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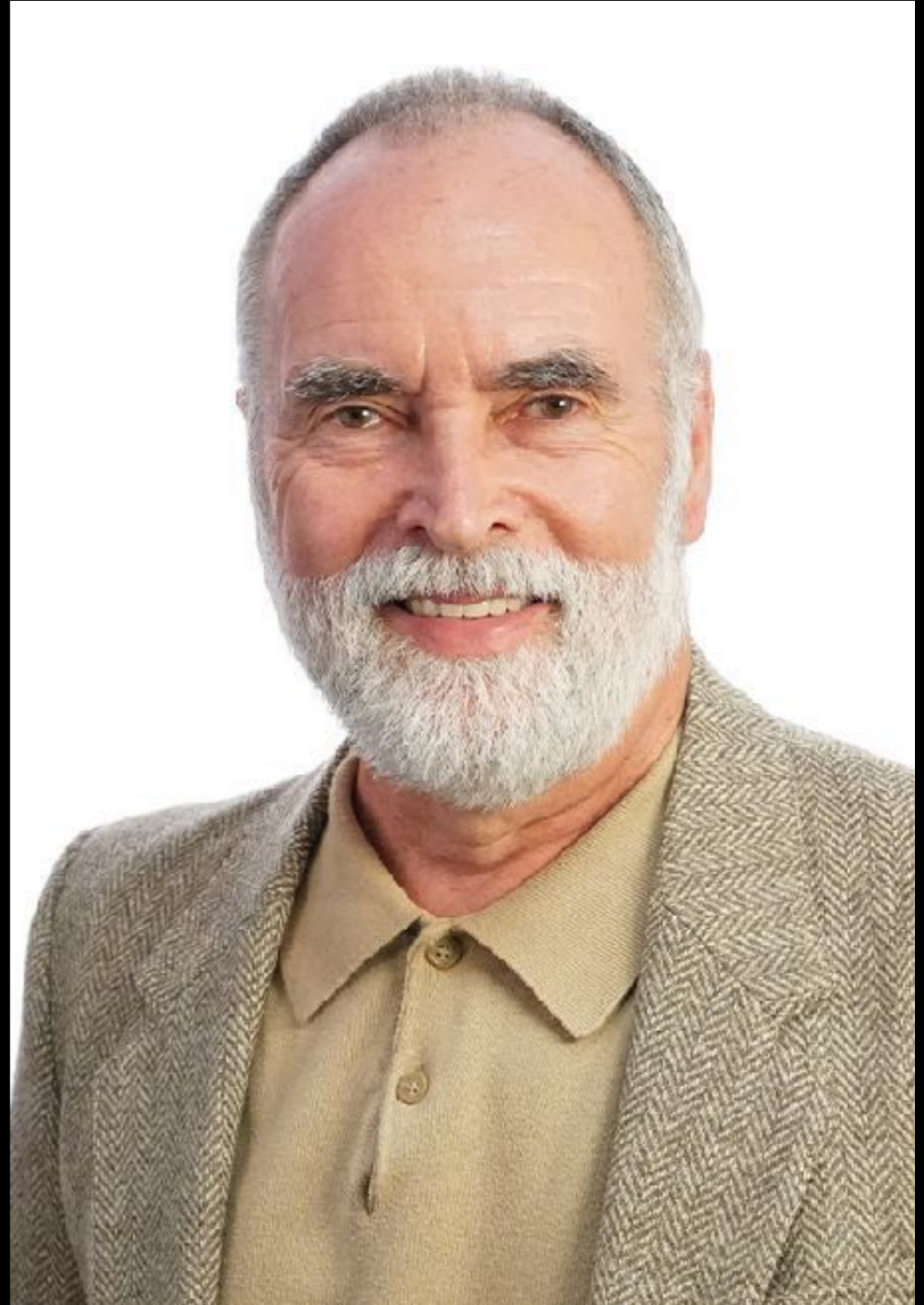
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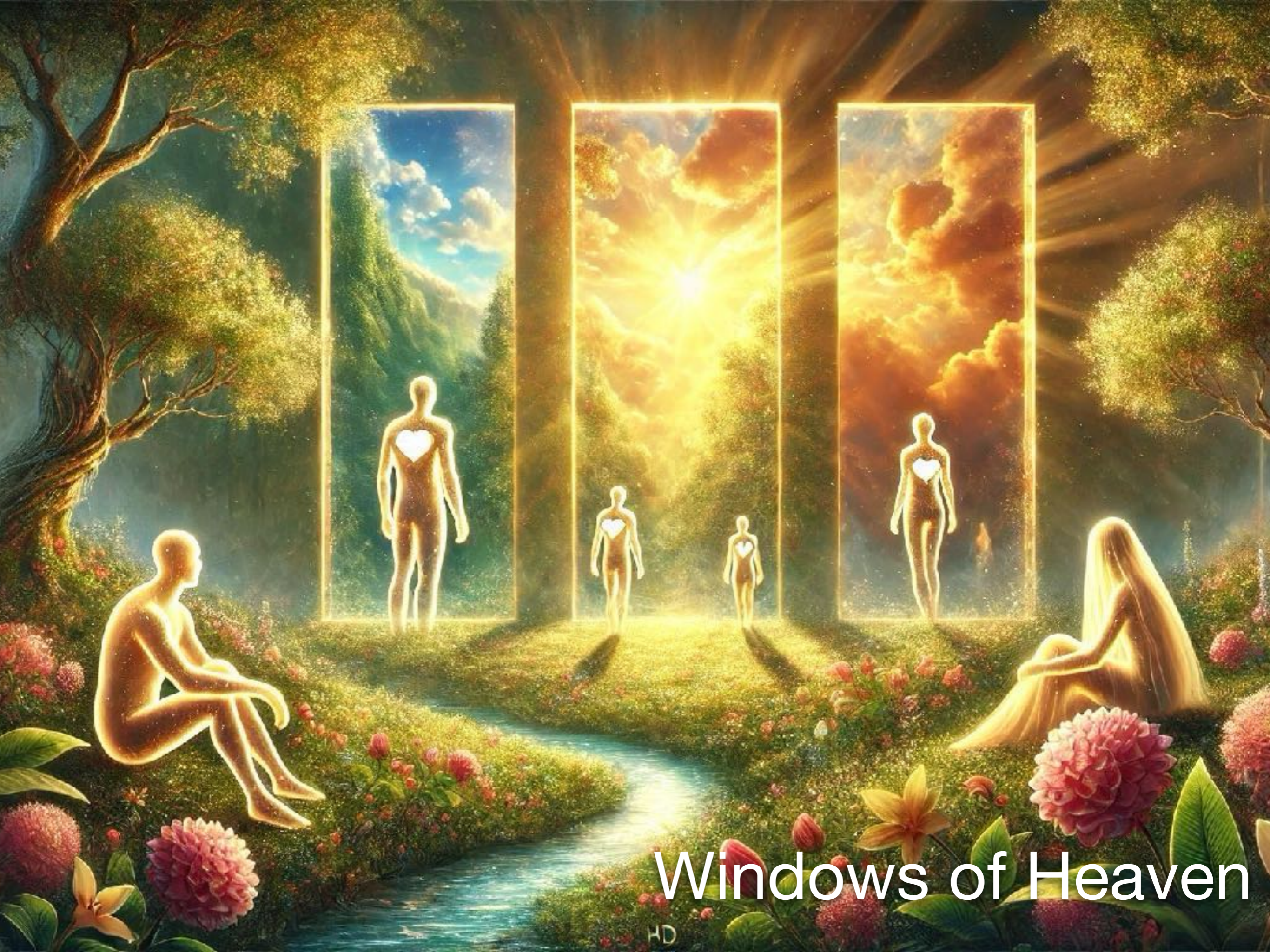
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Leadership

Don Tosh





Windows of Heaven

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Windows of Heaven

A Compelling Metaphor

- I came upon the idea of gateways to heaven, whether Windows in Malachi 3:10,
 - Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”
- or Doors in Psalm 78:3-4.
 - Yet he gave a command to the skies above and opened the doors of the heavens; he rained down manna for the people to eat, he gave them the grain of heaven.
- I thought of this as an apt metaphor of what it means to become like Christ.

Windows of Heaven

Gateway to Provision • Viewport to the Heavens

- I thought, how wonderful it would be if just seeing me gave people an idea of what God is like.
- If I could be transformed to be like Christ, I would become a gateway to Heaven.

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- In the scripture, the image comes as both blessings associated with doing God's will (Malachi), and curses for complaining (Psalms), the great flood (Genesis, Isaiah 24).
- The gateway to life is very narrow and the way to life is hard (Matthew 7)
- But can we imagine Isaiah 60 being applied to the Church even as Isaiah did to Israel...

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the earth,
and thick darkness is over the peoples;
but the LORD will rise upon you,
and His glory will appear over you.

Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Isaiah 60:1-3

Or the writer of 2 Samuel spoke concerning David...

The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; His word was on my tongue. The God of Israel spoke; the Rock of Israel said to me,

‘He who rules the people with justice, who rules in the fear of God, is like the light of the morning at sunrise of a cloudless dawn, the glistening after the rain on the sprouting grass of the earth.’

2 Samuel 23:2-4

Exposure to the Light

final thought...

“Everyone who does evil hates the Light,
and does not come into the Light for fear that his deeds will be
exposed.

But whoever practices the truth comes into the Light,
so that it may be seen clearly that what he has done has been
accomplished in God.”

John 3:20-21

Your Song...

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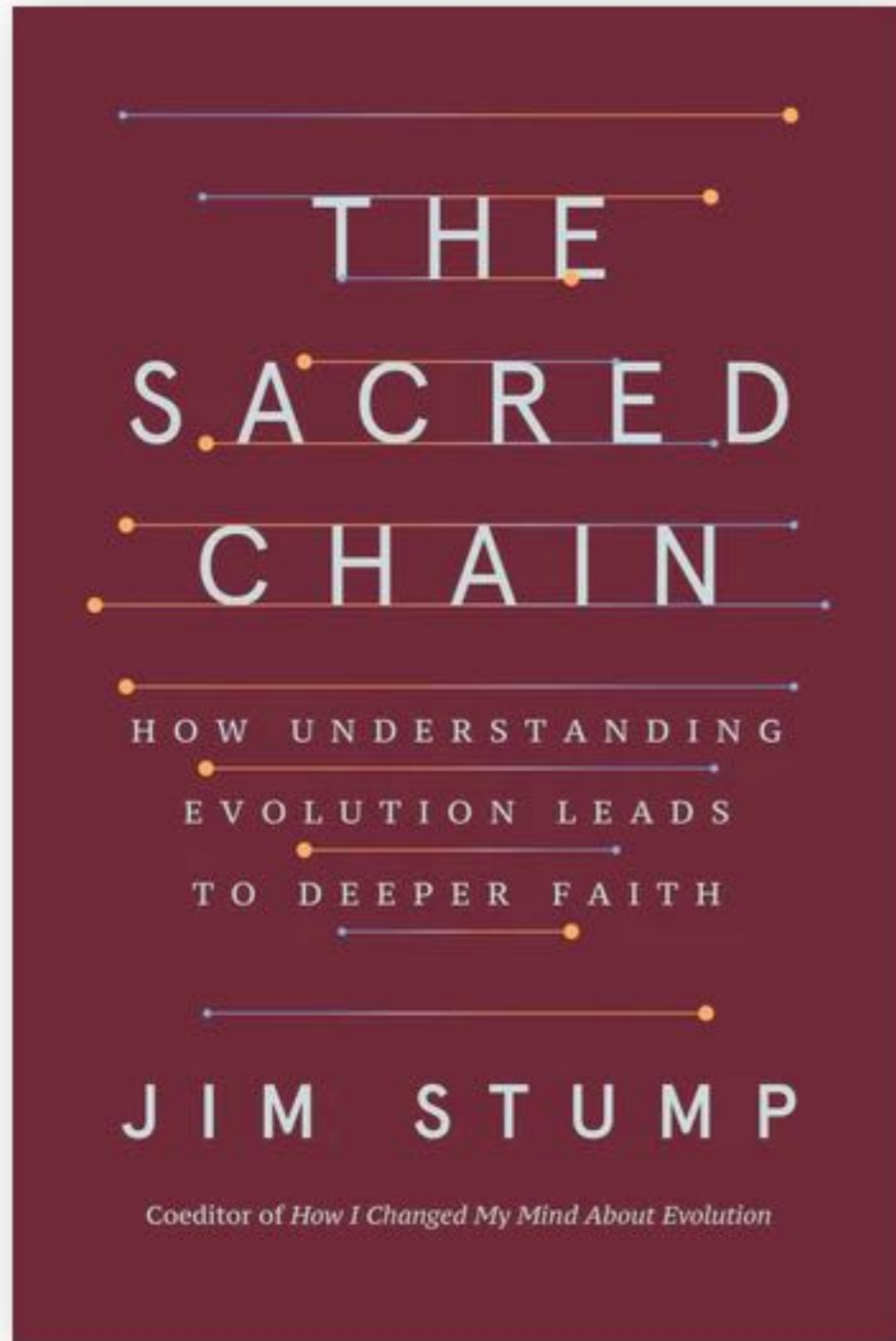


Plans...

2024

- What shall we study?
 - Summer
 - Fall
 - Winter





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