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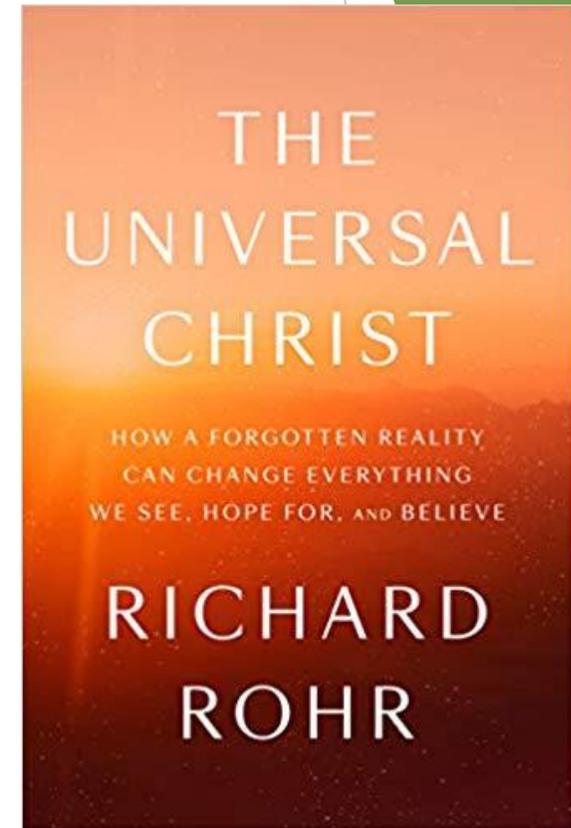
Chapter 13

# *It Can't Be Carried Alone*

*There is one Body, one Spirit, and  
you were all called into one and  
the same hope...*

*And each one of us has been given  
his own share of grace, as Christ  
allotted it.*

*--Ephesians 4:4,7*





Richard Rohr experience of Suffering  
Can't watch TV news  
Election Cycle: illusion & naked ambition  
Put down dog, Venus  
Movie *Lion*

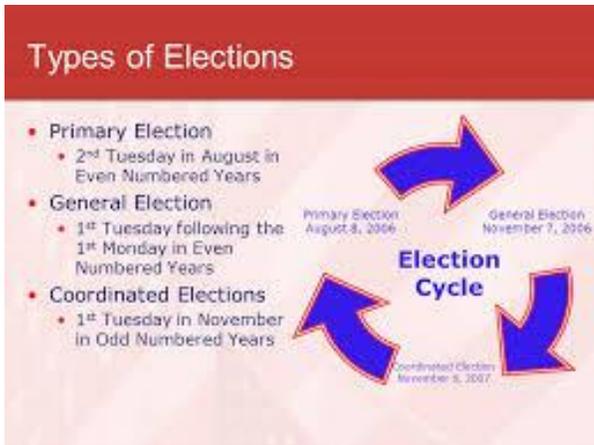


“Great Sadness”  
Everything

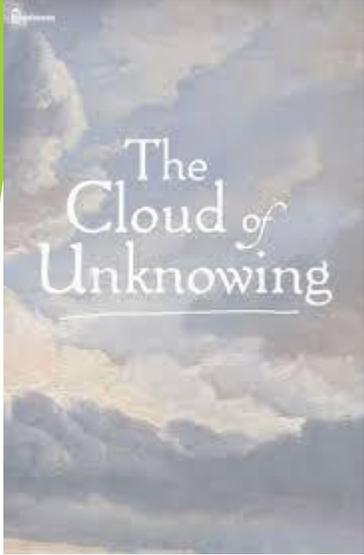
“...the only way out of deep sadness  
is to go with it and through it.”

“Through him, with him, and in him.”

Some mystics: individual suffering  
doesn't exist at all...  
It is all the suffering of God.



## “...all in one lump” from *The Cloud of Unknowing*



God in Christ dealt with sin, death, forgiveness, salvation  
“all in one lump.”

Resurrection as a universal phenomenon vs. “Touchdown  
Jesus”

Gospel offers a holistic understanding of things  
in that one body he condemned sin (Romans 8:3)  
He experienced death for all humankind (Hebrews 2:19)  
he has done suffering and sacrifice “once and for all  
(Hebrews 7:28)

Jesus is said to lead us through the “pattern of sin and  
death” so we can take our place in the “pattern of  
resurrection” (Philippians 3:9-12)  
“Reign of God”

Communion of Saints  
saved not by being privately perfect, but by being “part  
of the body.”





## Western individualism

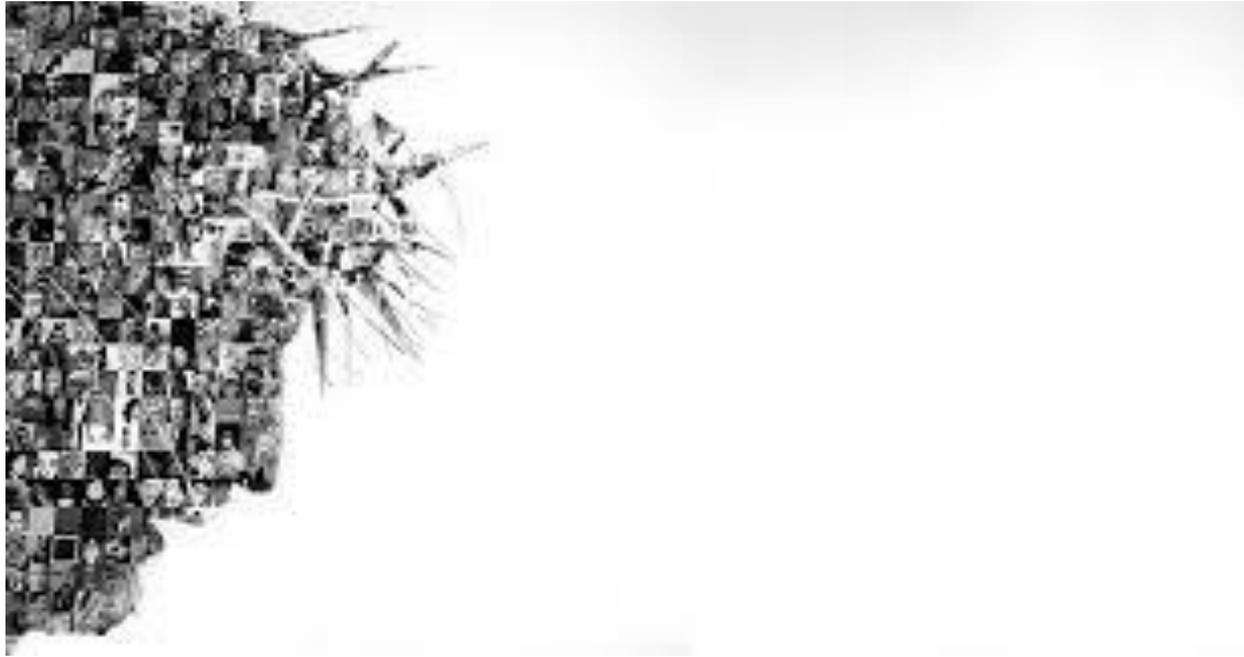
*Privatized salvation never accumulates into corporate change because it attracts and legitimates individualists to begin with.*

## One Life, One Death, One Suffering

We are all invited to ride the one wave... Reality  
*We are all saved in spite of our mistakes and in spite of ourselves.  
We are all caught up in the cosmic sweep of Divine grace and mercy.*



God is saving and redeeming the Whole first and foremost, and we are all caught up in this Cosmic Sweep of Divine Love



Our full “Christ Option” ... offers us - a God who is in total solidarity with all of us at every stage of the journey, and who will get us all to our destination together in love.

It is no longer about being correct. It is about being connected. Being in right relationship is much, much better than just trying to be “right.”