

The background of the entire image is a surreal, ethereal landscape. It features rolling hills and jagged, purple-hued mountains under a sky with soft, glowing clouds. A path of light leads from the bottom center towards a bright, circular light source on the horizon, creating a sense of journey and hope.

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# Moment of Reverence Prelude



# **Call to Worship**

**Gather, Learn, Reflect, Resolve**



One: Come, let us gather

All: to feel strength from support of  
others, deep connection, and unity.



One: Come, let us learn

All: the designs of our Creator,  
Nature's God of the Universe,  
by study & also by faith.



One: Come, let us reflect

All: on wisdom woven over centuries  
of scripture, study, and science.



One: Come, let us resolve

All: to feel harmony & live intentionally  
to shape our world in thought and  
in deed.



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# **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

## **VERSE 1**

**Come Thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise**

**Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love**



# Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

## VERSE 2

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Here by Thy great help I've come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home

**Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood**



# Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

## VERSE 3

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

**Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.**



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# Scripture Reading

Scripture Reading:

**"To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more."**

Matthew 25:15-16 (New International Version)



# Moment of Faith



## 15. C.S. Lewis (1898–1963), born Clive Staples Lewis

**Principle:** C.S. Lewis, a British scholar and Christian apologist, taught that faith and reason are not adversaries but allies, guiding us to live with purpose and integrity. His writings emphasize that our moral choices and deepest longings reflect a universal order, illuminating the path to a life of meaning and service.

**Relevance:** Lewis's vision of a reasoned faith aligns with the Church of Faith and Reason's mission to harmonize spiritual and scientific understanding. His teachings encourage us to see our actions as meaningful within the pixelated universe—a grid-like reality where every choice resonates, urging us to live authentically and contribute to a world of hope and unity.

**Quote:** “We are not living in a world where all roads are radii of a circle and where all, if followed long enough, will therefore draw gradually nearer and finally meet at the centre: rather in a world where every road, after a few miles, forks into two, and each of those into two again, and at each fork you must make a decision.”

**Sermon:** “Reasoned Faith: Choosing the Path of Purpose”



# Moment of Faith



# Moment of Reason

<https://www.faireatale.church/reason>



## 16. Leonhard Euler (1707–1783)

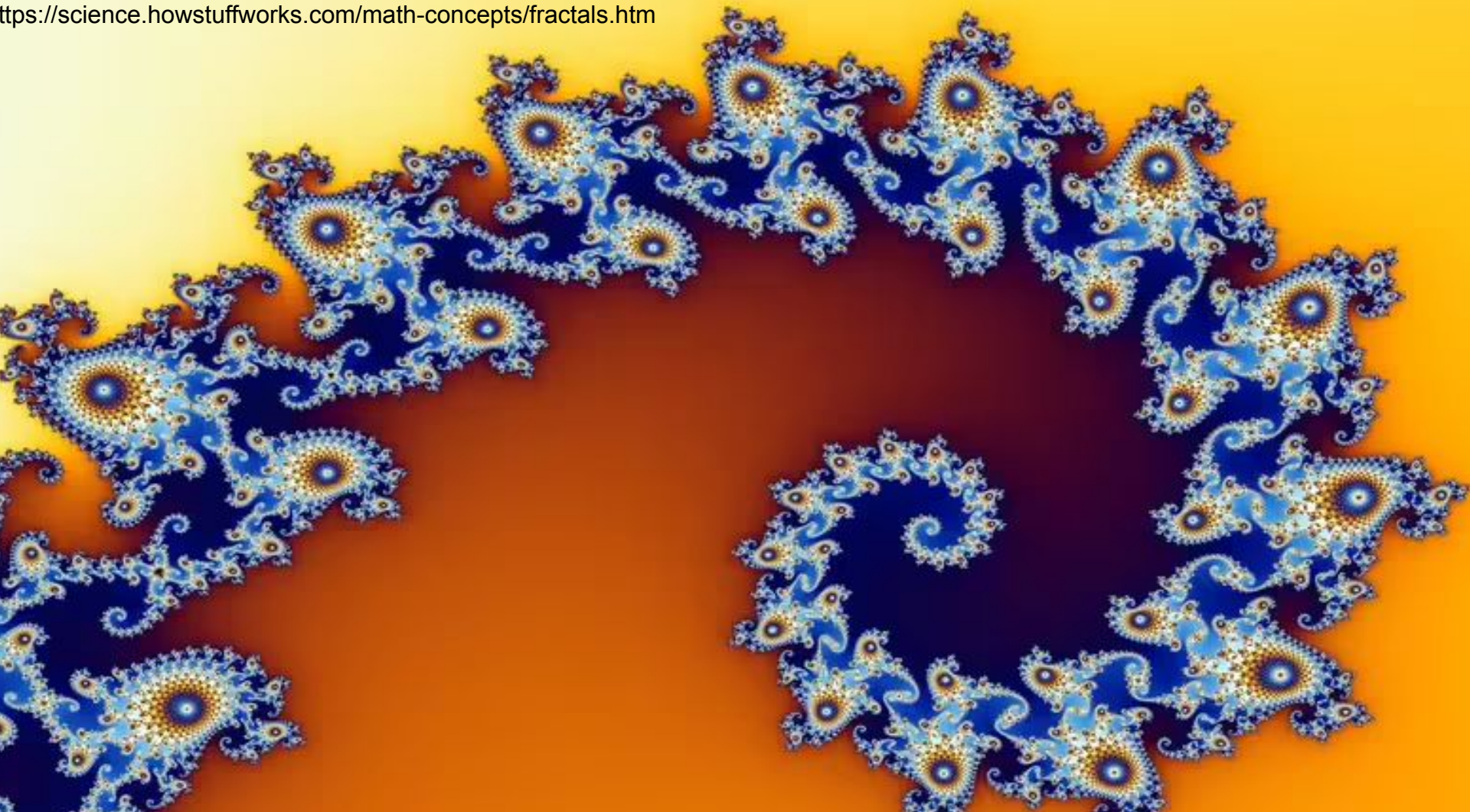
**Principle:** Leonhard Euler, a Swiss mathematician, introduced the number  $e$ , the base of natural logarithms, defining it as the limit of  $(1 + 1/n)^n$  as  $n$  approaches infinity, a discovery that revealed the foundation of exponential growth and decay. Through his work in the 18th century, Euler derived  $e \approx 2.71828$  by studying compound interest and infinite series, a constant now universally accepted by the scientific community as the key to understanding natural processes like population growth, radioactive decay, and the universe's exponential expansion phases.

**Relevance:** Euler's discovery of  $e$  offers a lens to understand the pixelated universe, where the grid's fixed rules drive exponential growth—mirroring the universe's expansion since the Big Bang. His legacy inspires us to approach life's complexities with disciplined reasoning, finding purpose in the mathematical beauty that shapes our reality at the Church of Faith and Reason.

**Quote:** "Logic is the foundation of the certainty of all the knowledge we acquire."

**Sermon:** "Order in Complexity: Finding Purpose Through Reason"





# Moment of Reason

100% interest on \$1 paid once a year =  $\$1 + \$1 =$  **\$2**

100% interest on \$1 paid twice a year =  $\$1 + \$0.50 + \$0.75 =$  **\$2.25**

100% interest on \$1 paid monthly =  $\$1 + (\sim 0.1335 \times 12) =$  **\$2.62**

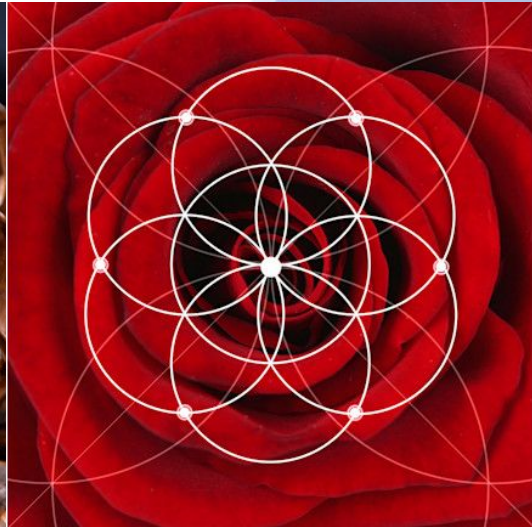
100% interest on \$1 paid continuous = **\$2.71828**



# Moment of Reason

**Fibonacci sequence describes a series of numbers, wherein each successive value is the sum of the two before it.**

**1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34...**



# Stand and Sing: Be Still My Soul

## VERSE 1

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to thy God to order and provide  
In every change He faithful will remain

## CHORUS

Be still my soul thy best, thy heavenly friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end



# Stand and Sing: Be Still My Soul

## VERSE 2

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last

## CHORUS

**Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.**



# Moment of Mediation: Food and Drink of Life

**Almighty God On High,**

**We give thanks...**

because gratitude for nourishing our lives empowers us  
because savoring the time in each moment of life is a gift

**We ask that...**

energy from each morsel/droplet aid us in improving  
ourselves and the world around us.

**Flying by faith; rooted in reason  
May it ever be so, Amen**

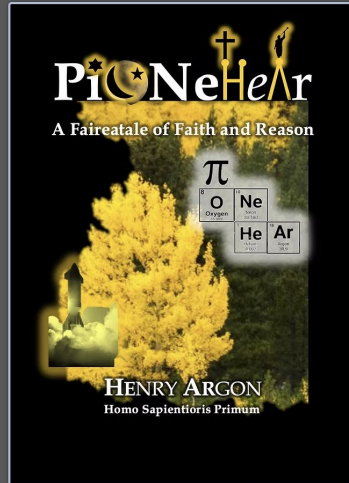


# Faireatale Time

## PiONeHeAr

*The Modern Faireatale of Henry Argon*

<https://www.faireatale.church/prologue>



# Grow, Little Tree

Grow, little tree  
Stretch your arms and spread your leaves  
What will you be?  
Grow, little tree  
Waves you branches wild and free  
For all to see

I'll grow too, just like you  
Nurture me, I look to you for wind  
Stand and soak up the sun  
And when the storm brings a shower  
Let the earth catch my tears  
And sprout a new flower

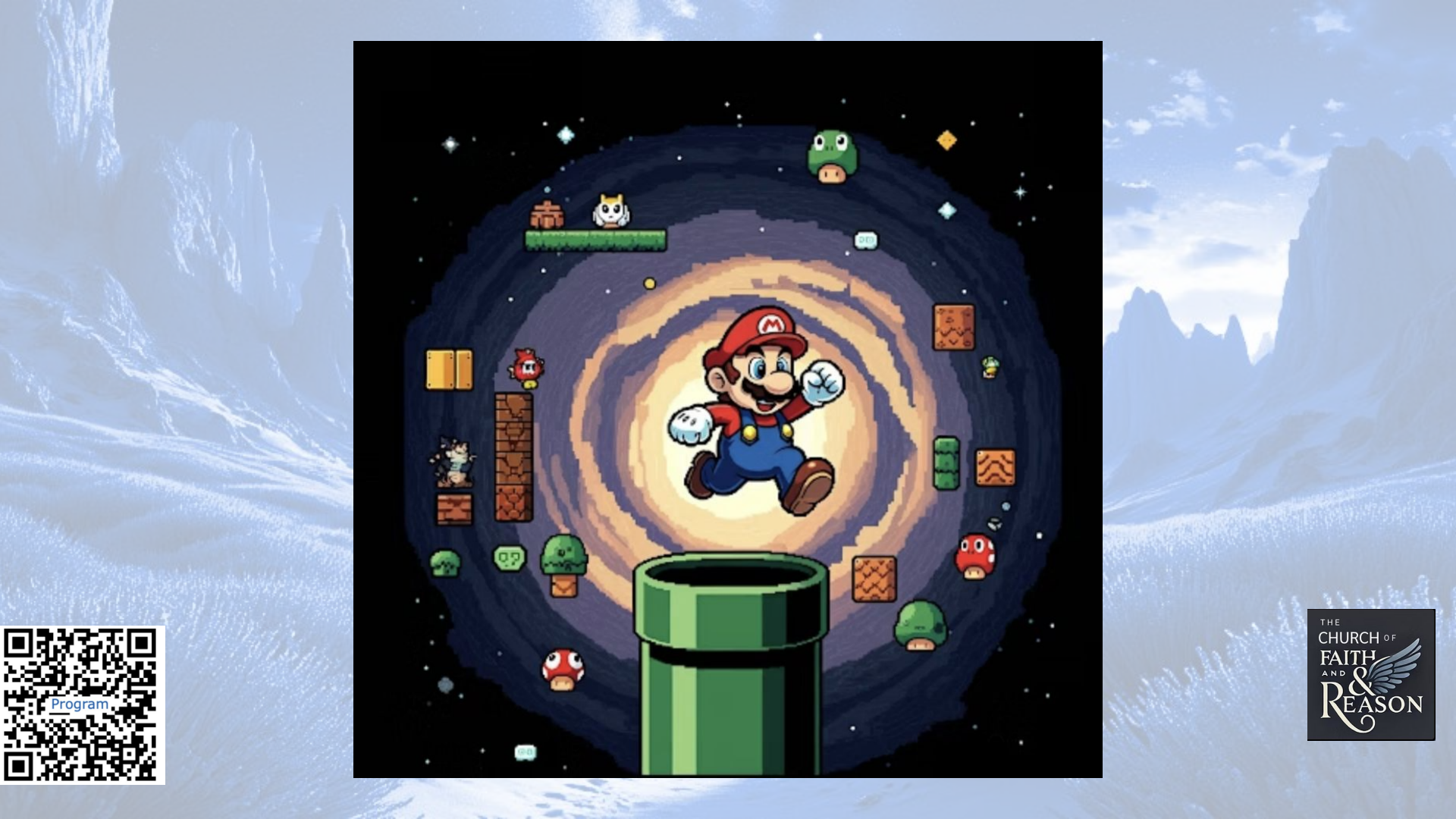
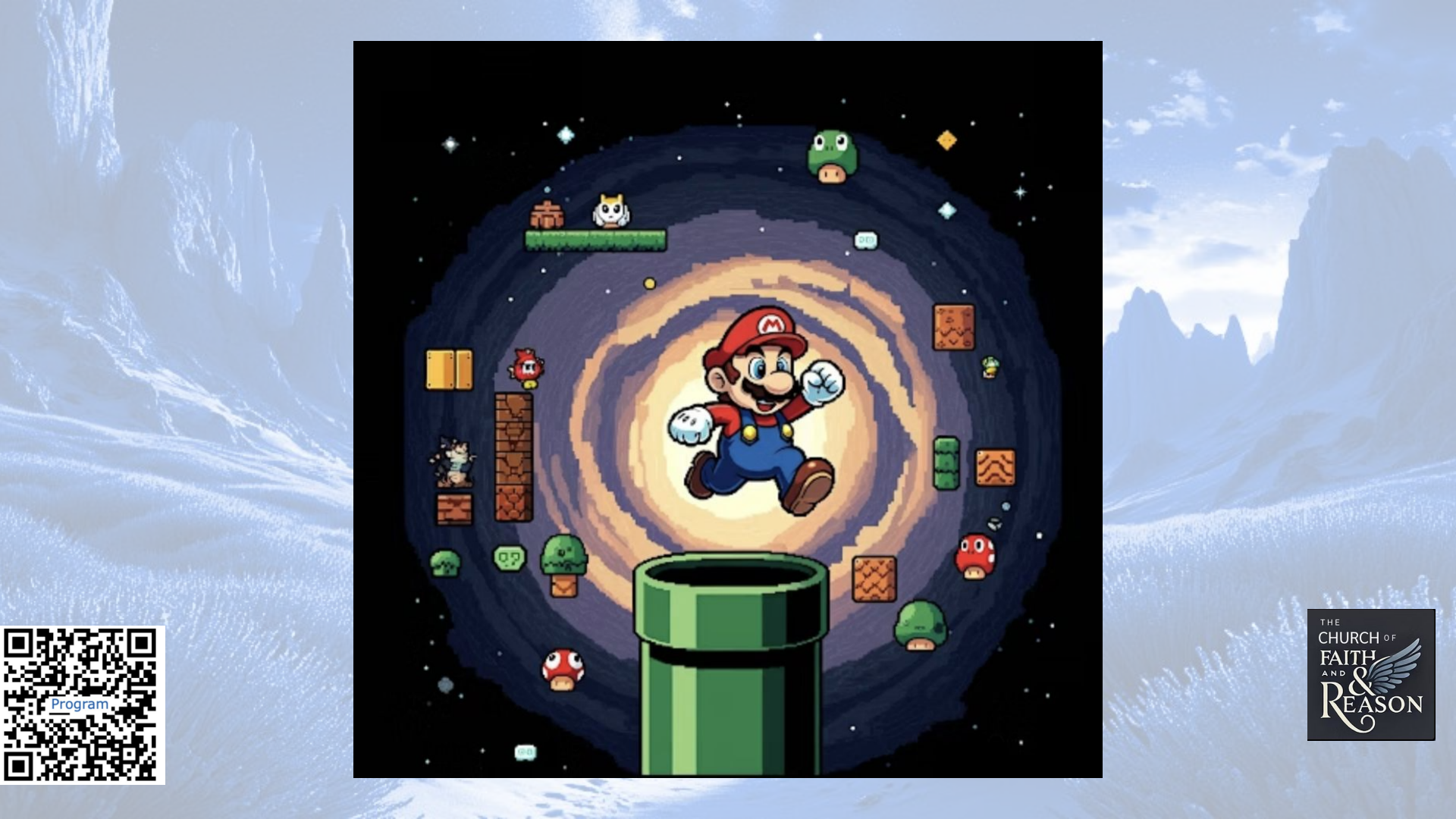
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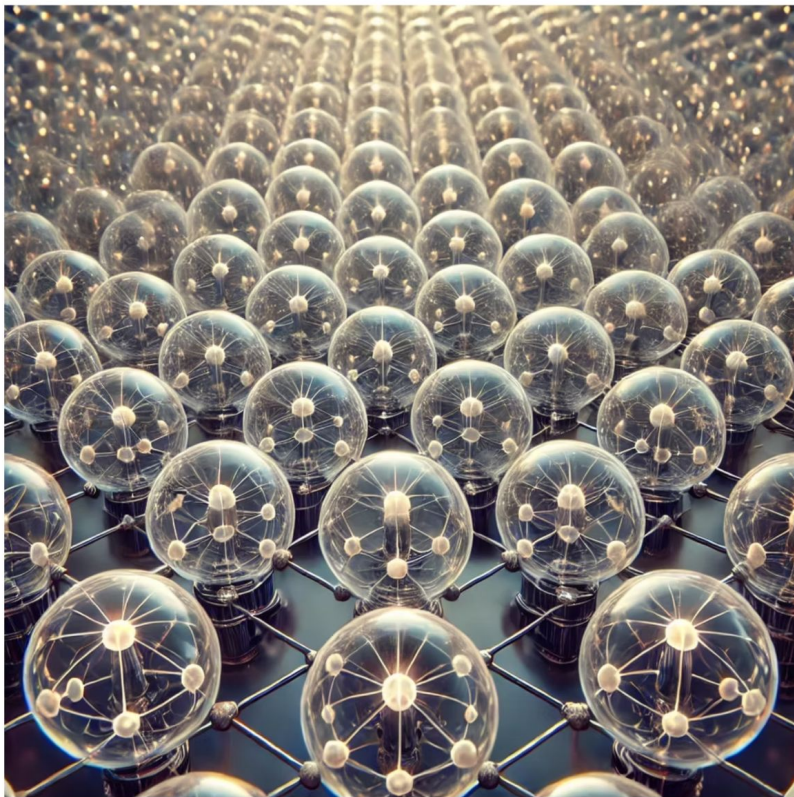


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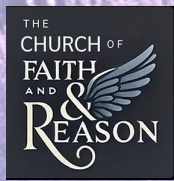
## Article of Faith

### 5. Pixelated Motionless Reality

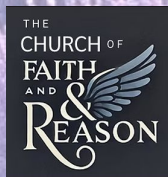
> We believe that our Universe consists of immensely small but measurable small pixels of space. We believe these form a latticed medium of point-singularities that combine into spinning fibers and standing waveform vibrations that propagate motionless across the medium of space in tiers of quantized slip knots that fold and unfold. We believe that these tiny pixels combine into layers of increasingly-complex folding and tiers of logarithmically-enlarging structural and time dimensions to form all forces of energy and all matter -- from particles to planets.











**Make the mark of your life not just as a  
passage of time  
but as a**

**Time of Passage**



# Next Week: “Zoom into Life, Zoom out to Live”



# Closing Song: Nearer My God to Thee

## VERSE 1

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

## VERSE 2

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down, Darkness  
be over me, my rest a stone,  
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!



# Closing Song: Nearer My God to Thee

## VERSE 3

There let the way appear, steps unto heav'n; All that Thou  
sendest me, in mercy giv'n;  
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

## VERSE 4

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,  
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;  
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!



# Closing Song: Nearer My God to Thee

## VERSE 5

Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky, Sun, moon, and stars  
forgot, upward I fly,  
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!



# Postlude



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