

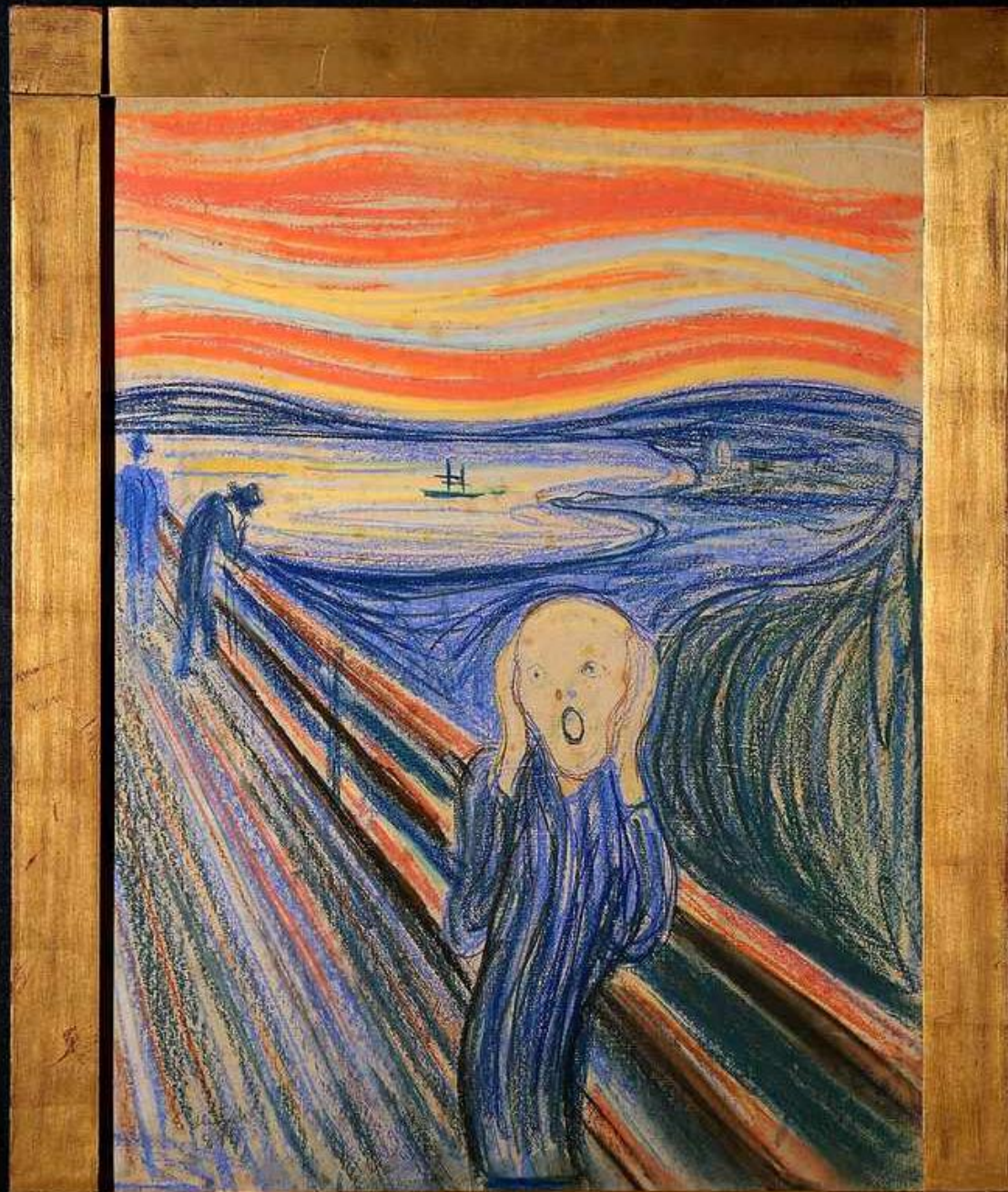


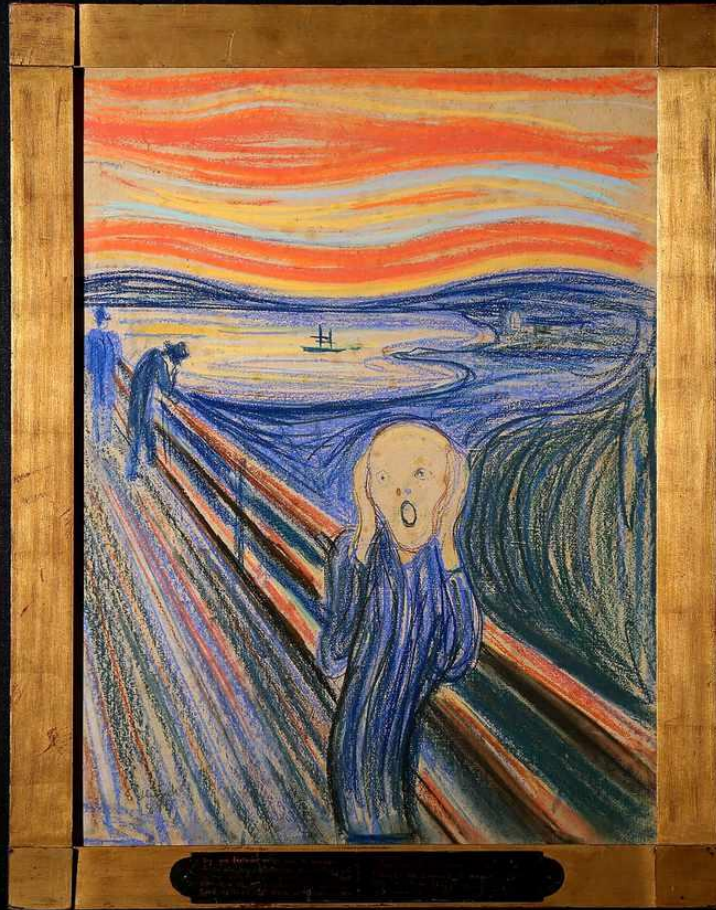
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THE WAY OF LIFE

Resurrection Hope

Michael O'Neil





I was walking along the
road with two friends. The
sun was setting – the sky
turned a bloody red, and I
felt a whiff of melancholy. I
stood still, deathly tired

Over the blue-black fjord
and city hung blood and
tongues of fire

My friends walked on –
I remained behind –
shivering with anxiety –

I felt the great Scream in
Nature (E.M.)

(Placed by Munch on the
1895 framed version of the painting)



“Anxiety” (Munch 1894)

- ❖ Why do people get anxious today?

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.



1 Corinthians 15:3-5, 11

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared ... This is what we preach, and this is what you believed.



The Gospel in a Nutshell

- The Apostolic Message – handed on
- First Things First
- Scripture and Testimony



1 Corinthians 15:12-14

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.



First Issue

- Is the Resurrection believable?
- Scripture and Testimony and ... *Sunday*?
- The Bedrock of Christian Faith



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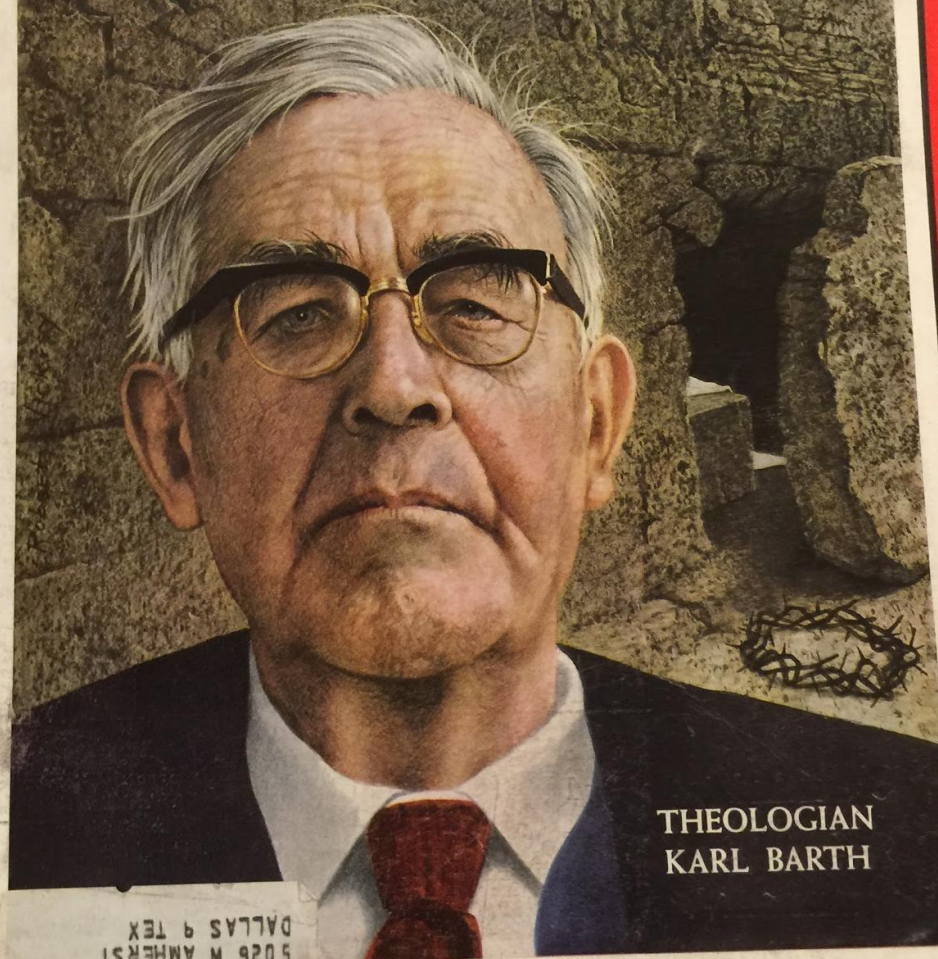
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1 Corinthians 15:20-23

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.



1 Corinthians 15:35

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?'



1 Corinthians 15:45-49

So it is written: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.



Second Issue

- Sowing and Reaping
- All Kinds of Bodies
- Resurrection Hope



1 Corinthians 15:50-52

I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Listen, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.



1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.



The evidence for Jesus' resurrection is so strong that nobody would question it except for two things: First, it is a very unusual event. And second, if you believe it happened, you have to change the way you live.

— *Wolfhart Pannenberg* —

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