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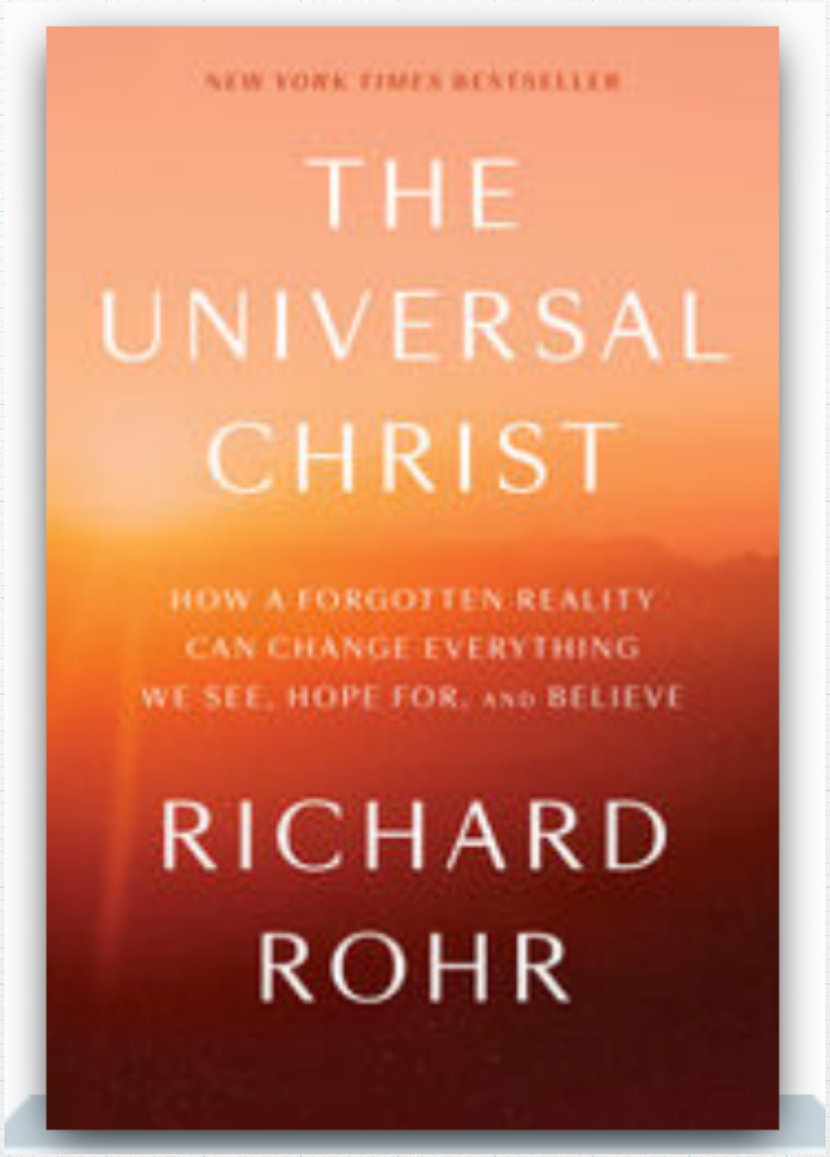

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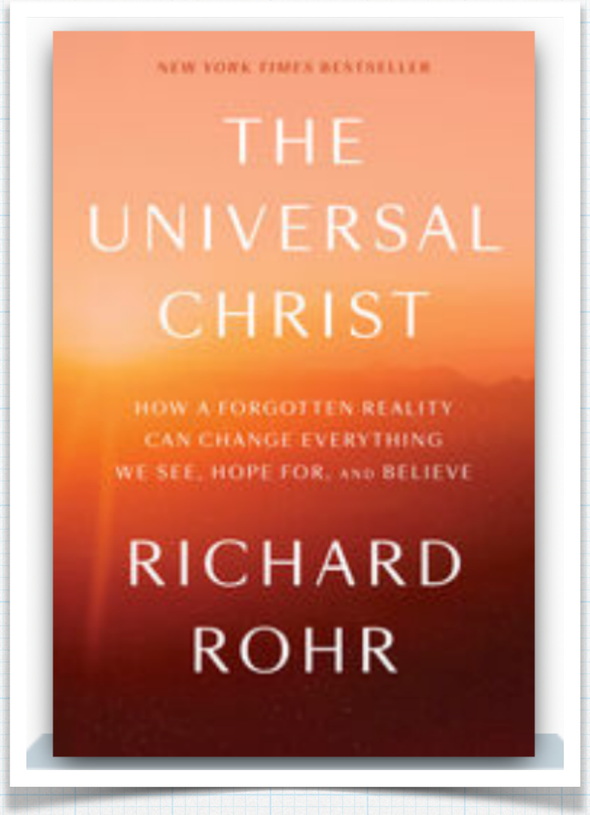
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HOW A FORGOTTEN REALITY CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING WE SEE, HOPE FOR, AND BELIEVE
RICHARD ROHR

Opening — Joanne and Howard

Housekeeping

10 Sessions— 4 remaining

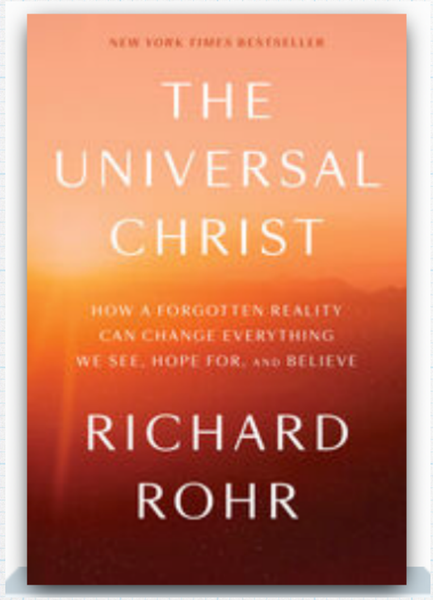
Sept. 14	1	introductions
Sept. 21	2	Chapters 1 and 2
Sept 28	3	Chapters 3 and 4
Oct. 5	4	Chapter 5, 6, 7
Oct. 12		No Class
Oct. 19	5	Chapters 8 and 9
Oct. 26	6	Chapters 10 and 11
Nov. 2	7	Chapters 12 and 13
Nov. 9	8	Chapters 14 and 15
Nov. 16	9	Chapters 16 and 17
Nov. 23	10	Appendices and a WWWindup

Questions / thoughts from Chapter 8 and 9

* Chat Comments to the Question, "What do Rohr's chapters 8 and 9 have to do with me?" P.S. We so appreciate your comments!!
  * It is hard not to be mad at Anti-Maskers.
  * A definition of maturity: doing things right a little more often.
  * Resistance to repeating the ancient creeds applies to many of us.
  * (In dementia, the repetition of the familiar like) the Lord's Prayer and Apostles' Creed stays with the individual and often become 'the only words that those people can join in with.'
  * Missing out on Christian rituals occurs for those not raised in the church. ,,, ritual is important — it reaches deep into the emotions — or the soul— and I believe in our church we should not forget ritual or its importance.
  * Regret is often about what you haven't done rather than about what you have done.
  * Well done is better than well said..
  * Rohr talks about Christ being in the animals and nature.

Great Questions to Ponder

* Is Christianity the first religion to codify the concept of Resurrection?
  * Jewish faith didn't 'codify' Resurrection - instead restoration.... Zoraster spoke of resurrection: "Christianity states that you either go to heaven or hell after you die, but Zoroastrianism suggests three routes after life: heaven, hell, or a stage in between called Hammistagan. Since the deeds of the person is what determines his next life, he or she will go to Hammistagan if his or her number of good deeds and number of bad deeds are the same." Note: Zorastrianism is an ancient Persian Religion.
* Does prayer empower you to do what you need to?
  * It gives you strength and (puts) things out into the universe - asking God helps things to happen. Power in group prayer.
  * Our questioning challenges us to explore: Do we really believe in the unity of all people, things and Earth? If we are a part of everyone, then, at some time and place, even if we are miles apart, we can be with them in memory, love and that is prayer and it can touch them.



More from Fr. Richard Rohr

What is Contemplative Prayer and Why is it so Needed?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0o5J0-80A0

Words from Wayne

"The more I come to know the immediate and particular, the more I come to understand the general and universal."

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Four Major Themes

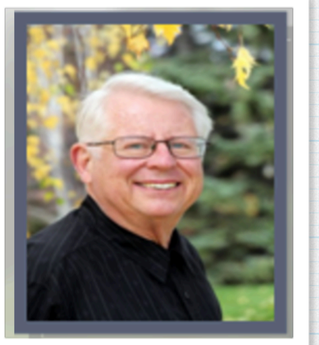
* Jesus and Christ
* Resurrection and Redemption
* East versus West
* Indigenous Spirituality

Indigenous Spirituality: Learning to See

* From Indigenous Spirituality we learn to see with renewed focus...
    * https://vimeo.com/468669340/114cde3f12

THE GREAT COMMA

* Incarnation begins with Feminine Incarnation — Scripture Study



* John 1:14 — "In the beginning was the Word .. and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."
* Luke 1: 48-49 —Mary: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour."

What questions have come to mind for you as you read "The Feminine Incarnation" and "This is my body?"

Chapter 10:
The Feminine Incarnation

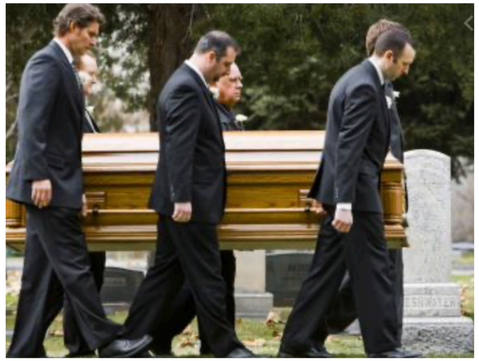
* Key images:
  * Madonna and Child
  * Female "Balance" to patriarchy.
  * Earth Goddess challenges Sky Gods

Chapter 11: This is My Body

The Dualism/Division becomes integrated into one Body/Spirit

- The Eucharist: "Eat me"
- Jesus (sarx— physical body) and St. Paul (soma — philosophical body) compared
- "Love affairs don't just happen in the mind." p.131

* "Life-changing rituals" recalled. (Discuss)



Concluding thoughts about chapters 10 and 11 ....

* Personal Reflection: how these themes have developed and matured in my life.

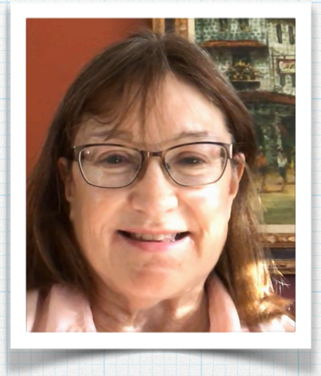
What do you think?

Time to Talk

* Issues, questions, topics raised on Chat
* What can I apply to my life from Chapter 10? The Feminine Incarnation
* Chapter 11? This is My Body

For Next Session
November 2, 2020

Read Chapters 12 and 13:
12. Why Did Jesus Die?
13. It Can't Be Carried Alone



Opening and Closing next week: Joan Gray

The Last Word belongs to Joanne and Howard

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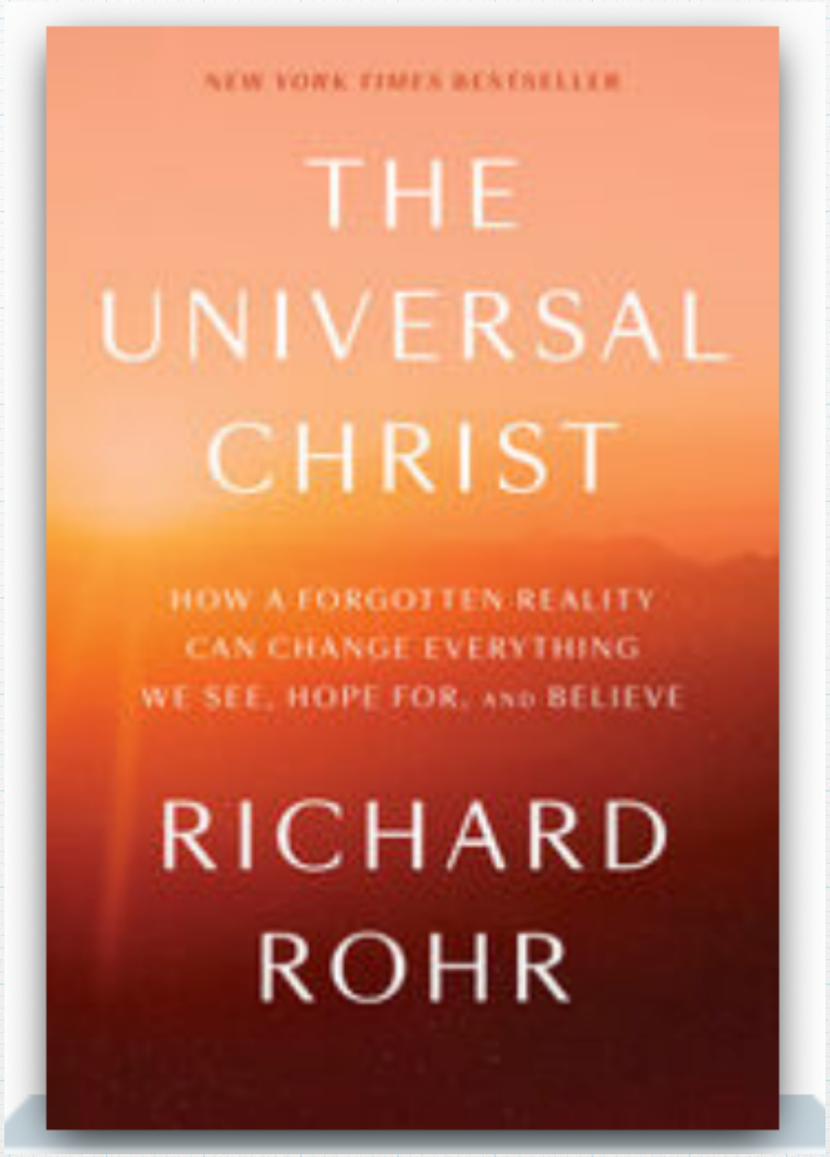
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