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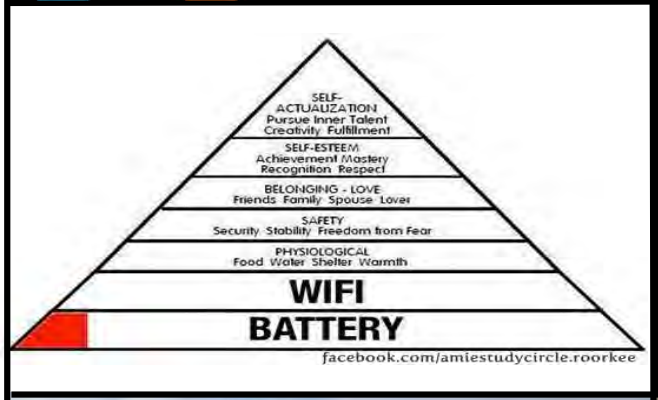

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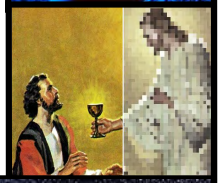
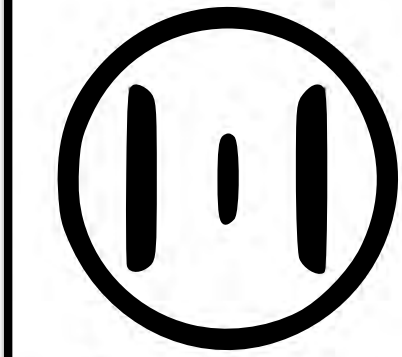


- what impact does digital culture make?
- what do we mean by presence?
- are there limits to digital engagement



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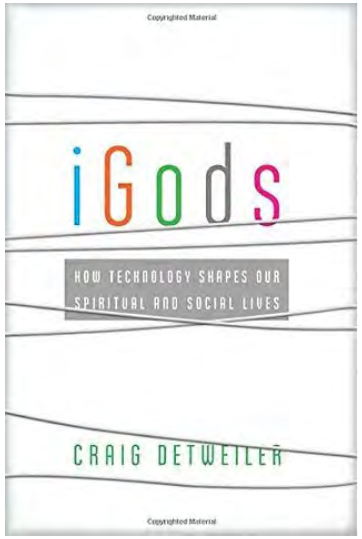

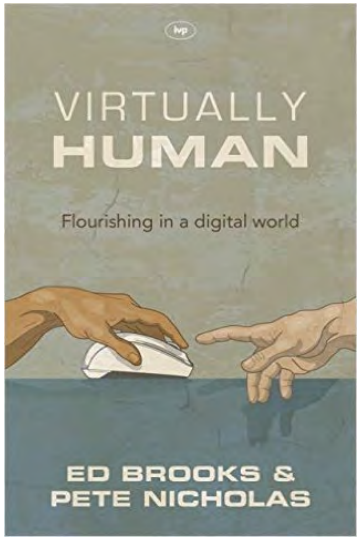

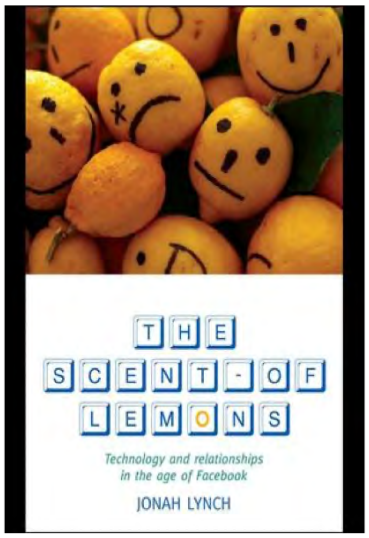

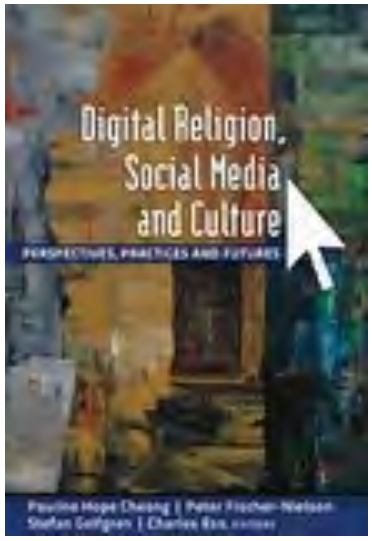

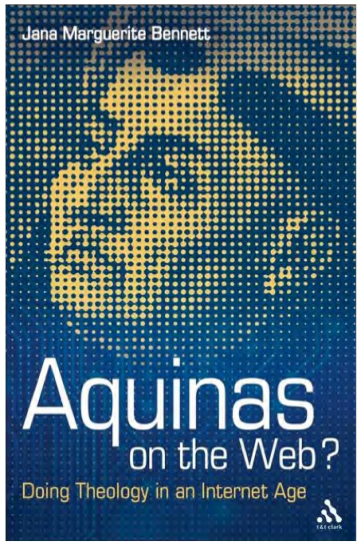

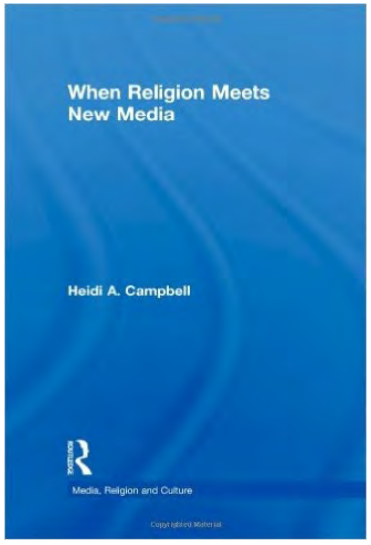

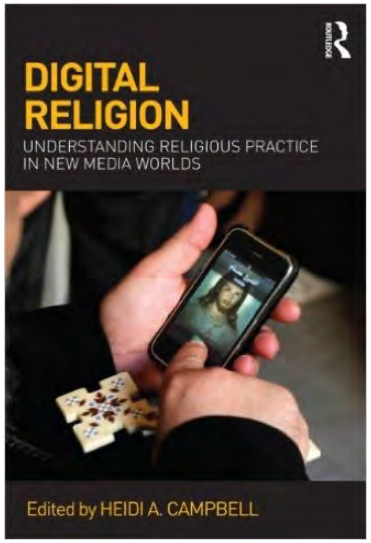

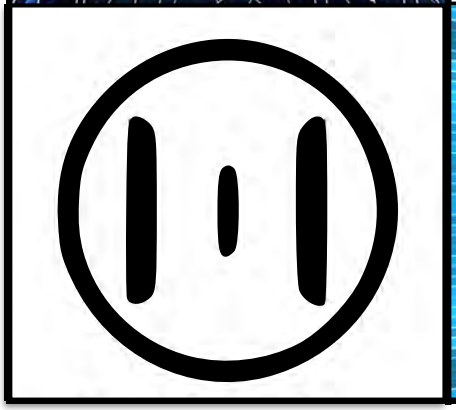

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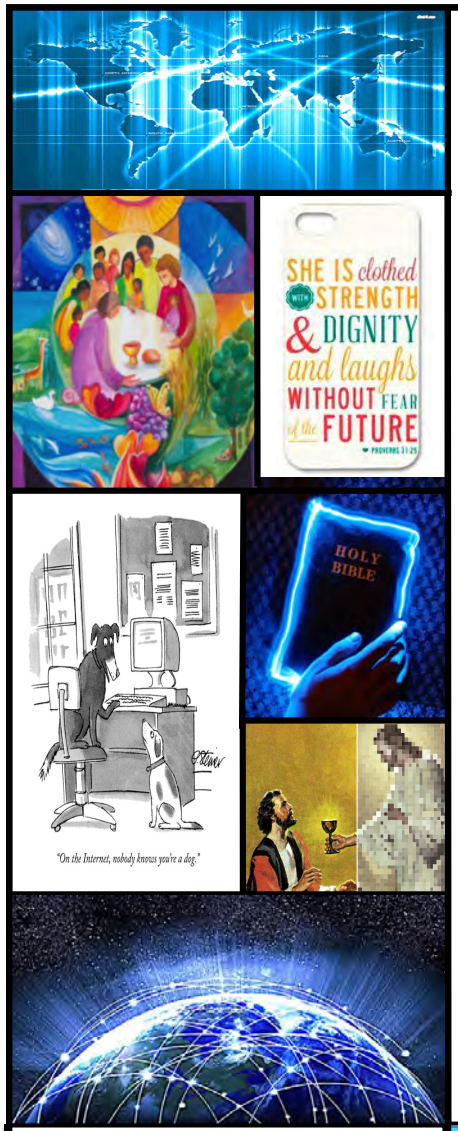

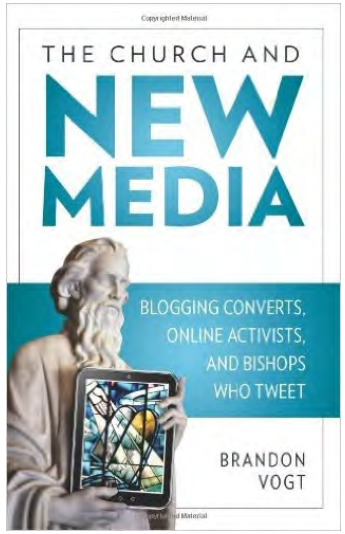

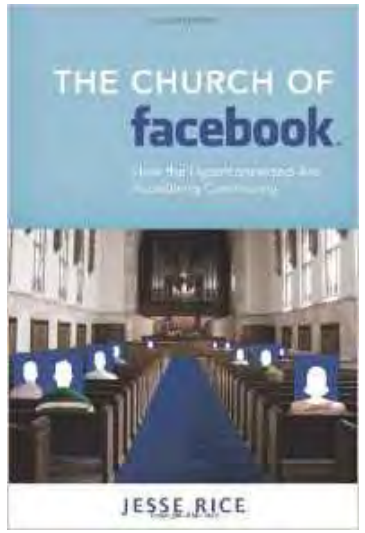

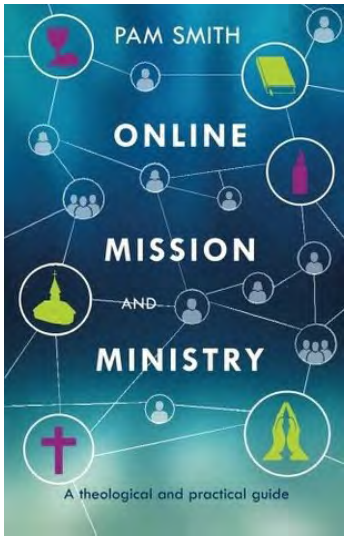

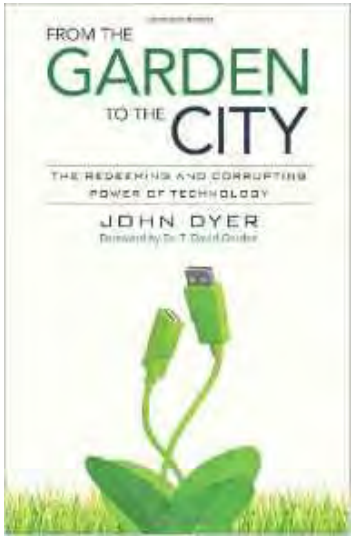

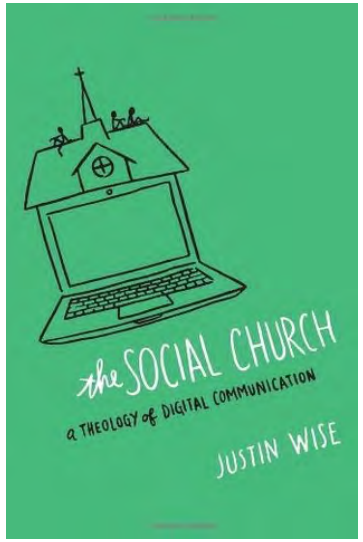

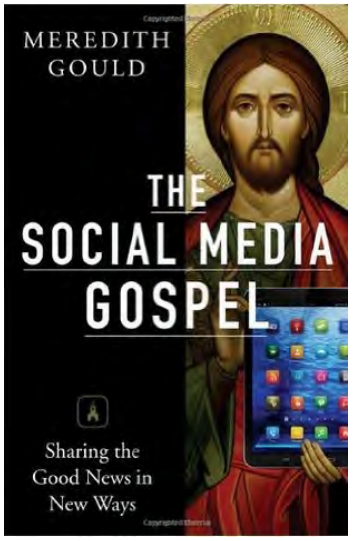

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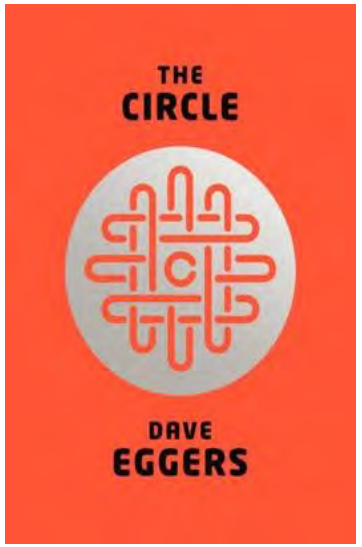

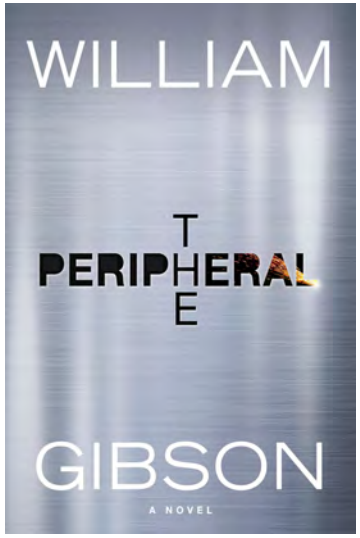

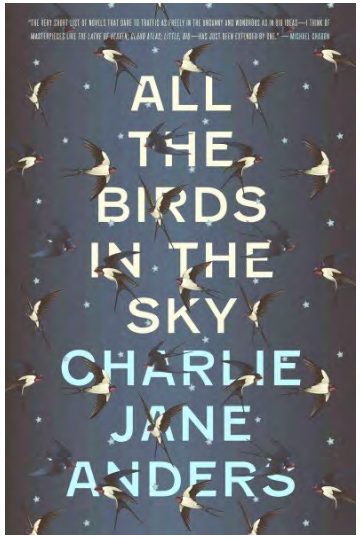

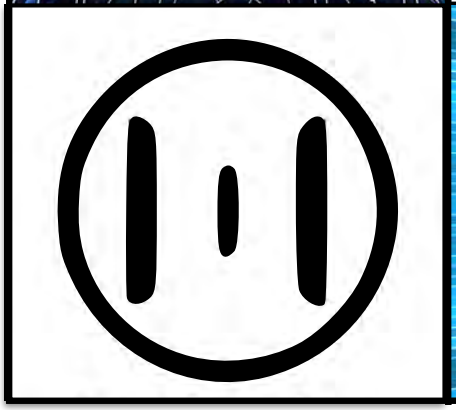

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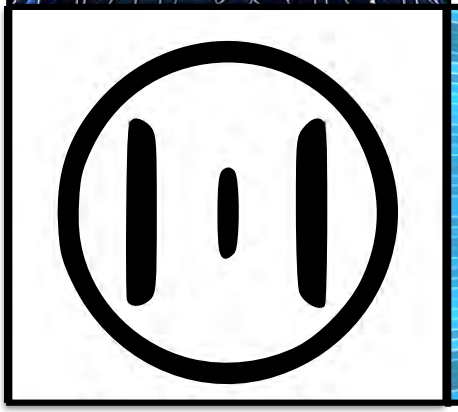
Presence in a digital age?

- no one knows you're a dog on the internet
- what happens in Vegas stays on YouTube
- online is simply a performance of a photoshopped self…
- there is no difference between offline and online - we are all mediating our presence all the time, always embodied, always real



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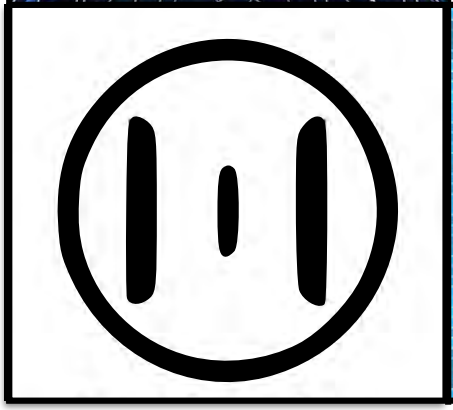
- Marshall McLuhan - the Global Village
- Nancy Baym - absent…present…or both?
- Sherry Turkle - connected but alone
- Heidi Campbell - networked individualism or networked society
- Deanna Thompson - connected for good



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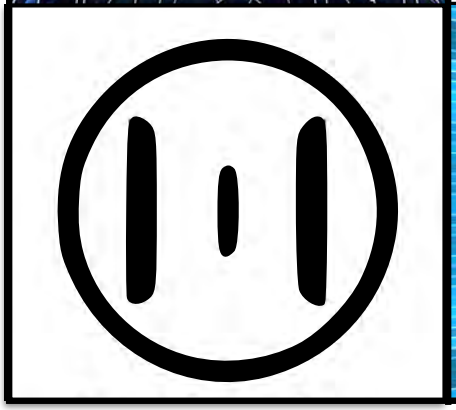

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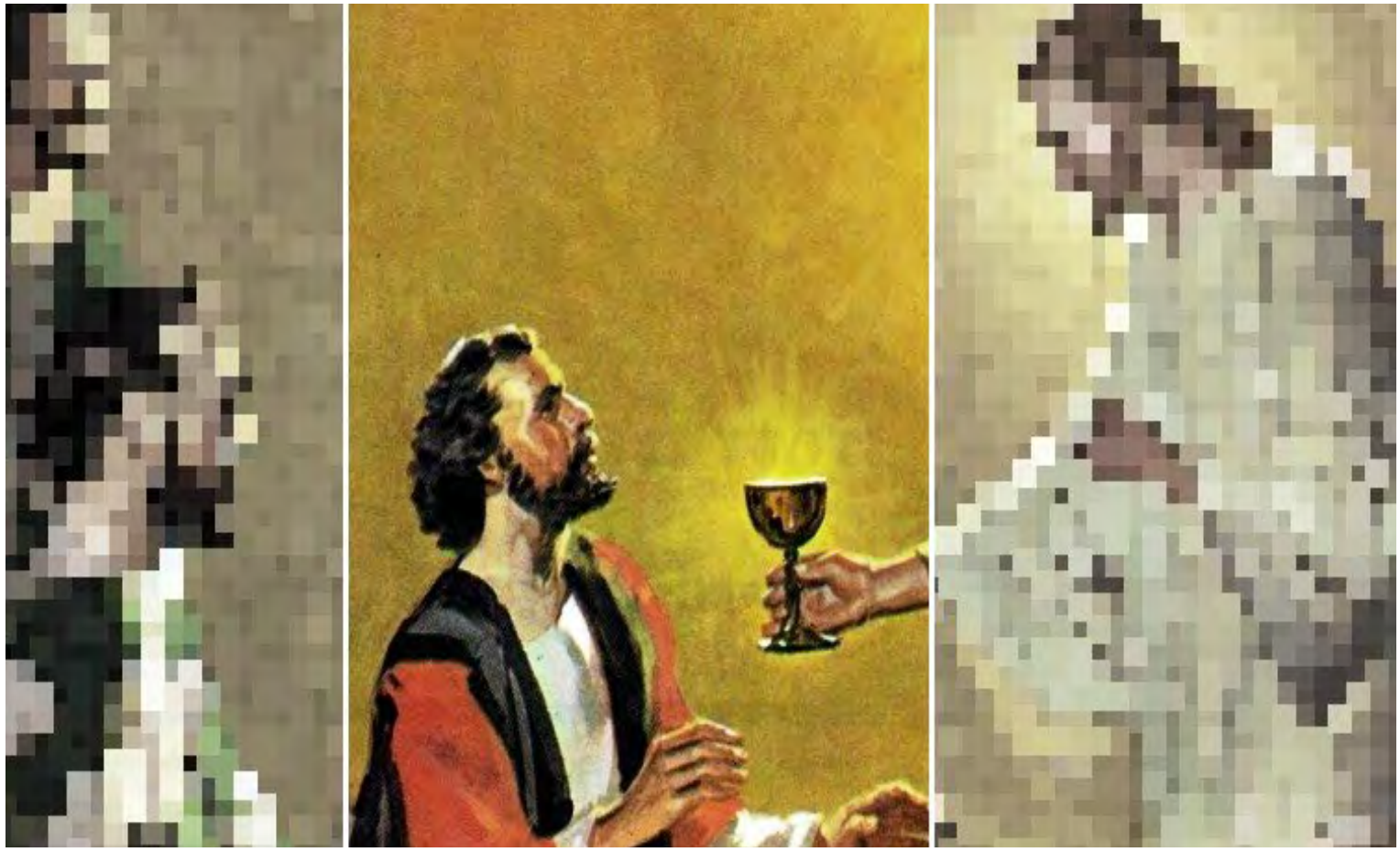

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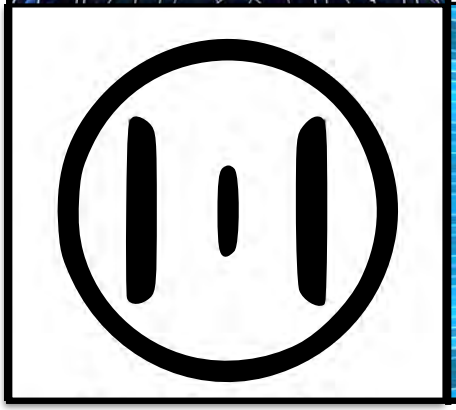
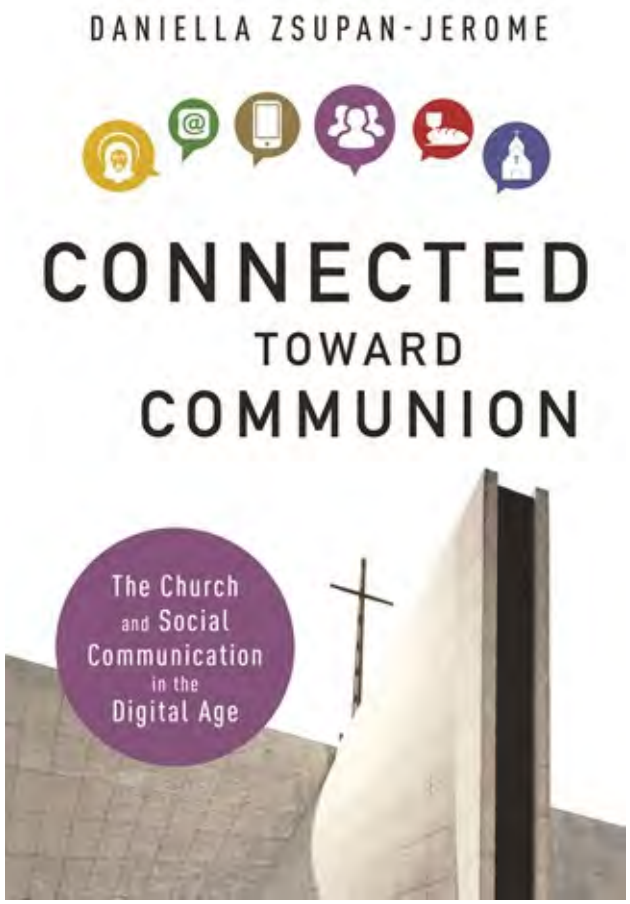


Online community - Daniella Zsupan-Jerome



- The Church has always been virtual
- Church Militant/Church Triumphant
- Eucharist as a timeless universalising sacrament

But Ed Stetzer:

“Real church needs real knees”

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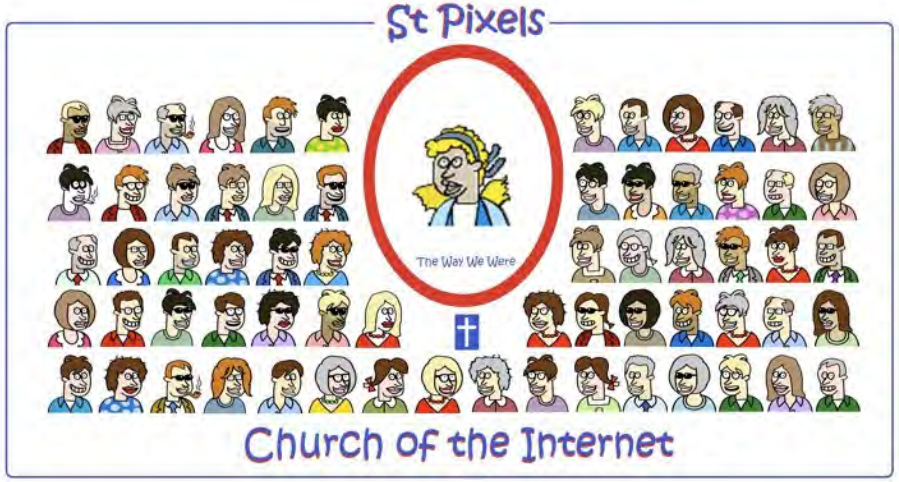

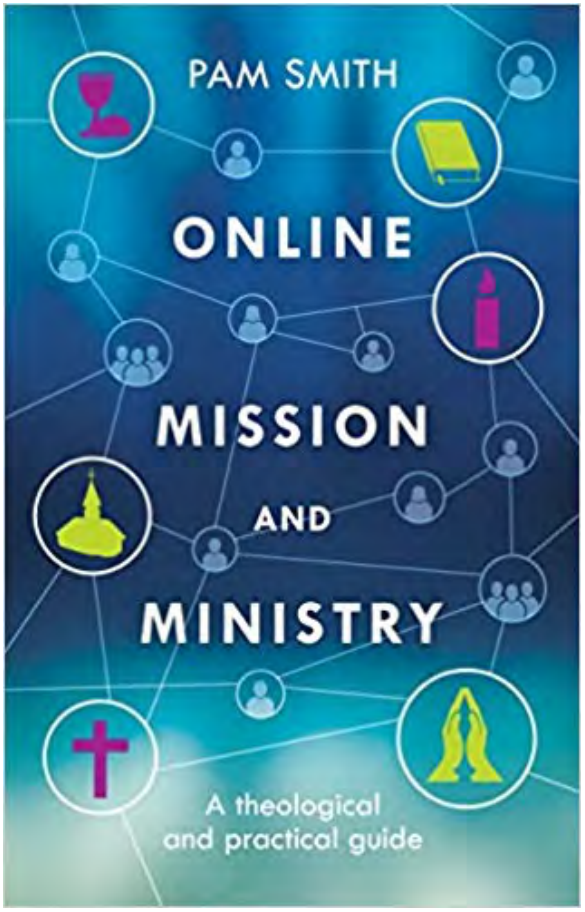

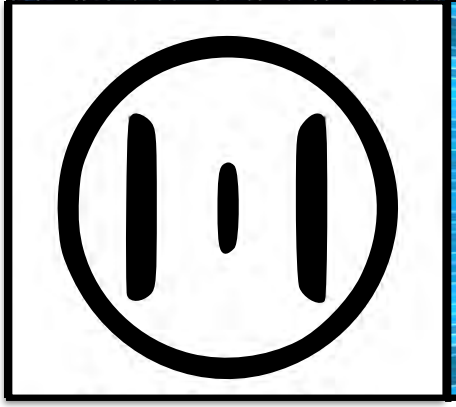

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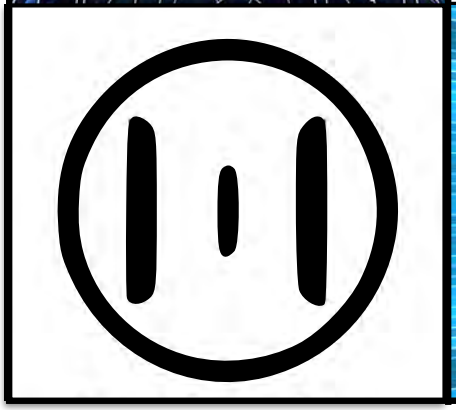

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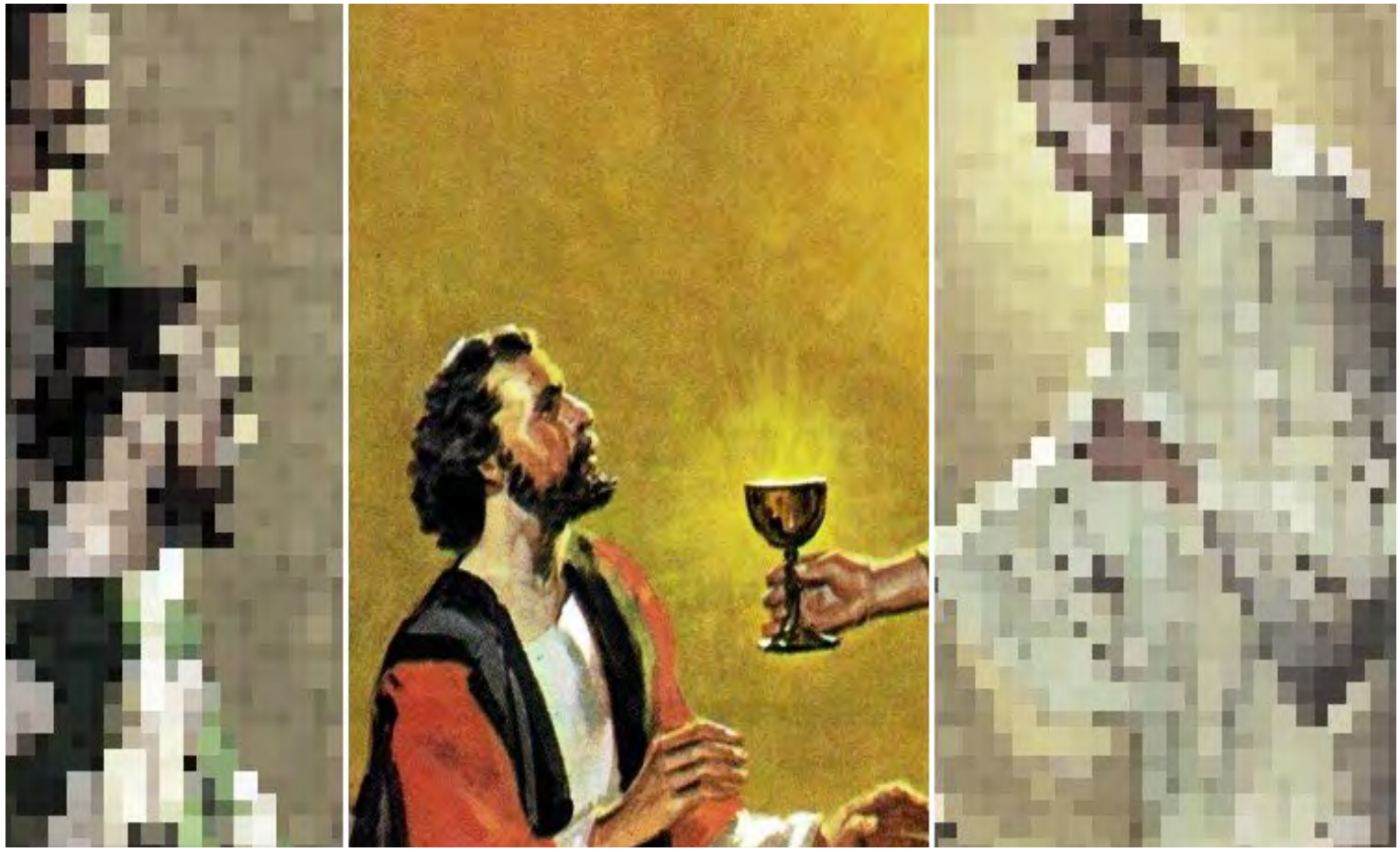

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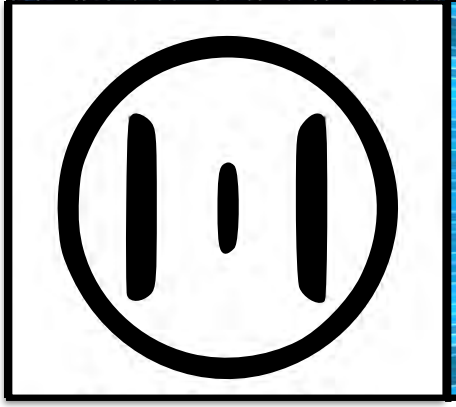

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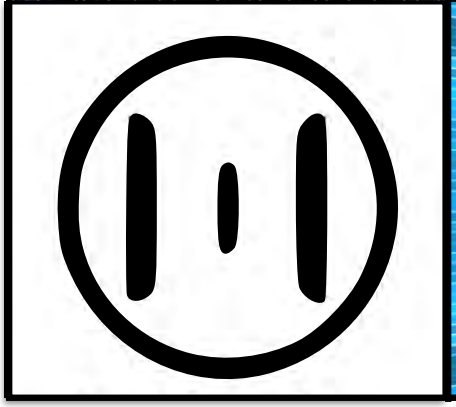
Jean-Luc Marion: Idols and Icons

eRosary

- cross activated
- tracks prayer
- app enabled
- tracks steps
- fitbit for Jesus

Digital Marketting/Digital Campaigning?



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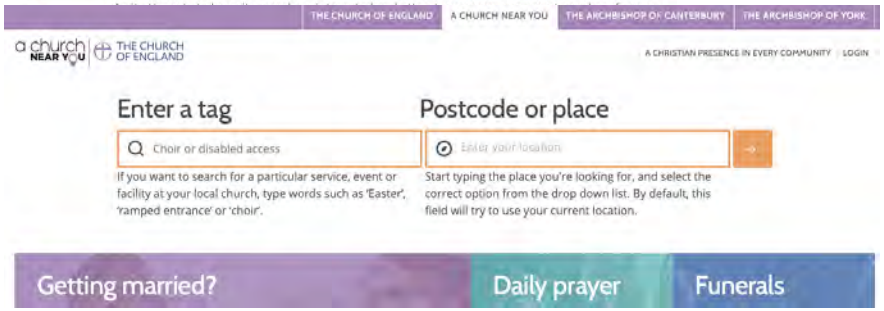

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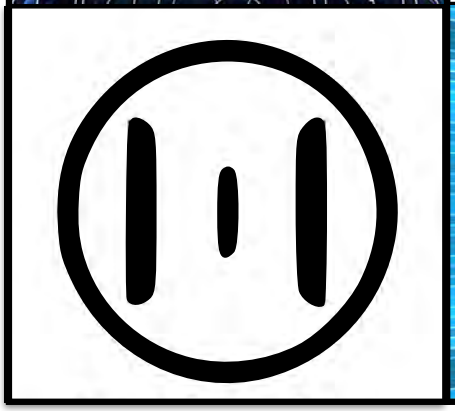

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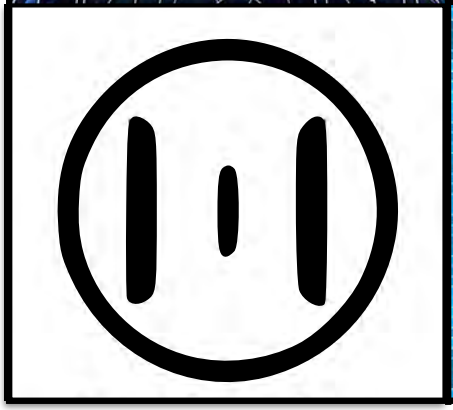

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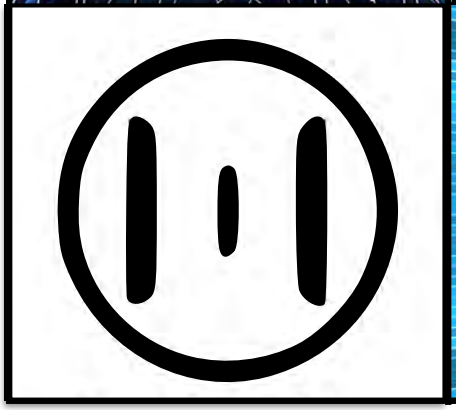

1. Dare to be digital

- Counter-cultural
- Youth orientated
- Relevant
- Equipped
- Connected
- OnGrid

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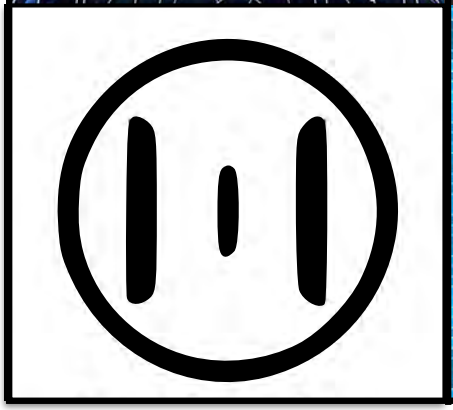

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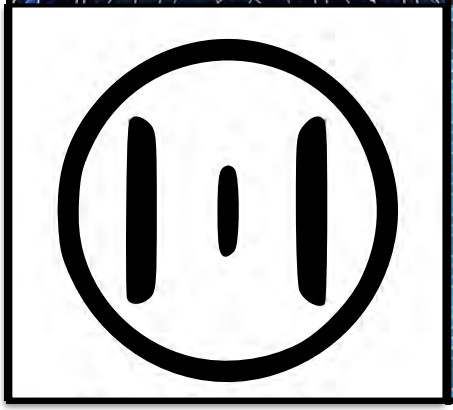

2. Dare to be offline?

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- Digital Divide
- Revolutionary
- Ecowarrior
- Human
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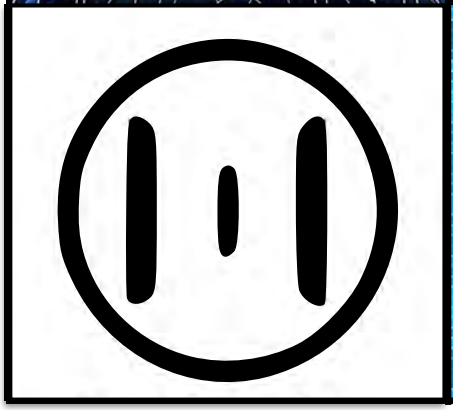

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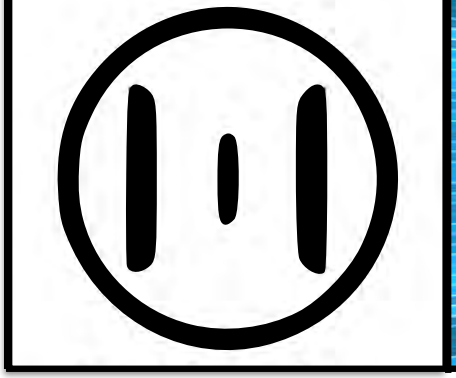

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So here's my plan, I'm going to start sitting outside church one morning each week, starting next week, with this new sign that just arrived & a spare chair for passers by. What do you think? Remember it's London! Who thinks I can get at least 3 smiles & 2 "good mornings"? 😉 <><

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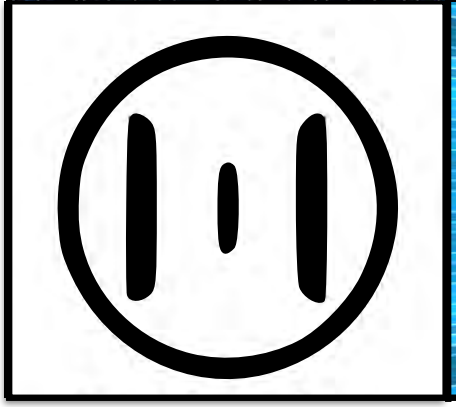
First time trying this and it exceeded my expectations! 😆 84 "Good morning"s, 5 "hi"s, 3 waves, 6 smiles from headphone wearing people, 1 buenos dias and 16 chats - 1 of which lasted an hour! 😍 A wonderful morning connecting with the local community 😊 Bring on next week! <><



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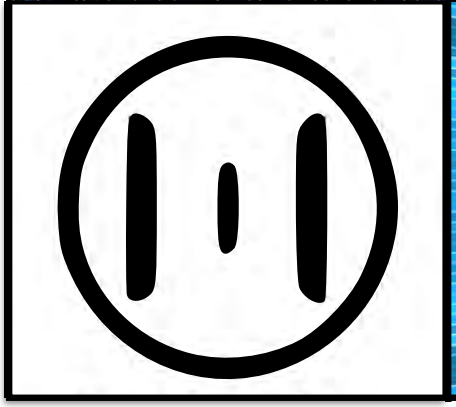

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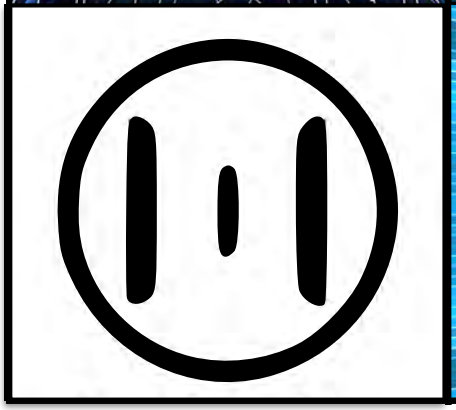

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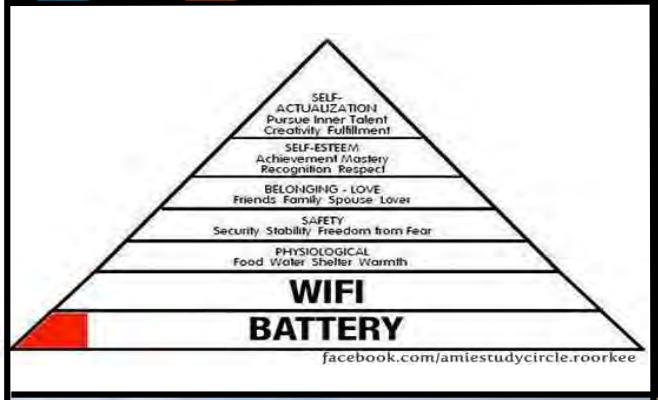

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