



When your baby
discovers his feet 🤔



Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?

French: D'où venons-nous ? Que sommes-nous ? Où allons-nous ?

~ Paul Gauguin, 1897–1898, Oil on canvas, 139 cm × 375 cm, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

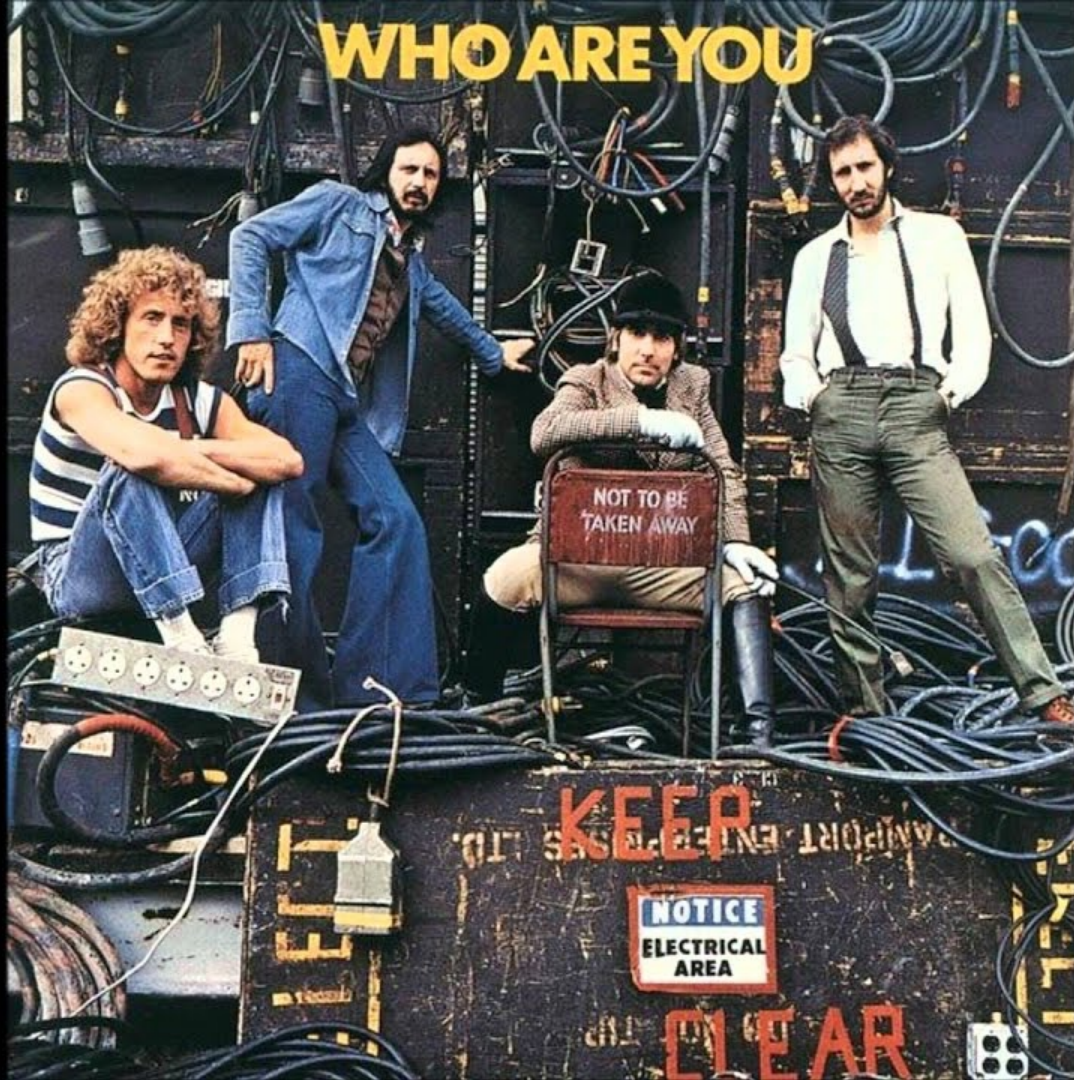


Where did we come from?
Where are we going? Is there
possibility of a group discount?

Woody Allen

“ quote fancy

WHO ARE YOU



Genesis 1

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 2

⁷Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being...

Genesis 2

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone...”

Genesis 2

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²⁵Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Genesis 3:6-7

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.



Summer Sermon Series

Who are we?

Psalm 8
&
Hebrews 2



Psalm 8

¹O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ²Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Psalm 8

⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, ⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

First...

Psalm 8

**TO THE CHOIRMASTER:
ACCORDING TO
THE GITTITH.
A PSALM OF DAVID.**



**NERD
STUFF**

The meaning of “Gittith” (*gittîṯ*) is unknown. The term occurs here as well as in the superscriptions of Pss. 81:1 and 84:1. It is most likely a musical term, referring to a melody, instrument, or perhaps a ritual action.

~ Nancy deClais -Walford, Rolf A. Jacobson, and Beth LaNeel Tanner, *The Book of Psalms*, ed. E. J. Young, R. K. Harrison, and Robert L. Hubbard Jr., The New International Commentary on the Old Testament (Grand Rapids, MI; Cambridge, U.K.: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2014).



A close-up photograph of a hand reaching upwards, palm facing up, against a bright, hazy background of a sunset or sunrise. A faint rainbow is visible in the sky. The lighting is warm and golden.

The main point

Psalm 8:1

¹O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your
name in all the earth!
You have set your
glory above the
heavens.



Reason #1 - The power of God

Psalm 8:2

²Out of the mouth of
babies and infants,
you have established
strength because of
your foes, to still the
enemy and the
avenger



Reason #2 – The creative wonder of God

Psalm 8:3

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,



What a minute? Why do you care?

Psalm 8:1

⁴what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

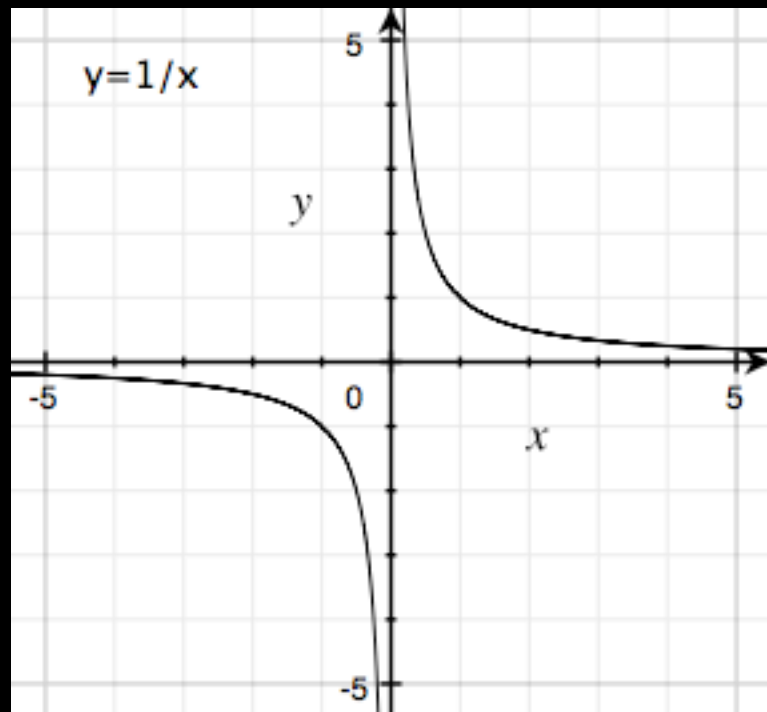
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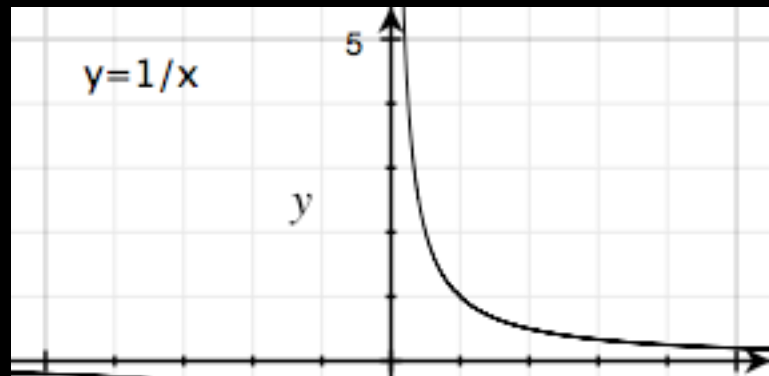


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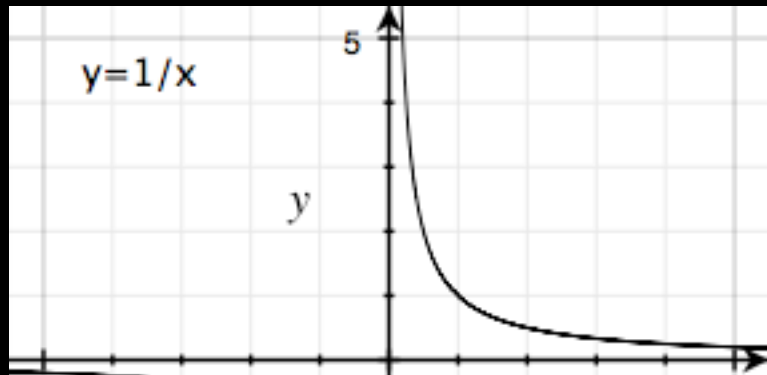
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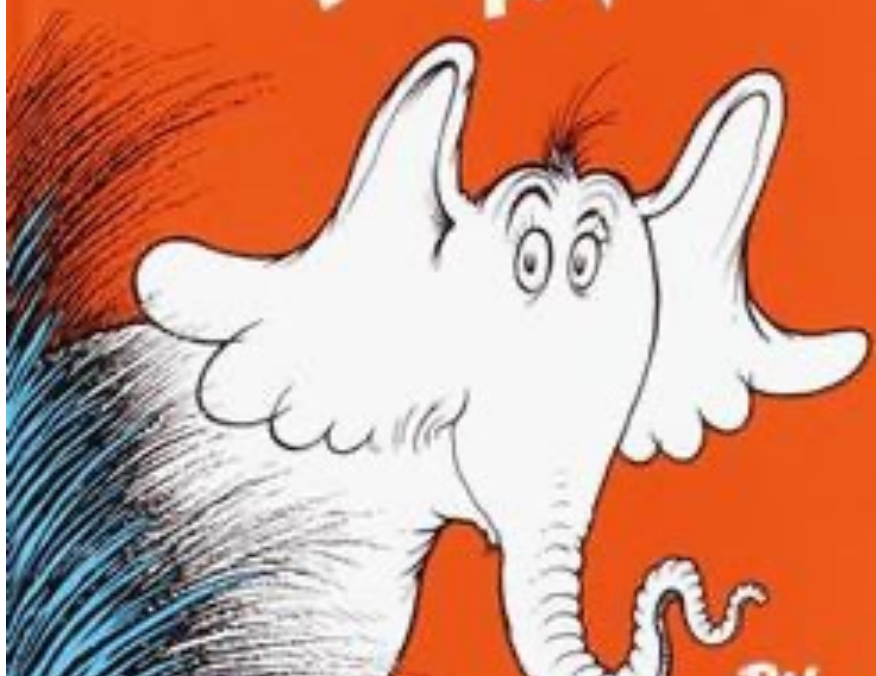
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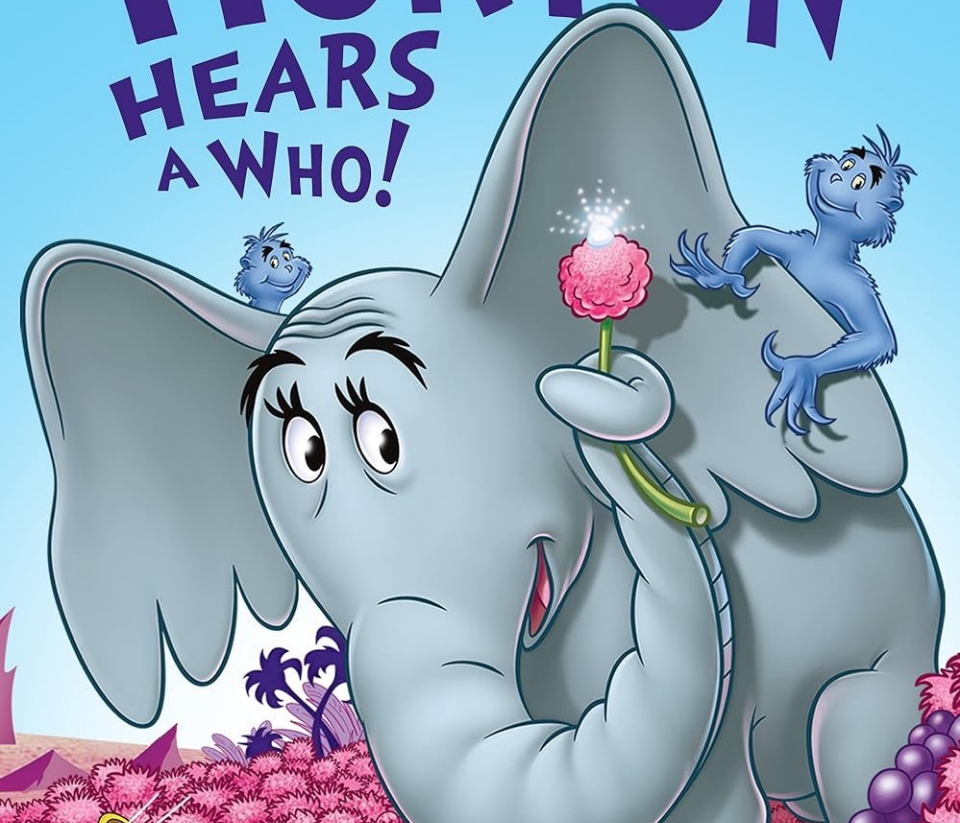
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \text{GOD}} \frac{1}{x} = \text{Psalm 8:4}$$

⁴what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

HORTON HEARS A WHO!



Dr. Seuss'
HORTON
HEARS
A WHO!



**HORTON
HEARS
A WHO!**



And, yet, God's work of humanity is amazing!

Psalm 8:5-8

⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, ⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

A close-up photograph of a human hand reaching upwards, palm facing up. The hand is positioned in the lower-left foreground. The background is a soft-focus landscape under a bright sun, with a faint rainbow visible in the sky. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by yellows, oranges, and soft blues.

The main point (part deux)

Psalm 8:9

**¹O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your
name in all the earth!**



THE GOSPEL THE GOSPEL WIST

Psalm 8 revisited

Hebrews 2:5-18

⁵For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? ⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, ⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Is it really about humanity?

Hebrews 2:8b-9

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.⁹ But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Jesus, the perfect human, suffered

Hebrews 2:10

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Jesus is united to us fully in his humanity

Hebrews 2:11-13

¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.” ¹³ And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

Not today, Satan. Not today.

Hebrews 2:14-16


¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

**He had to be the perfect human,
or the gospel doesn't work!**

Hebrews 2:17

¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

God's determination for mankind to rule is expressed in Psalm 8 in the form of a question: 'What is man?' (Ps. 8:4). Elsewhere in the OT the question is repeated in various forms (Jb. 7:17; 15:14; Ps. 144:3), but it is ultimately answered only in the NT with reference to Christ; it is he who was 'made a little lower than the angels' and it is he who is 'now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death' (Heb. 2:6-9). Ultimately the answer to the anthropological question 'What is man?' can be discerned only in Christ...



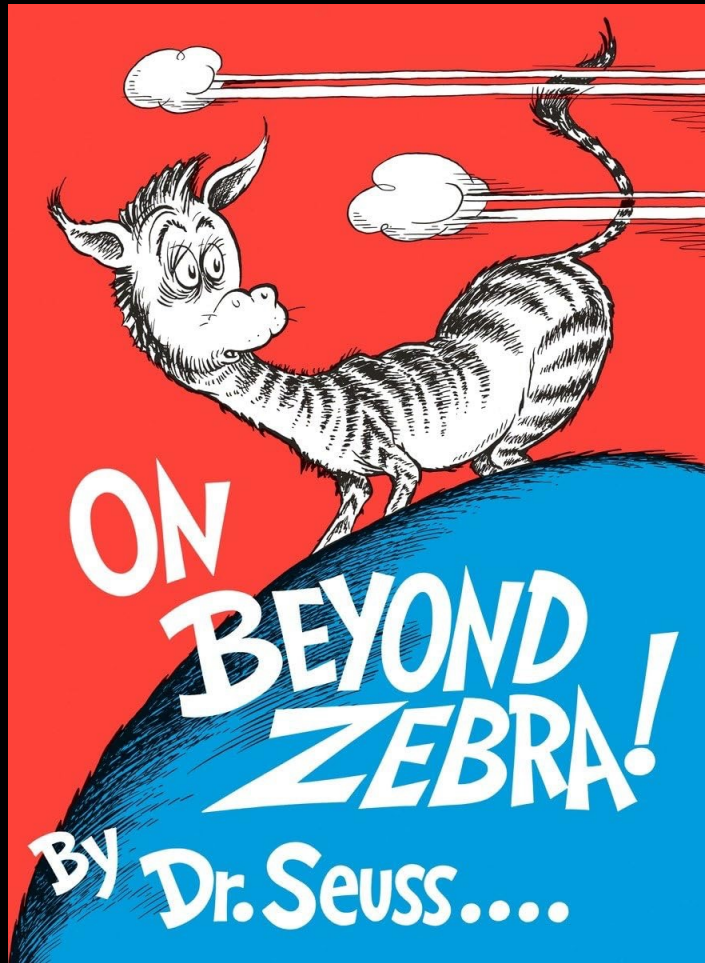
Moreover, only in the cross of Jesus are disclosed the depth, totality and consequences of humanity's fall from this eternal will and purpose of God... The person of Jesus Christ is alone the determinative source of a valid theological anthropology; the authentic goal and nature of human life is to be discerned primarily in him and only secondarily in us.

~ J.E. Coleman as quoted in Sinclair B. Ferguson and J.I. Packer, *New Dictionary of Theology* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000), [pages 29–30].

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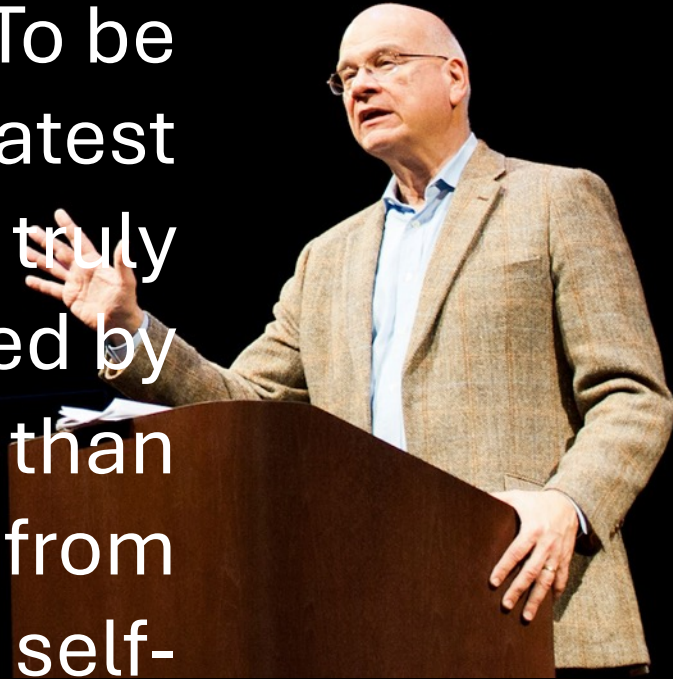


Jesus Gets Us.

Hebrews 2:18

¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense, humbles us out of our self-righteousness, and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us.



~ Timothy Keller,
The Meaning of Marriage.

Gospel Application

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Do you hold on to the perfect human, Jesus Christ,
as your Lord, Savior and Guide for living?

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Do you hold on to the perfect human, Jesus Christ,
as your Lord, Savior and Guide for living?

Do you really believe that Jesus knows EVERYTHING about you,
and still loves you deeply today?