



SEEK
First
the
KINGDOM

And Gods righteousness

Then all things will be given to you. | **Matthew 6:33**

There was a man who lived some 2000 or so years ago. He was proclaimed Son of God, Redeemer, Lord, Savior of the world, Liberator who brought peace to humankind. He was God made manifest. His birth was extraordinary. He was born of woman overshadowed and impregnated by God, hence he was God from God. His birth marked the beginning of a new era - even a new calendar. His story was glad tidings (*euaggelion* - gospel, good news). He brought down the mighty from their thrones. Who was this man?

A marble bust of the Roman Emperor Augustus, shown in profile facing left. He is wearing a cuirass (breastplate) with intricate relief carvings. His right arm is extended, pointing his index finger towards the left. The background is dark, and a portion of a stone column is visible on the left side of the image.

Caesar

Augustus, adopted son of Julius Caesar, and first emperor of Rome from 27 BC to 14AD.

“Christians were not simply using ordinary titles applied to all sorts of people at that time, or even extraordinary titles applied to special people in the East. They were taking the identity of the Roman emperor and giving it to a Jewish peasant. Either that was a peculiar joke and a very low lampoon, or it was what the Romans called *majesta* and we call high treason.”

J.D. Crossan

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The Kingdom of God

The New Reign of God

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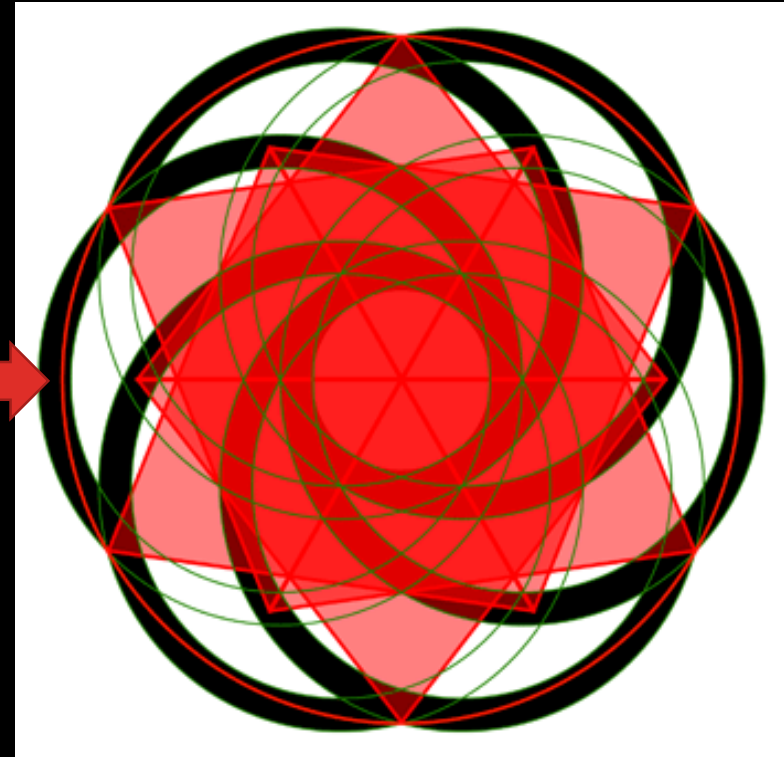
The Companionship
of Empowerment

Two key words:
EMPOWERMENT - COMPANIONSHIP



The Patronage Model

In the patronage model ontological distinction is crucial. Logic and rationality take priority, and power from the top down dictates all values.



The Companionship Model

The companionship model structures relations along the lines of mutuality, not hierarchy, the relational status that humans as Earthlings have known for Several thousand years.

If separation is not the ideal, but connection is; if dualism is not the ideal but the relational embrace of diversity is; if hierarchy is not the ideal but mutuality is; then the kinship model more closely approximates reality. It sees human beings and the earth with all its creatures intrinsically related as companions in a community of life. Because we are all mutually interconnected, the flourishing or damaging of one ultimately affects all.

(Elizabeth Johnson)

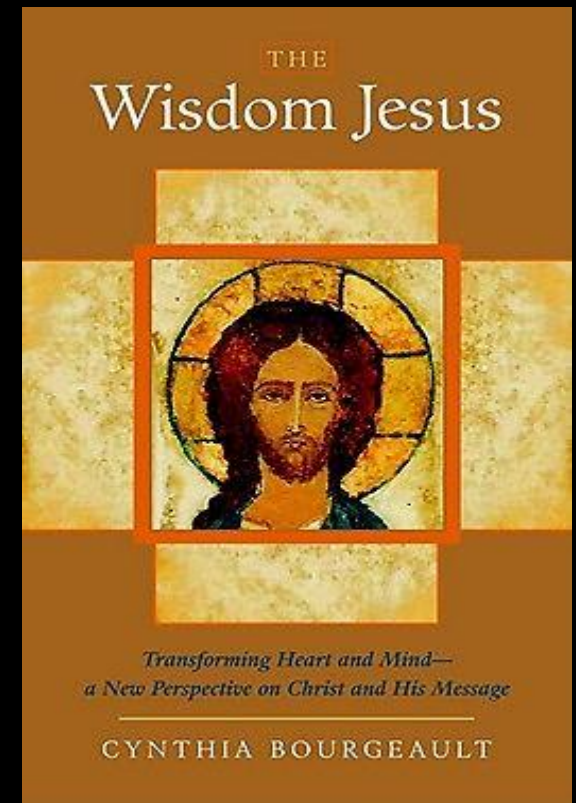
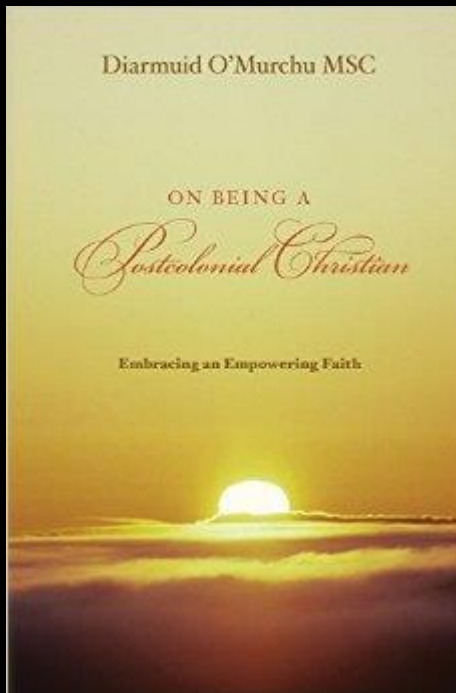
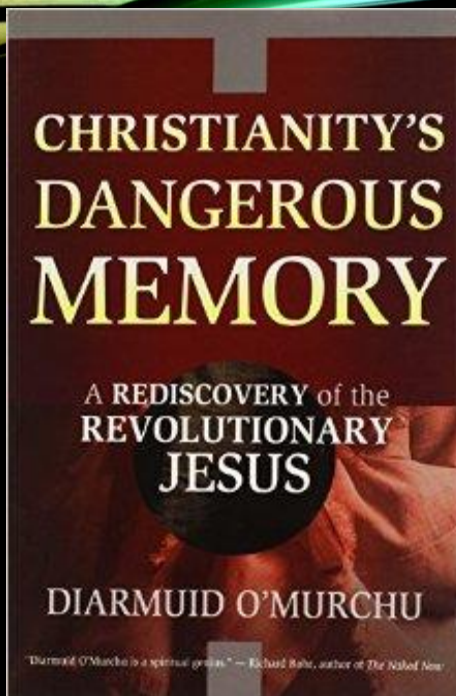
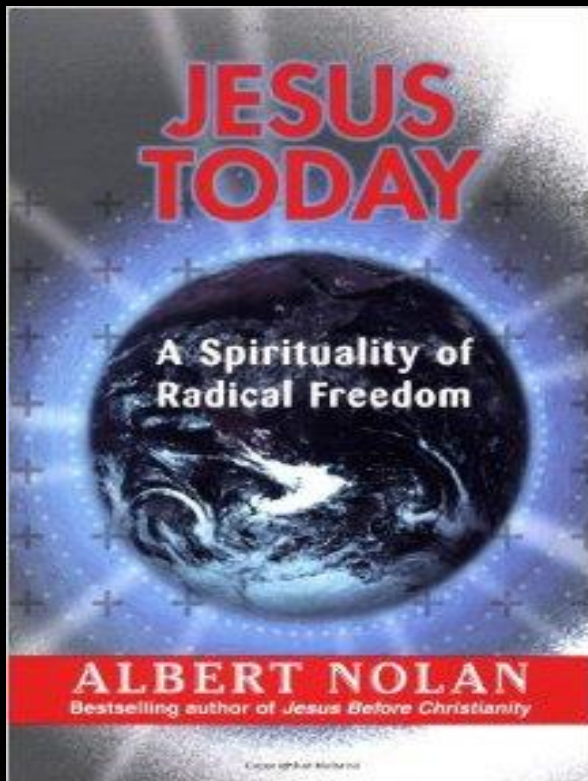


The Sequela Christi in the 21st Century

In obedience even unto death, follow after the ecclesiastical Jesus like a docile child

I do not call you servants, but friends, adult co-disciples serving and earthing the Comp. of Empowerment







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