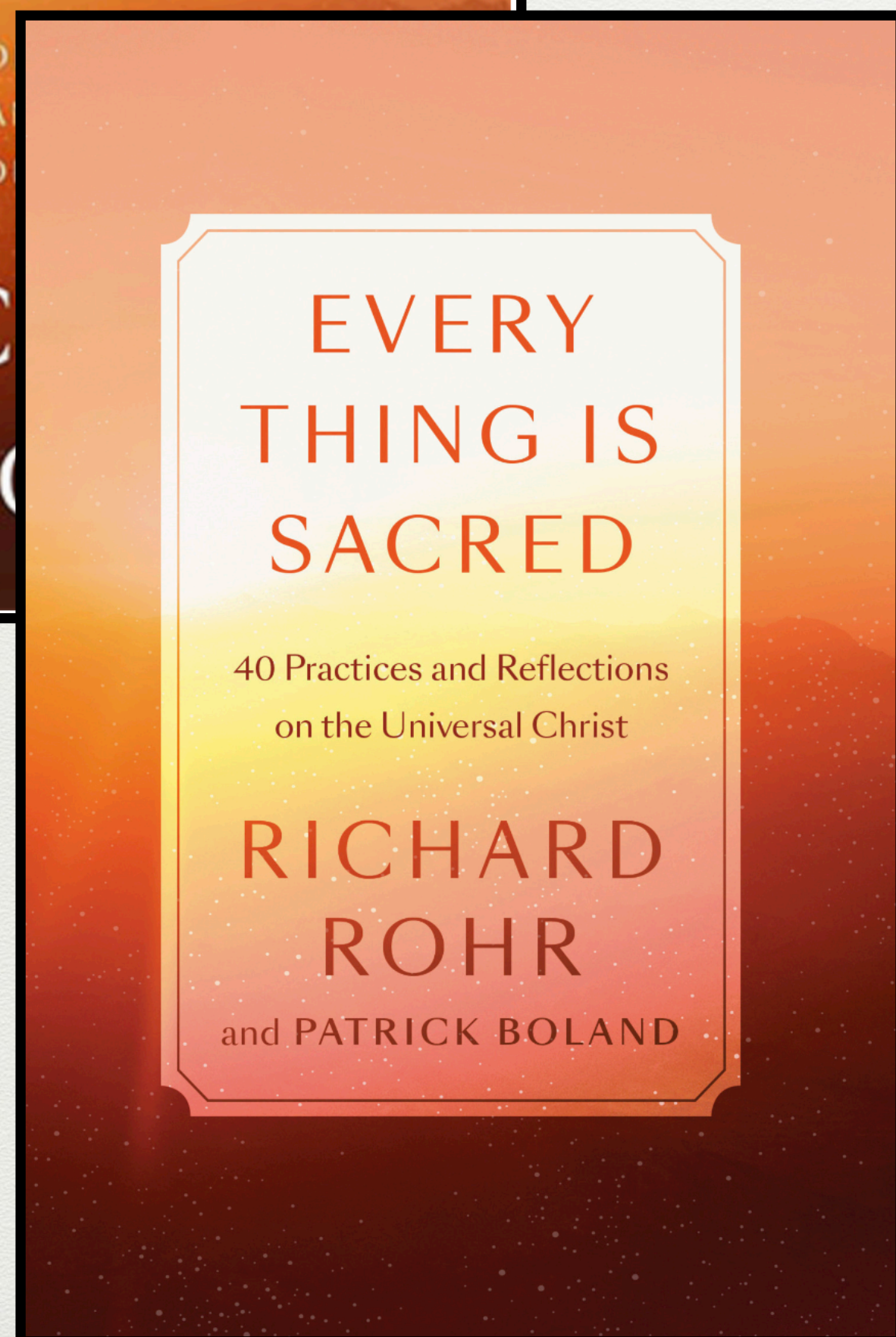
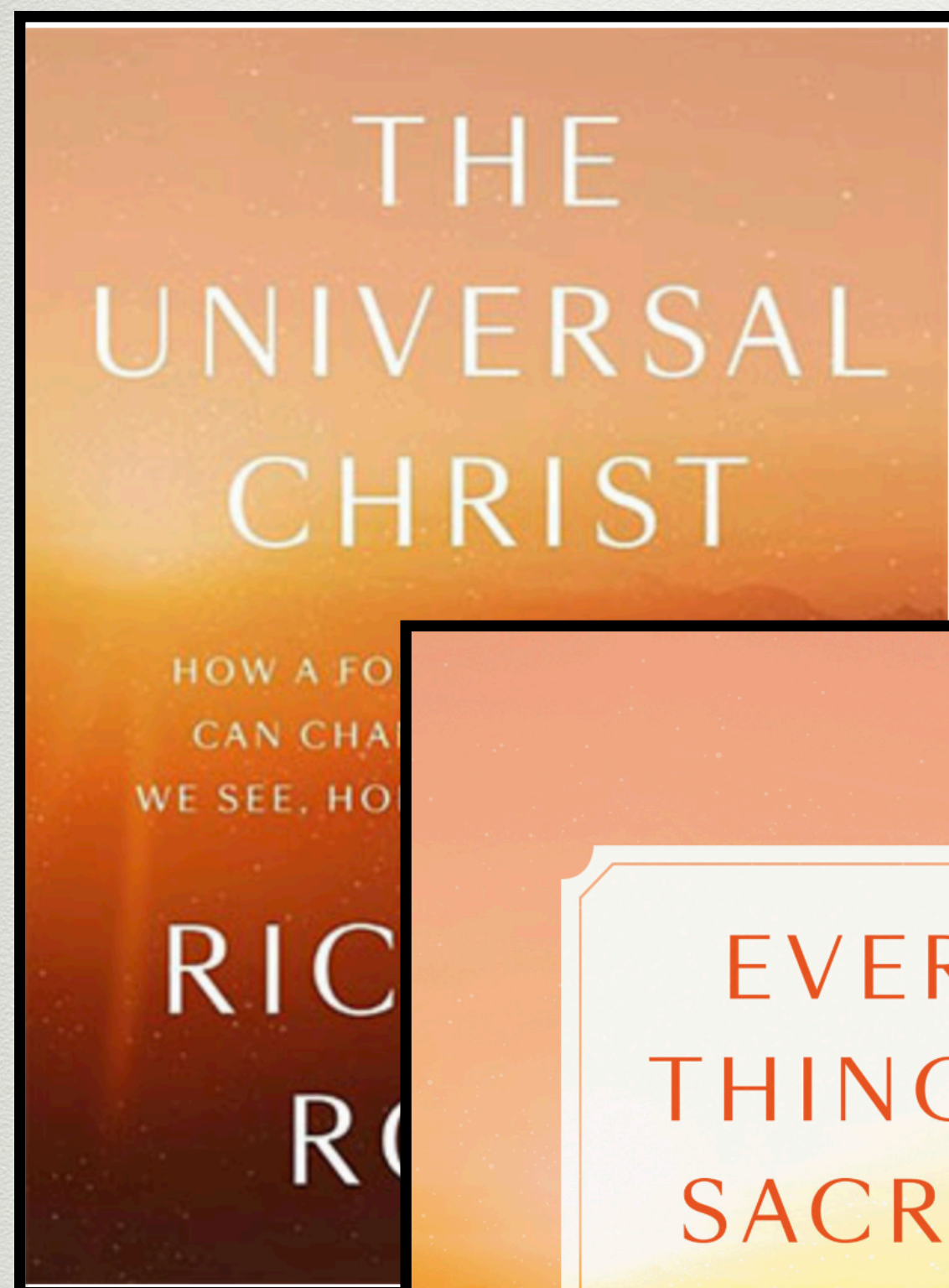
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**BEFORE WE
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with
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“From the particular to
the universal.”



OPENING with Joan

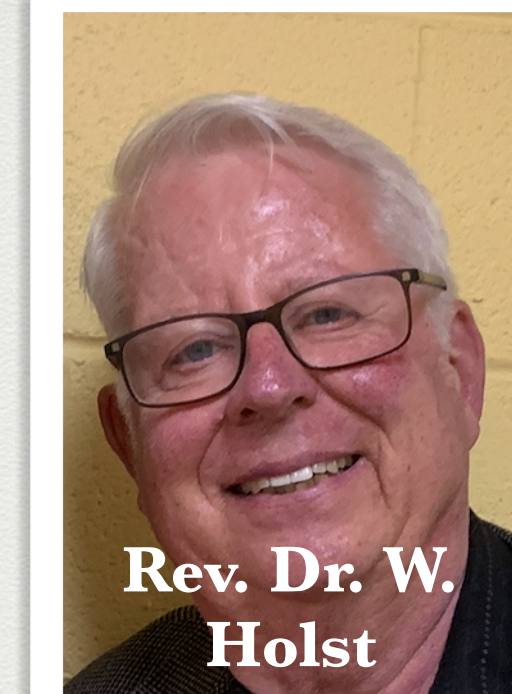
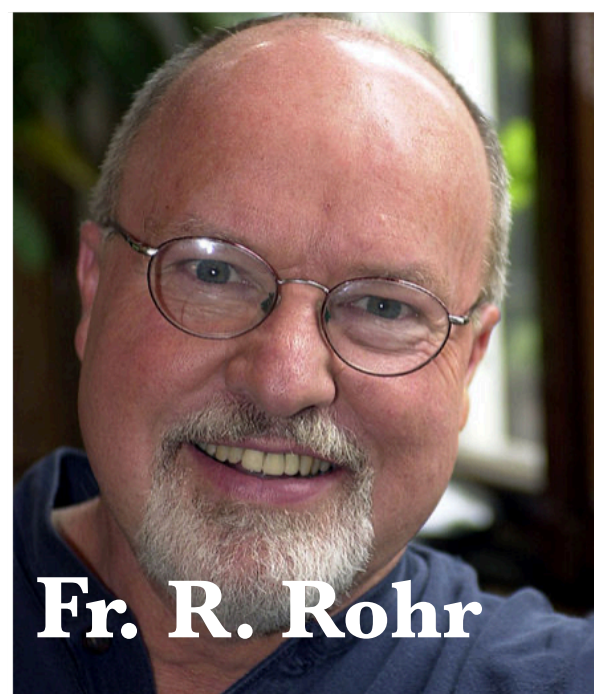


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March 27 Lent V Summary Evening
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REFLECTION # 35

Universal Encounter

Like Christ and Mary Magdalene who encountered each other with the words “Mary” and “Master” — we see the other person and allow that other one to be seen authentically (187)

**Truly, our person is fully engaged
in the face of the other.**

DISCUSS



John 20:11-18 • ...she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. • Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, “Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” • Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (which means, Teacher). ...

Reflection #36

Paul's Personal Encounter



Despite the fact that Paul never met the Christ personally, his transforming Damascus Road experience opened for Paul a 'new world in Christ' (192)

- discuss

**Healing for us can
involve both individual
and corporate evil (193)**

**In his subsequent writings,
Paul does not speak of this
‘personal experience’ as
much as God’s ‘blanket
forgiveness’ of all sin and
evil**

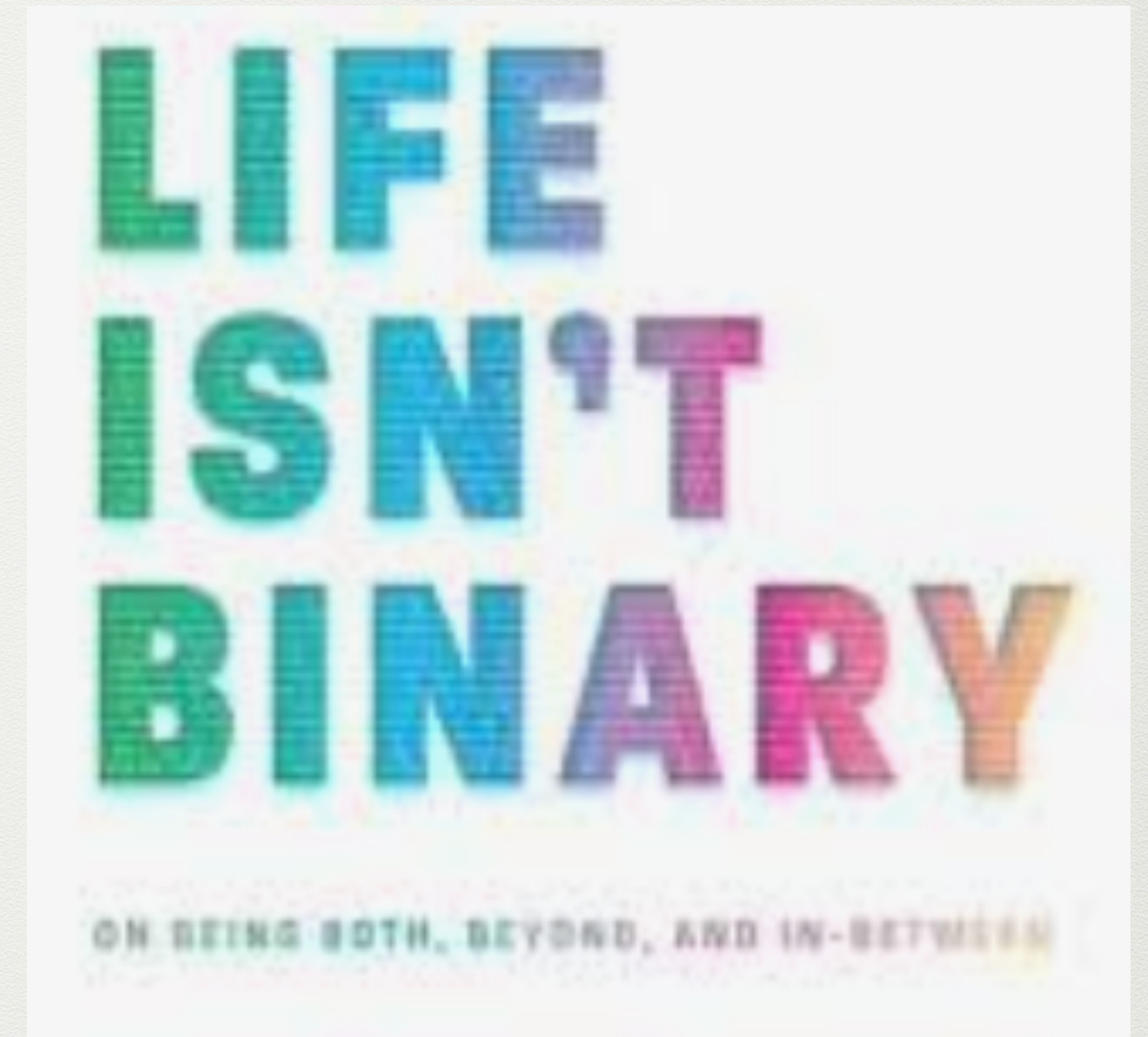


**Compare your own personal sins with the ‘systemic
sins’ that can involve groups of people (193)**

Reflection #37: Both...And...

The divided, binary mind
provides quick security and
false comfort, but never
wisdom

We need to develop a capacity for
'both/and' to embrace the
capacities for engaging daily
modern life (1989)



On being both, Beyond
and in Between

We need to move from ‘either/or’ to ‘both/and’ ways of knowing and encountering reality (200)

The contemplative mind can see things in their depth and wholeness and not just in parts (199,200)

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

REFLECTION #38

Contemplative Practice

In order to develop an embodied grounded spirit, it is important that we regularly engage in some form of contemplative practice (201,202)

DISCUSS

Many of us are used to some formal and efficient religion that felt its job was to tell people what to see instead of how to see. (202)

**Contemplative
practice allows us
to say, “I’m not
trying to achieve
anything; I’m
simply becoming
aware of this
moment.”**

**A Contemplative
Prayer to consider
using... (a silent sit)**

*Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am
Be still and know
Be still
Be*

Reflection #39 The Contemplative Path

**We find ourselves drawn
to different paths at
different times (208)**



*We need to experiment and discover what forms of
contemplative practices work best for us (209)*

DISCUSS

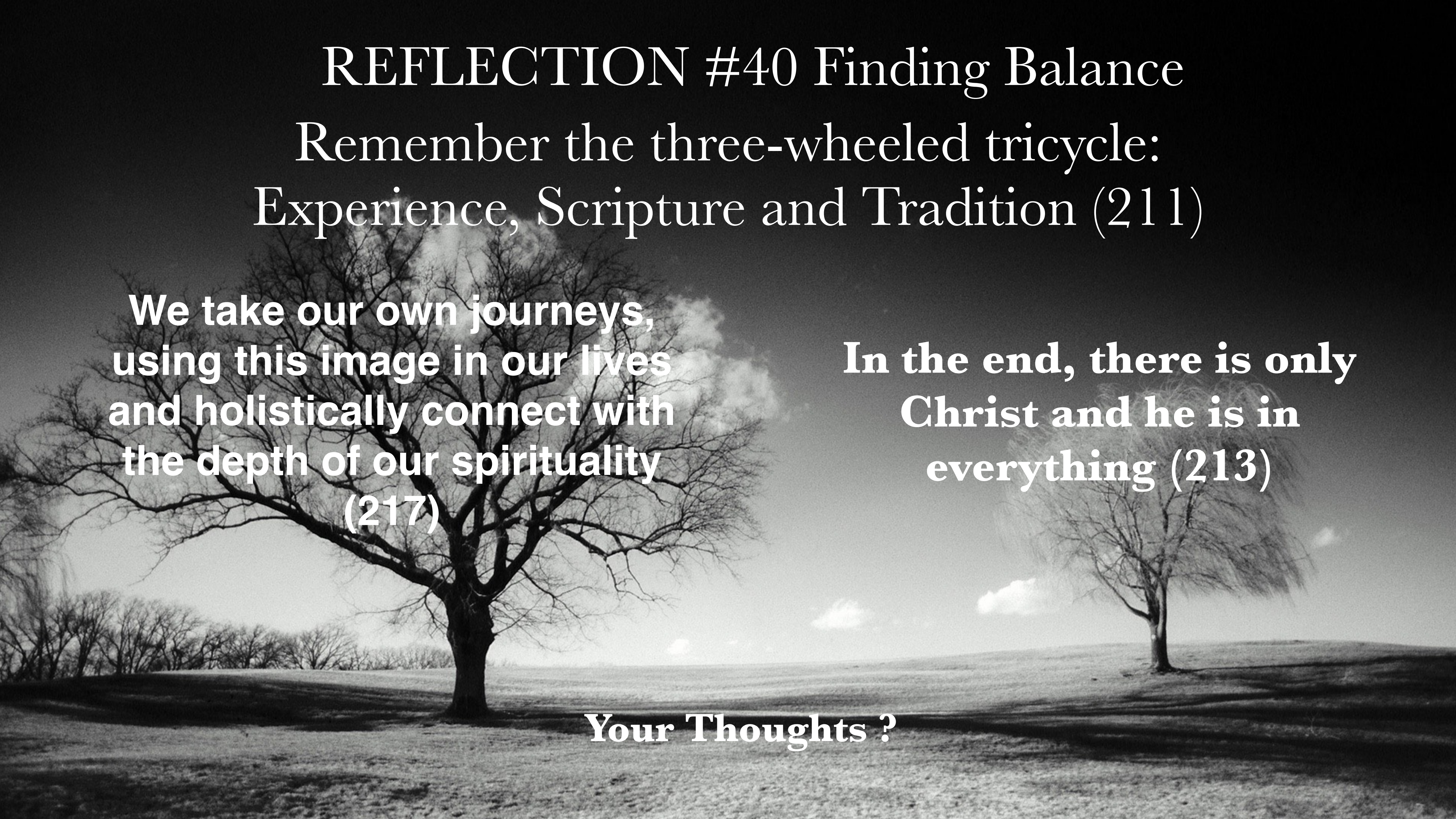
CENTRAL SYMBOLS OF CHRISTIANITY

**Christians
contemplate the
cross or crucifix as
their central symbol.**



**It is about
unlearning,
letting go,
surrendering and
serving others
(210)**

DISCUSS

A black and white photograph of a large, leafless tree in a field under a cloudy sky. The tree is the central focus, with its branches spreading out. In the background, there are more trees and a horizon line. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds.

REFLECTION #40 Finding Balance

Remember the three-wheeled tricycle:
Experience, Scripture and Tradition (211)

**We take our own journeys,
using this image in our lives
and holistically connect with
the depth of our spirituality
(217)**

**In the end, there is only
Christ and he is in
everything (213)**

Your Thoughts ?

We see God in the breadth of all things, and experience the
Christ in the depths within (214)

DISCUSS

**Why not revisit key
reflective exercises of
this series? (214/215)**

“Very few Christians were given permission or training, in riding all three wheels together, much less allowing experience to be the front wheel.” (Reflection #40)



- Comparing Fr. Richard's gazing experience with the robin with little Patrick's gazing experience sitting on his dad's knee?



The
Sacred
Gaze



preparing
for
contemplation
1:13-3:33

54:32 to 1:03

Paul's Encounter

The Road to Damascus

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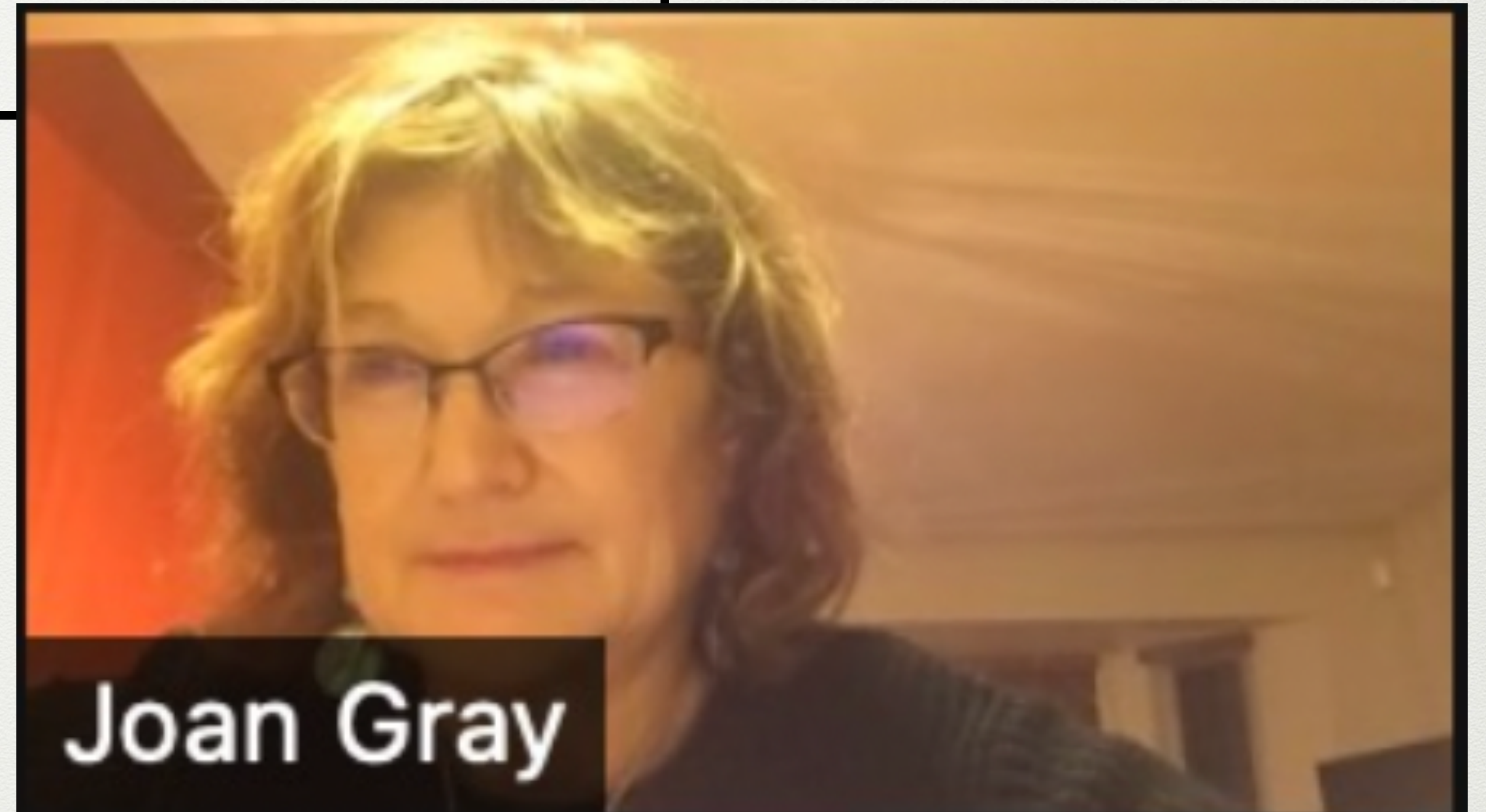


Sharing Time



Session 50-08: Summarizing our Learning Experience

**CLOSING with
song**





Before you were born
I knew you;
within your mother's
womb I formed you;

**Personal
Encounter
Reflected
in Song
by Carey
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