

“An authentic humanity, calling for a new synthesis, seems to dwell in the midst of our technological culture, almost unnoticed, like a mist seeping gently beneath a closed door.”

Laudato si, 112



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Bringing the Upper Room to the Digital World

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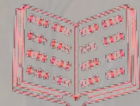
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*Isn't the real message of the Church in the secondary or side-effects of the Incarnation, that is to say, in Christ's penetration into all of human existence? Then the question is, **where are you in relation to this reality?***

-Marshall McLuhan



THE UPPER ROOM

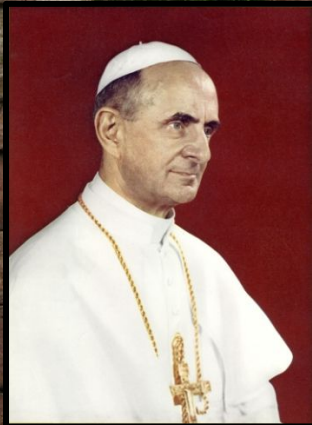


St. Peter and Jesus Christ

Who was Peter when Christ met him?
Who did he become?

ROMANO GUARDINI

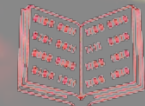
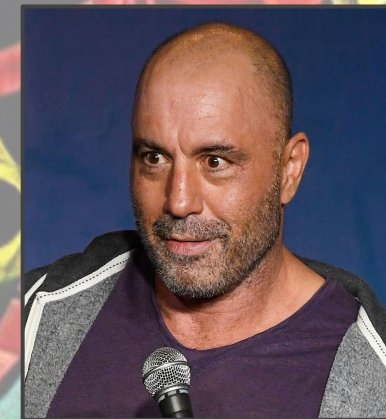
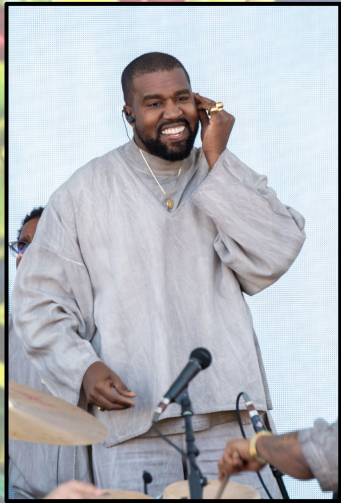
“Prophet of Lake Como”
(1885-1968)



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MARSHALL MCLUHAN

“Prophet of the Electric Age”
(1911-1980)



FIGURE/GROUND



***TRAINING PERCEPTION
TO NOTICE HIDDEN INTERPLAY***

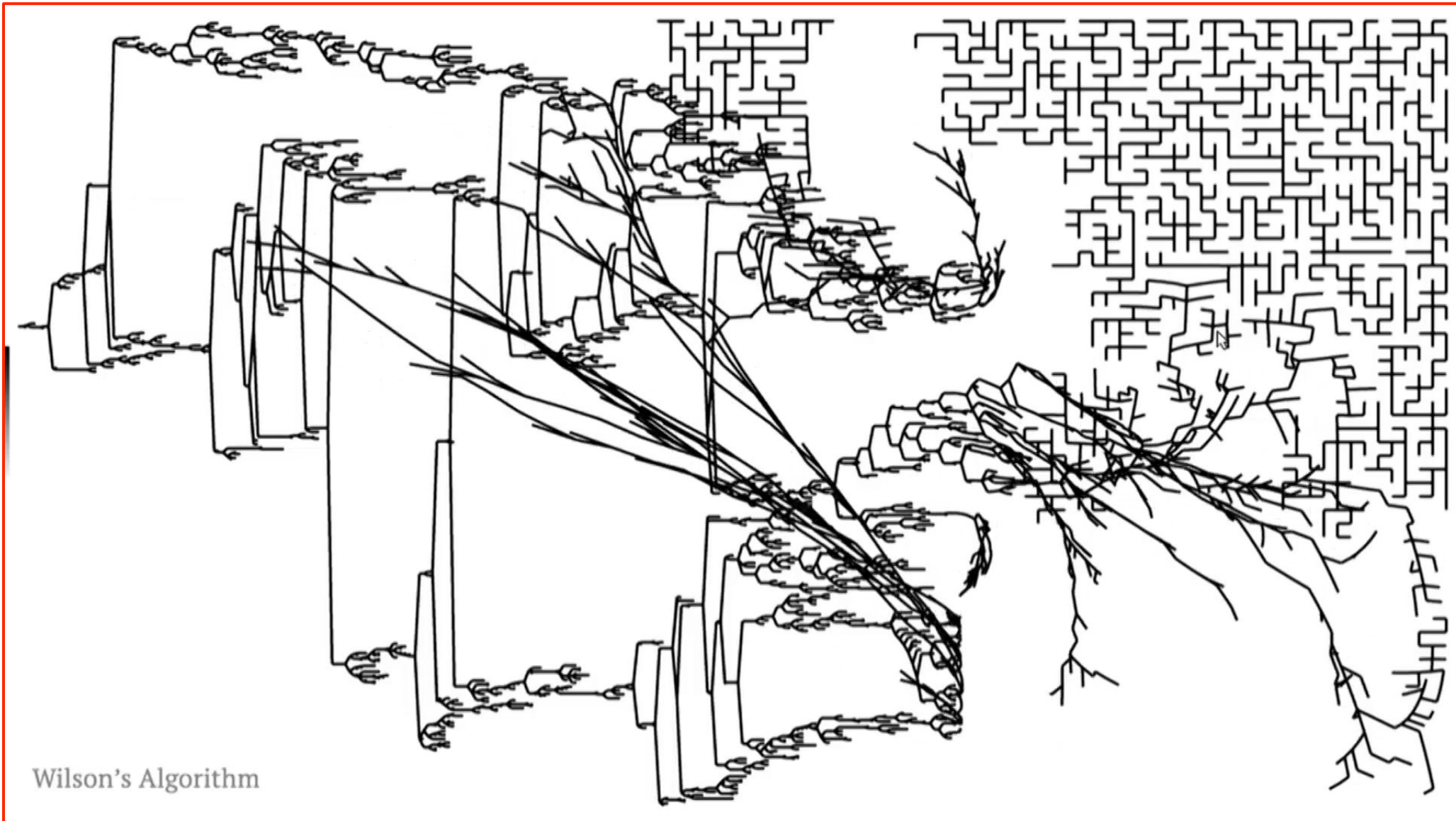
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SHAKING OUR ASSUMPTIONS



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DIGITAL *is not* ELECTRIC



Wilson's Algorithm



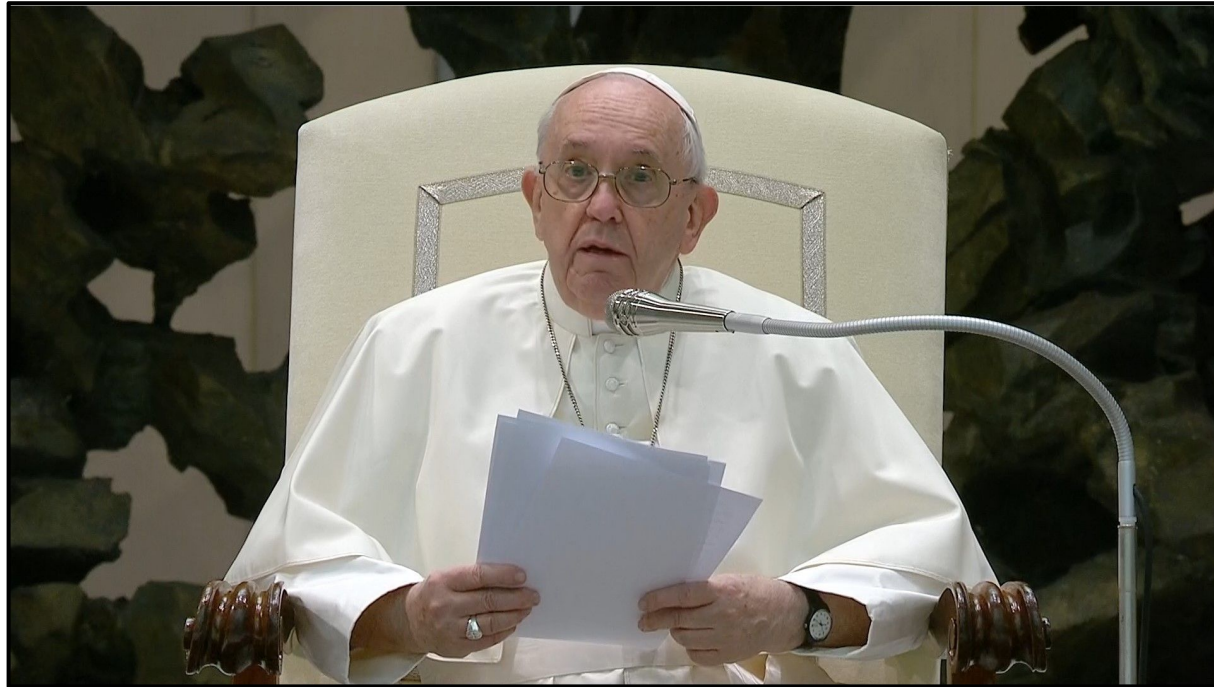
Imagination → Memory

DYNAMIC	STATIC
CONJOINED	DISCRETE
FANTASY	RECOGNITION
ATTENTION	INTENTION
EXPERIENCES	PATTERNS
REACH	HOLD
ORALITY	LITERACY
LABYRINTHS	TREES
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MEMES	PROGRAMS
ARENAS	CATHEDRALS
DRUGS	ROBOTS

New Environment, New Idols

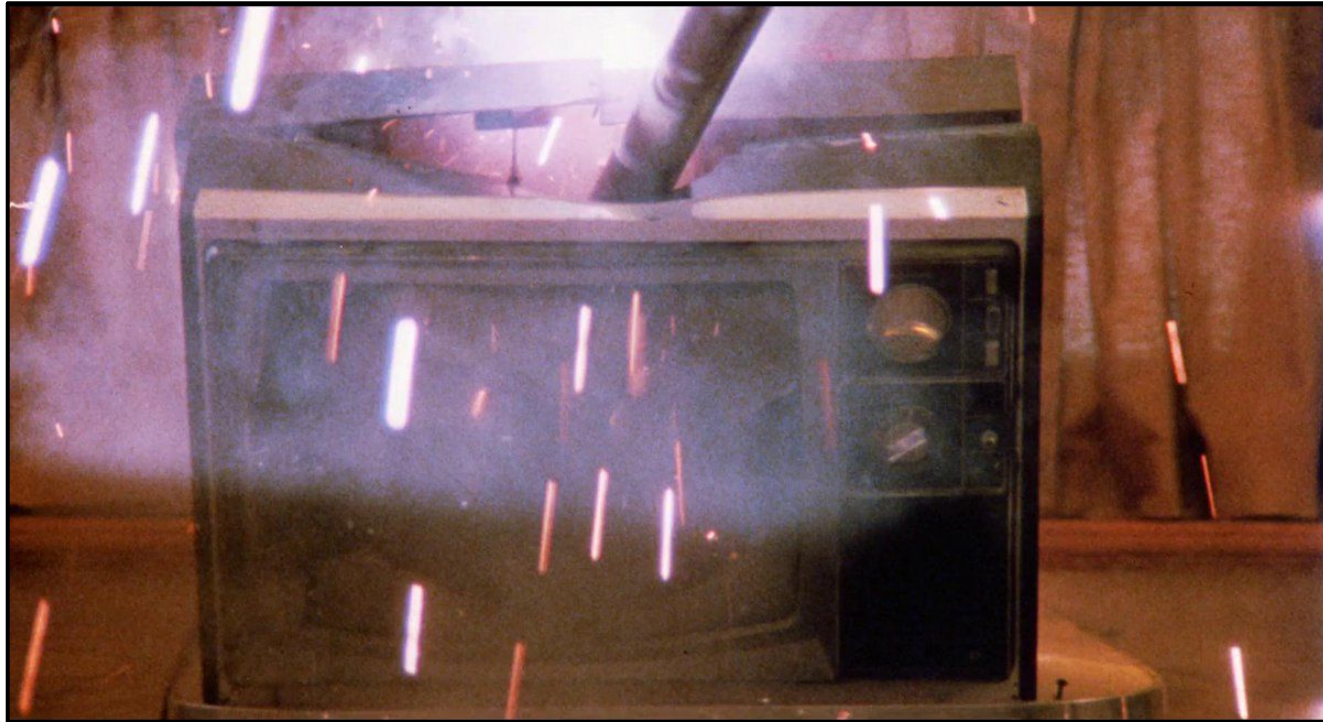


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Pope Francis: media ecology is needed, we can't look the other way

**Television has *already*
been canceled.**



(but its shadow remains.)

A photograph of Steve Jobs, wearing his signature black turtleneck and glasses, smiling and holding up the original iPhone. The phone's screen displays a grid of colorful app icons. The background is a dark stage with a large, bright, circular light source behind him.

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**“The natural tendency is to use
a new technology for the old job.”
-Marshall McLuhan**

 History.com

Steve Jobs Originally Envisioned the iPhone as Mostly a Phone - HISTORY

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New Fears, New Threats



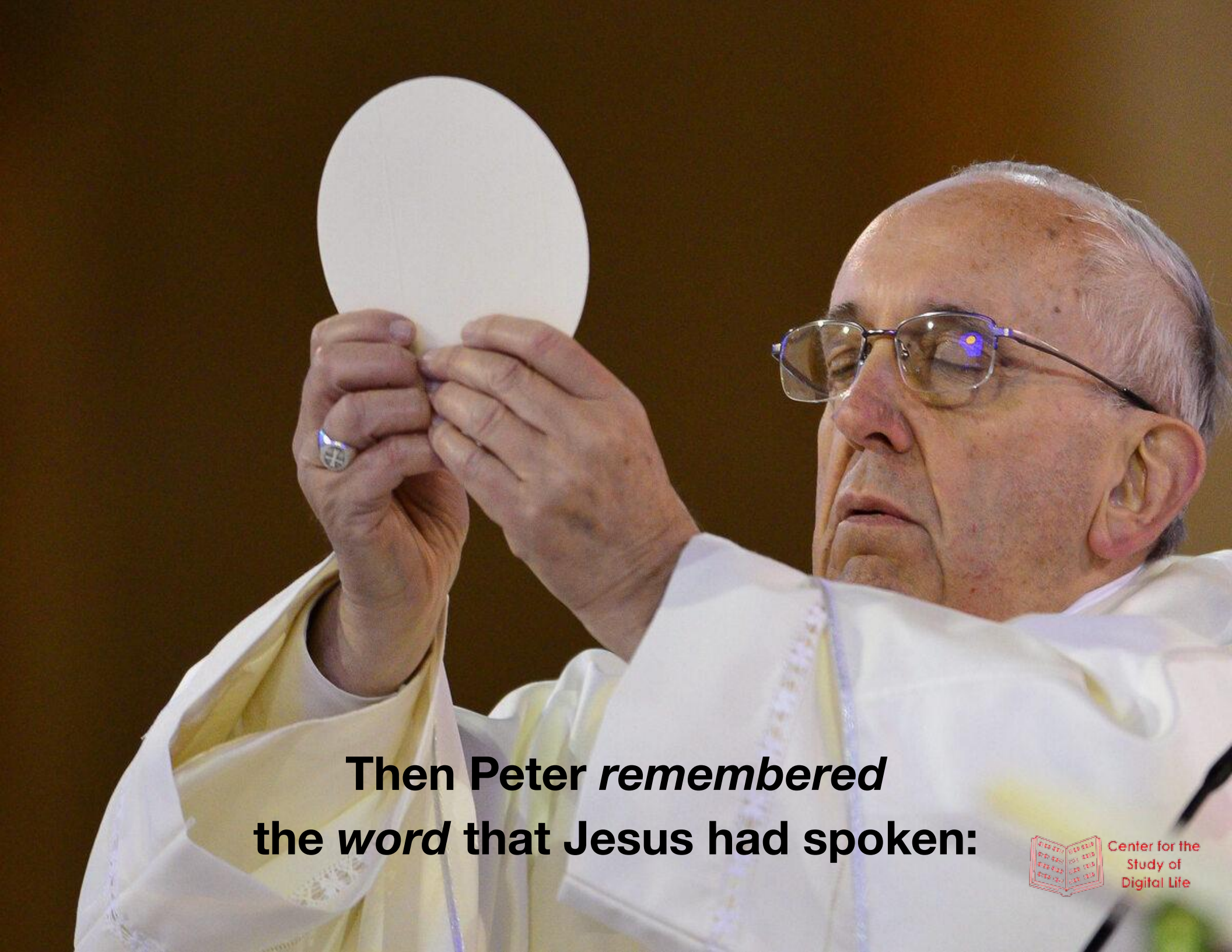
“Something has come up that has not existed before:
the unity of inhumanity and machine.”

-Romano Guardini, 1952

THE TRIVIUM



Learning to live with the **EFFECTS** of the alphabet, and other human artifacts.



**Then Peter *remembered*
the *word* that Jesus had spoken:**

“Do this in memory of Me”



Magnanimity | Magnificence | Patience |
Perseverance

FORTITUDE

JUSTICE

Religion
Piety
Respectfulness
Gratitude
Vindication
Truthfulness
Friendliness
Generosity
Equality



TEMPERANCE

Continenence
Meekness
Modesty

PRUDENCE

Memory | Understanding | Providence

SUMMA THEOLOGICA

52 Megabytes of Searchable Ancient Text



NETFLIX

3 Gigabytes/hr of Video Codec Hallucination

THE CHURCH IS IN THE POSITION TO LEAD

- A New Metaphysics
- A New **Psychology** based on human dignity
- A New **Economics** based on subsidiarity
- A New **Politics** based on solidarity
- New Histories of witness

**“Modern” alternatives
have already crumbled.**

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

The Dicastery for Communication

Secretary: Lucio Adrian Ruiz

The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

Prefect: Cardinal Peter Turkson

Digital Retrieves the Medieval



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