



The Art of Being Human in a Digital Civilization





**CHANGE
AHEAD**



**NEW
PARADIGM
AHEAD**

???

Nativity of St. John the Baptist



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The Pilgrim's Rule



The Pilgrim's Guide



- Vibrant Hope
- Unassuming and merciful presence
- Strike out on a new path!

The Art of Accompaniment



We are pilgrims on a life long pilgrimage!

today's
internet →

New Frontier

New Frontiers for the Art of Being Human

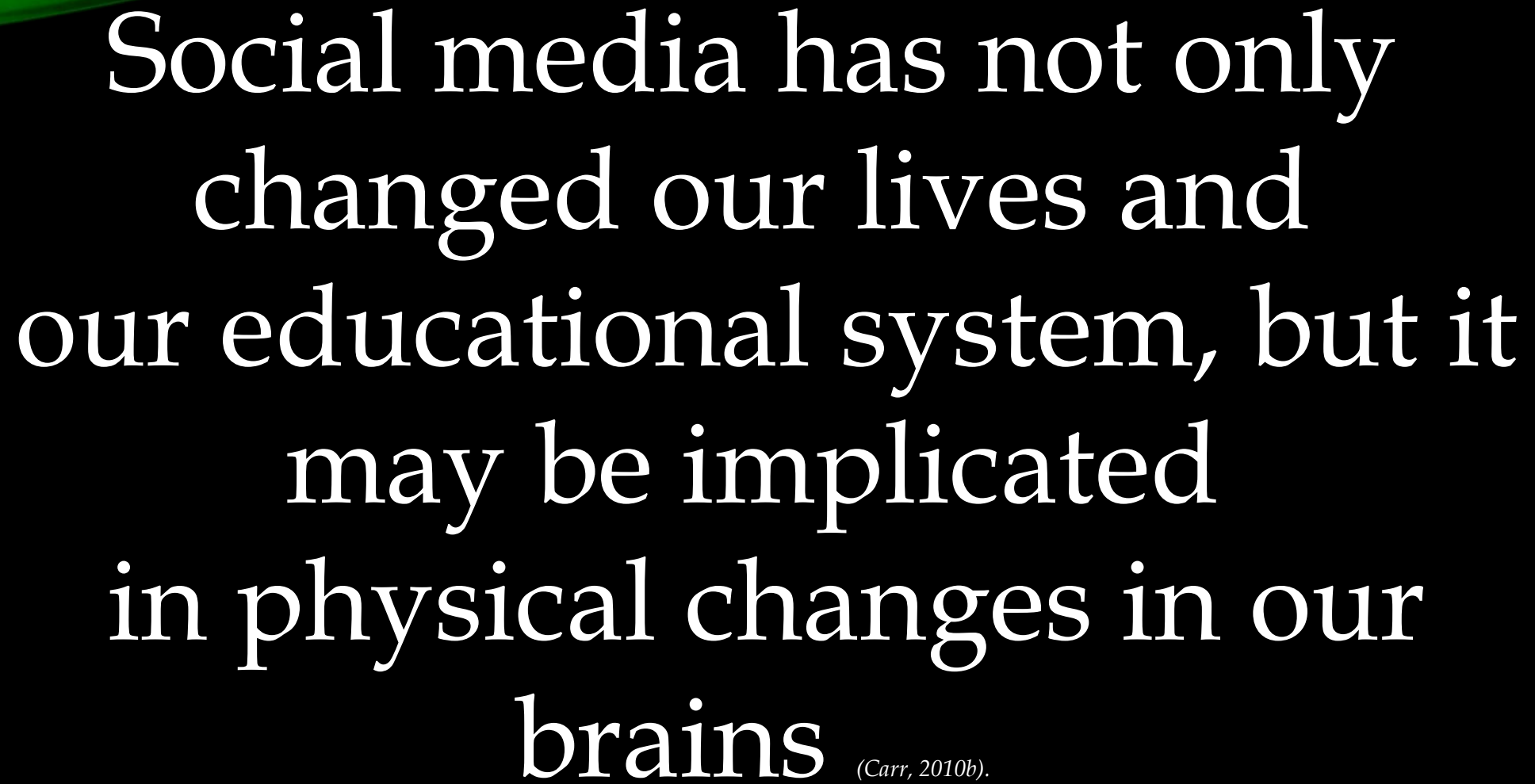




We shape our technologies
and our technologies shape us!

Neuroscience





Social media has not only
changed our lives and
our educational system, but it
may be implicated
in physical changes in our
brains (Carr, 2010b).

Empowerment



- Offers massive information at our fingertips
- Improves eye-hand coordination
- Increases reaction time
- Ability to pick out details from clutter

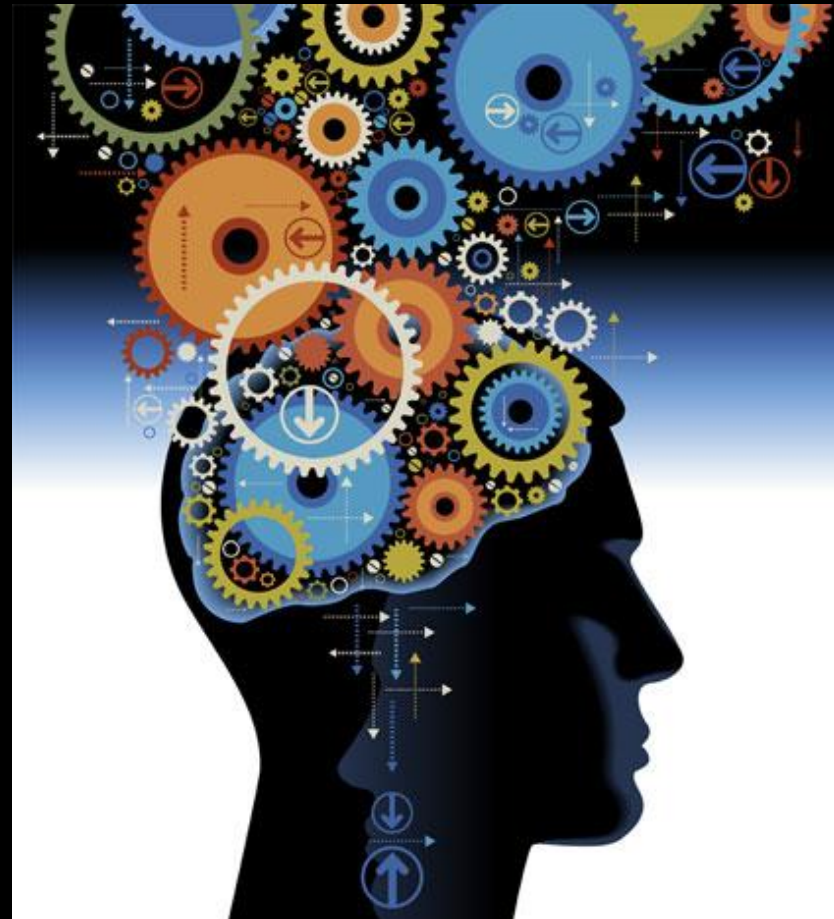
Shift in Education

Task Specific Silent
Attention

Collaborative,
Multitasking Engagement
Skills



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Reflection and Discussion





What does being digitally connected
24/7
offer becoming more human
in the 21st century?

SMN offers novel possibilities for
creating connection,
communication and relationship!





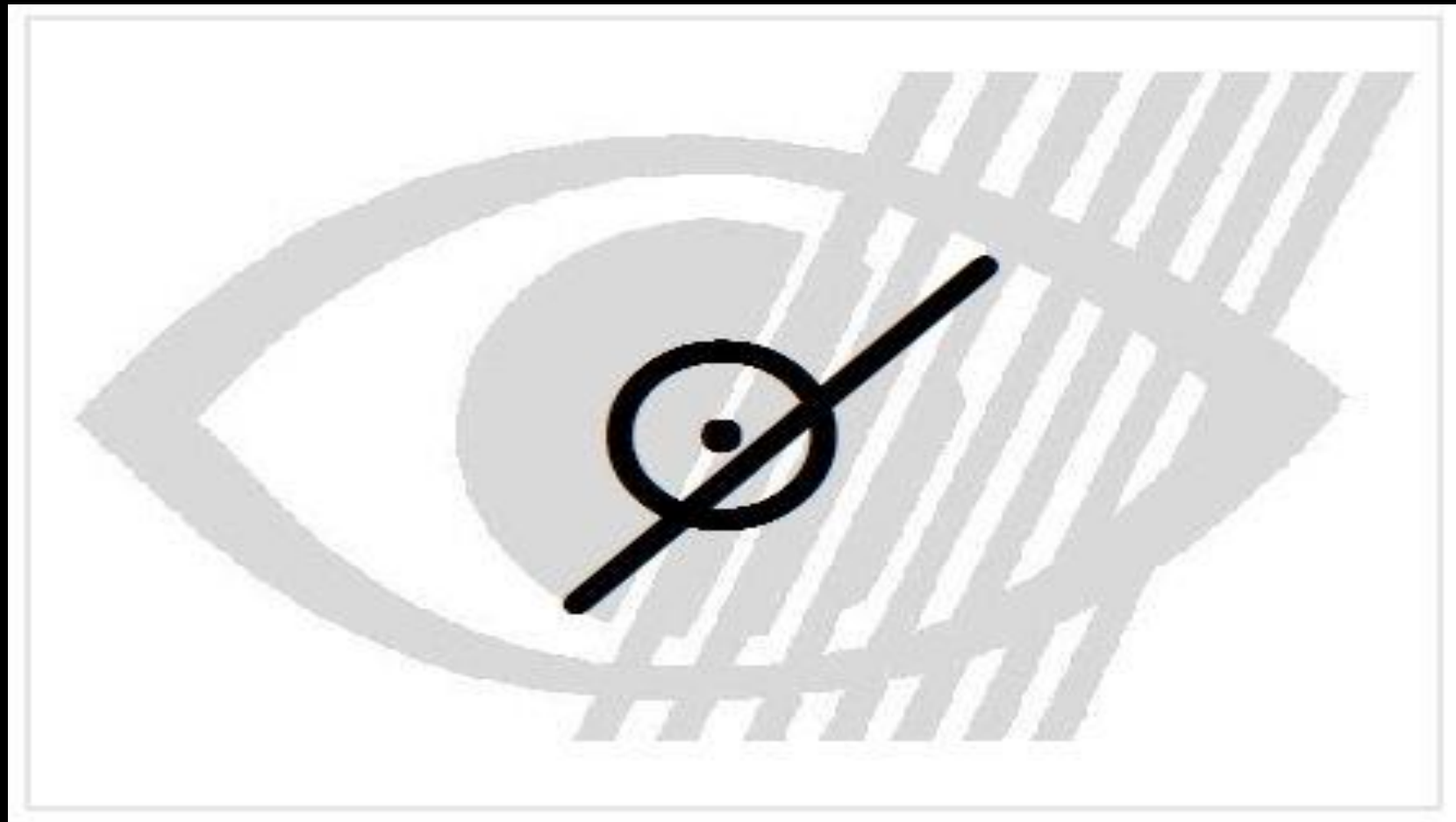
Wi-Fi for God!

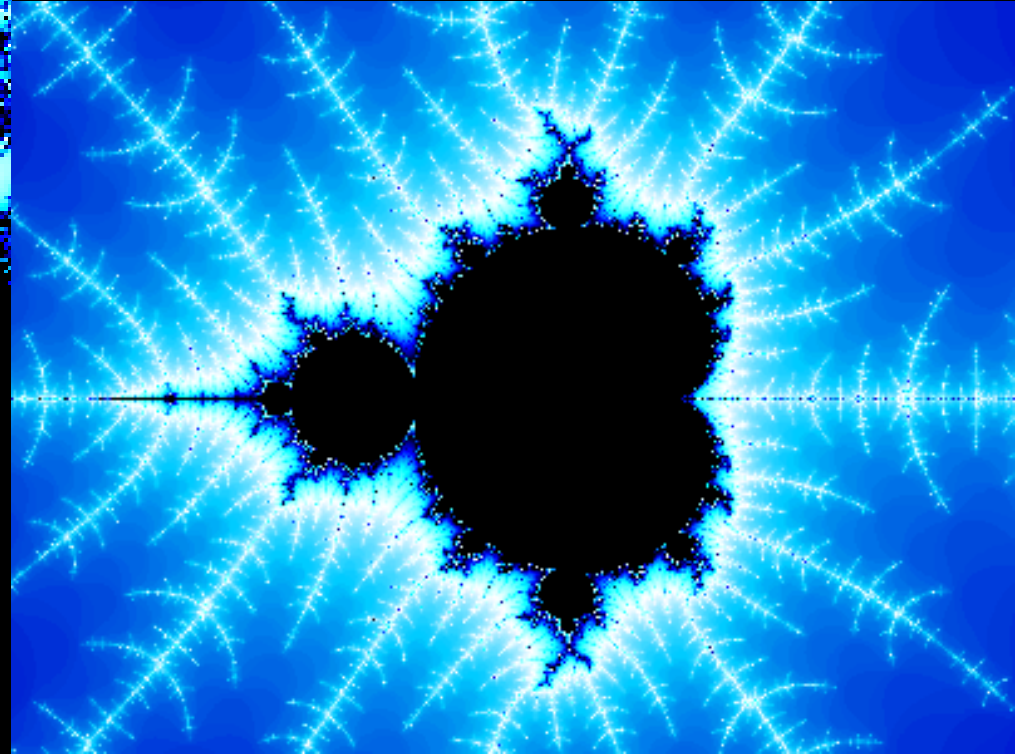
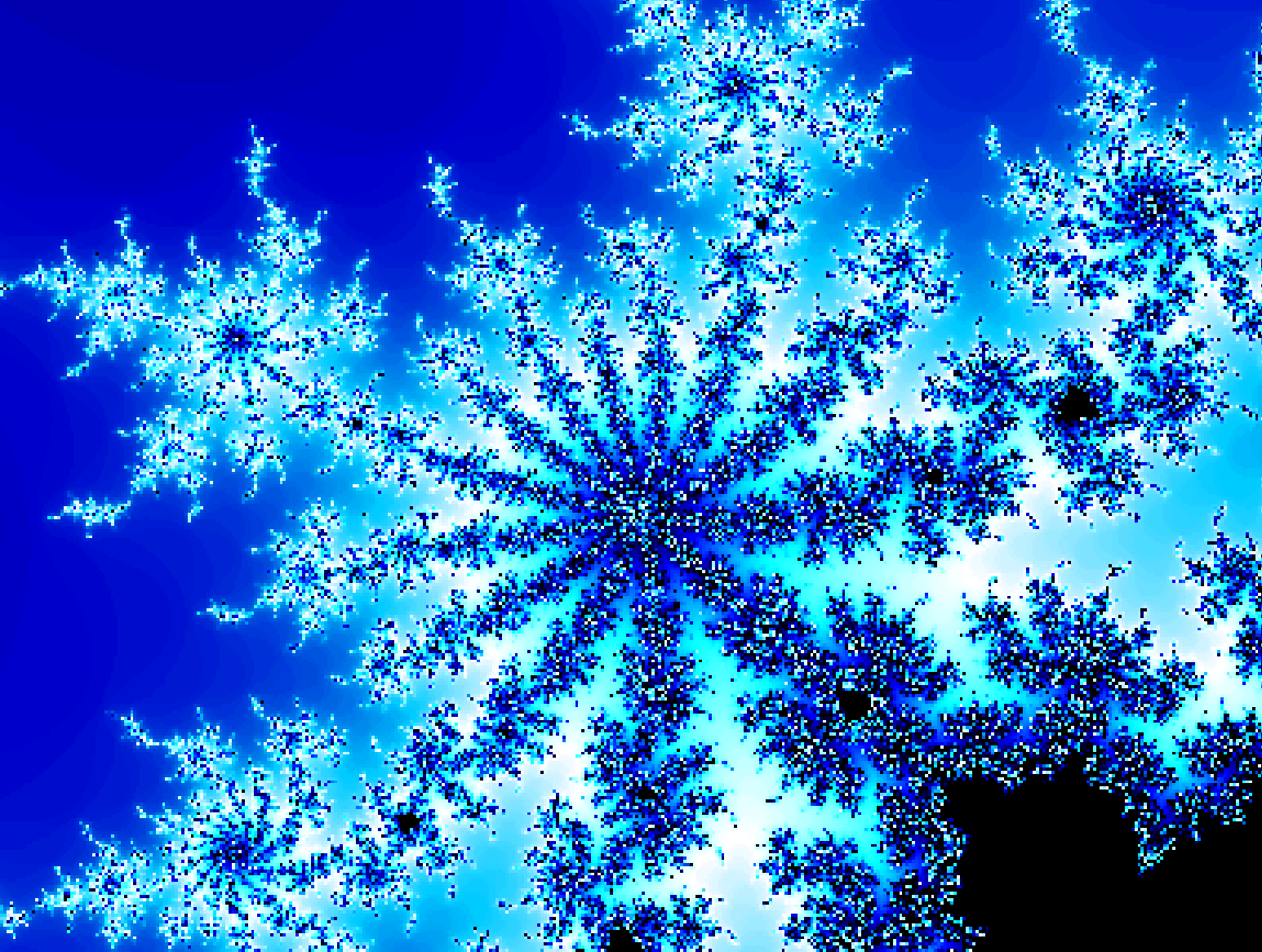


Eclipse of Mystery



SCOTOMA





http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImxJ1KDR_s0





Our universe is alive
with the
Sparks of the Divine Presence!



The Pilgrim's Rule



Emerging Characteristics

- Creating a Masterpiece
- Lights of Hope
- Art of Listening
- Art of Seeing/Experiencing Beauty
- Art of Reverence
- Art of Presence





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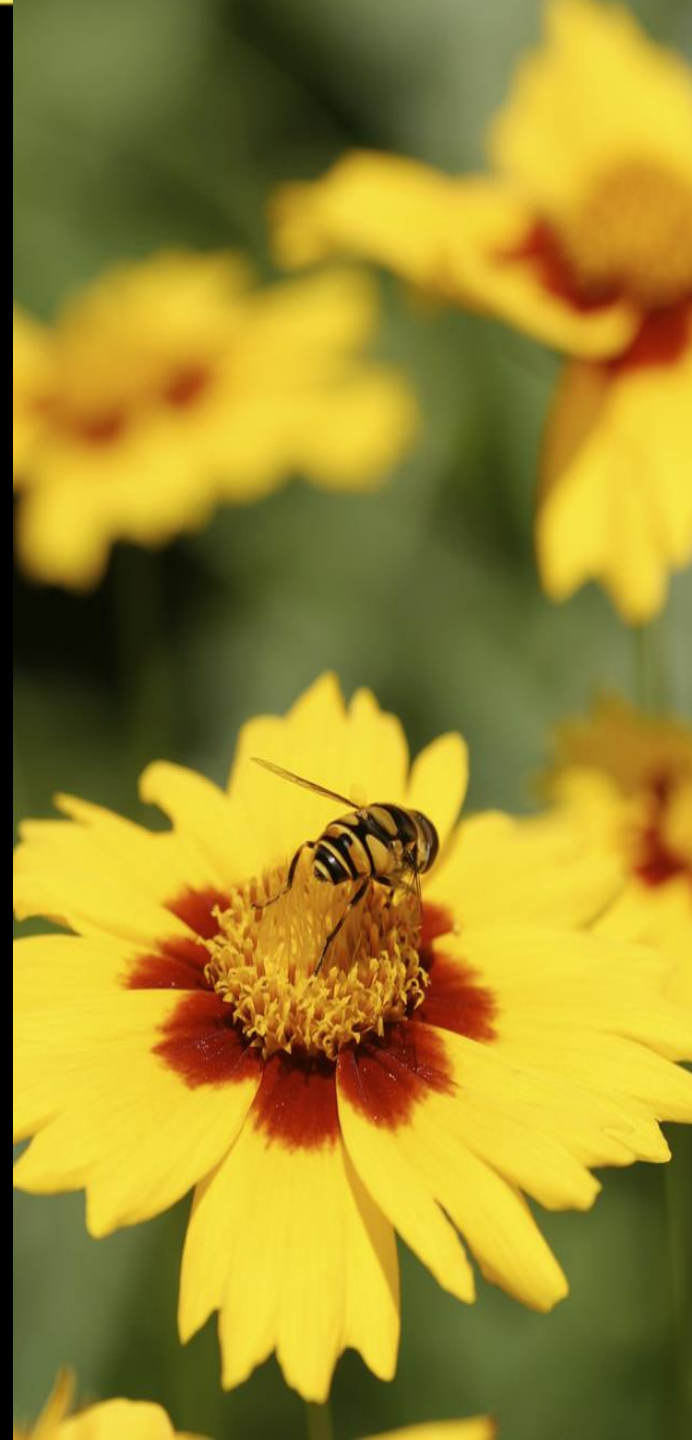








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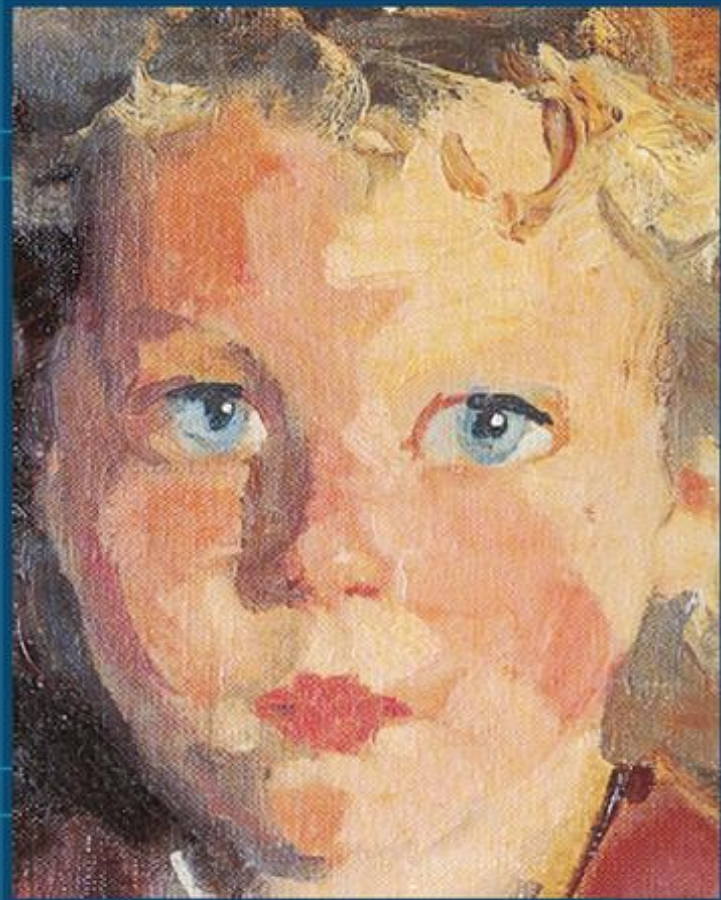


“The bee collects honey from flowers in such a way as to do the least damage or destruction to them, and he leaves them whole, undamaged and fresh, just as he found them.”

(St Francis de Sales)

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THE ART SPIRIT



ROBERT HENRI



Sacred Attunement



Reflection and Discussion





POPE BENEDICT XVI

SAVED IN HOPE

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IGNATIUS



Every experience of beauty points to
Infinity.”

(Hans Urs von Balthasar)





‘The desire for digital connectivity
can have the effect of
isolating us from our neighbors,
from those closest to us!’

(Pope Francis)



All that tech time diminishes
"people" skills,
including important
emotional aptitudes like
empathy.



We actually do more in 24
hours because of technology!



We live our lives at breakneck speed because.....



Immersed in a Culture of Distraction

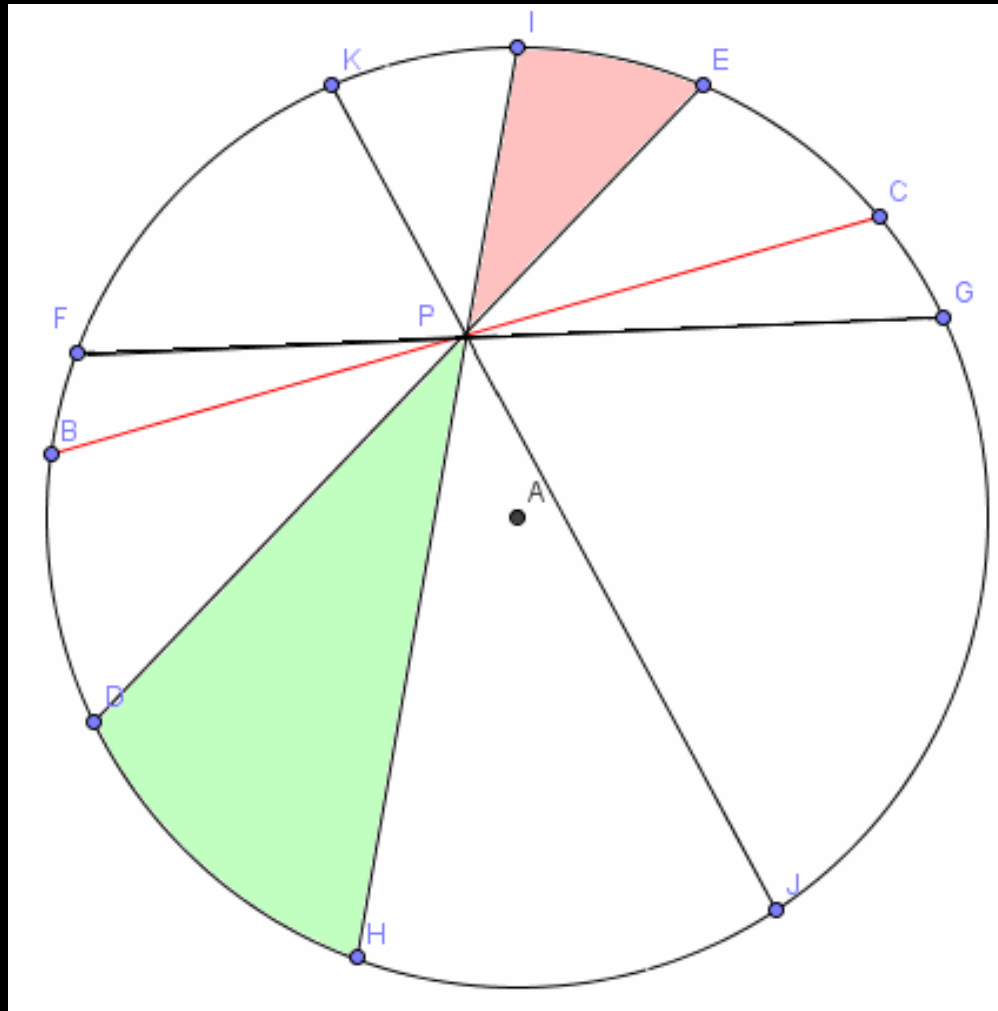


Vibration Reflex Syndrome



Phantom Vibration Syndrome

Why do we slice our lives into so many urgent attractions?



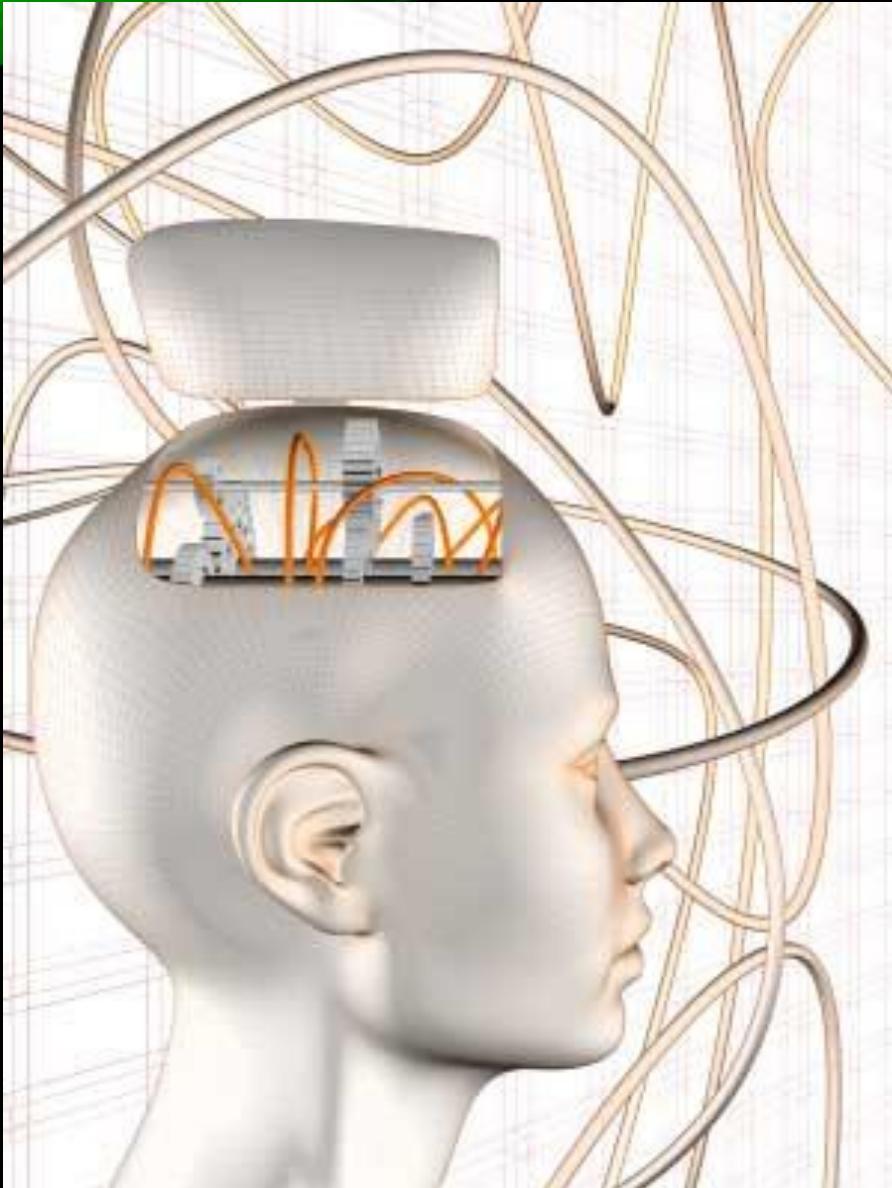


http://www.ted.com/talks/louie_schwartzberg_nature_beauty_gratitude





What does it mean to be human?



What factors distract
us
from
being and becoming
more human
in a
Digital Civilization?

How does my
engagement with
digital reality help
me to become more
human
and
holy?





Transhumanist ,or Posthuman

The Challenge

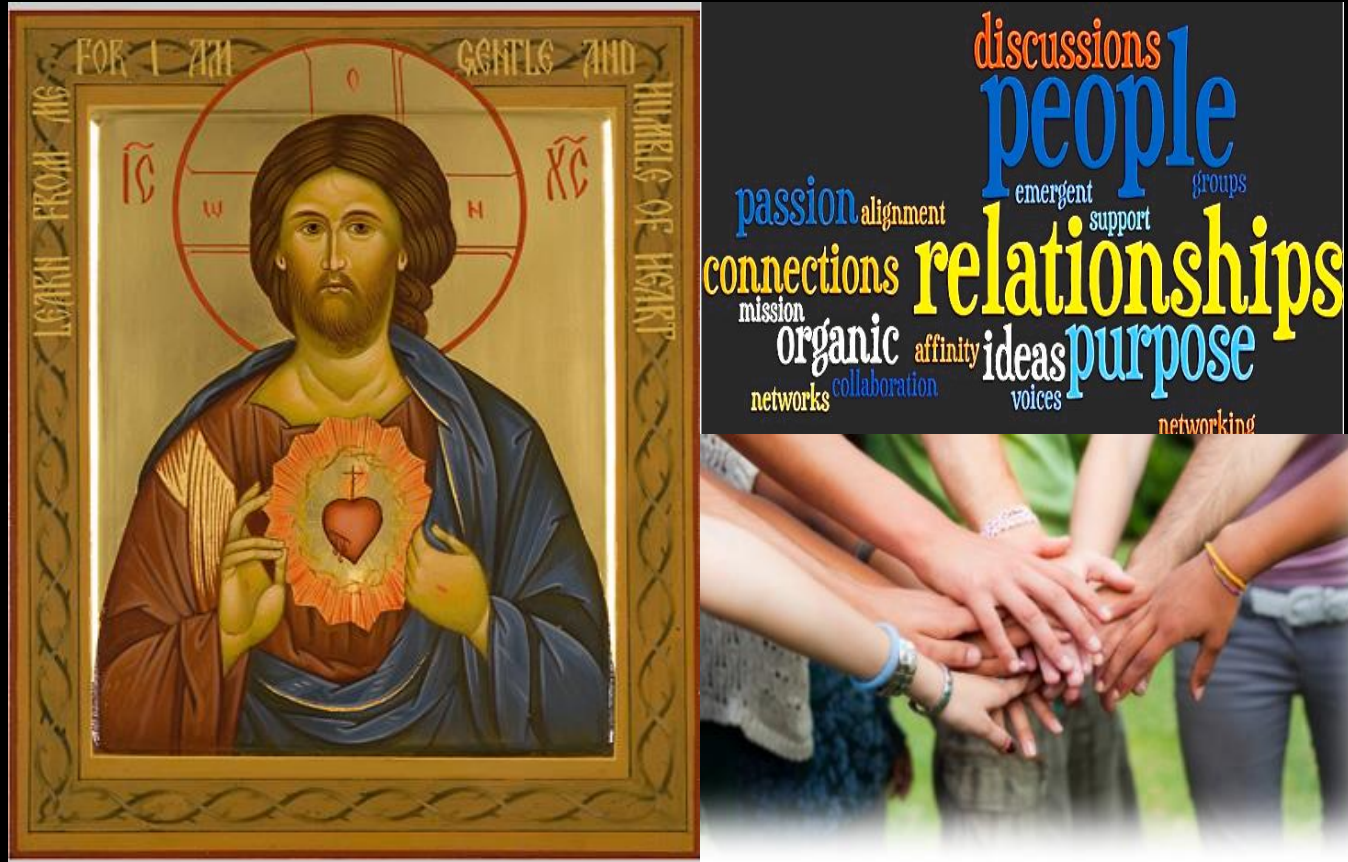
“Why grant such superior status to the self that has the body when the selves that don’t have bodies are able to have different kinds of experiences.” (Turkle)

New Catholic Theological Anthropology



We become fully human when we become
more human,
when we let God bring us beyond ourselves
in order to attain the
fullest truth of our being.” *(Pope Francis)*

Remember the Pilgrim's Rule



The Pilgrim's Rule

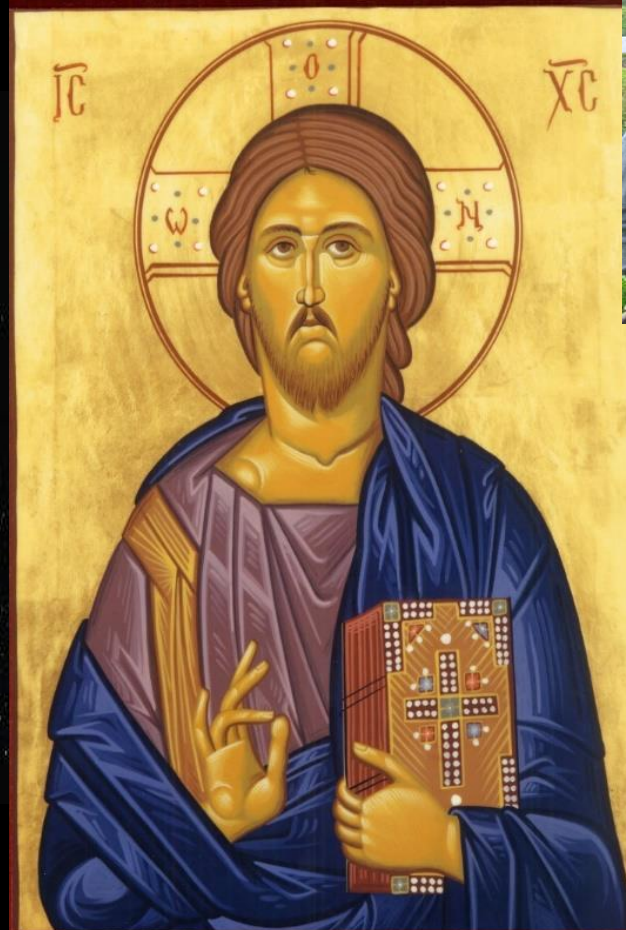
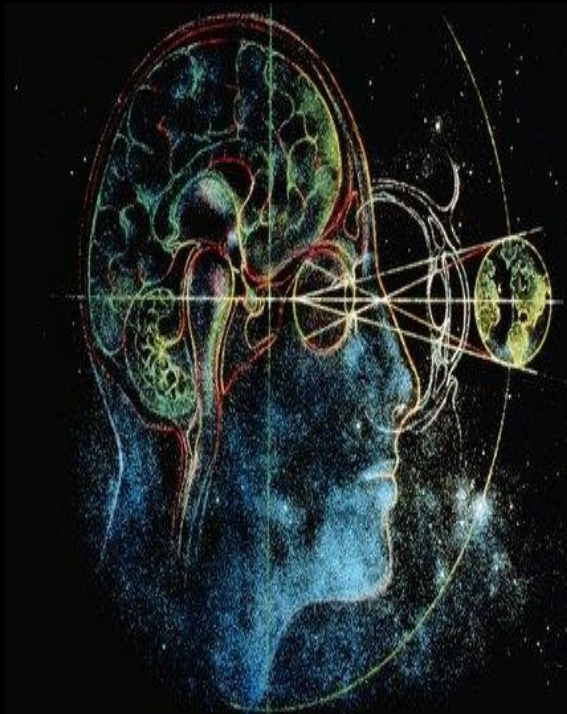


- Steady and Consistent Movement Forward (*Future*)
- Refreshing E-Learning Ecology and Learning Experiences
- Listening to the Signs of the Times (*Adapt and Adopt*)



Humanity 2.0

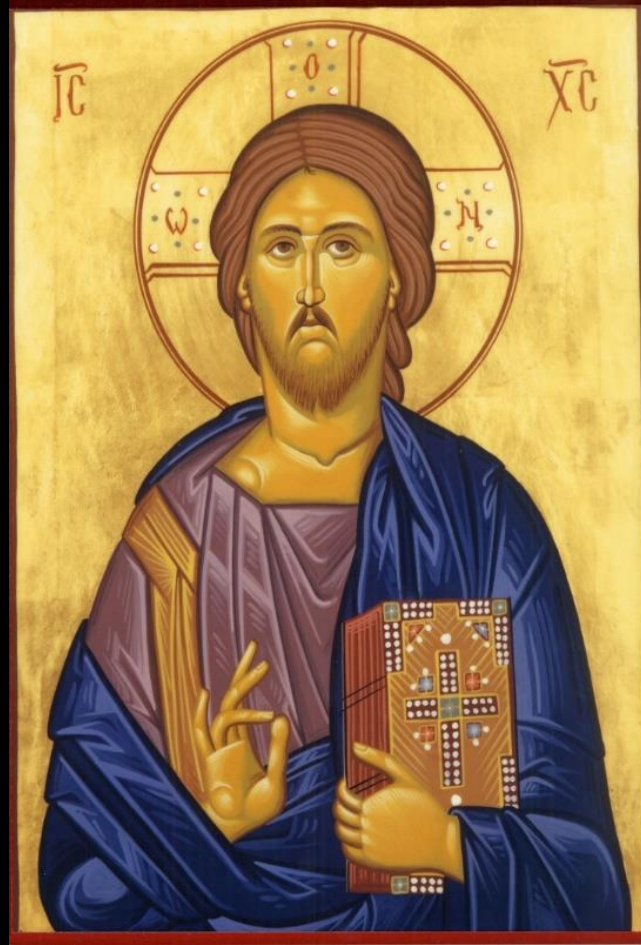
The Catholic Perspective



Church's Perspective on the Digital Milieu



Catholic Counter Cultural Dimension Within the Digital Civilization



Characteristics

- Enhanced Meaning of Human Dignity
- Sense of Transcendent
(Universal) Values vs. Transitory
- Detachment
(Digital Fasting vs. Instant Gratification)

Characteristics

- Sabbath Time
(Contemplation/Silence – Inner life)
- Appreciation of Beauty
(Sacramentality)
- Quality Discernment
(Likes vs. dis-likes)
- Quality of Life
(Balanced)

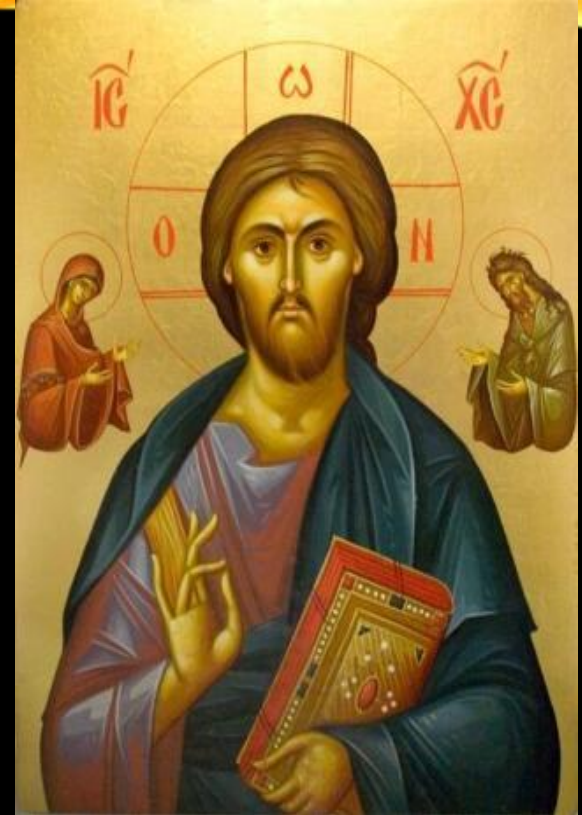
Contribution of Catholic Education in a Digital Culture

- Encounter with Jesus
- Nurturing Living Faith
- Sense of Wonder & Mystery
(*Beauty*)



- Radical Discipleship
- Forming Community
- Signs of Hope
- Catholic Theological Anthropology

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How does STREAM
enable us to become more human?



How does STREAM
connect us with Beauty –
deep mystery and
wonder
– God?



The Hidden Energy of The Good News!



in a Digital Civilization

