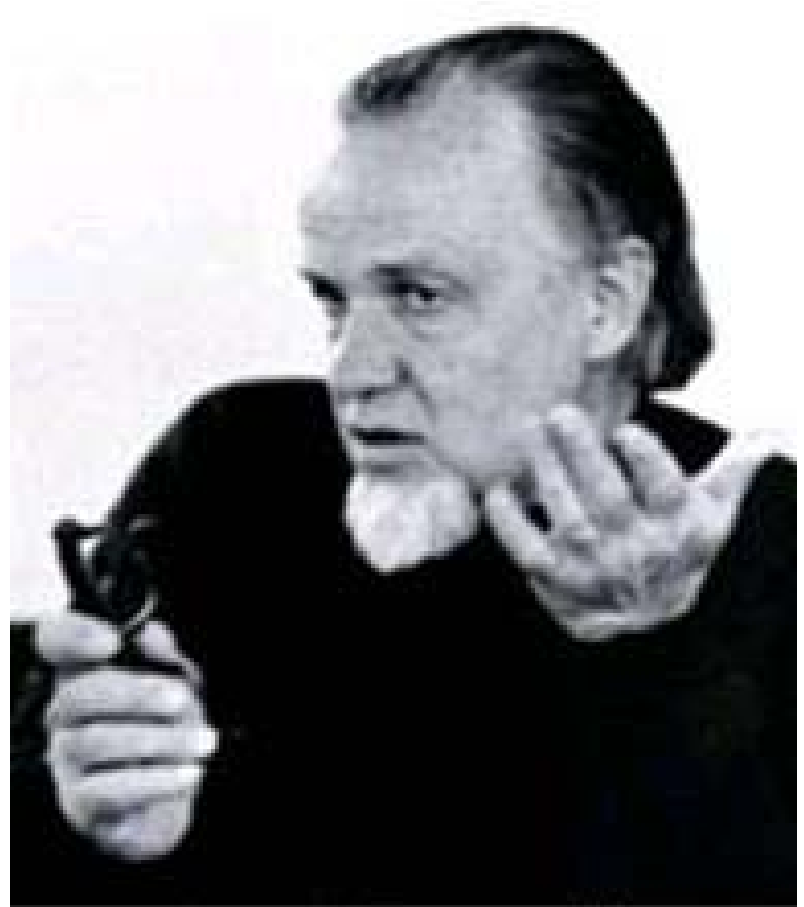


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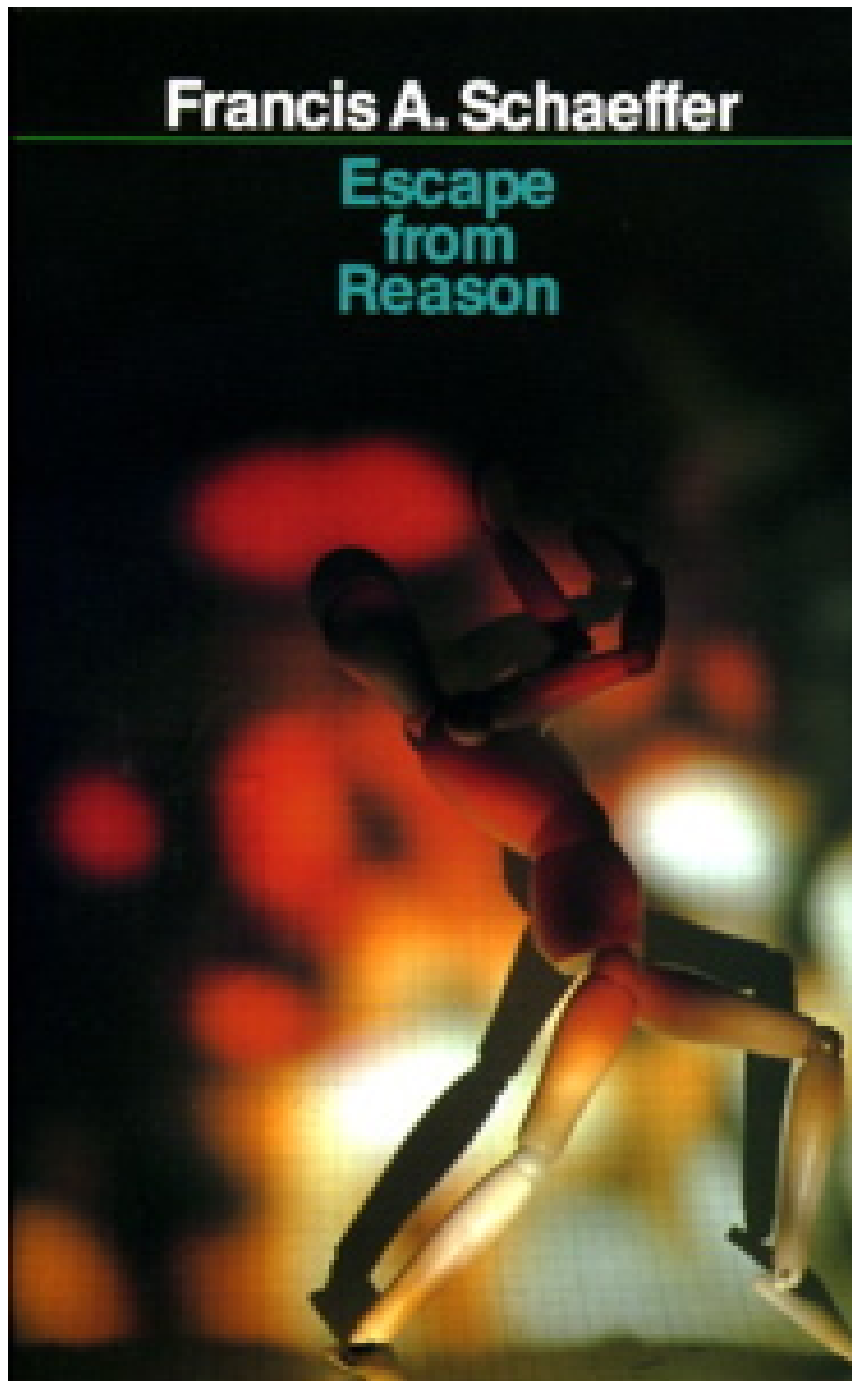
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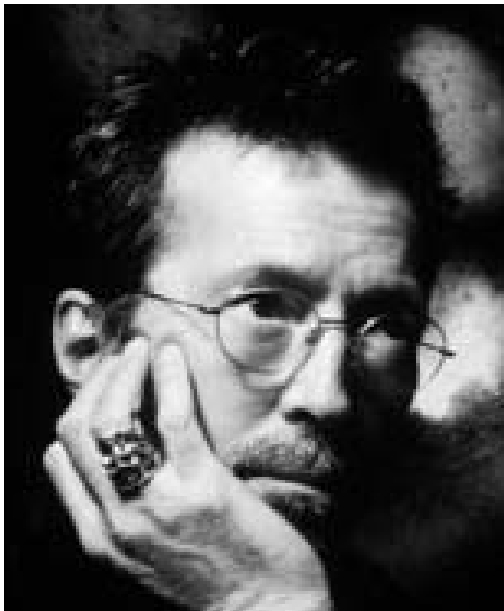


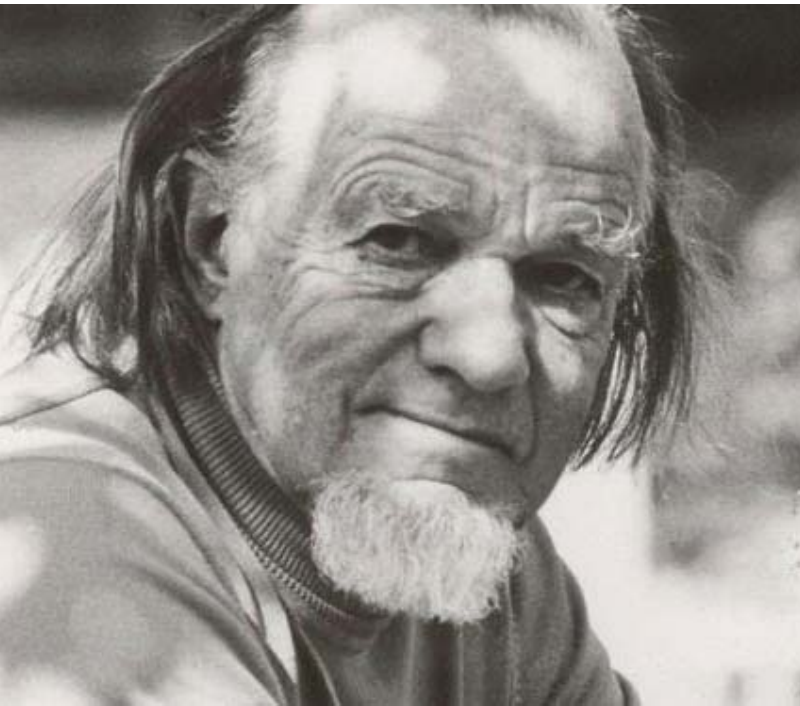
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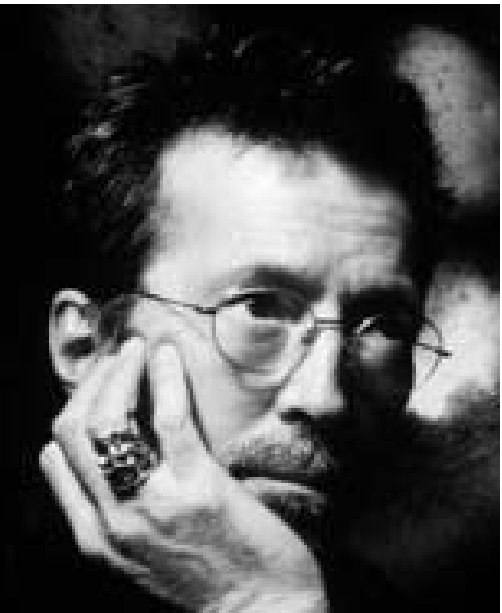
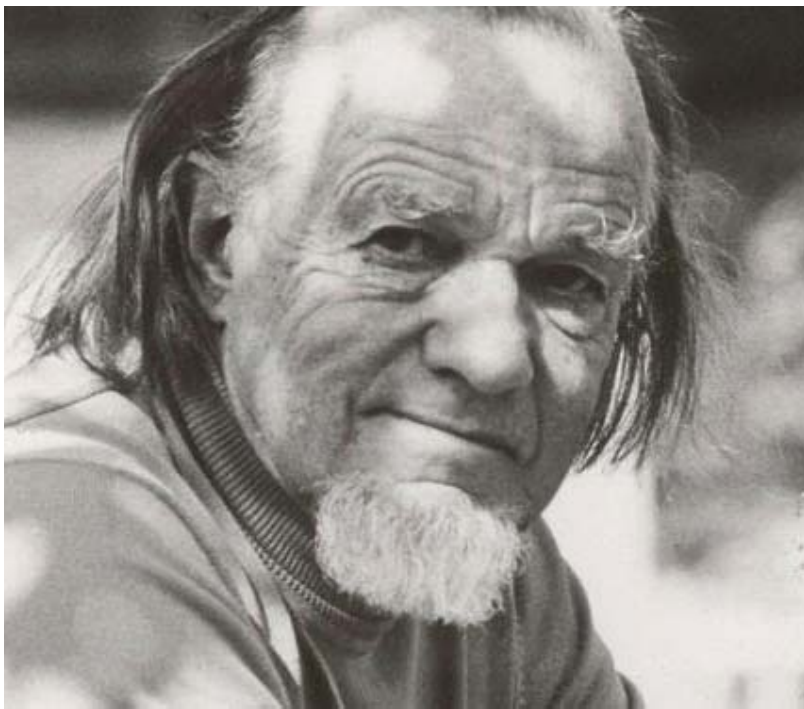
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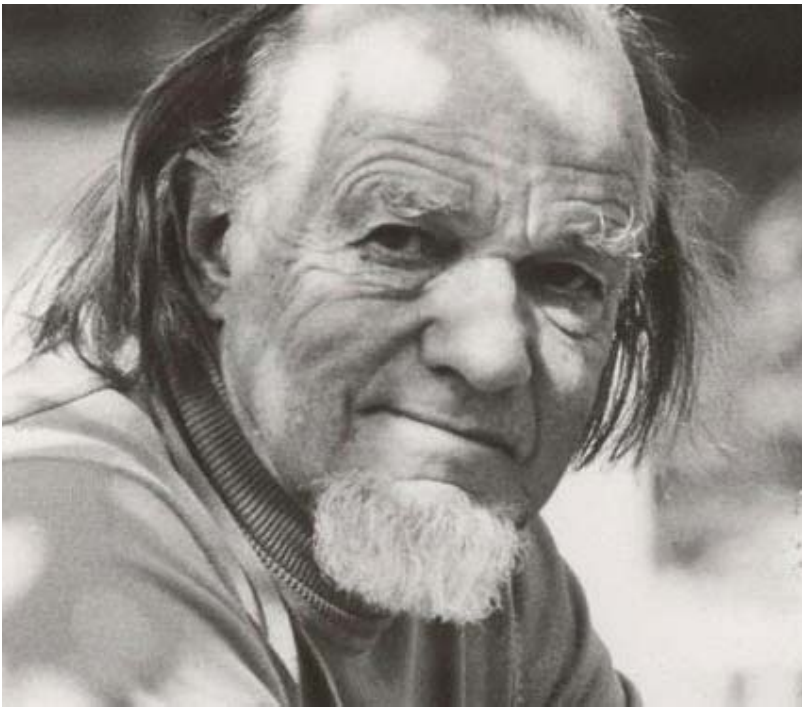












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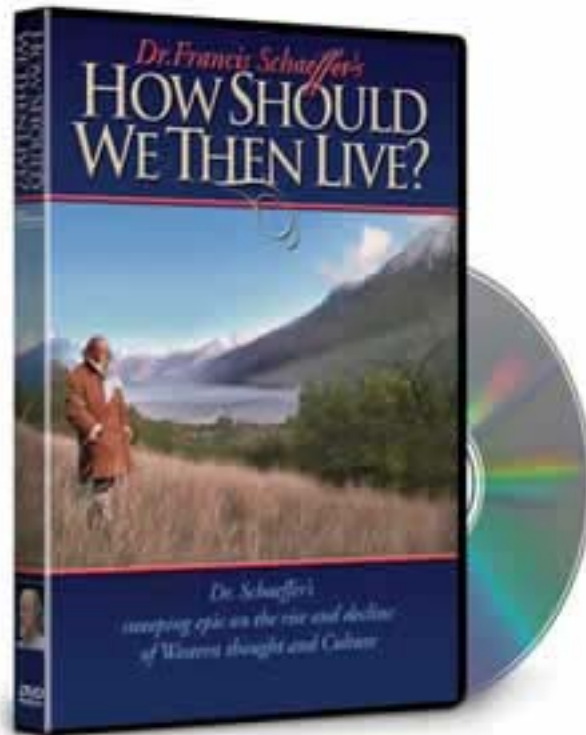
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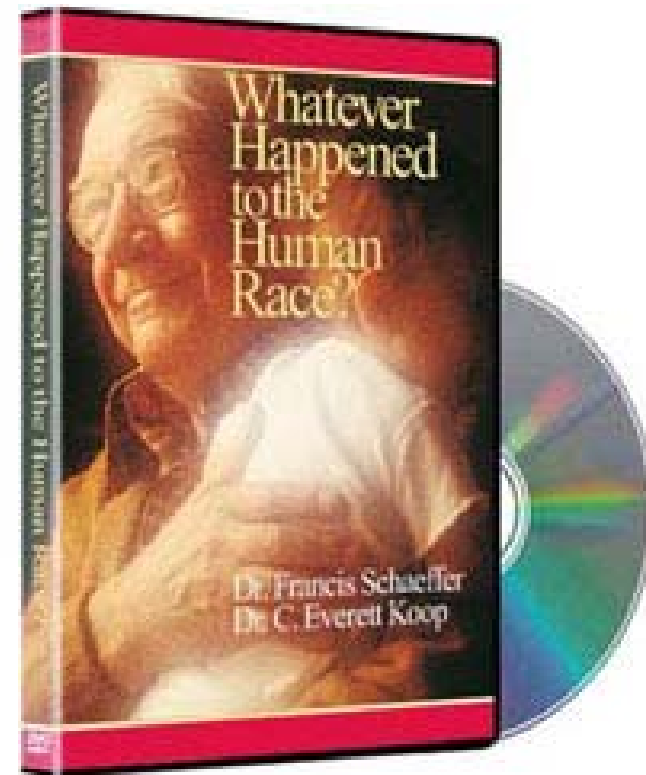
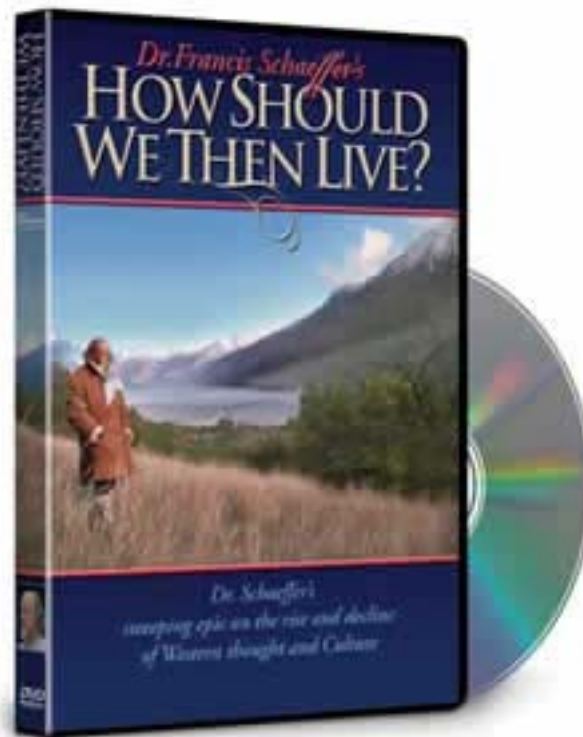
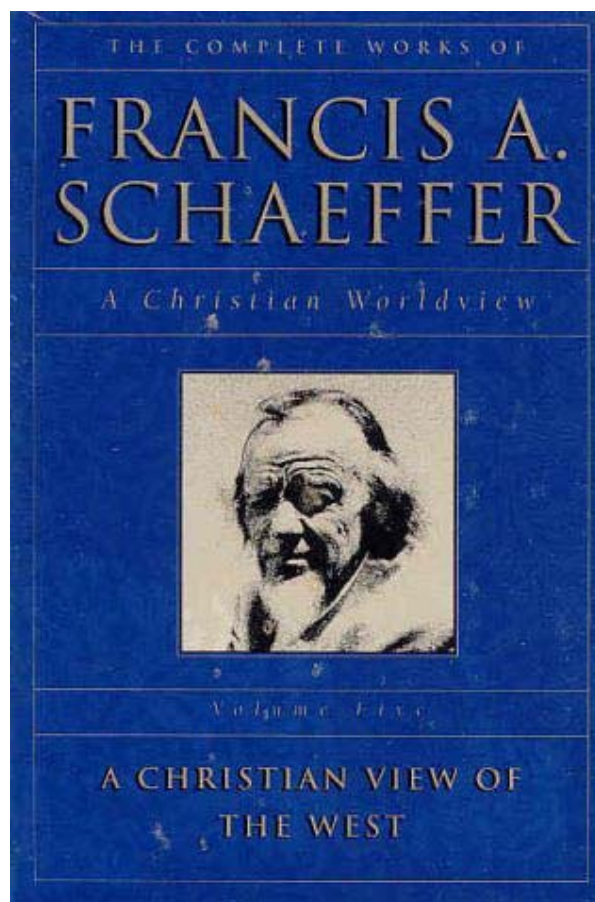
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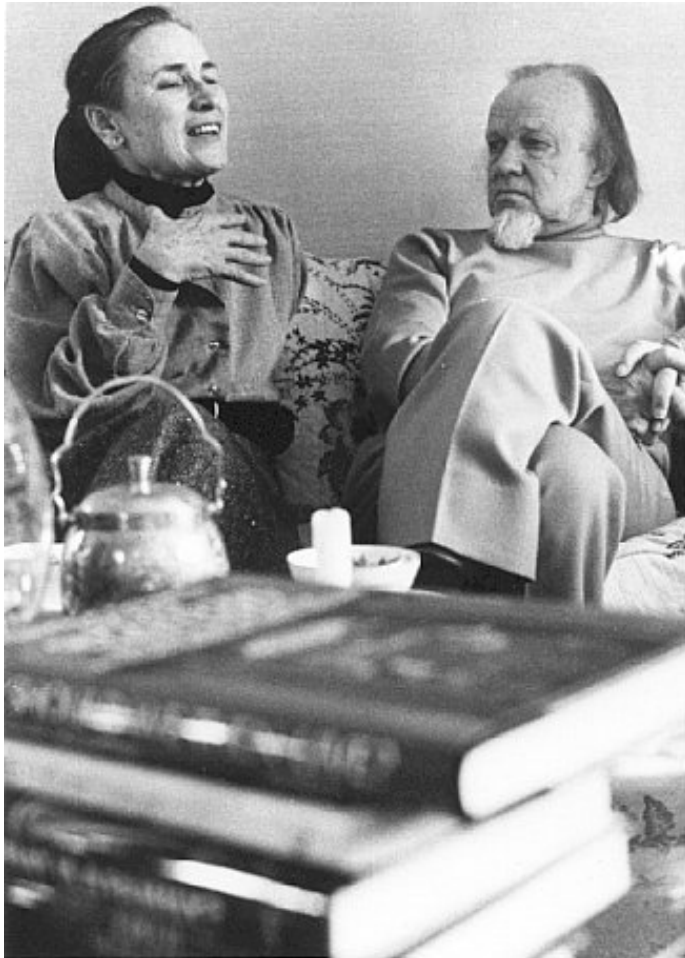
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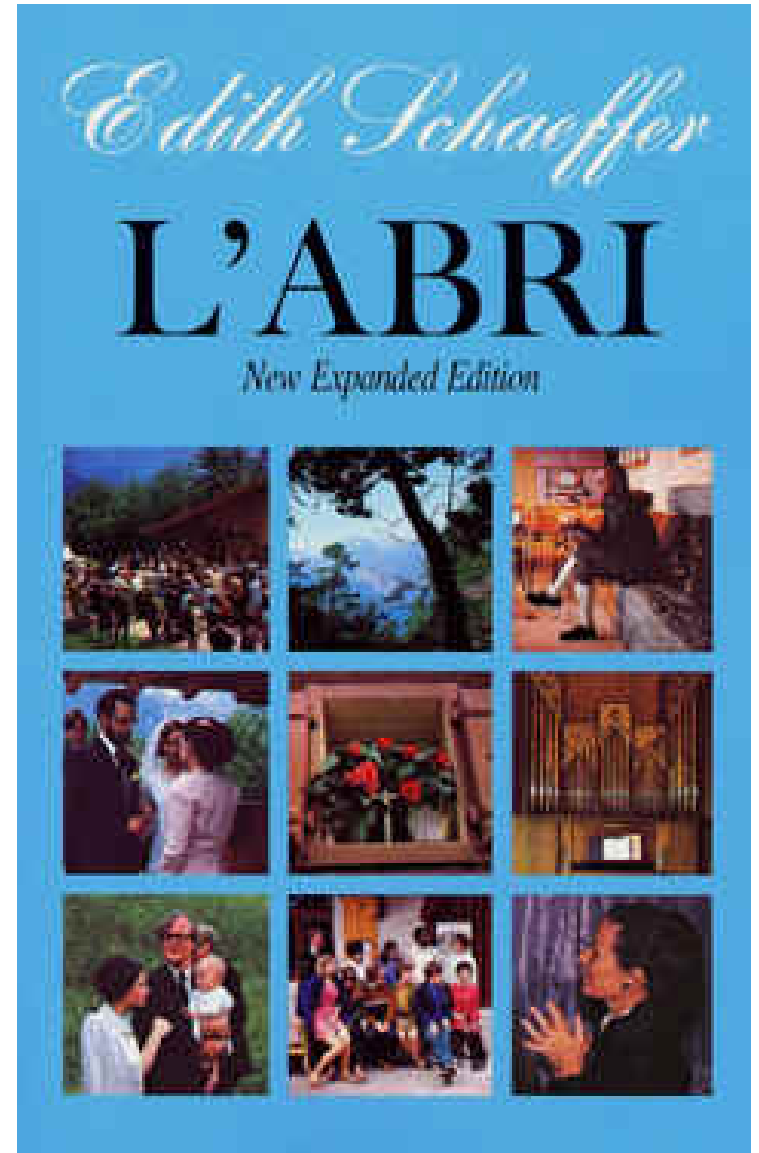
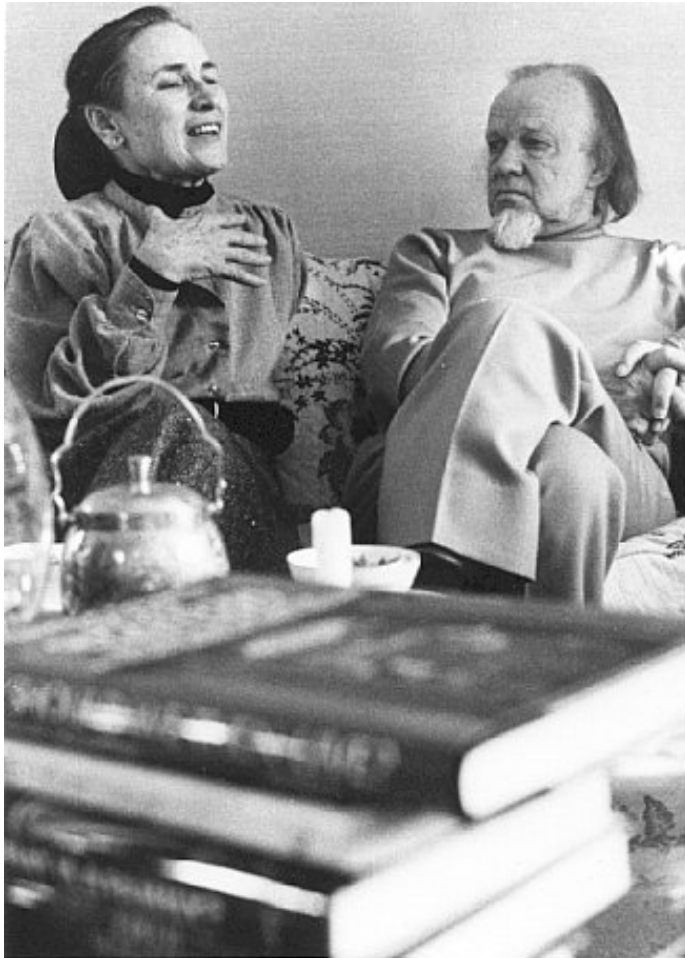


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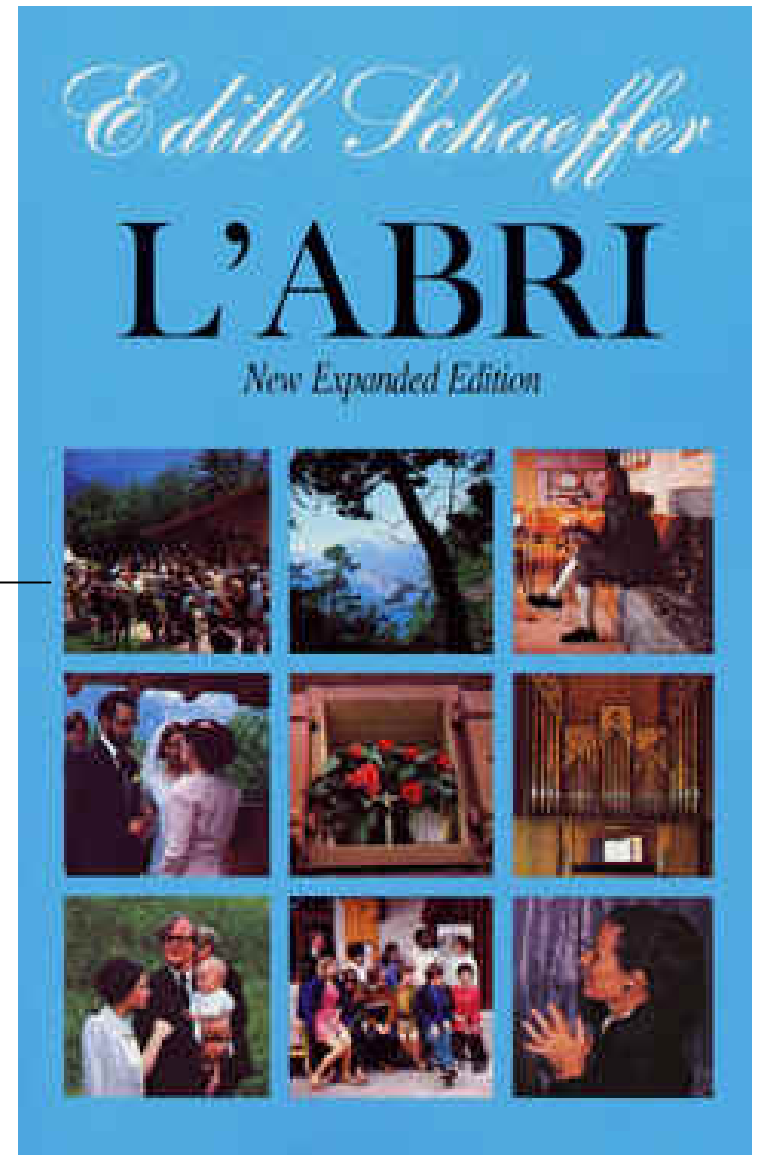




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The work of L'Abri has two aspects. **First**, there is the attempt to give an **honest answer to honest questions** — intellectually and upon a careful exegetical base... The **second** aspect is the **demonstration that the Personal-Infinite God is *really there*** in our generation





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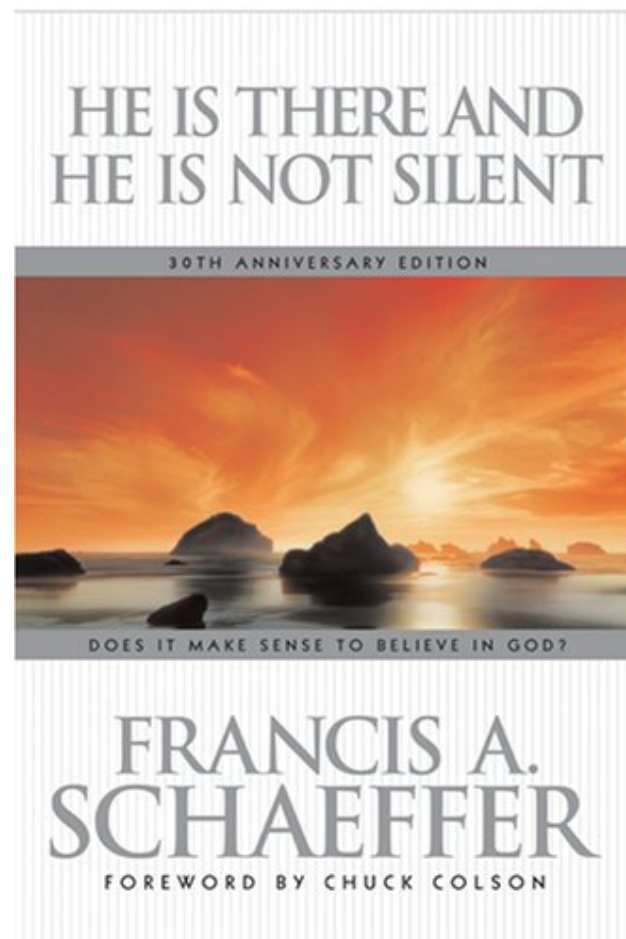
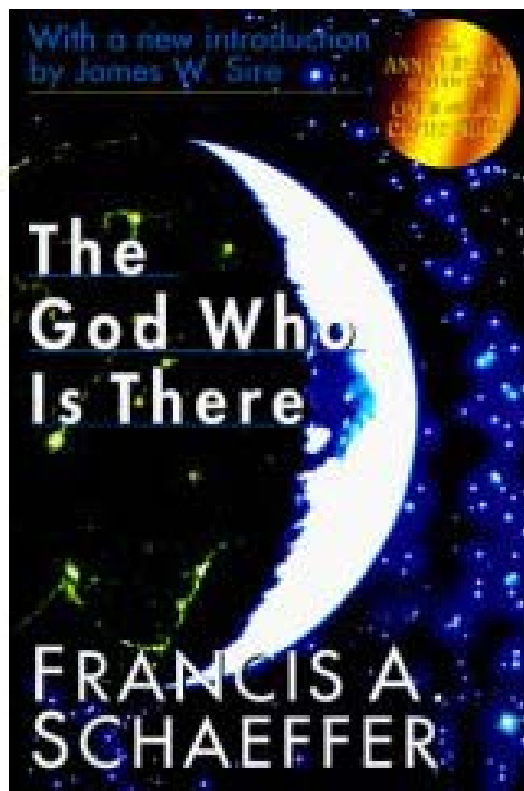


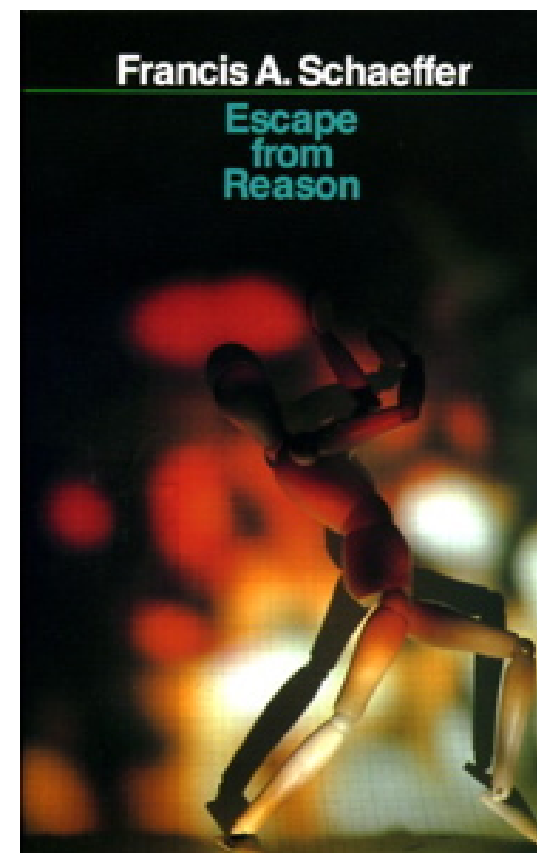
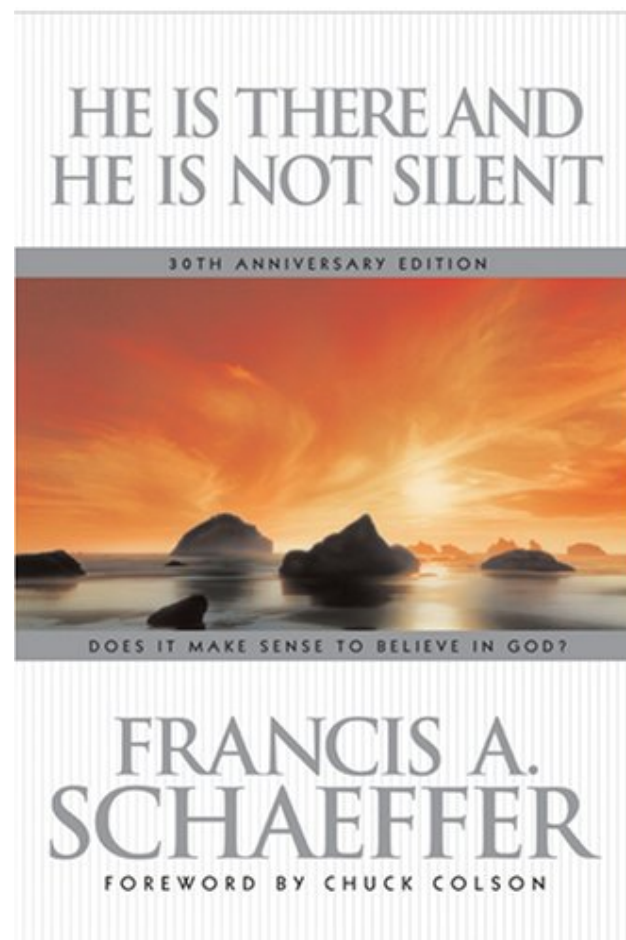
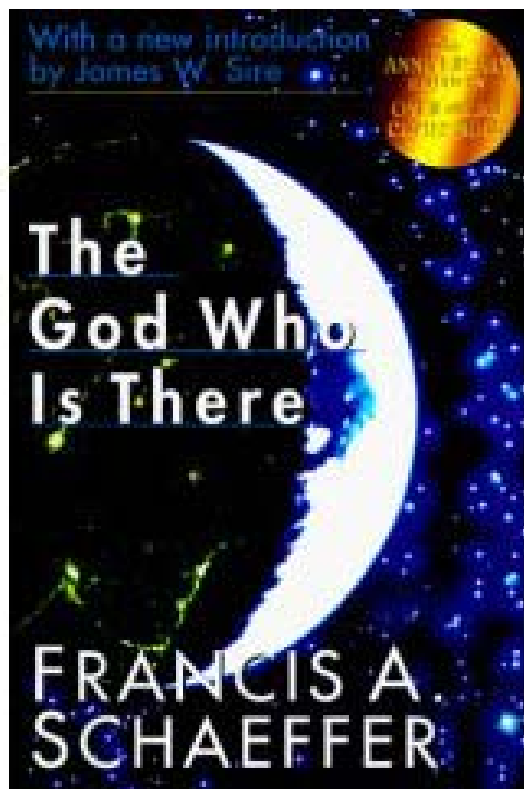
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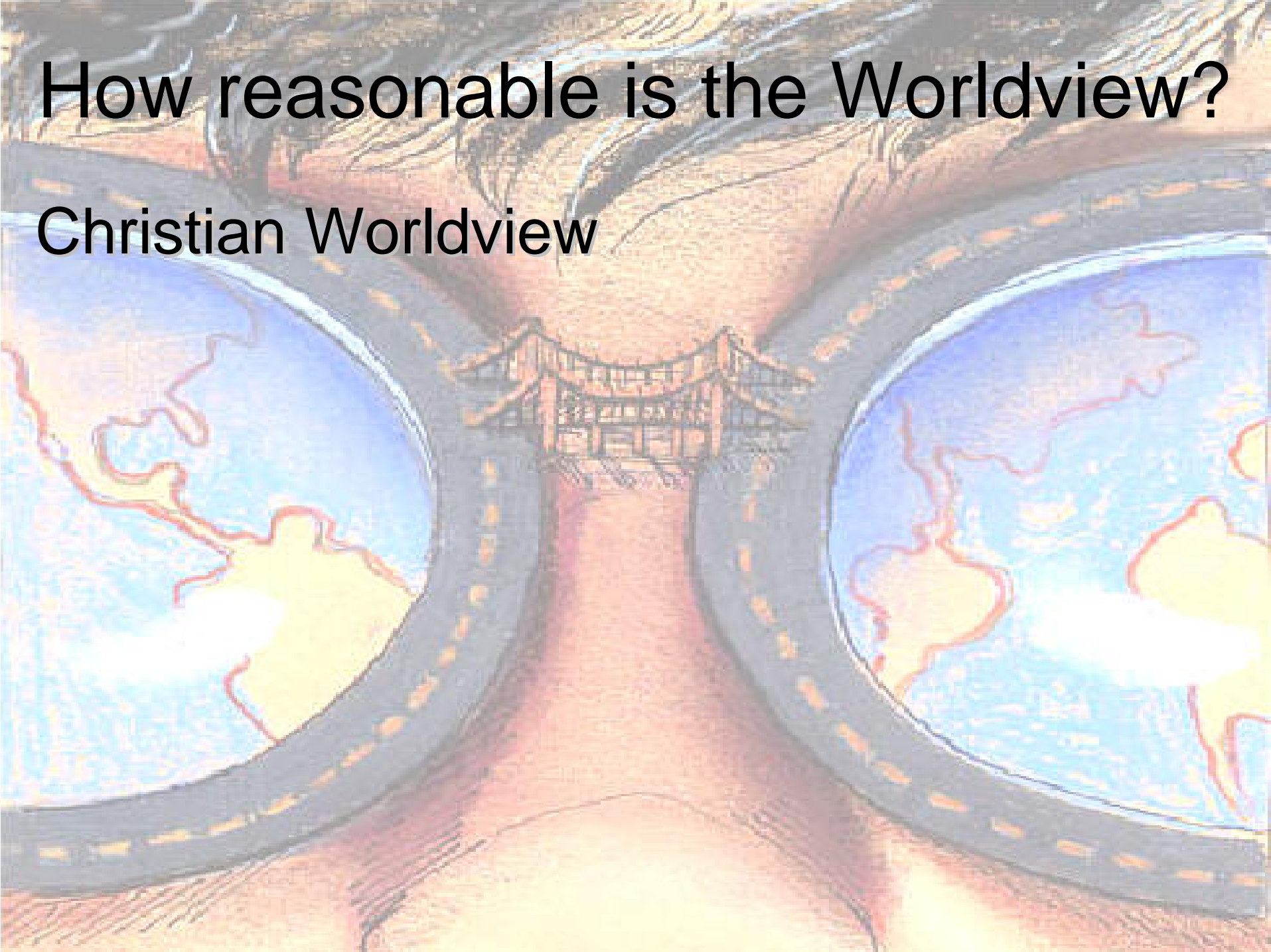


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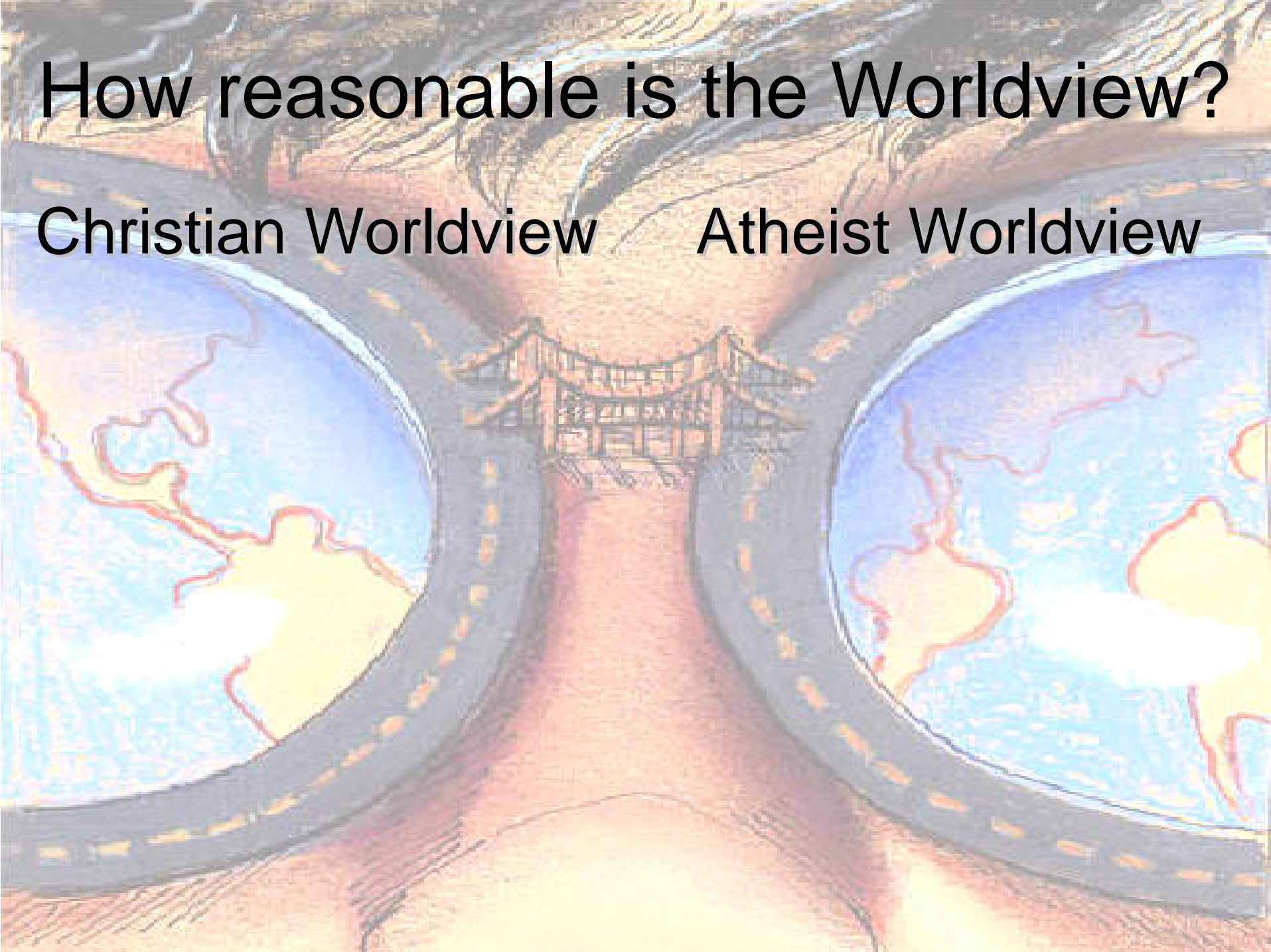
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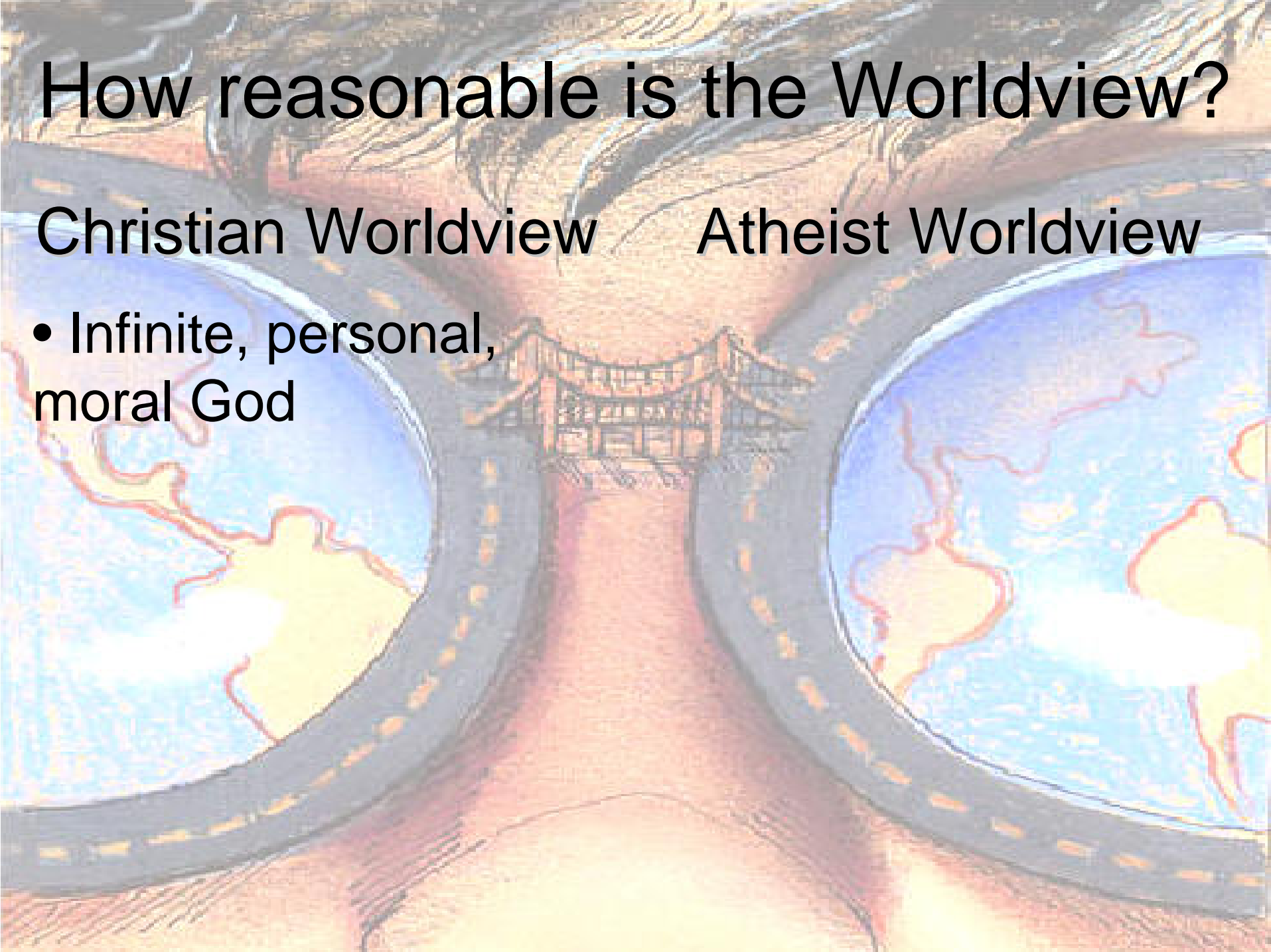


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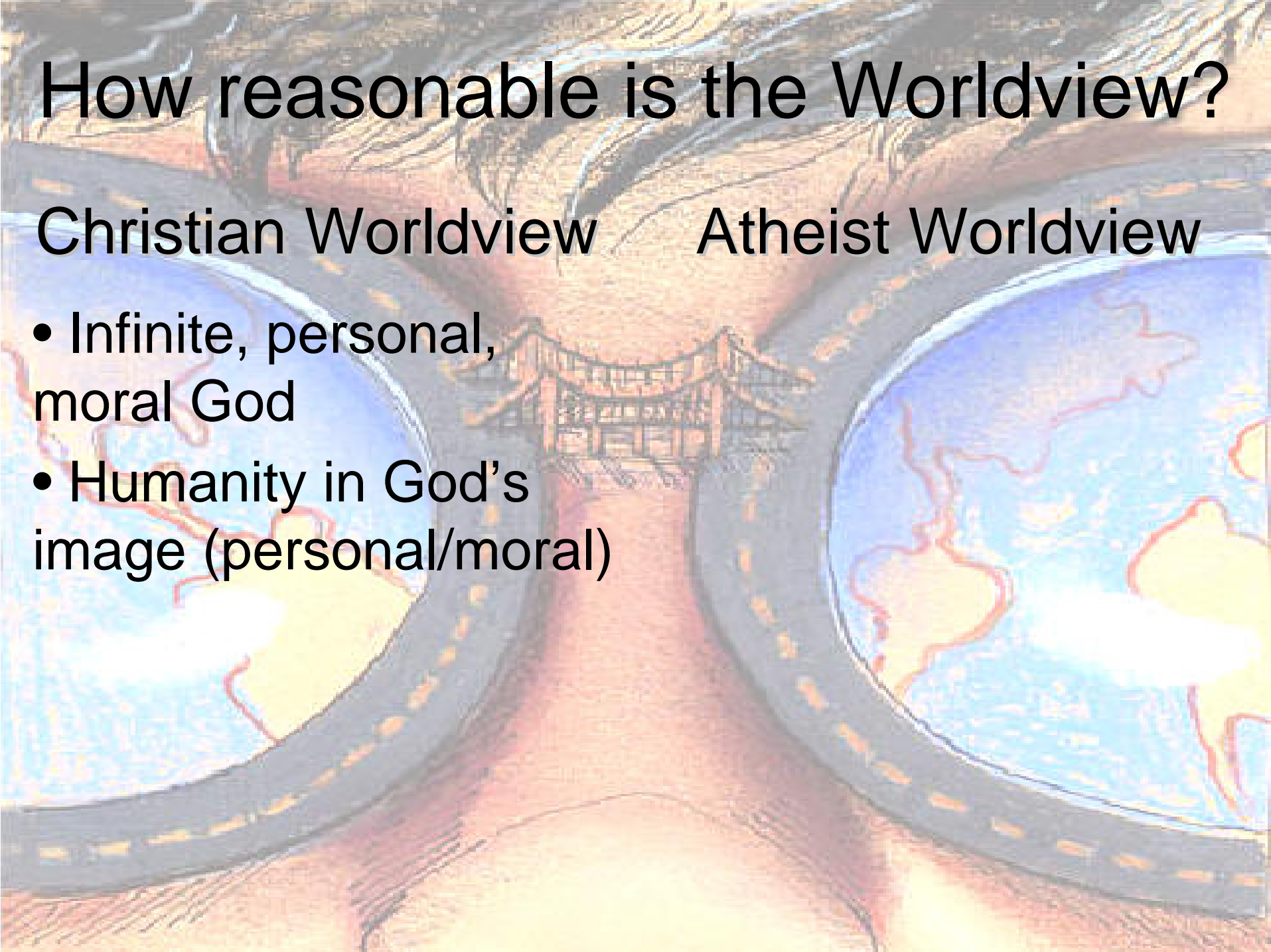


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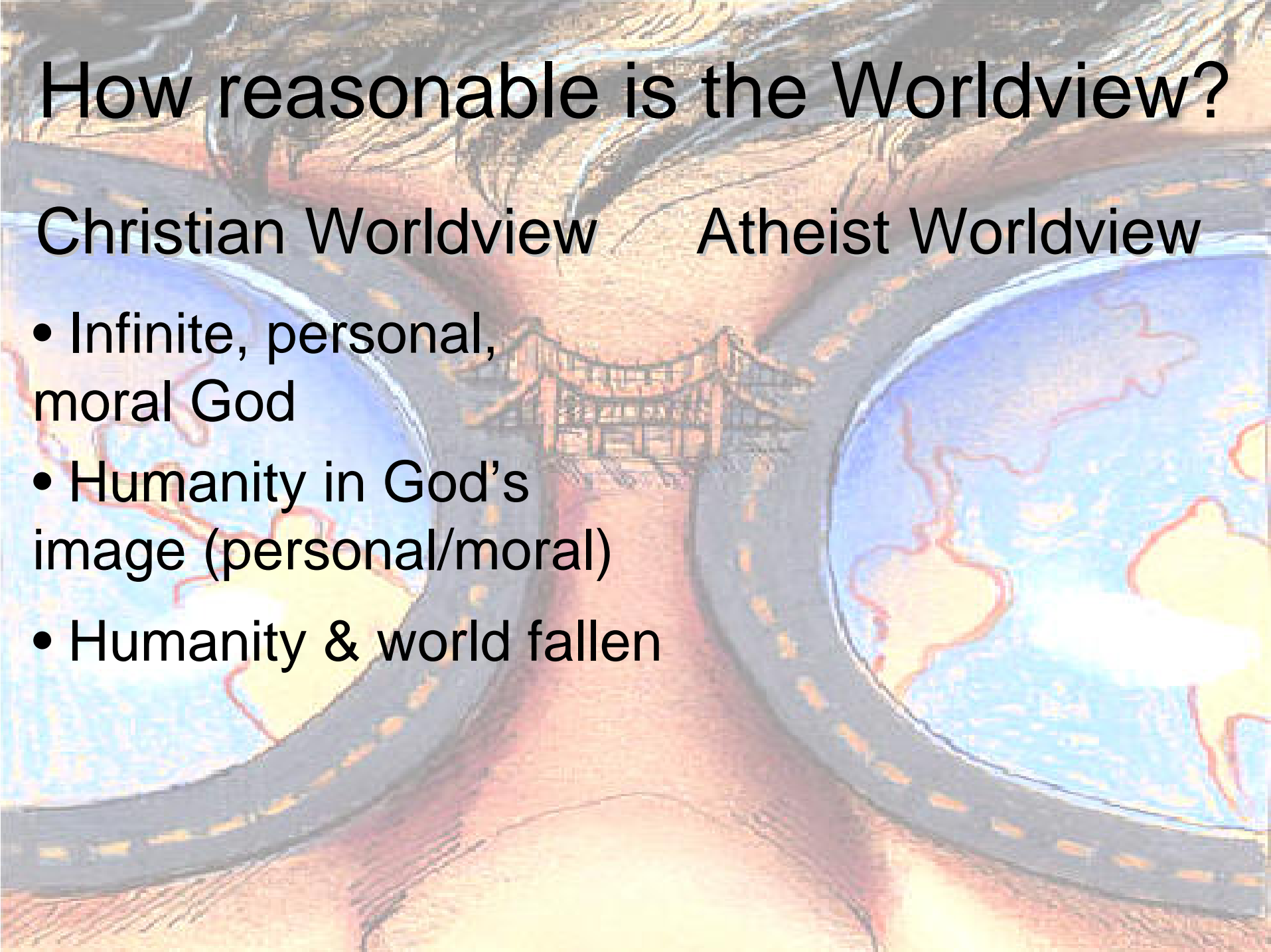


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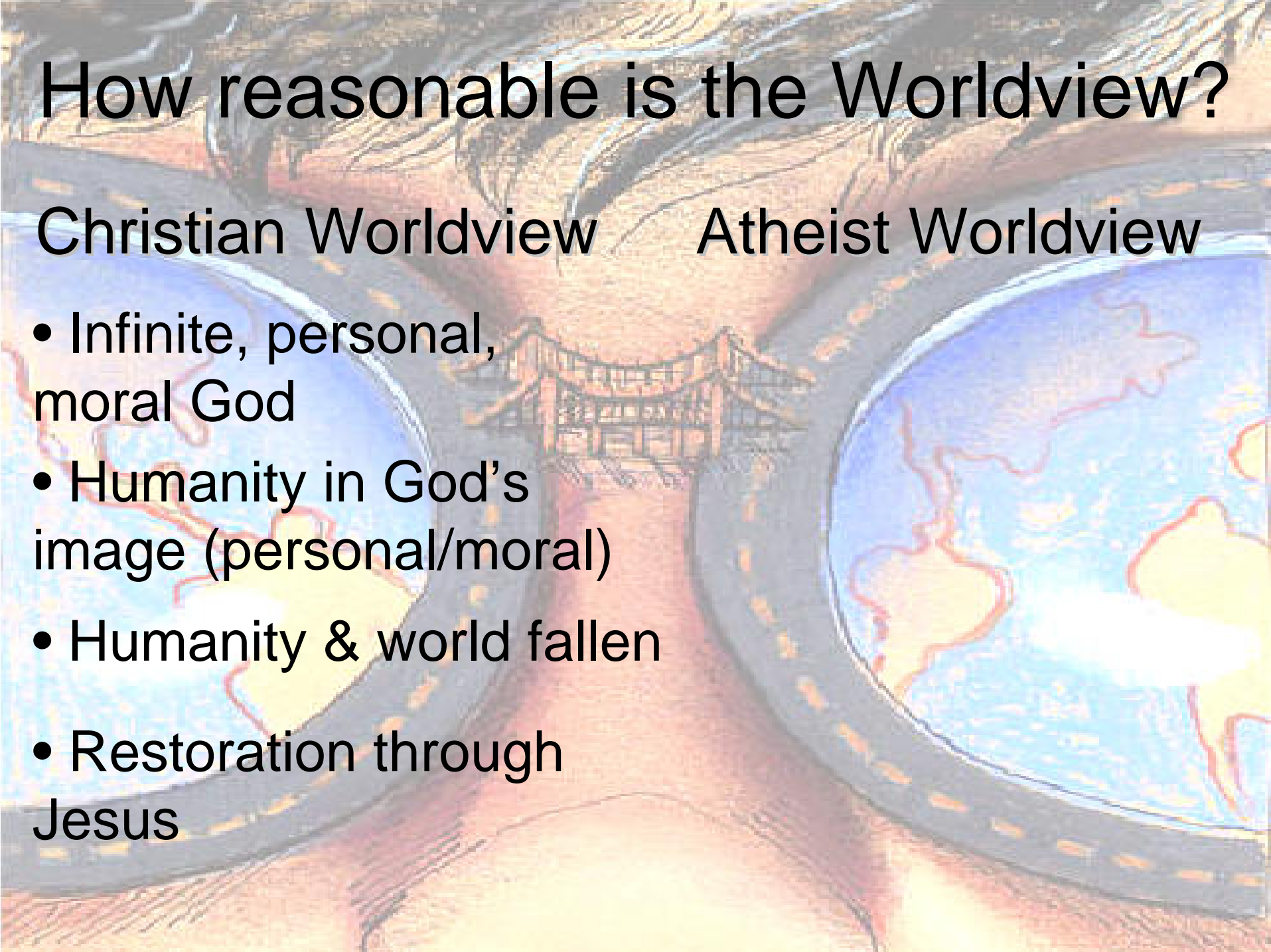


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“What can we know of God?”





Would a  
personal God  
who made us  
personal, not  
seek to relate  
to us?



“Does man have meaning?”



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# DIGNITY

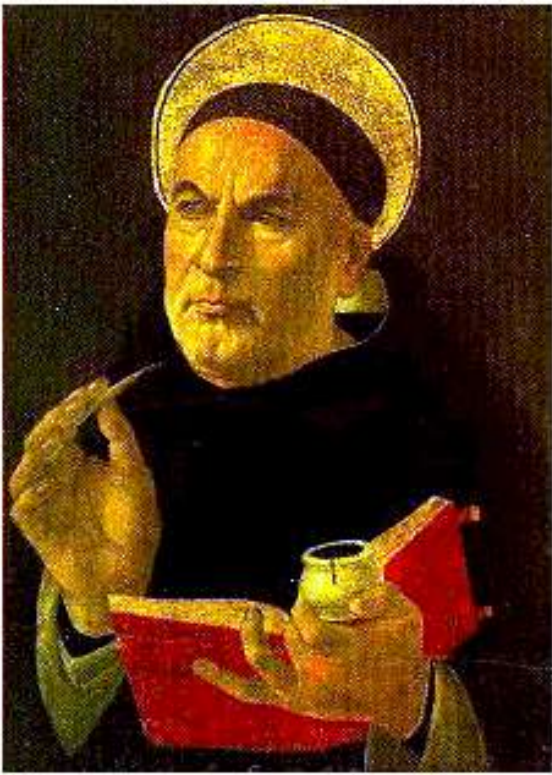
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# People are machines





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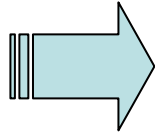
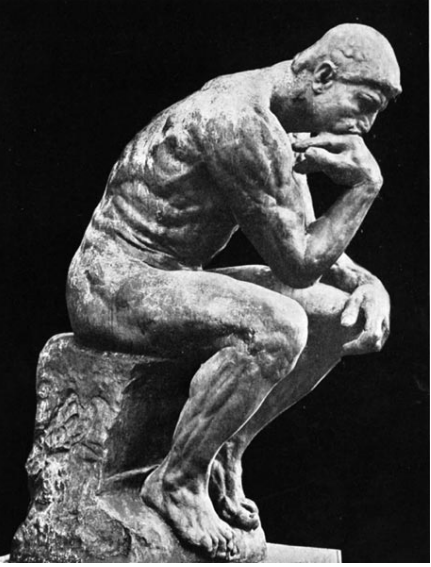
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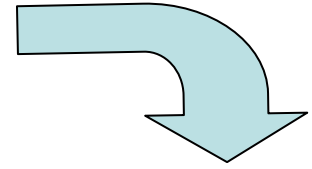
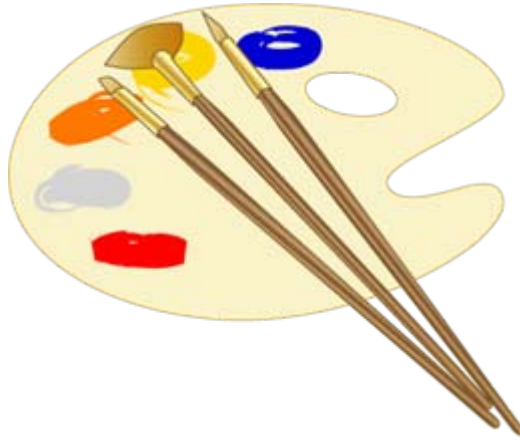
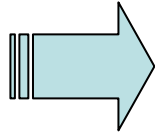
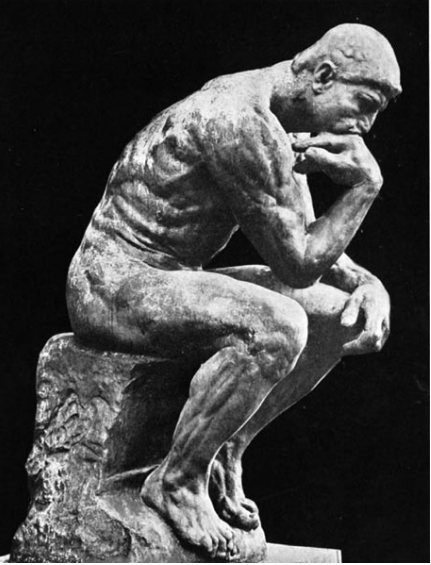
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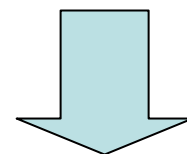
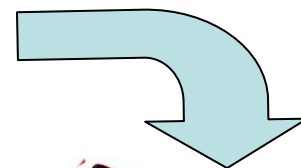
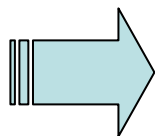
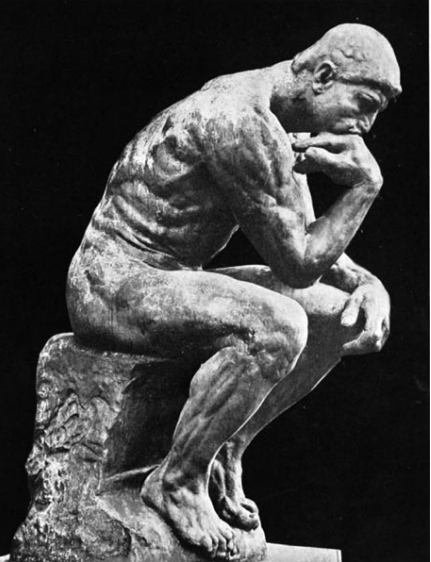


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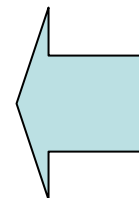
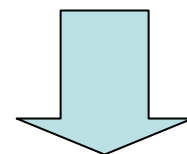
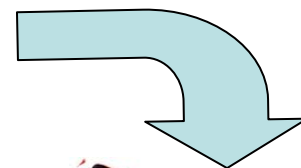
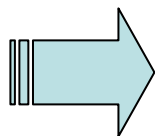
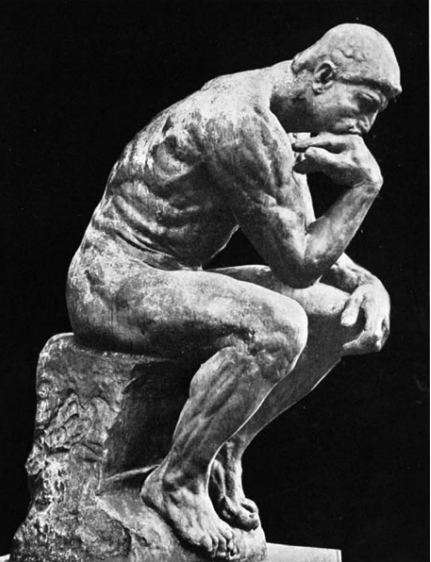


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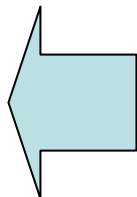
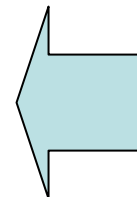
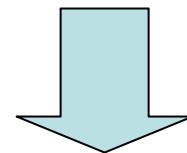
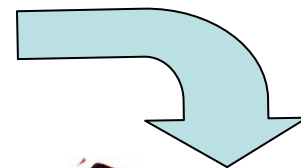
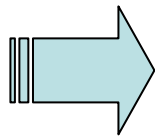
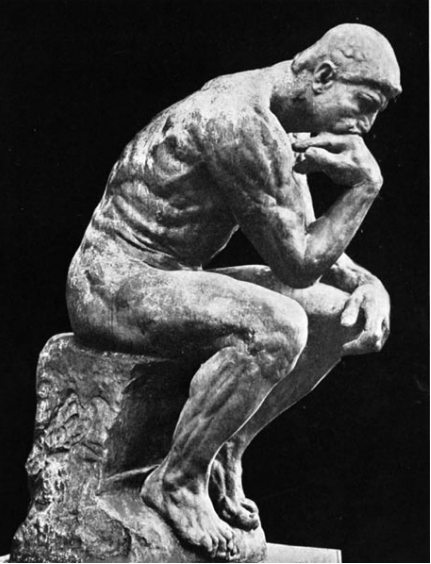




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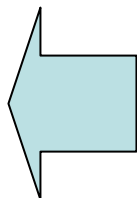
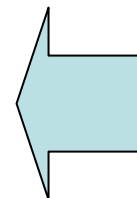
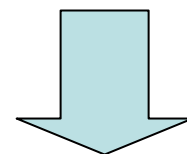
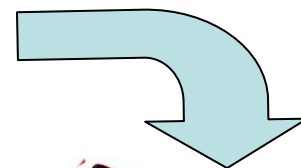
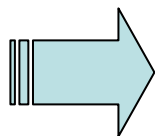
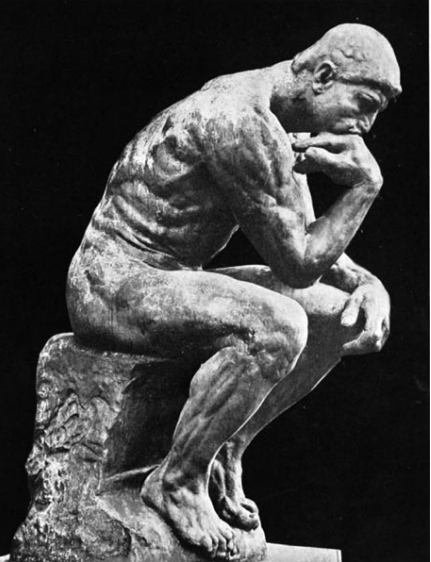


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“Is scripture reliable?”



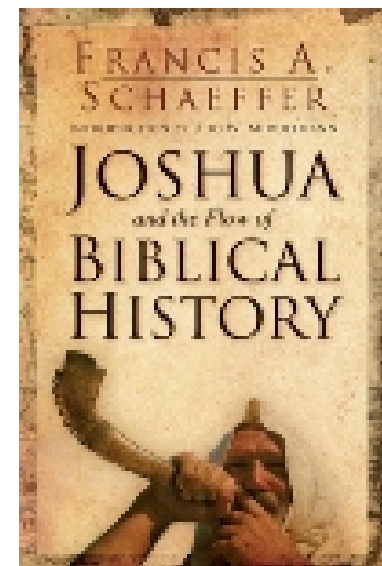
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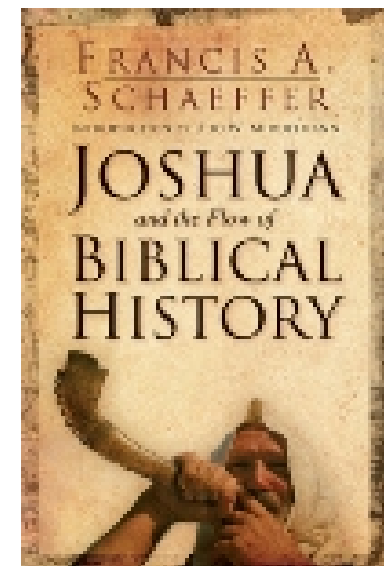
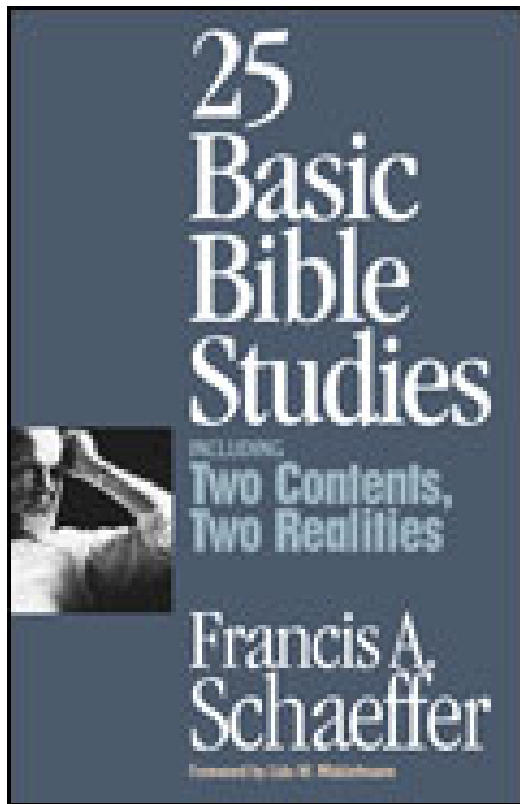
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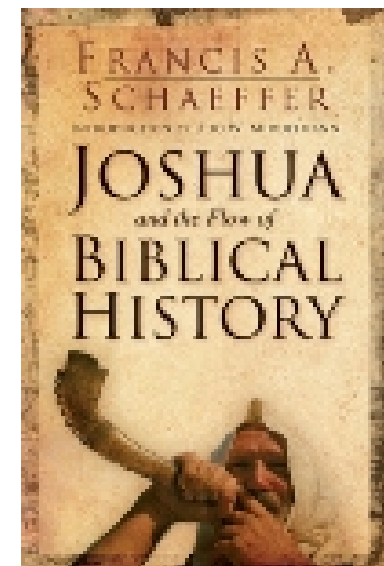
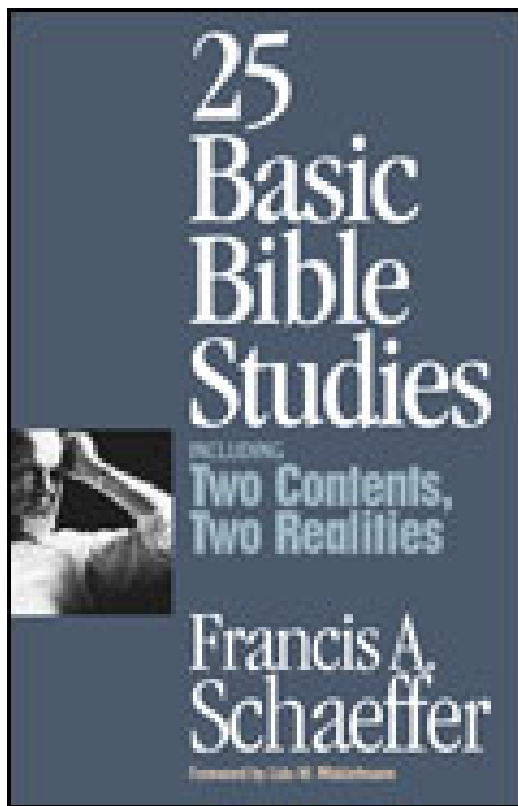
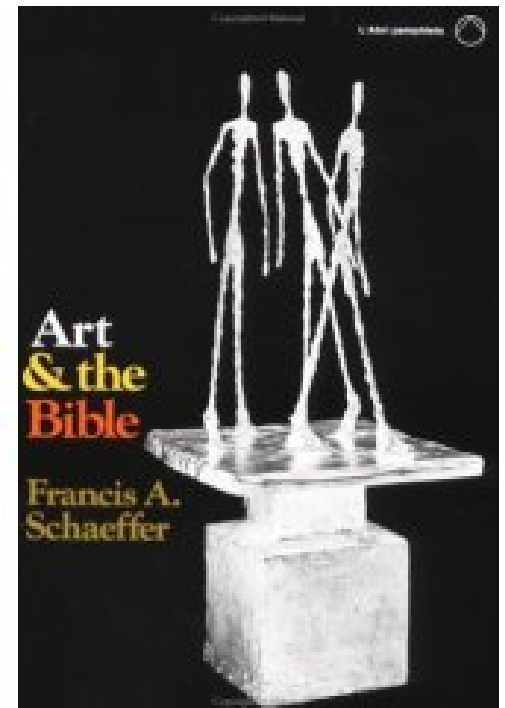
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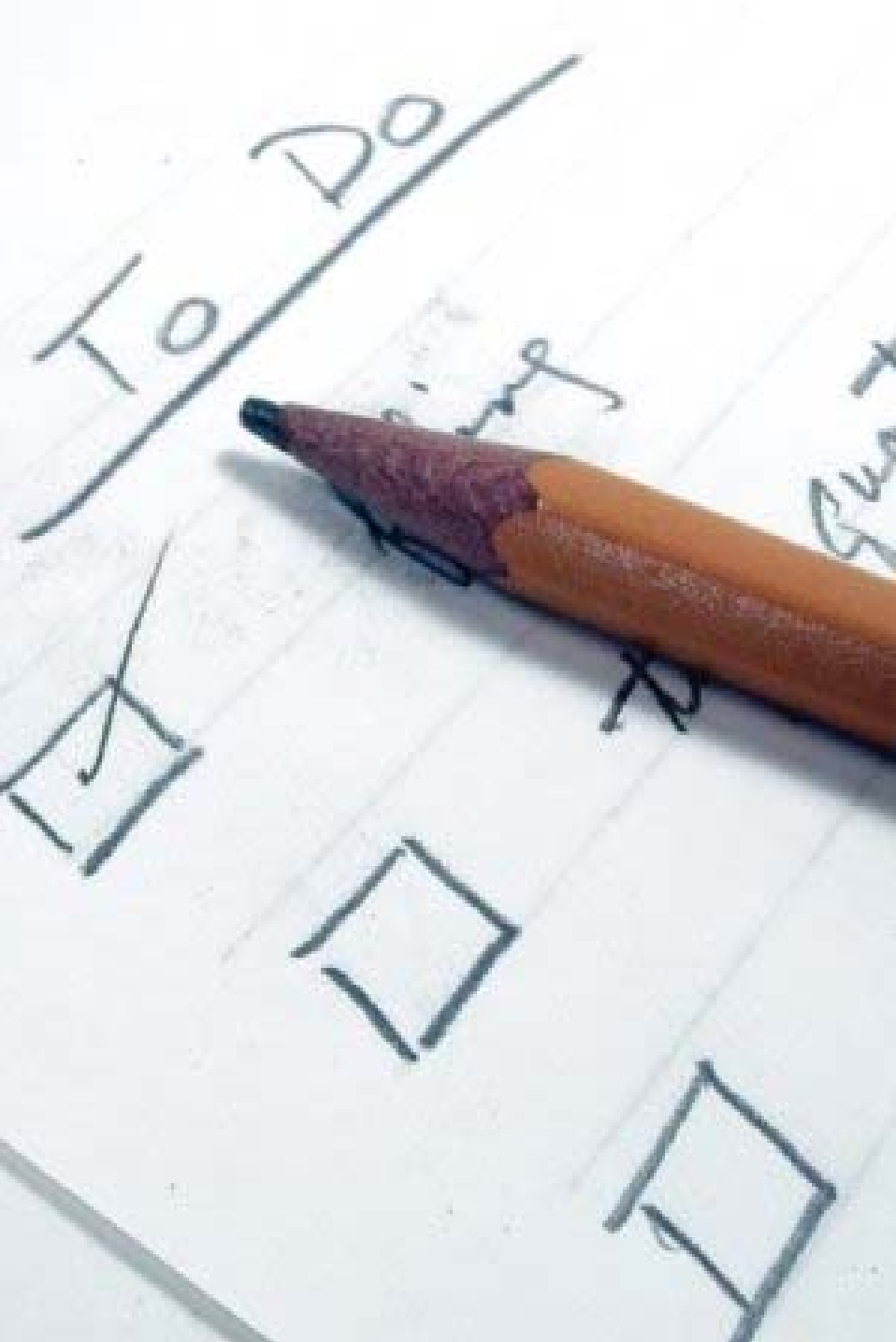
# Demonstrated Love





Learn from  
Moses' rod:  
There are  
no Little  
People!





True spirituality  
is more than a  
list of “Do’s”  
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# HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?

THE RISE AND DECLINE OF WESTERN THOUGHT AND CULTURE



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POLLUTION

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# “L’Abri,” hospitality and shelter



THE  
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(2 Tim. 3:16-17)

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