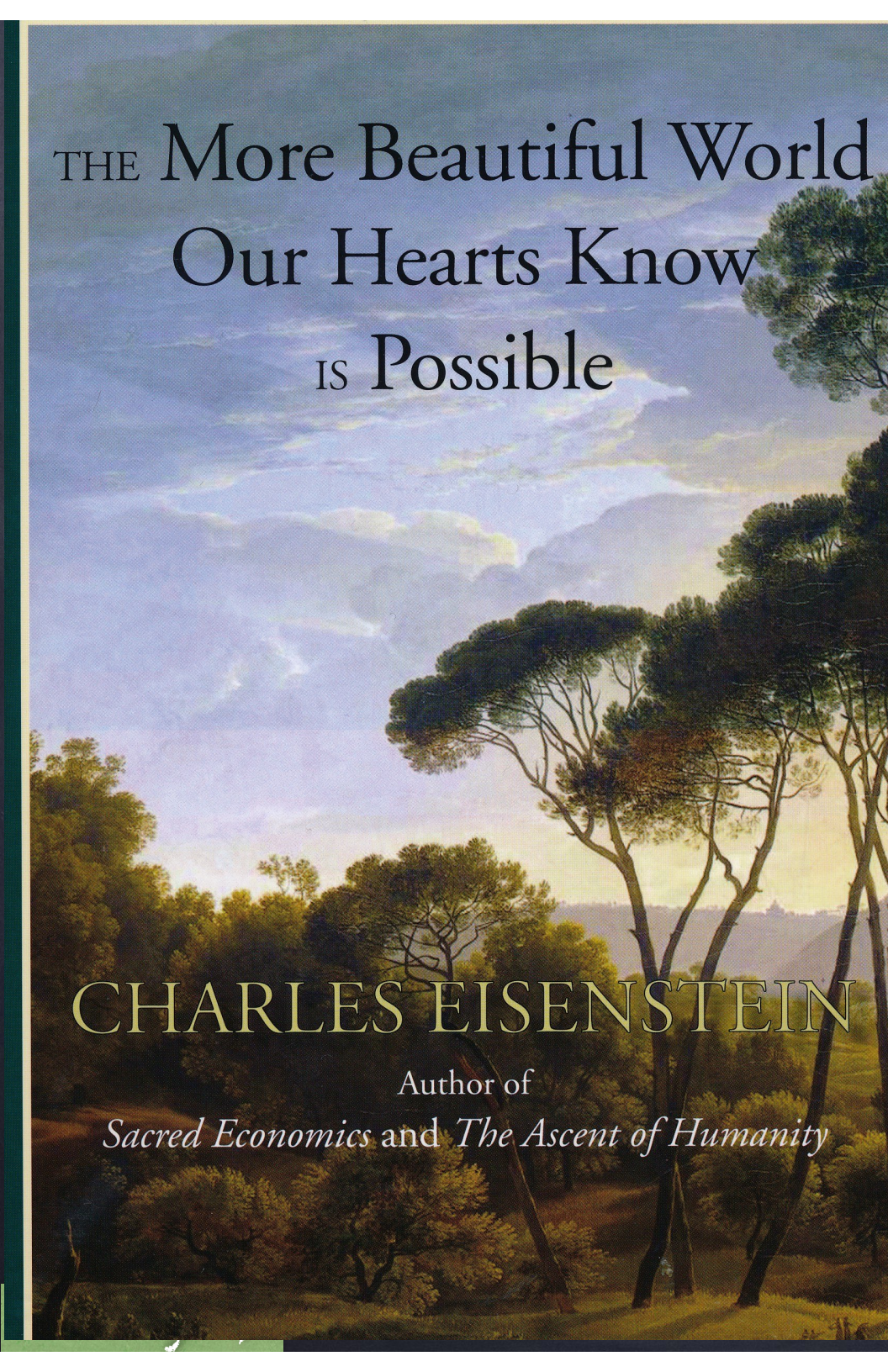


No matter who you are,
no matter where you are
on your spiritual
journey, you are
welcome here.

The current theme of Ordinary Life

Living in the gap
between the "no-longer"
and the "not-yet"

The fundamental precept
of the new story that we
have not yet lived into is
that we are inseparable
from everything that is
and everyone who is.



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Reality is my God.

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Integrity is my salvation.

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for all is my mission.

The Bible is the literal inerrant word of God.

Jesus was literally born of a virgin.

Substitutionary atonement is the meaning of Jesus' death.

The miracles in the New Testament are real.

Jesus literally rose from the grave and will return to earth.



My point, once again, is not that those ancient people told literal stories and we are now smart enough to take them symbolically, but that they told them symbolically and we are now dumb enough to take them literally.

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The new story is already here and has been from the beginning. We are just beginning, hopefully, to grow into an apprehension of it.



"I believe in Jesus
Christ, God's only
Son, our Lord,
who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin
Mary . . ."

Teachings about
Jesus have
obscured Jesus.



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What Jesus saves us for
is for himself and his
plan in making God's
dream for us and this
world come true.



Jesus was
a
"wisdom
teacher."

The first step in our understanding the meaning of the Virgin Birth tradition is to take the time to note exactly what the Bible says about the origins of Jesus.

It is NOT what most of us have been taught.

There is a HUGE difference
between
information and
knowledge
and
wisdom and
understanding.

The Shadow Elements of Religions

the patriarchal foundation on which
it is built

a flawed creation

obedience and submission

redemptive violence

The creeds of the early church and the doctrines that have developed are rather like time capsules that we can open and better understand the developing theological and political convictions of our ancestors.

Birthing is a powerful
religious and
spiritual symbol.