

# Emerging Environments

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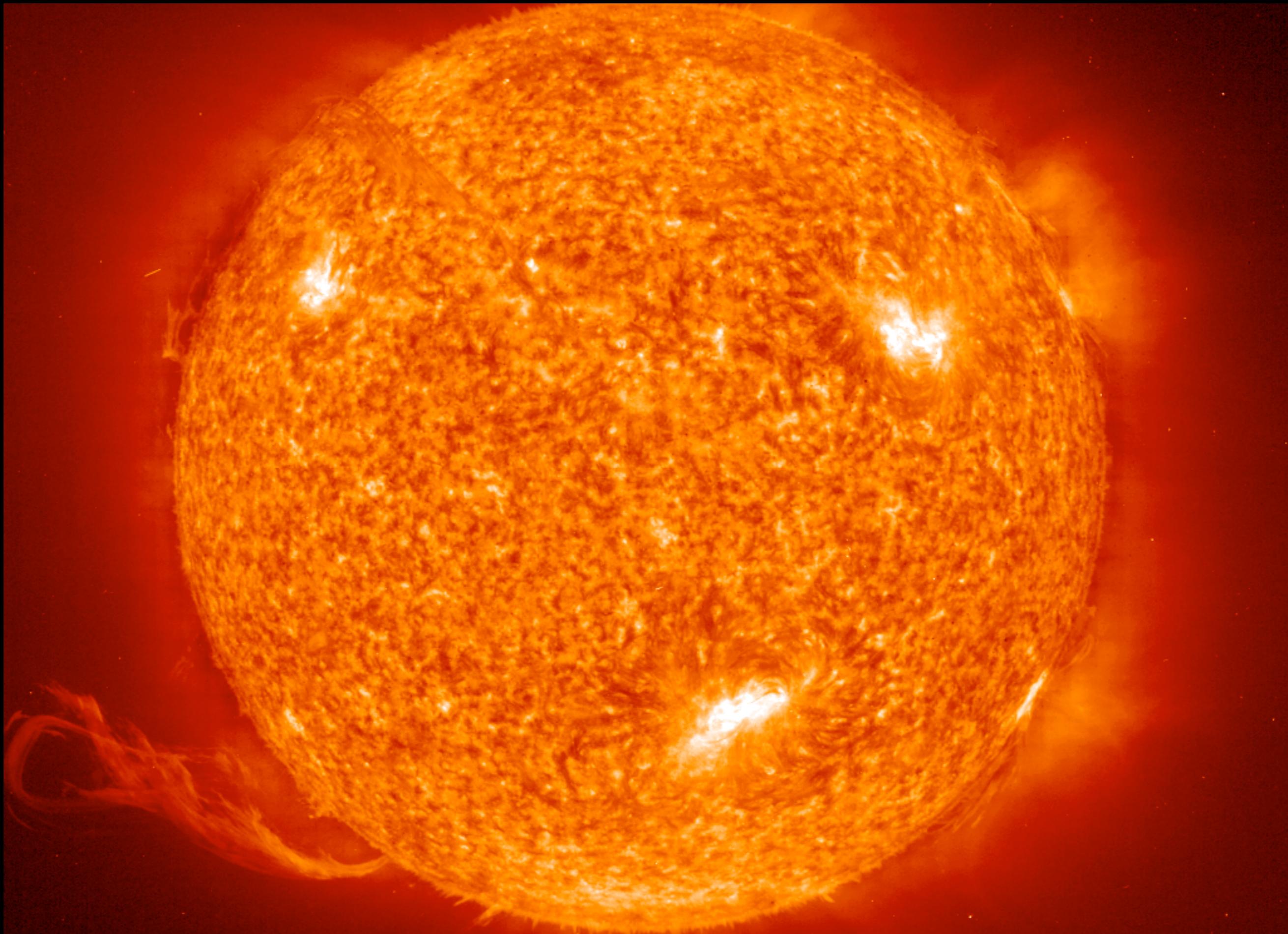
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**why are you here?**

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# Emerging (within tradition or contemporary)

- Regular intentionality
- Putting people to work
- Churching – it's a verb
- Cauldrons for theology
- Pre-formed or Re-formed Worship



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a case study in emerging worship





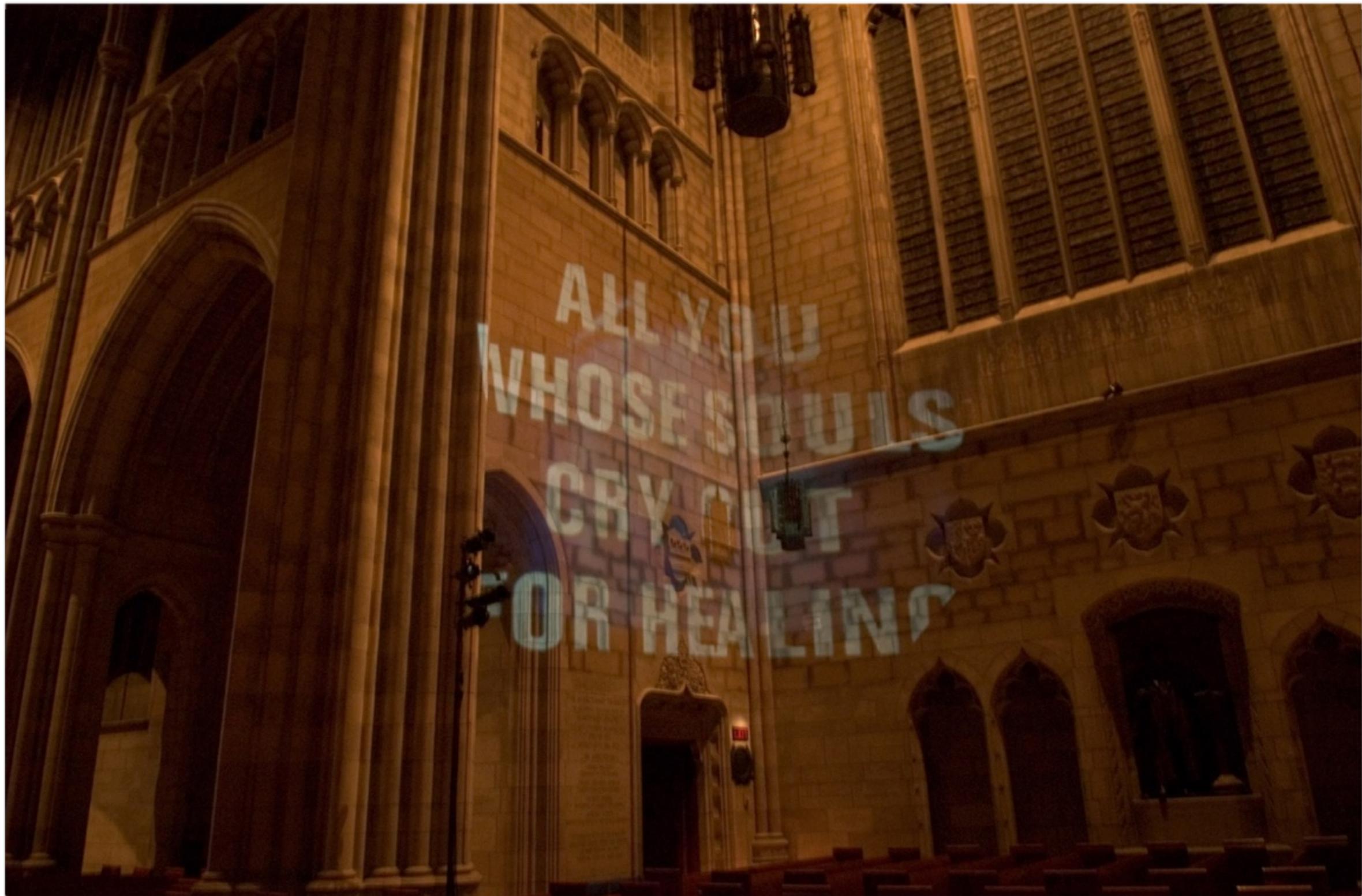


















**Some values from  
emerging culture**

# open space

- The art that emerges out of silence—the art that experiences human life and our fallen world as a place of exile—forces us to ask the question “why.”  
- Gregory Wolfe

# open space

- ✦ The speech of created beings is with sounds. The word of God is silence. God's secret word of love can be nothing else but silence. Christ is the silence of God."  
- Simone Weil

# open space

- ✦ “In the spiritual life, the word discipline means ‘the effort to create some space in which God can act.’ Discipline means to prevent everything in your life from being filled up. Discipline means that somewhere you’re not occupied, and certainly not preoccupied. In the spiritual life, discipline means to create that space in which something can happen that you hadn’t planned or counted on.”  
- Henri Nouwen



**stillness, quiet, reflection...**

People crave this across all demographics and regardless of their preferred style of worship.

# sacred everyday

- The restless world corresponds to the restless hearts of the children of Abraham. All transitory creatures are, along with Abraham's children, on the way to that future in which the restless God comes to rest and finds his home in the house of the completed creation.  
- *Jurgen Moltmann*

# sacred everyday

- The ground on which you are standing is holy ground.

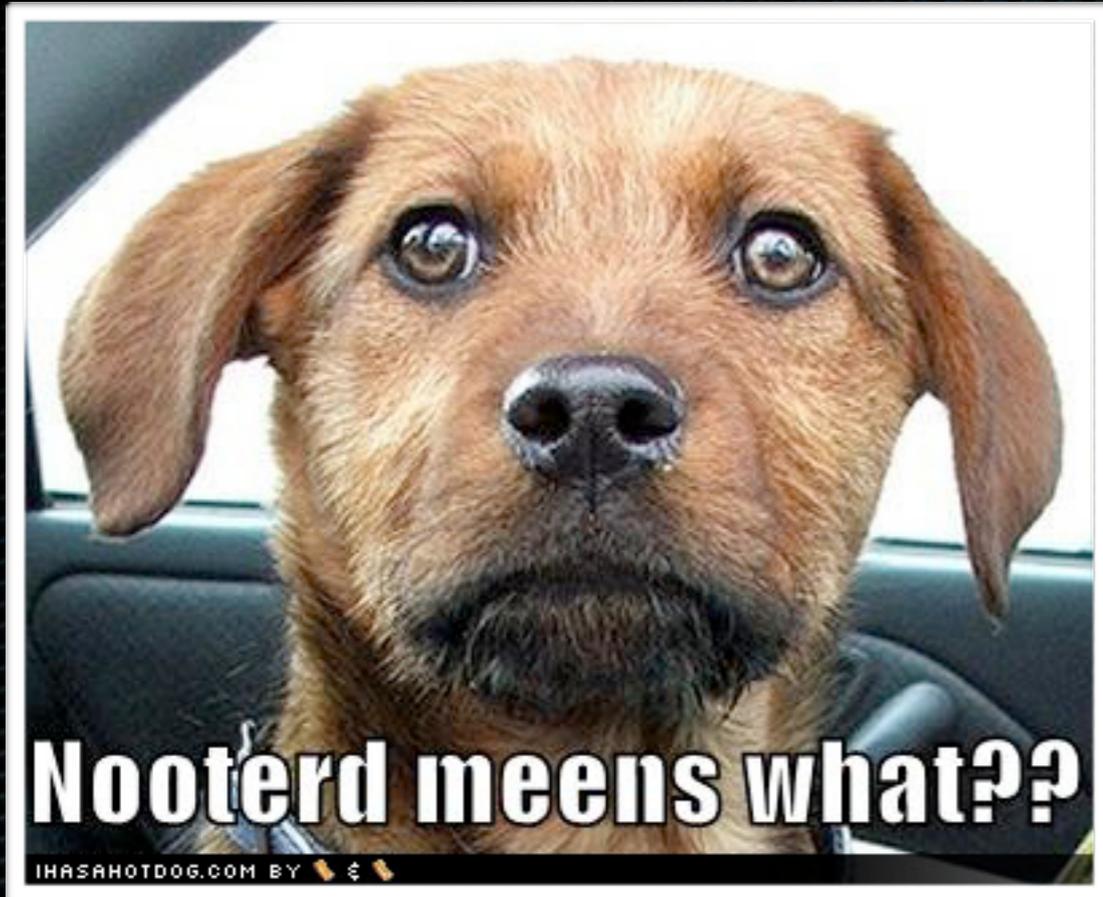


# conceptual

- Daniel Pink in “A Whole New Mind” describe the rise of information in our age and the need for Right Brain aptitudes like story, empathy, and conceptual thinking: interpreting information.

# conceptual

- “Our task is not to construct a full alternative world, but rather to fund-to provide the pieces, materials, and resources out of which a new world (from origin to completion) can be imagined. The place of liturgy and proclamation is a place where people come to receive new materials, or old materials freshly voiced, which will fund, feed, nurture, nourish, legitimate, and authorize a counterimagination of the world.”  
- Walter Brueggemann





**contribute, participate, enter in...**

People don't want to be passive receivers...idle observers.

# holism

- A Poem is not a poem until someone discovers something... That's what a discipline is. You have a sense of calling... You have this idea that you need to pray to give God something, but that's not really what prayer is. *Prayer is an opportunity to hear something, not to say something.* To **apprehend** a truth. So I think vocation in general, the vocation of prayer, the vocation of any art is finally not a way to do something, it is a means by which we are given something we would not otherwise get.  
- Scott Kairns

# holism

- The goal of ritualisation is ‘the creation of a ritualised agent, an actor with a form of ritual mastery, who **embodies** flexible sets of cultural schemes and can deploy them effectively in multiple situations so as to restructure those situations in practical ways.’  
- Jonny Baker



**variety, diversity, difference...**

People want to be able to encounter God through a variety of different ways.



# The Power at Work

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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