

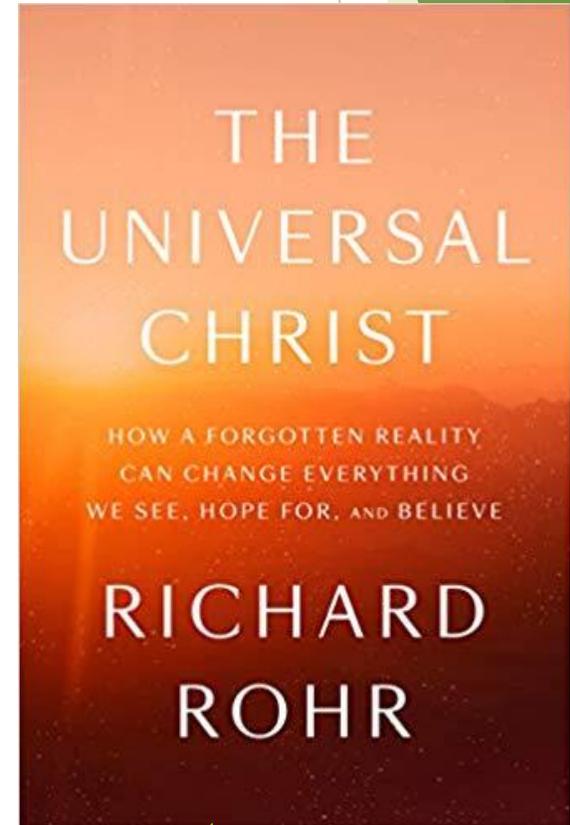
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Chapter 14

The Resurrection Journey

*Everything will be all right in the
end. If it's not all right,
it is not yet the end.*

--The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel





Richard Rohr “I want to enlarge your view of resurrection from a one-time miracle in the life of Jesus... to a pattern of creation that has always been true.”

1 Cor 15:13 “If there is no resurrection from death, Christ himself cannot have been raised”

If the universe is “Christened” from the very beginning, the of course it can never die forever.

Resurrection is just incarnation taken to its logical conclusion.





98% of our bodies' atoms are replaced every year.

Resurrection is another word for change... positive change.

Christianity's true and unique story line has always been incarnation

Creation is "very good" Genesis 1:34

God does not lose or fail
Jesus and Christ are both
CliffsNotes read on Reality





The Wedding Banquet

Jesus refers to himself as the host or “bridegroom” for an open and inclusive banquet.

Gospel of divine abundance

vs. ego’s desire for boundary, price, entrance requirement ... worldview of scarcity

creation ex nihilo...

life after death

seem to demand the same huge leap of faith.



“Reality with a Personality”
It will really help you...if you can begin to see Jesus—and Christ—as coming out of Reality, naming it, giving it a face, not appearing to Reality from another world.

Negative or cynical people, conspiracy theorists, and all predictors of Armageddon are the polar opposites of witnesses to resurrection.

John 16:33 “Be brave. I have overcome the world” and its hopelessness. Courage and confidence is our message! Not threat and fear.



What Happened at Jesus's Resurrection?

- ▶ Jesus was fully revealed as the eternal and deathless Christ in embodied form
- ▶ 1st six centuries the moment of Jesus's resurrection was deemed unpaintable or uncarvable
- ▶ Beams of light—which include all of us in its embodiment.



Then What About Hell?

▶ Roadblock: God the Father as Punisher in Chief

▶ *If you are frightened into God, it is never the true God that you meet. If you are loved into God, you meet a God worthy of both Jesus and Christ.*

▶ Reign of God



We Shall All Be Changed

- ▶ Eastern Orthodox icons of the resurrect:
 - ▶ Pulling souls out of hell
- ▶ *Paul (1Cor 15:51) We are not all going to die, but we shall all be changed.*
- ▶ Resurrection is contagious, and free for the taking... everywhere visible and available for those who have learned how to see, how to rejoice, and how to neither hoard nor limit God's ubiquitous gift.

