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No matter who you are, no
matter where you are on your
spiritual journey, you are
welcome here.

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Sister Ilia Delio

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The cosmos is -

Expanding

Creative

Entangled

Evolving

“You have ruined ‘big church’ for me.”

“How can you teach what you teach and then go across the plaza and be involved in the worship service there?”

“You don’t believe that stuff do you?”

“You believe that stuff, don’t you?”

Among the few things I do want
to persuade you to embrace are
having a daily spiritual practice
and practicing justice and
compassion.

This talk today is about -

Tradition

Ritual

Myth

Meaning

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The word “tradition” means
“to hand over.”

All living religions are -

Human constructions

in response to an experience of the Sacred

using the language and symbols of the culture in which they were created.

They embody and reflect “perennial wisdom” and aesthetic expressions.

They create communities of practice and transformation.

When it comes to both
tradition and ritual,
Christians are “the new kid
on the block.”



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There are estimated 2.5 billion people who call themselves Christian. At last count, there were about 30,000 different Protestant denominations.



John Wesley
1703 - 1791

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Religious traditions give rise to persons and communities of meaning.

They help answer the question, “Why are you here?”

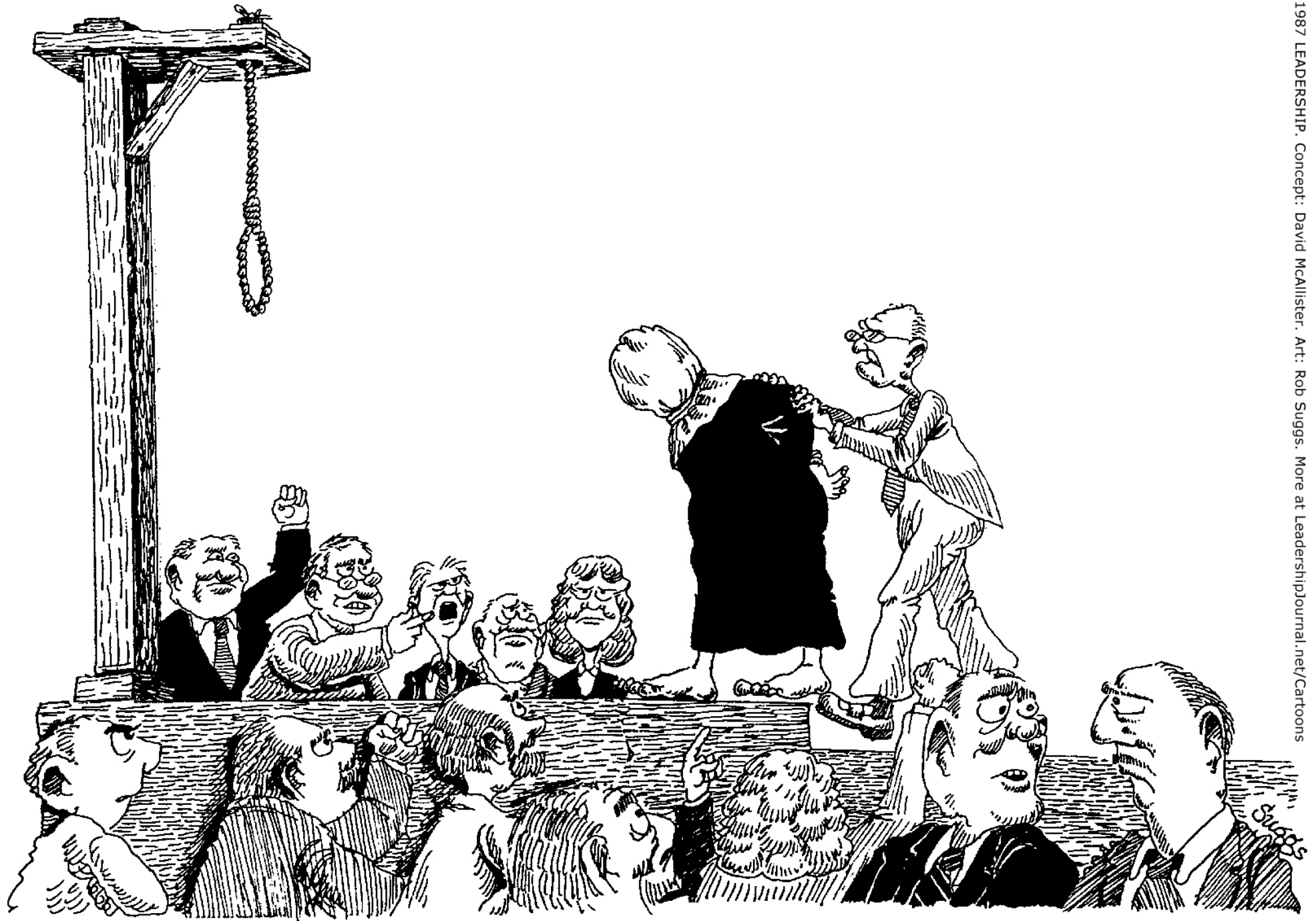
Or, “What did you take birth for?”

Tradition is not simply holding
on to the past

But continuing the identity of
the past with the language and
symbols of the present.

Tradition is continuing the spirit of the past, its values and ideals, but doing so in the language and symbols of the present.

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"I tried to tell him not to change the order of service."

Ordinary Life is part of the -



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

All people are welcome here!

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A close-up photograph of a baby with light skin and dark eyes, wearing a green bow in her hair. She is holding a white toy phone with a black and white zigzag pattern to her ear. Her mouth is wide open in a shocked or surprised expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

**So today, in church,
a guy in a dress tried to drown me**

**And, I kid you not,
my family just stood there
taking pictures!**

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Christians take “refuge” in -

Jesus

The teachings of Jesus

The community that gathers
around these two things


There are resources of and for
transformation in religious
tradition and rituals.

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Walking in Bigger Shoes



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If you travel far enough,
one day you will recognize yourself
coming down the road to meet you.

And you will say
Yes!