



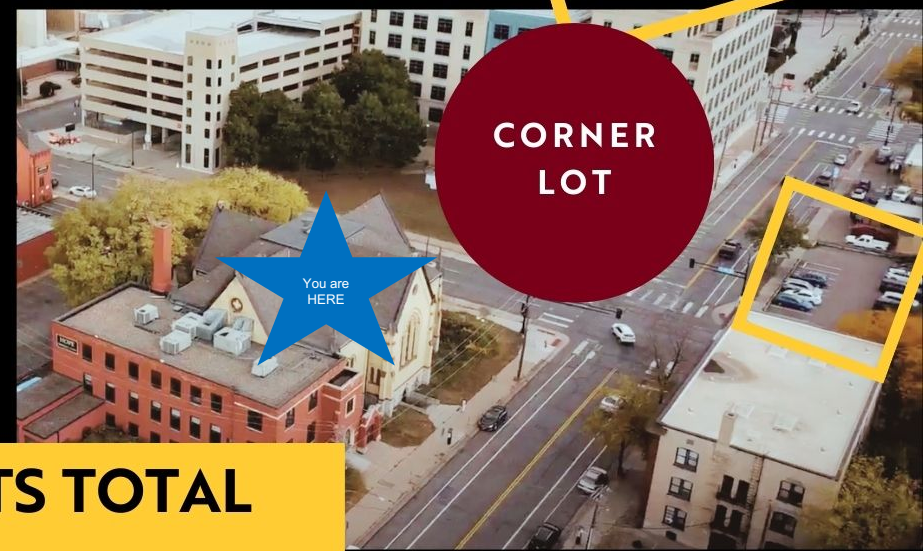
**HOPE EAST  
& GYM LOT**

You are  
HERE



**IN FRONT  
OF WEST**

You are  
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**CORNER  
LOT**

You are  
HERE

**110 SPOTS TOTAL**



# HALF TRUTHS

GOSPEL CLARITY IN A NOISY WORLD







**CONTROL  
IS THE  
GOAL**

**HALF  
TRUTHS**

# Half Truths

1. Control is the goal
2. Control is backfiring
3. Control's only antidote



THE  
UNCONTROLLABILITY  
OF THE WORLD

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Unverfügbarkeit



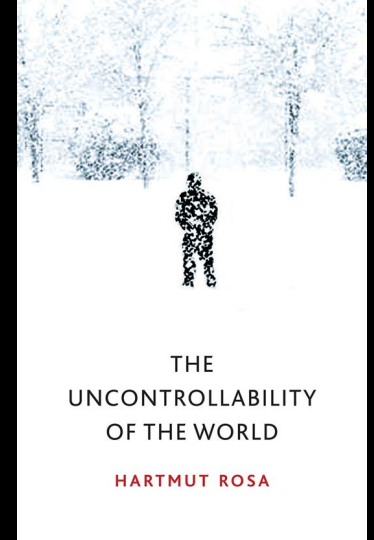
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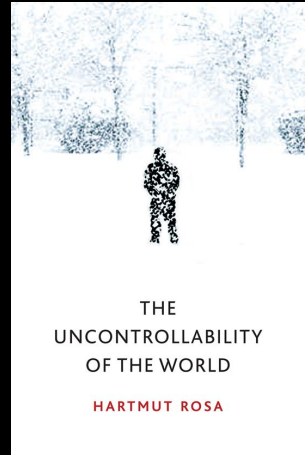
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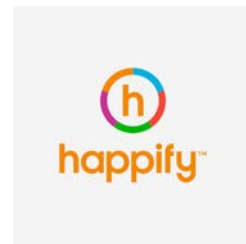
“uncontrollability.”

This book is about modernity's incessant desire to make the world engineerable, predictable, available, accessible, disposable (i.e. *verfügbar*) in all its aspects.”



“My hypothesis is this: because we, as late modern human beings, aim to make the world controllable at every level -- individual, cultural, institutional, and structural -- we invariably encounter the world as a series of points of aggression, in other words as a series of objects that we have to know, attain, conquer, master, or exploit. And precisely because of this, "life," the experience of feeling alive and of truly encountering the world that which makes resonance possible – always seems to elude us.”







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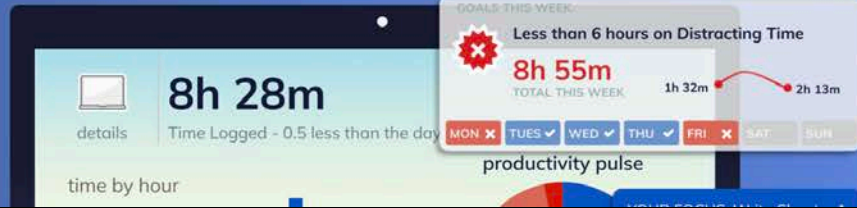
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# Genesis 1:26

*Our desire for control is an echo of Eden*

<sup>26</sup> Then 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.”

# Genesis 11:1, 4

*Our desire for control is a corrupted echo of Eden*

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole world had one language and a common speech... <sup>4</sup> Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.'

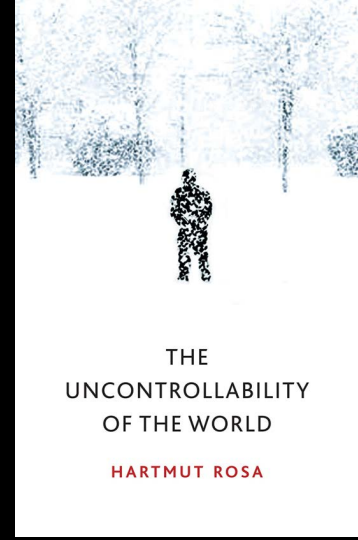


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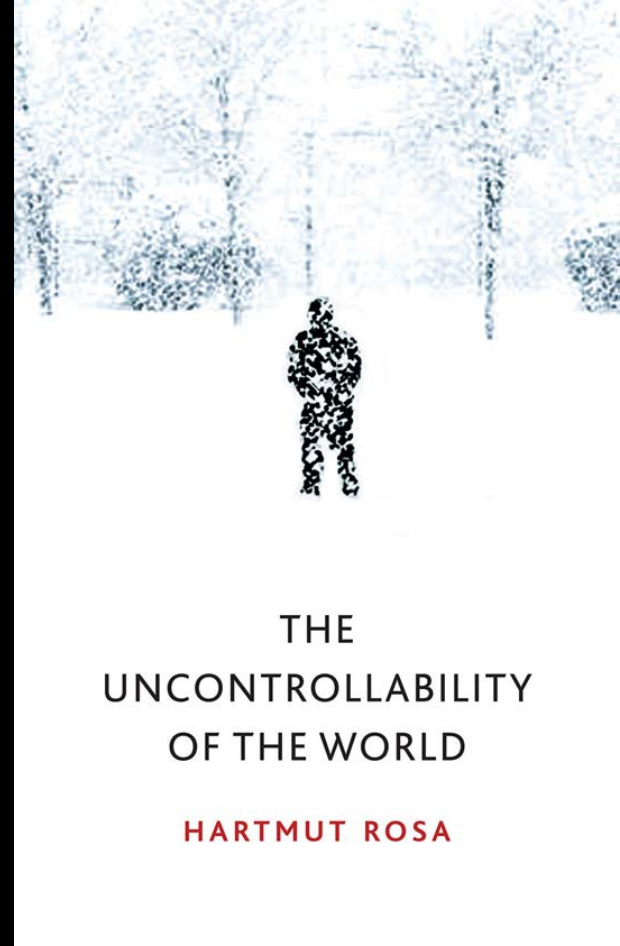
Genesis 11



“The tremendously powerful idea that the key to a good life, a better life, lies in expanding our share of the world has arisen as a cultural [outcome] ... working its way deep into the tiniest pores of our psychological and emotional life. Our life will be better if we manage to bring more world within our reach: this is the mantra of modern life, unspoken but relentlessly reiterated and reified in our actions and behavior.”

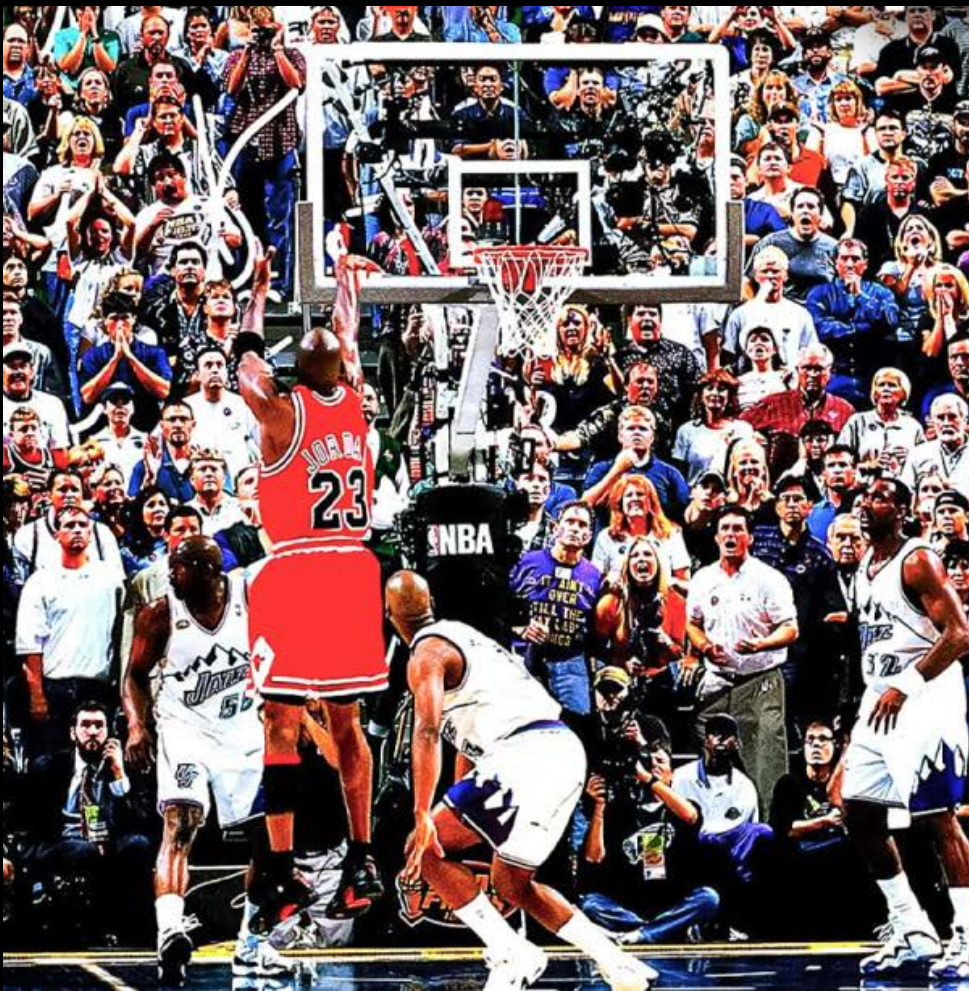


“Always act in such a way that your share of the world is increased” has become the dominant principle behind our decision-making in all areas of life and across all ages, from toddlers to the elderly.”









## Matthew 16:21-22

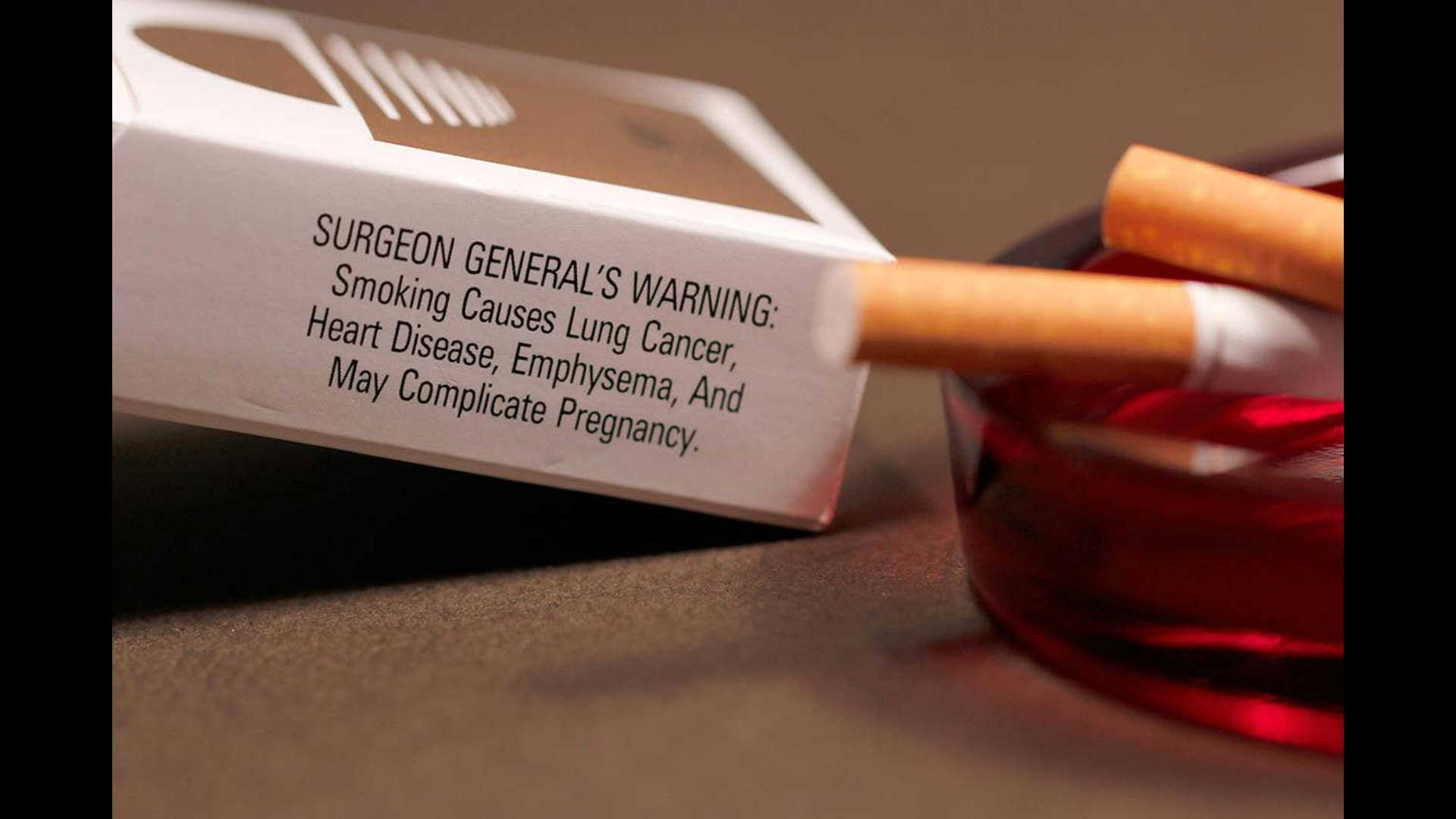
<sup>21</sup> From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

<sup>22</sup> Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

## Matthew 16:23-24

<sup>23</sup> Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

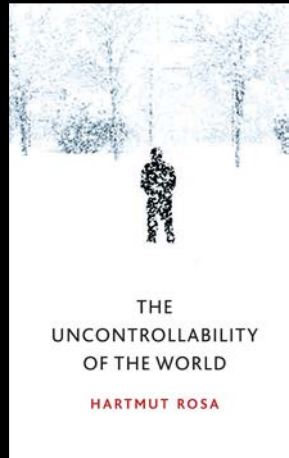
A close-up photograph of a white cigarette pack lying on a dark surface. The pack is open, and a lit cigarette with a white filter and a glowing orange tip is resting on the edge of the pack. To the right, a portion of a red glass ashtray is visible, containing another lit cigarette. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the paper and glass.

*SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING:  
Smoking Causes Lung Cancer,  
Heart Disease, Emphysema, And  
May Complicate Pregnancy.*



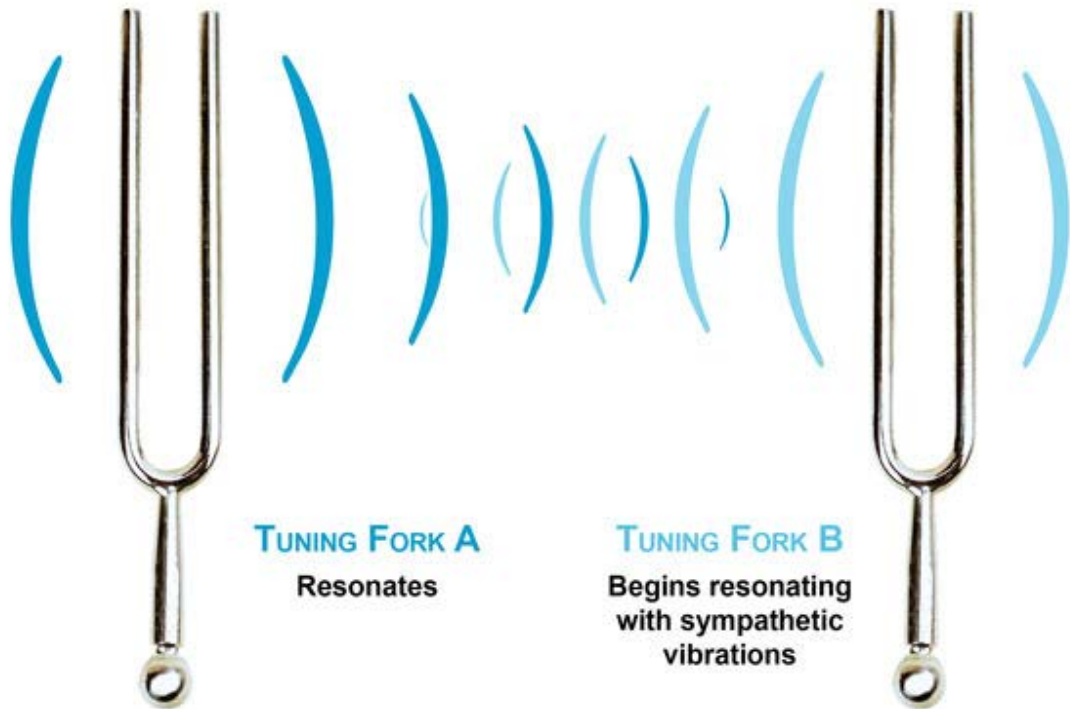
This cultural promise of making the world controllable, not only does not “work” but in fact becomes distorted into its exact opposite. The scientifically, technologically, economically, and politically controllable world mysteriously seems to elude us or to close itself off from us. It withdraws from us, becoming mute and unreadable...Everything out there is dead, gray, empty, and cold, and everything within me is mute and numb, too.

[On burnout]: it is not the frequency of diagnosis (for which there may be many different reasons) that strikes me as significant here, but the fact that even those who are not objectively threatened by either burnout or depression are nevertheless obsessively interested in the phenomenon and perceive it to be a threat. My hypothesis is that the fundamental fear of modernity is fear of the world's falling mute, of which burnout and depression are only a timely (and perhaps heightened) expression."





“Everything out there is dead, gray, empty, and cold, and everything within me is mute and numb, too.”



**TUNING FORK A**  
Resonates

**TUNING FORK B**  
Begins resonating  
with sympathetic  
vibrations



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OF THE WORLD

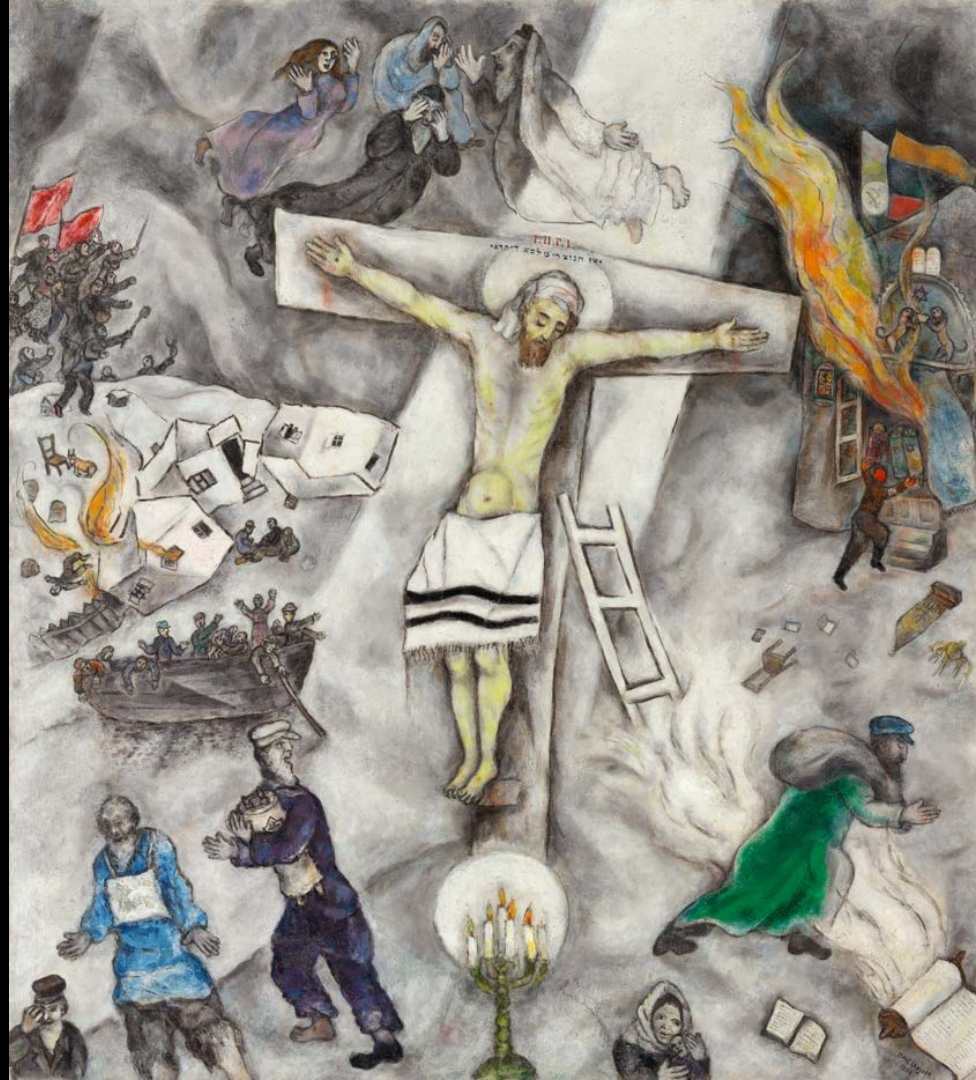
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## Matthew 9:9

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

The Calling of Saint Matthew (1599-1600) by Caravaggio





Marc Chagall  
White Crucifixion, 1938



## Acts 2:22-28

<sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. <sup>25</sup> David said about him:

## Acts 2:22-28

““I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.

<sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest in hope,

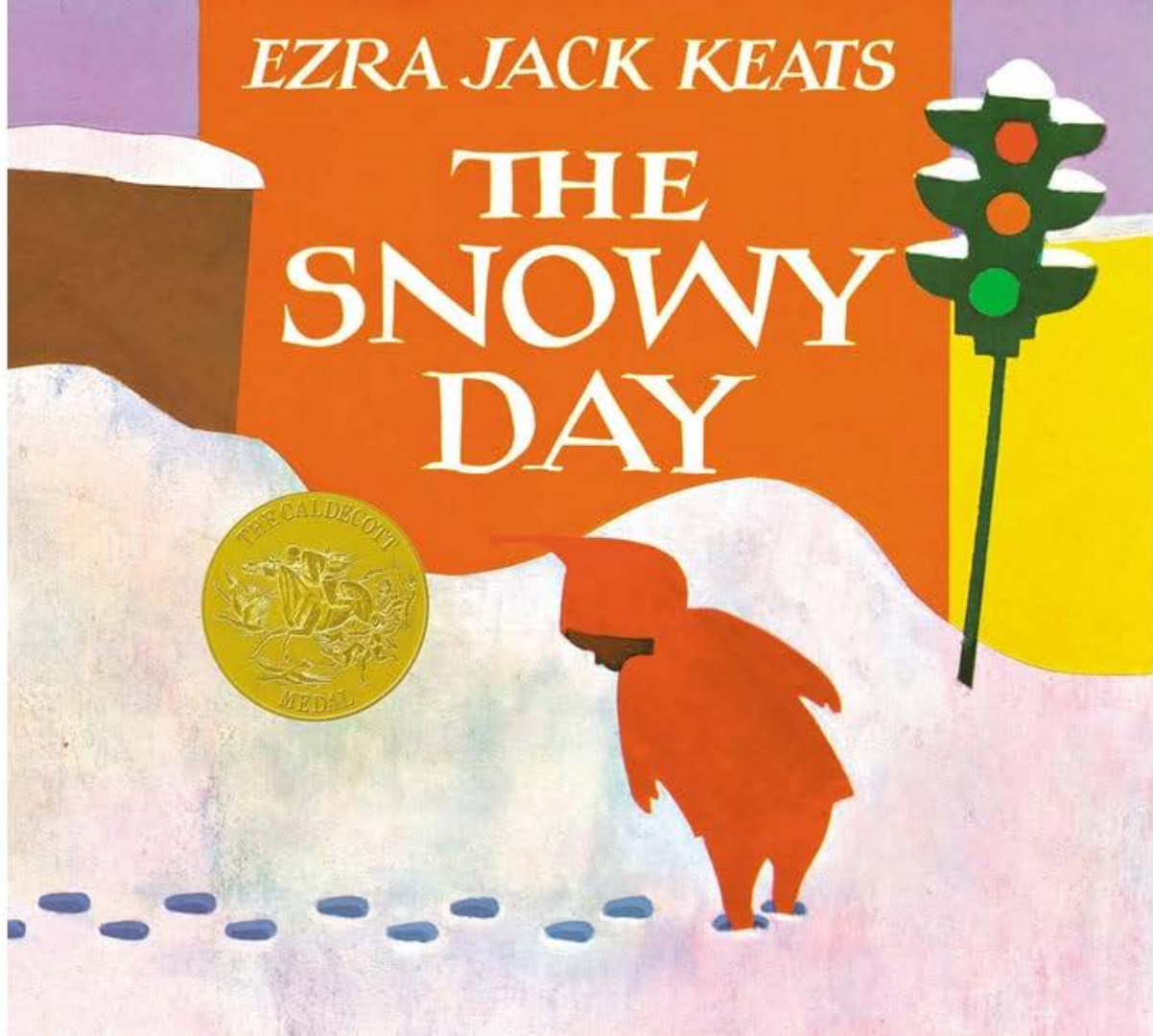
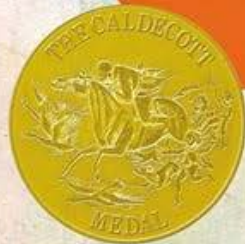
<sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of  
the dead,

you will not let your holy one see decay.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

EZRA JACK KEATS

# THE SNOWY DAY





He picked up a handful of snow — and another, and still another. He packed it round and firm and put the snowball in his pocket for tomorrow. Then he went into his warm house.



Before he got into bed he looked in his pocket. His pocket was empty. The snowball wasn't there. He felt very sad.

# EZRA JACK KEATS



But when he woke up his dream was gone.  
The snow was still everywhere.  
New snow was falling!

What freedom can be found in  
things not going your way?