

The Problem & Promise of Infinite Love

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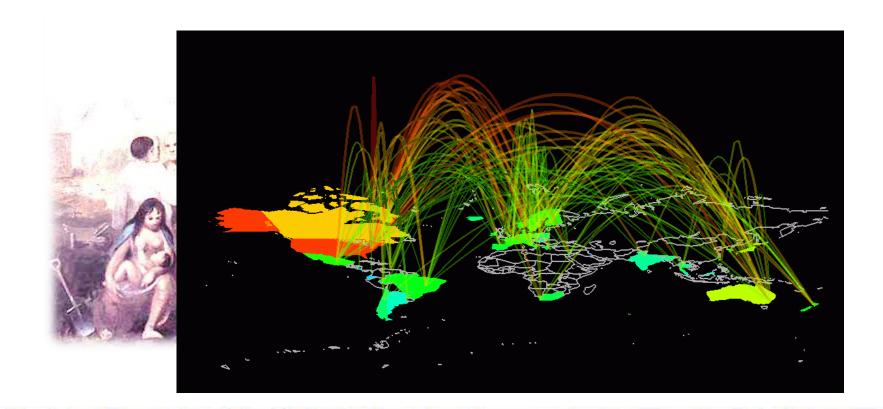


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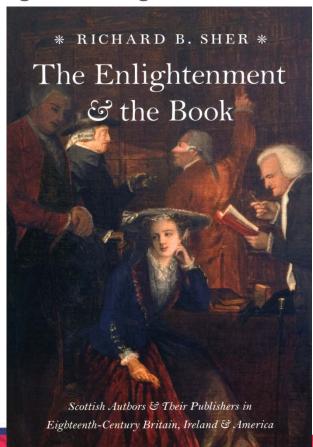


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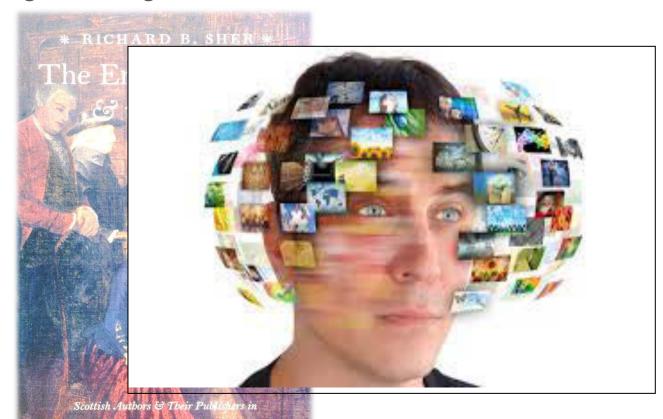


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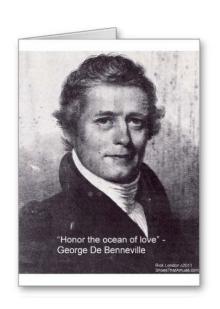


Core Teachings of Universalism

- that whatever else God may be or not be, God is love — and that even if we reject belief in God at all, we can still believe in the power of love
- that no individual or tradition possesses the whole truth, but that each grasps a piece of what is true, perhaps several such pieces
- that all people are somehow sacred, whether we call this an inner divinity or simply human dignity
- and that the same fate—whatever it may be awaits us all.

Stefan Jonasson





"The spirit of Love will be intensified to Godly proportions when reciprocal love exists between the entire human race and each of its individual members. That love must be based upon mutual respect for the differences in color, language, and worship, even as we appreciate and accept with gratitude the differences that tend to unite the male and female of all species. We do not find those differences obstacles to love."

George de Benneville



"Life in a Day" Trailer: http://youtu.be/w8S4gGI4nRo





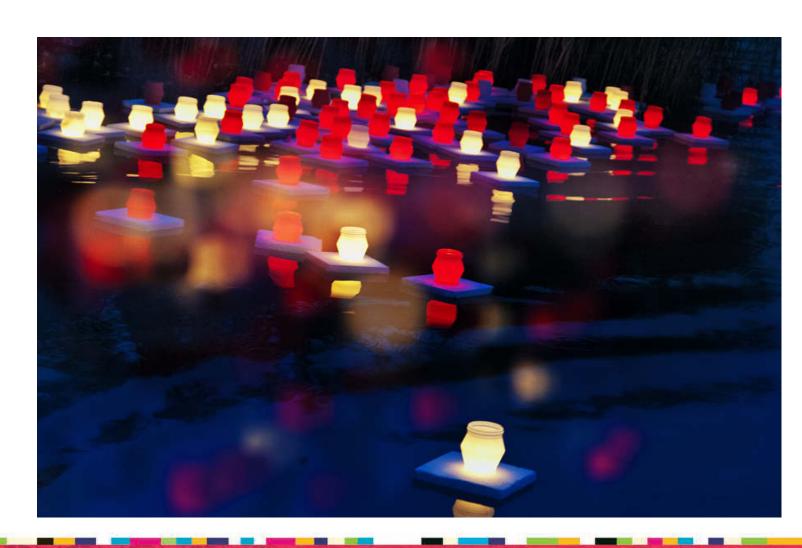














Paradigm Shift



It is the goodness of God's will that all people shall be holy and happy

Hosea Ballou

Pharrell Williams "Happy" Ringtone: http://youtu.be/utDQaejHDN4



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What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains: http://youtu.be/cKaWJ72x1rl





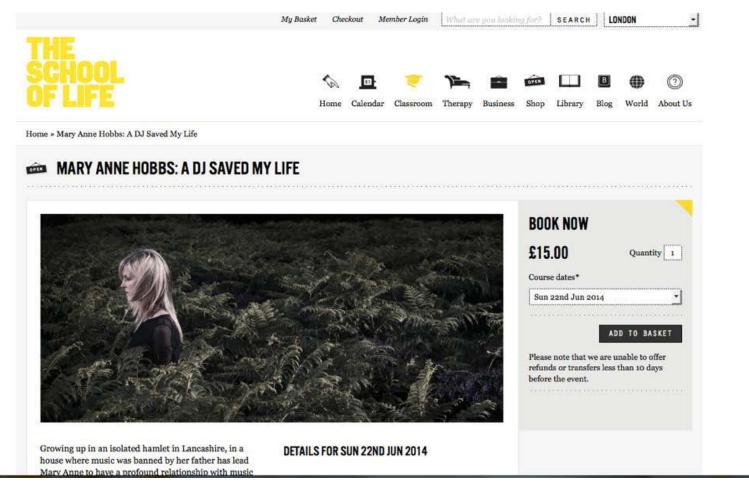
"Let the creeds remain as historic landmarks, but let the church the Master founded move on."

Augusta Jane Chapin



Apple iPhone Christmas Commercial 2013: http://youtu.be/v76f6KPSJ2w







Wholetime in America: http://youtu.be/YIhZocknKuM



Evangelism - an answer to Dislocation





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Love Reaches Out: http://youtu.be/OvIPa28cVfA



Live the Dream

Reach Out from Within

Connect - Respond - Commit