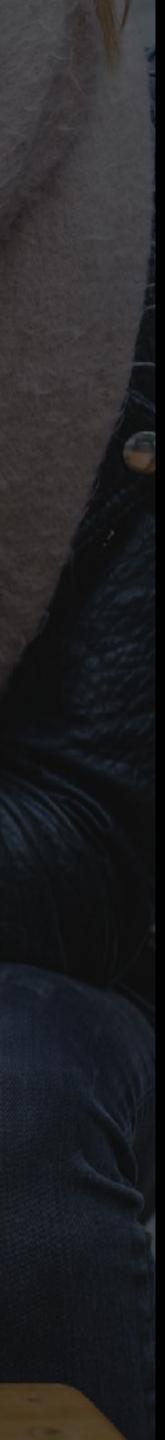
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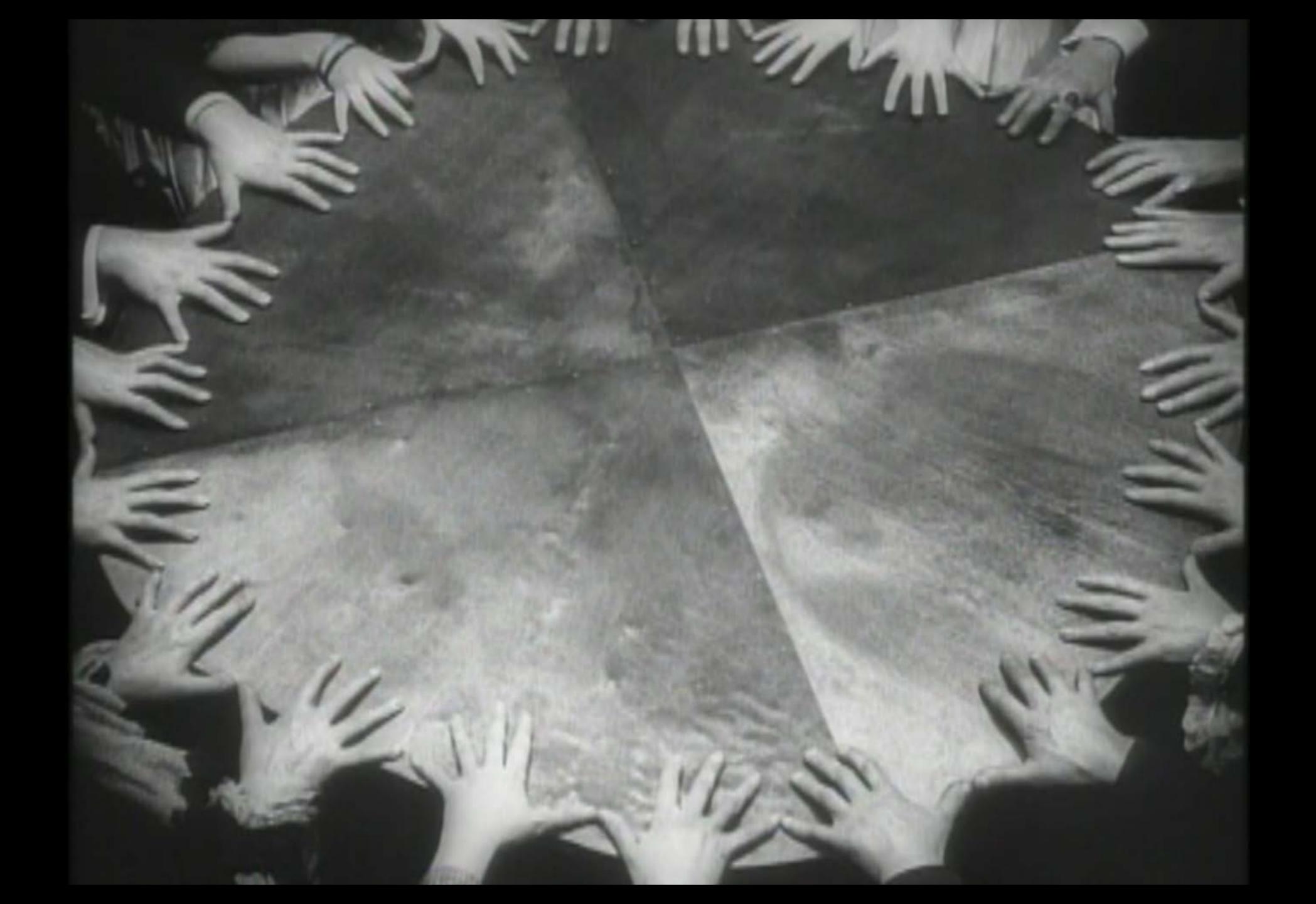
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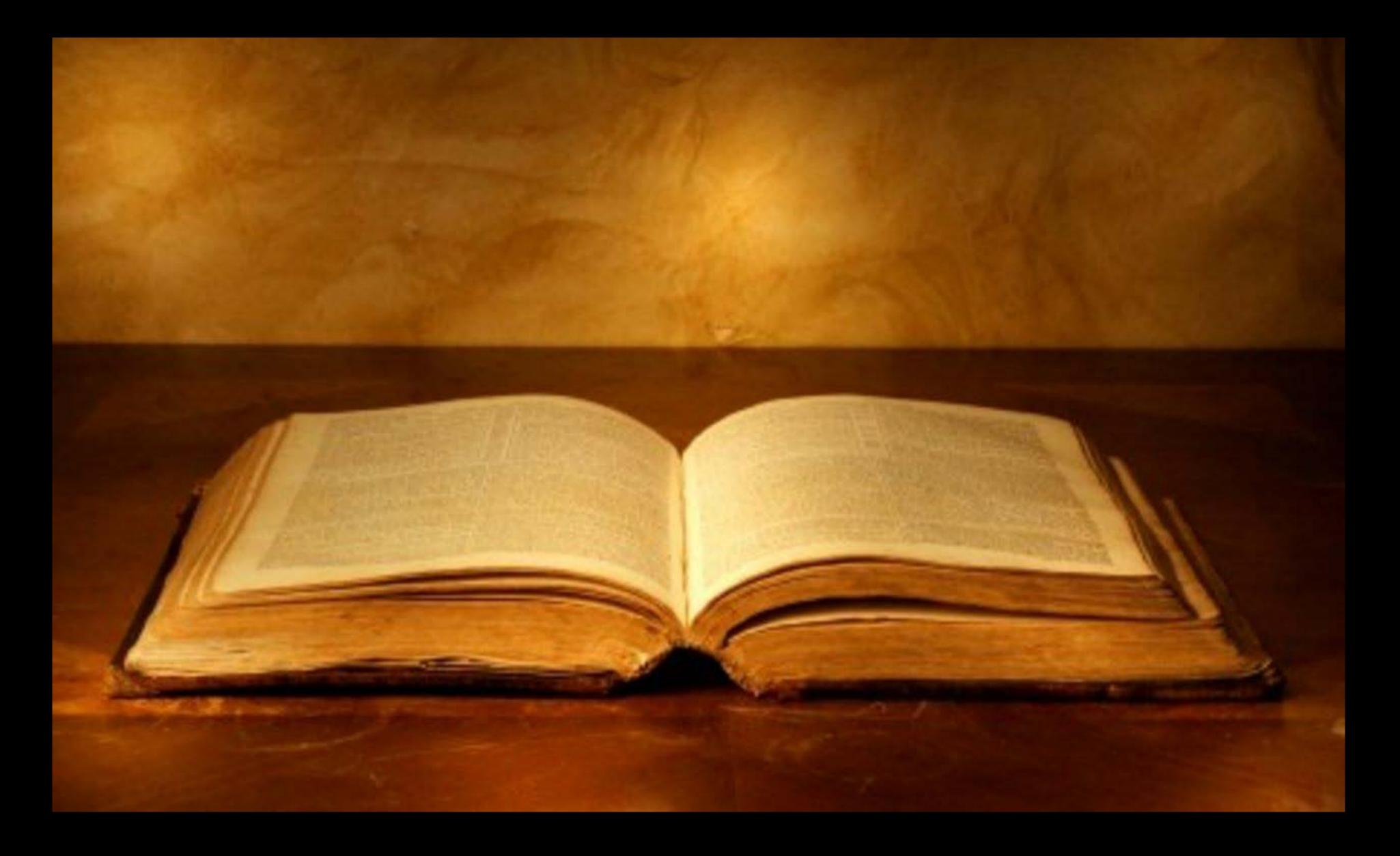
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Luke 24:13-32

Luke 24:13-31

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"What things?" he asked.

- Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven
- miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had
- happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, lesus himself came
- They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are
- you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be





sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening;



the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

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- When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and

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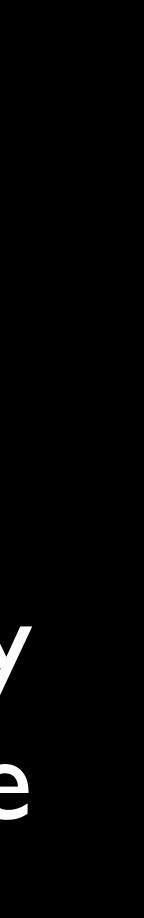






Three Lessons from Jesus

- I. Take the time to come alongside people
- 2. Ask good questions and listen
- 3. Start with what people are already wondering about and connect that to the gospel story



"Have you ever wondered?"

What do you mean by that?

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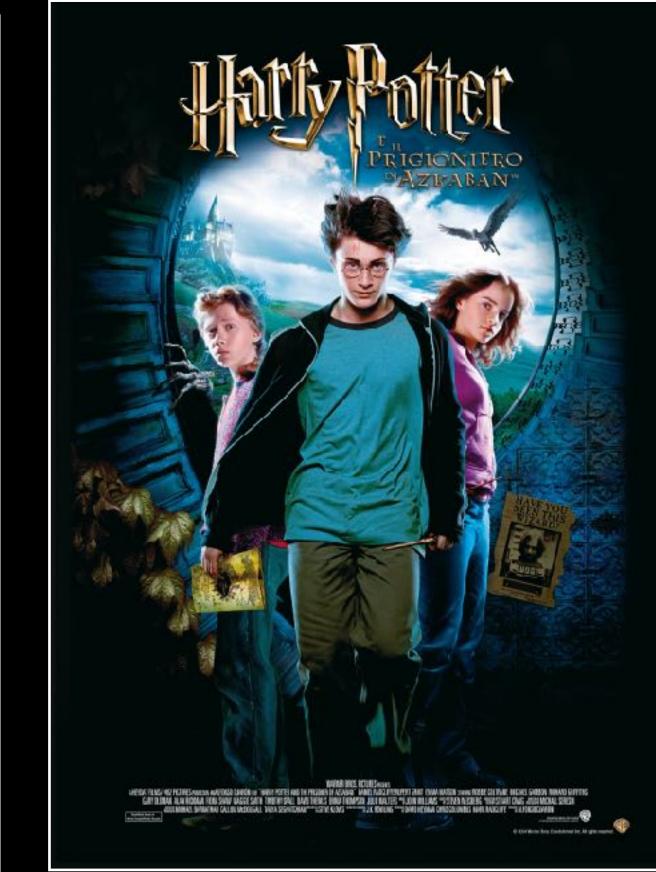


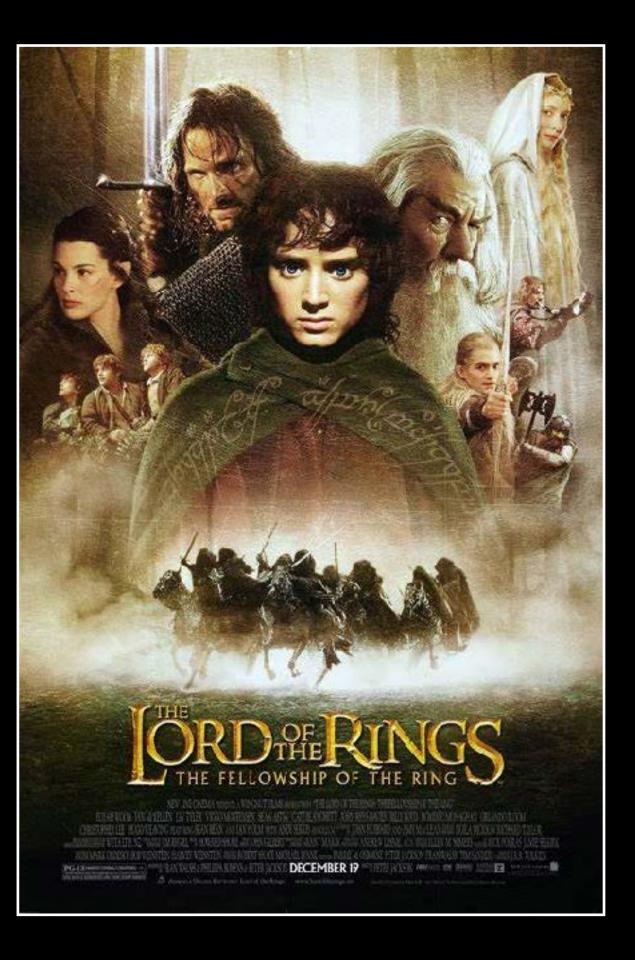


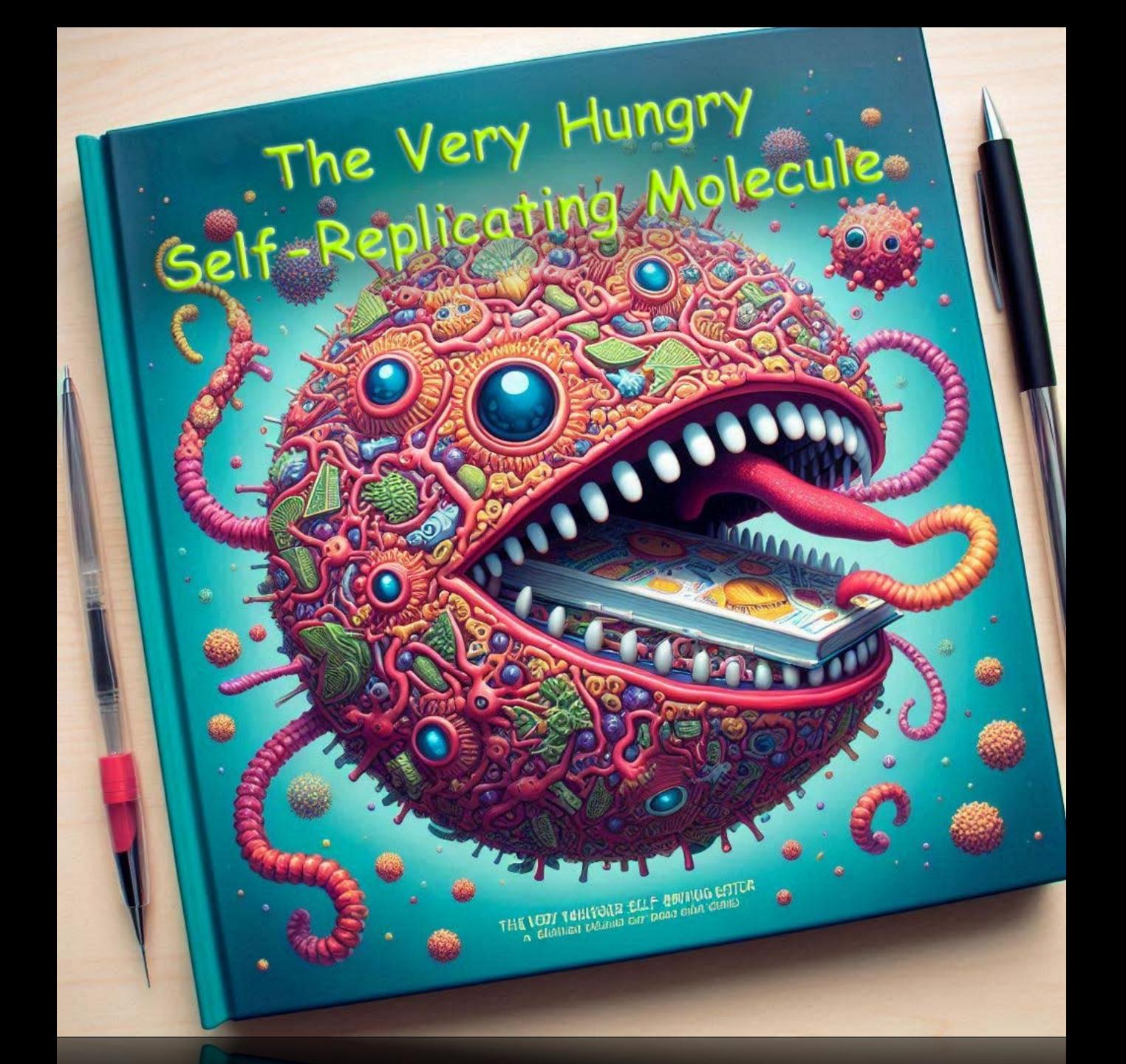














If we live in a godless universe, chaos wins, death has the last word, and everybody's story is simply: Born. Suffered. Died.







"The Lord of the Rings is of course a fundamentally religious and Catholic work; unconsciously so at first, but consciously in the revision."



I.R.R.Tolkien

If Christianity is the true story of how a good God created a good world for human beings; of how we were corrupted by greed and power; and of how God stepped into creation to rescue us at the cost of his own life, it should not surprise us that the best stories are those that reflect The One True Story.



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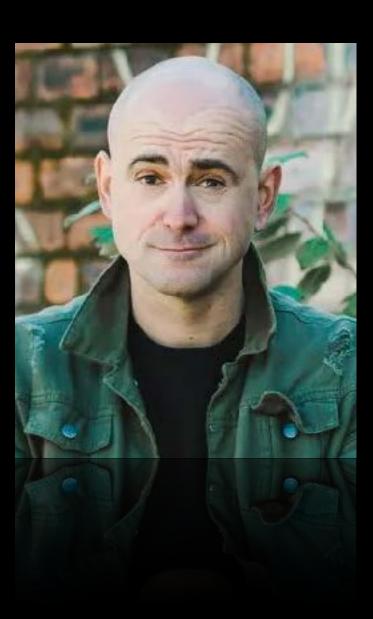
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"In my early twenties I didn't really know what I thought of the Big Story that the universe is telling ... There seemed to be an infinite number of religions, philosophies and conspiracy theories which sought to account for how and why the universe is as it is, and I wasn't sure which of those Big Stories out there was the real deal. But I did know something about my 'Little Story'. I knew that I believed in Love. Not just love, but unconditional Love. I wanted to be loved without fear of rejection; loved for who I was and not based on what I did ... I believed in Justice ... I believed in Purpose ... I believed in Freedom ... I believed in Beauty ... I believed that death felt unnatural to observe, no matter how many times I observed it." Andy Kind



Take an interest in it

Use a "wondering question" to show how it doesn't fit in a godless world

Show how Christianity makes best sense of it



Find out what your friend is passionate about





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Discussion

conversations in a spiritual direction?

Think of a friend or family member who is disinterested in faith: what things do you think they care about most deeply? What kind of wondering questions could you ask them gently try to nudge





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