



See, Judge, Act: Migration in Theology

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Why Migration?

The People

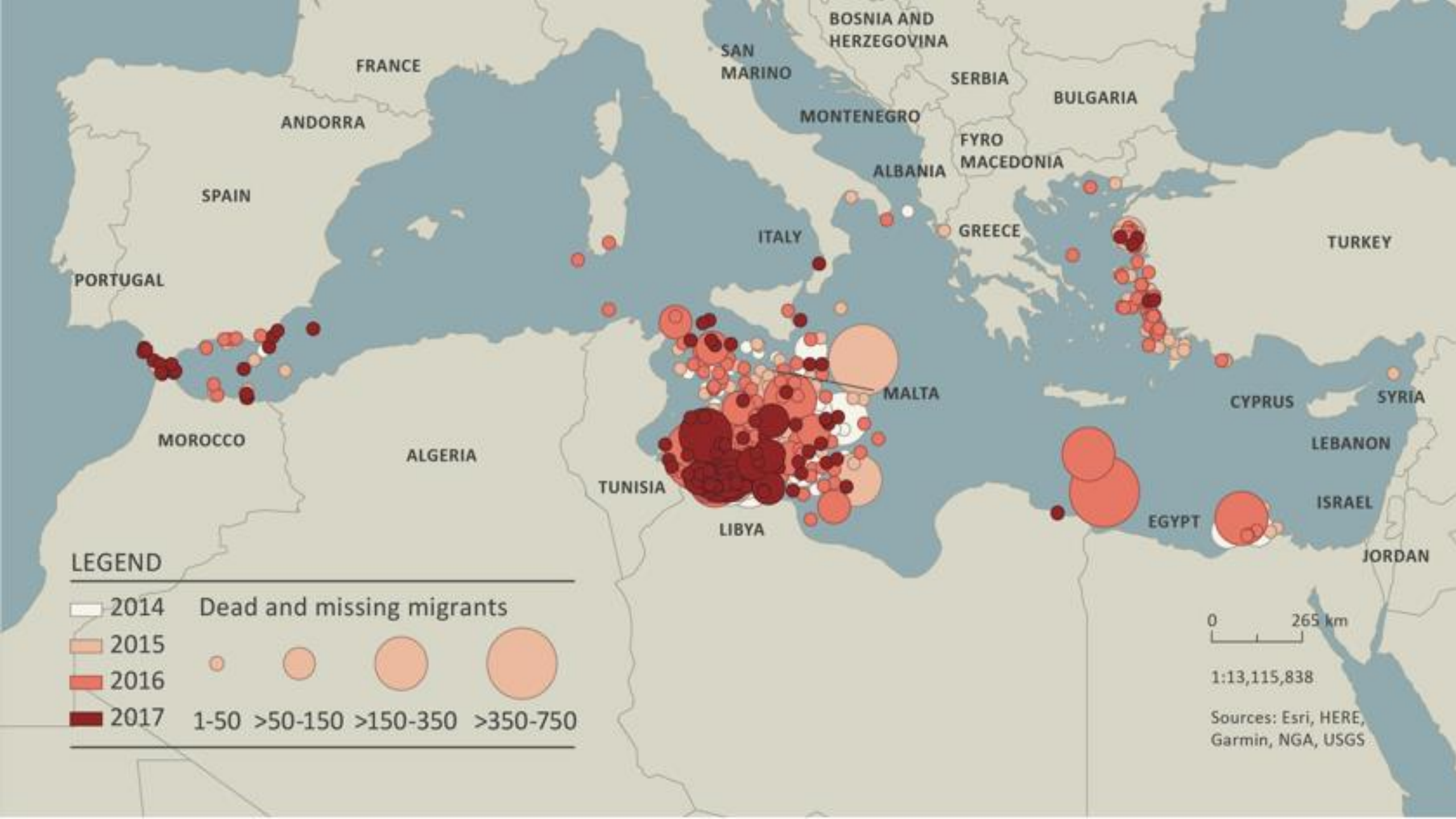


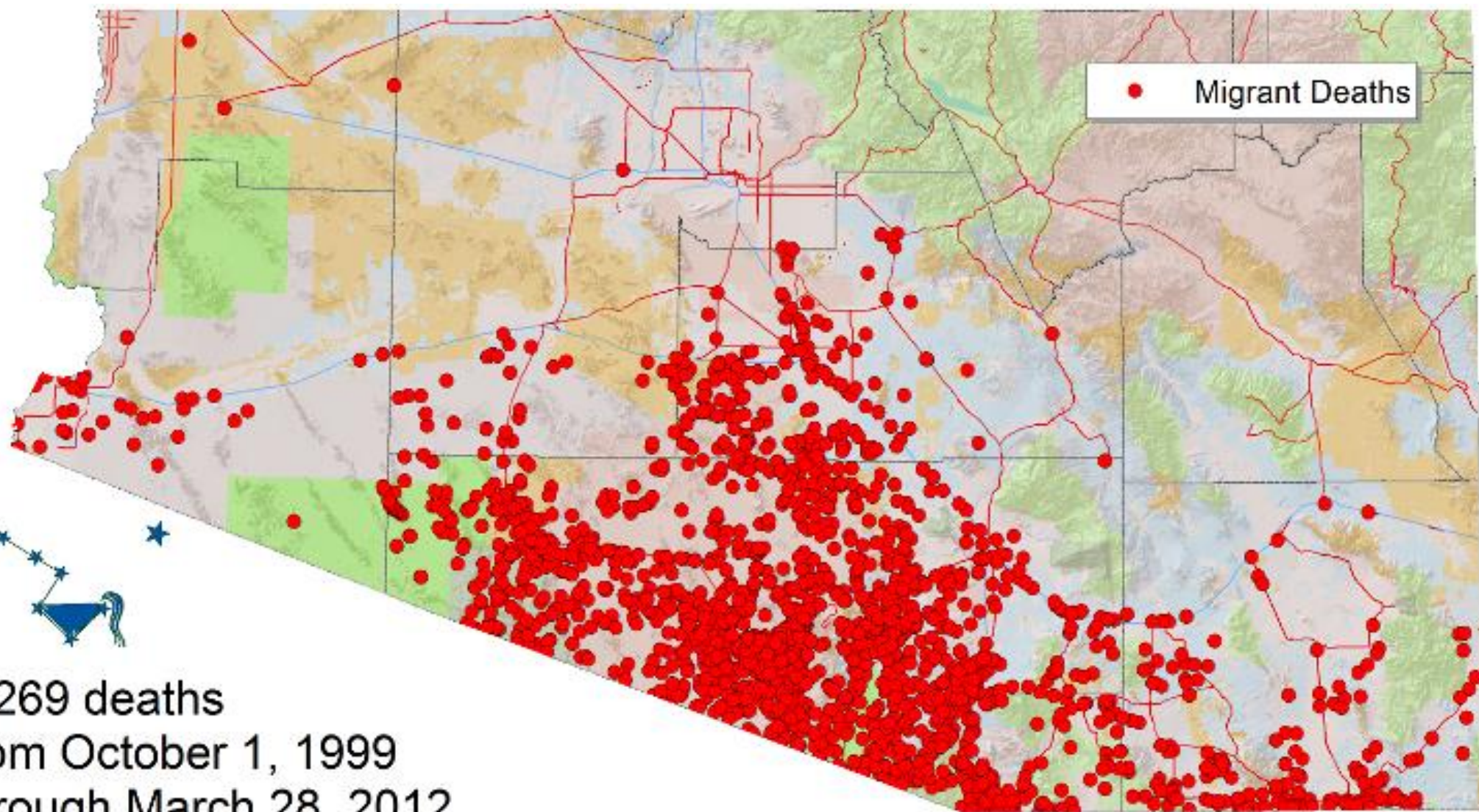


Why study migration today?

It is a “sign of the times”. (GS #4)







2,269 deaths
from October 1, 1999
through March 28, 2012.

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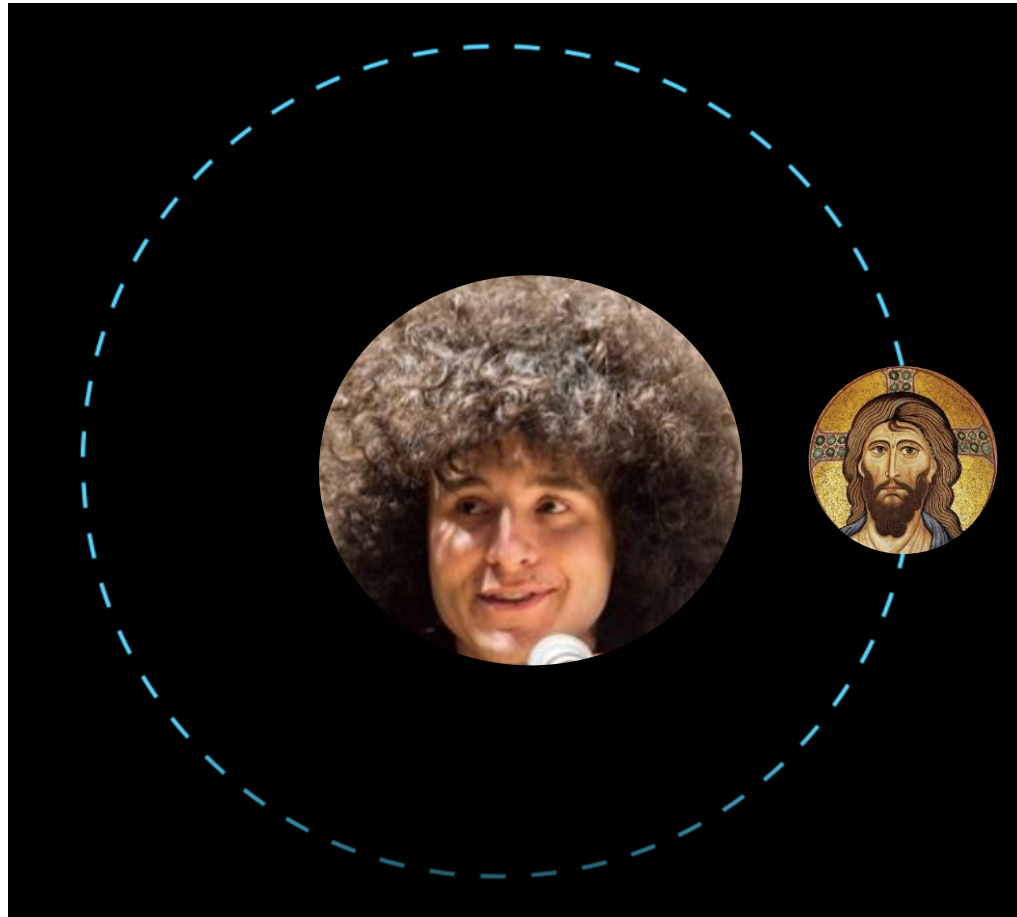


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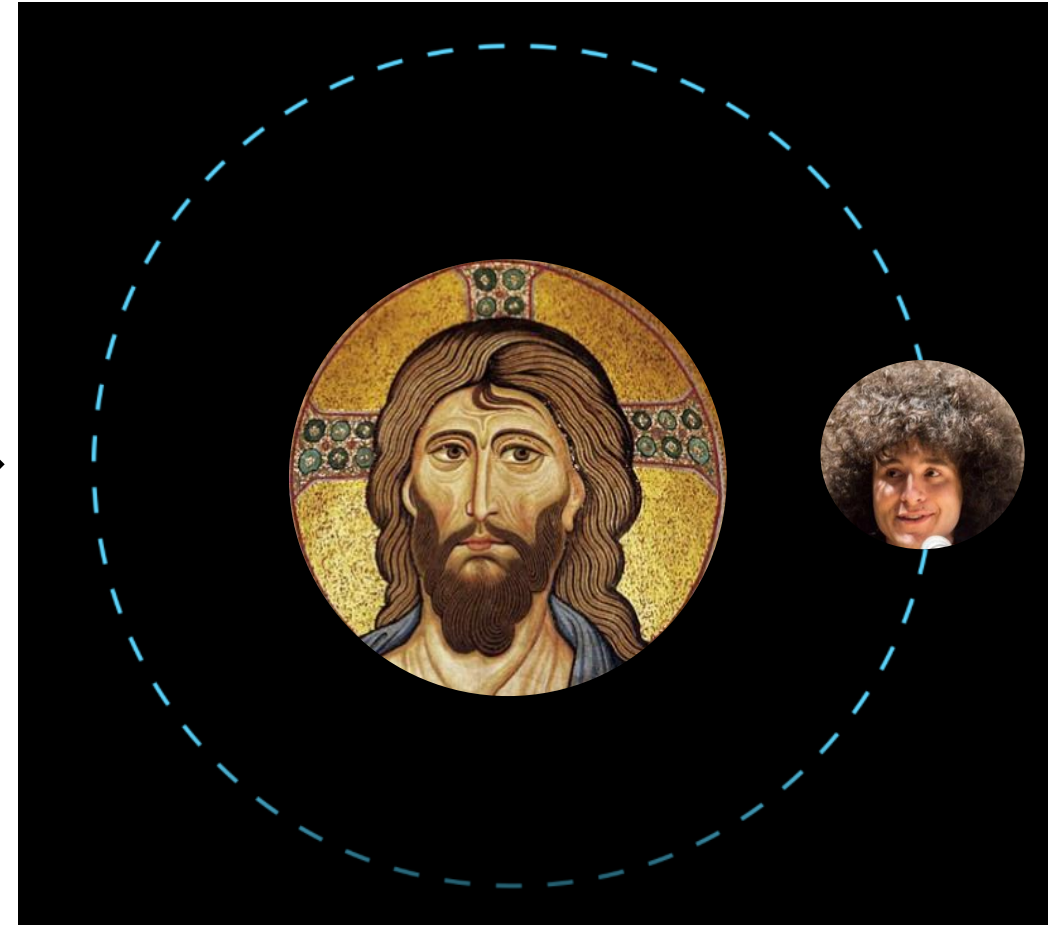
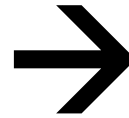
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Meditation Method: A Copernican Revolution and Psychological Migration



Man-Centered Universe
Thomas-Centered Universe

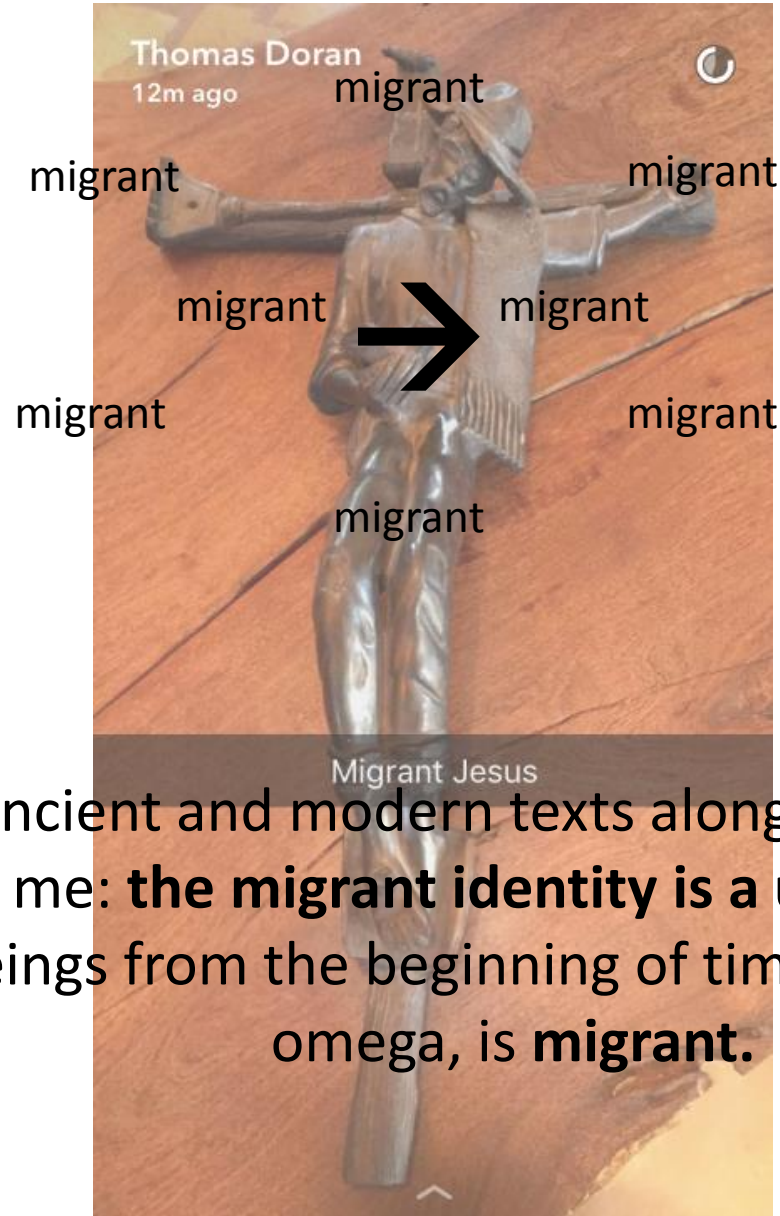


Sun-Centered Universe
Christ-Centered Universe

Why Migration? The Universality of the Migrant Identity

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Through the reading of ancient and modern texts alongside the reading of my own heart, something has occurred to me: **the migrant identity is a universal identity.** In other words, a common identity of **all** beings from the beginning of time to the end of time, from alpha to omega, is **migrant.**

“In the Beginning, God created heaven and earth...”

And the earth

was without form, and void

and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

— Genesis 1:2

Angels: the Heavenly Migrants

- Spiritual beings who migrate to earth to:
 - patrol it as representatives of God (Zechariah 1:10-11)
 - bring messages to God's people (Luke 1:11-19, Acts 8:26, 10:3-8, 22, 27:23-24)
 - pour God's wrath upon the Earth (Revelation 16:1)
- Amazingly, these heavenly migrants are able to disguise themselves as earthly strangers. "Do not forget to show hospitality to the stranger, for by doing so some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2).



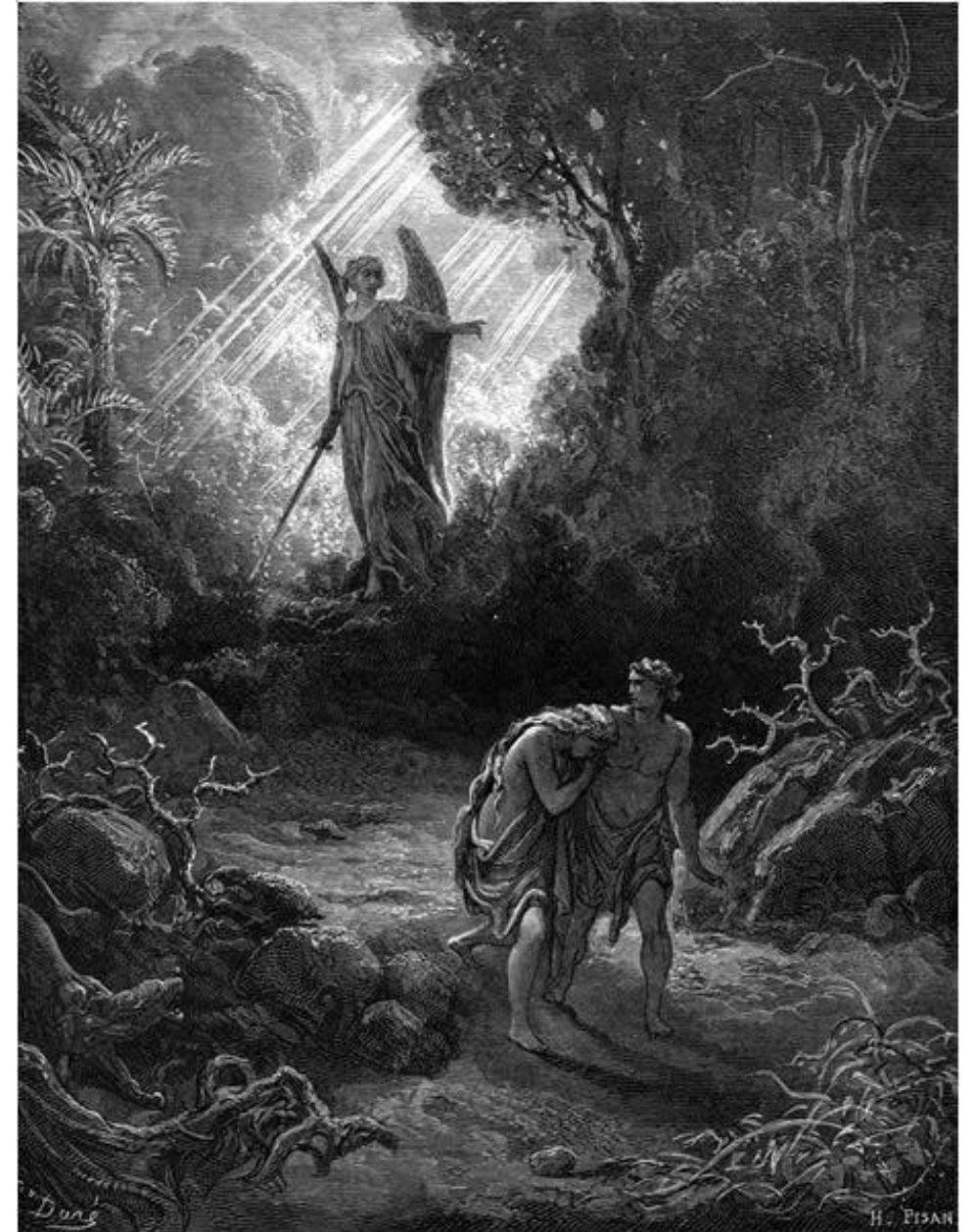


The Migrant Devil

- The Lord said to Satan, “From where have you come from?” Satan answered the LORD, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it” (Job 1:7).
- “Be sober-minded and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone for devour” (1 Peter 5:8).

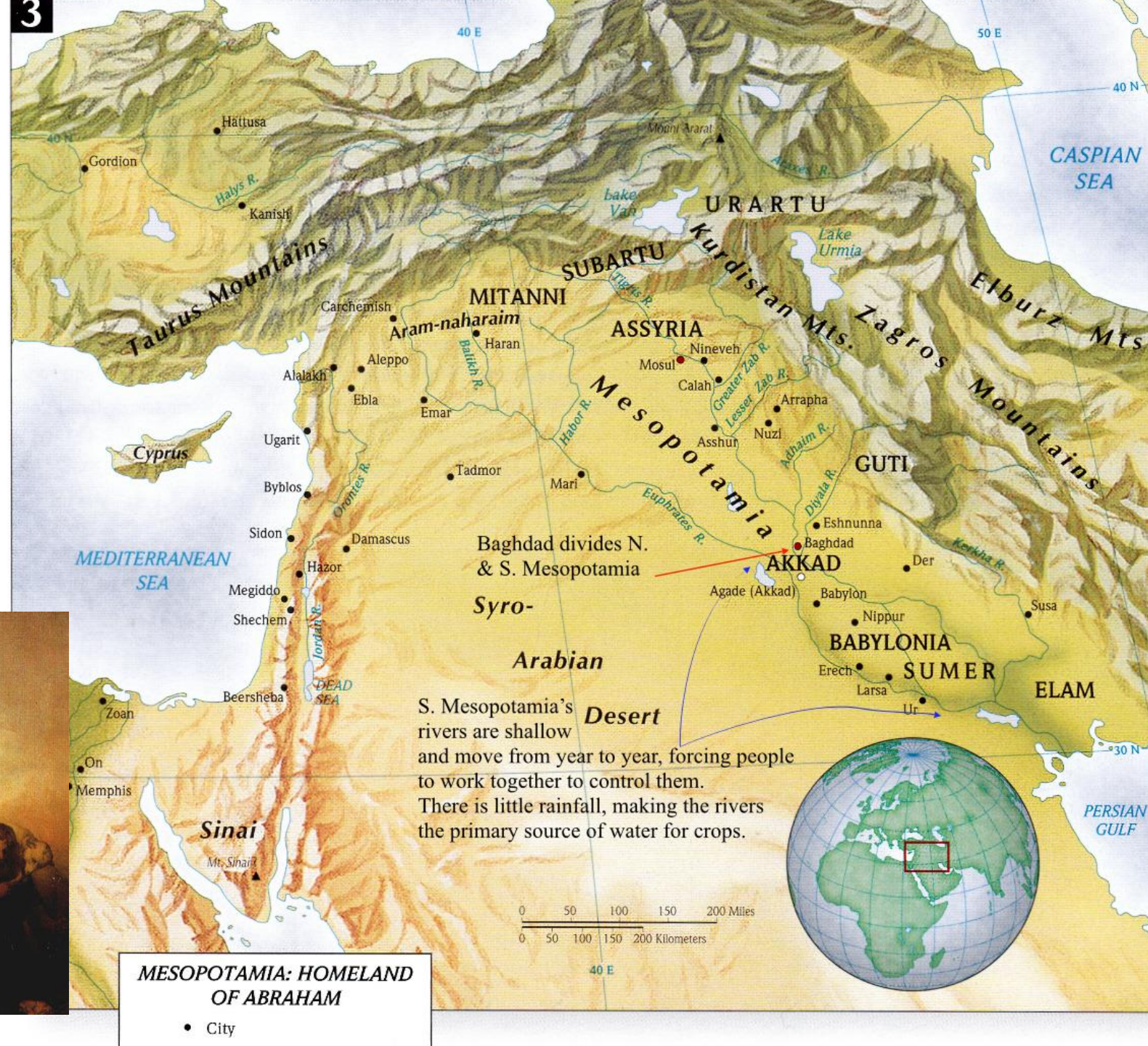
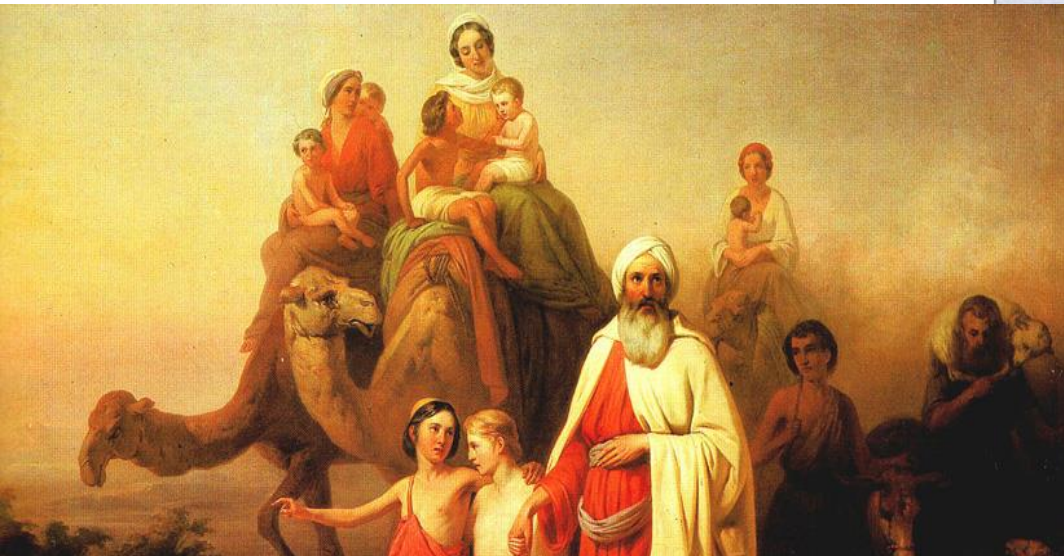
The Migrants Adam and Eve

- Banished into exile: A migration from the idealistic Garden of Eden to a world characterized by death and suffering
- Affirmation of the primacy of the migrant identity in humanity just as there is the primacy of the migrant identity in the divine



The Migrant Abraham

- Virgilio Elizondo's "Galilean Principle" inspired my "Canaanite Principle"



Migrants of the West



Catholic Social Tradition and Migration

- (1) People have the right to migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their families. (*Pacem in Terris*, John XXIII)
- (2) A country has the right to regulate its borders and to control immigration. (*Strangers No Longer*, USCCB)
- (3) A country must regulate its borders with justice and mercy.

Catholic Social Teaching on Migration and Refugees: an individual response

- Pope Francis: a Theology of Encounter
- "Jesus is the Lord of risk. Jesus is not the Lord of comfort, security, and ease. Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage. To take the path of craziness of our God, who teaches us to encounter Him in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the friend in trouble, the prisoner, the refugee and the migrant, and our neighbors who feel abandoned. To take the path of God, who encourages us to be politicians, thinkers, and social activists."



World Youth Day 2016 – Krakow, Poland

The Itinerant Francis: A lesson from an Italian Saint

The Migration of the False Self to the True Self



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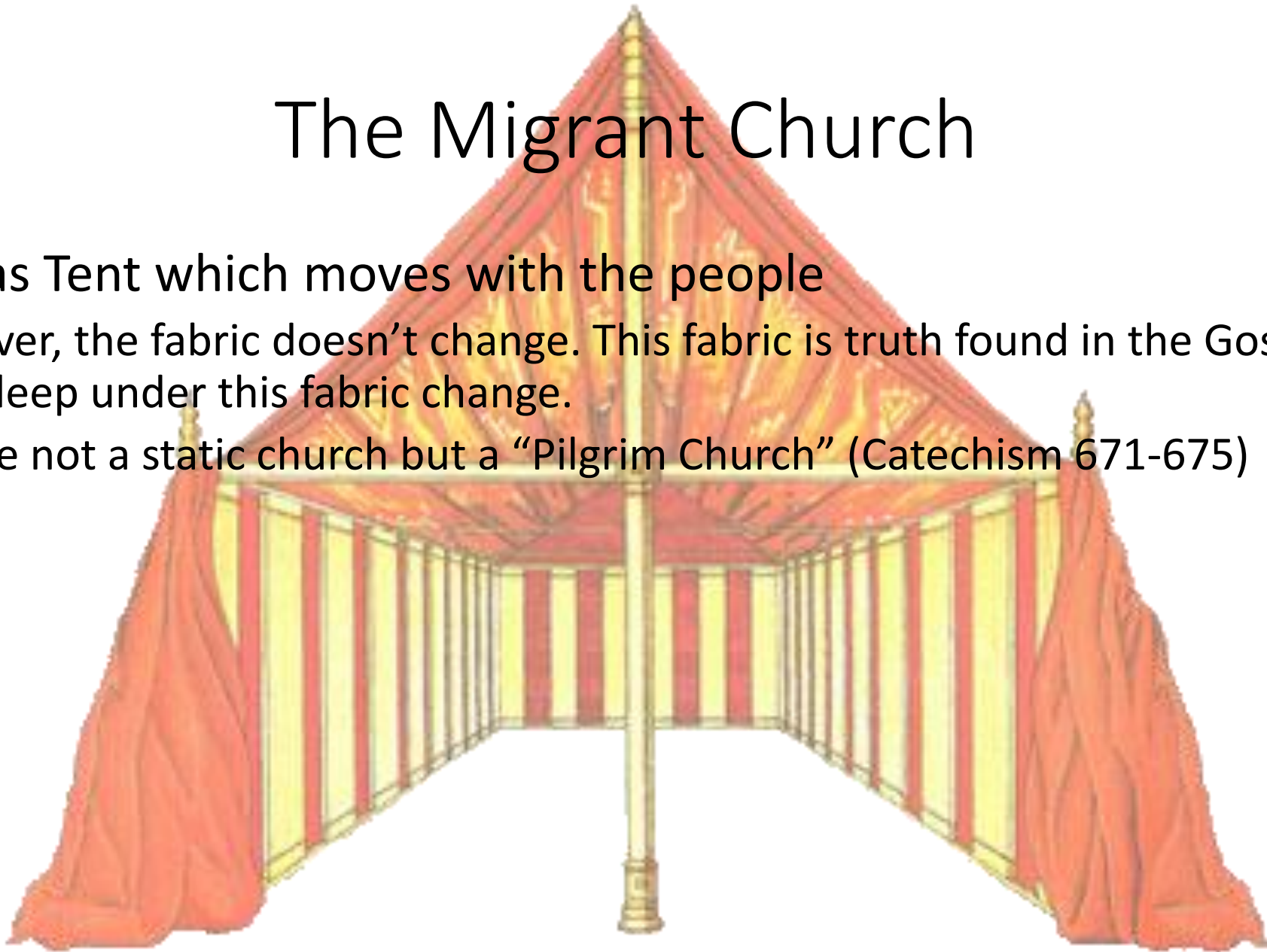
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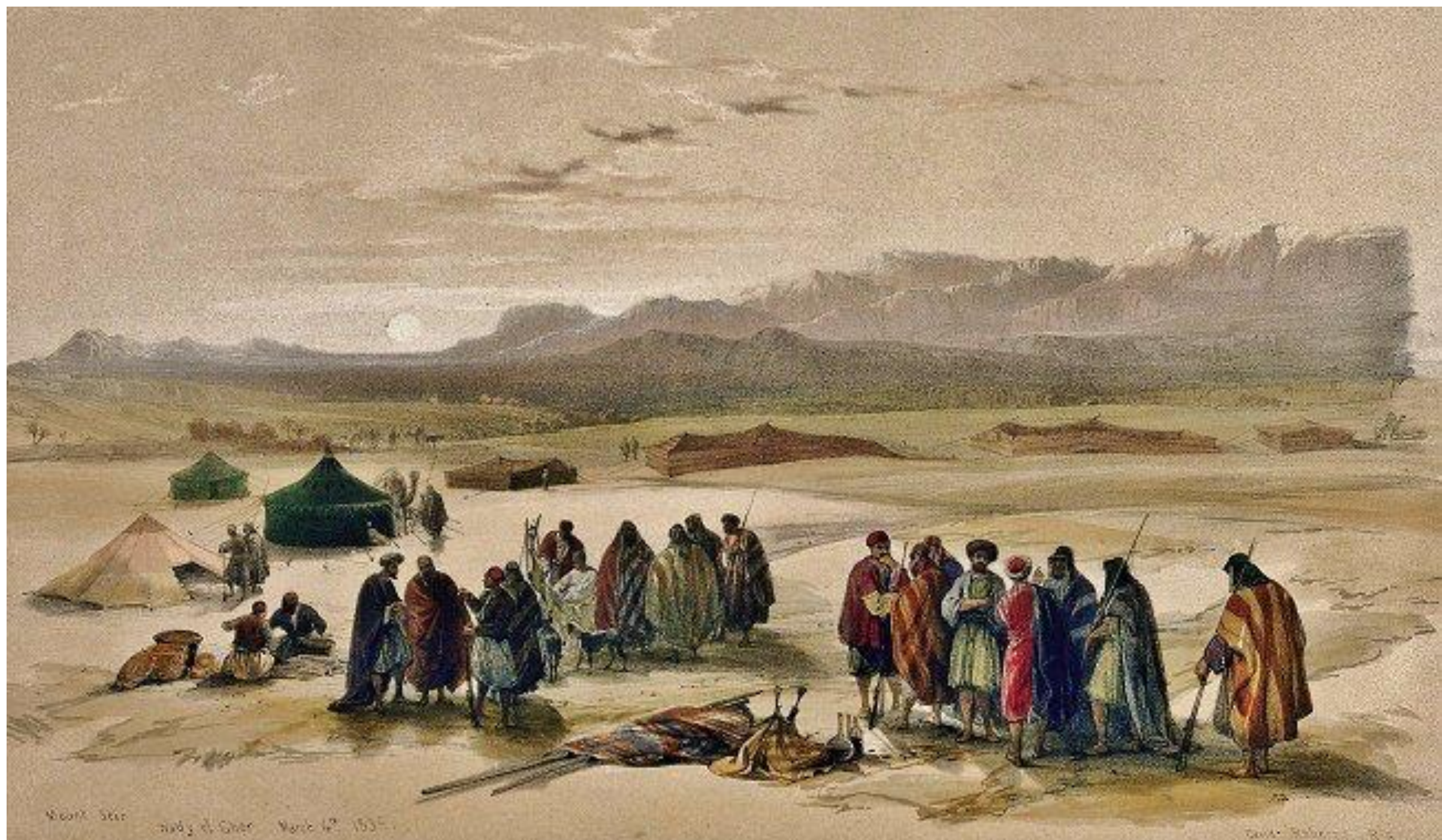


The Migrant Church

- Church as Tent which moves with the people
 - However, the fabric doesn't change. This fabric is truth found in the Gospel. The People who sleep under this fabric change.
 - We are not a static church but a "Pilgrim Church" (Catechism 671-675)







Fr. Daniel Groody, C.S.C: “The basic premise of a theology of migration is that God, in Jesus, so loved the world that he migrated into the far and distant country of our broken human existence and laid down his life on a cross so that we could be reconciled to him and migrate back to our homeland with God, and enjoy renewed fellowship at all levels of our relationships. Reading the Christian tradition from a migrant perspective involves perceiving what God is doing in the world through Jesus Christ and understanding God’s desire to cross over the barriers that divide and alienate our relationships.”

Migration Theology is centered of Jesus Christ,
so who is Jesus Christ.....?

Christ is the alpha and the omega ... the Eternal Migrant

The Beginning

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The End

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...and it is us in God's creation migrating through time