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GATEWAY LECTURES 2014
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Gateway: September 8 and 9

MONDAY (Sept. 8)

- 8:00 a.m. HARVEY Auditorium (SUB)
 - Sections 5, 6, and 7
- 2:00 p.m. HARVEY Auditorium (SUB)
 - Sections 9, 10, 11, and 12

TUESDAY (Sept. 9)

- 8:00 a.m. HARVEY Auditorium (SUB)
 - Sections 1, 13, 14, and 15
- 2:00 p.m. HARVEY Auditorium (SUB)
 - Sections 2, 3, 4, and 16

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Colossians 3:3-4

“For you have died . . .” means
Authorial Death

“Your life is hidden . . .”

Question: What do you do when
your life is hidden?

Answer: Listen to the *story*!

Three Questions

1. Why listen to the story?
2. How do you listen to the story?
3. What is the story?

Kill the Dragon; get the Girl.

Two Questions

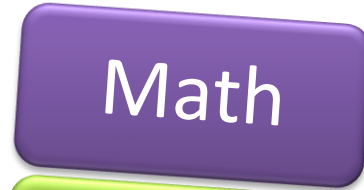
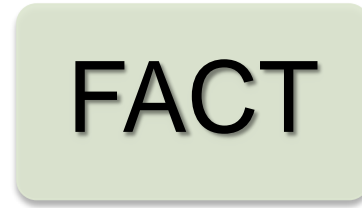
1. What is the story?
2. What difference does it make?

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STORY



The modern triumph of science and technology obscures the narrative structure of Reality.





The Bible is a fairy tale.

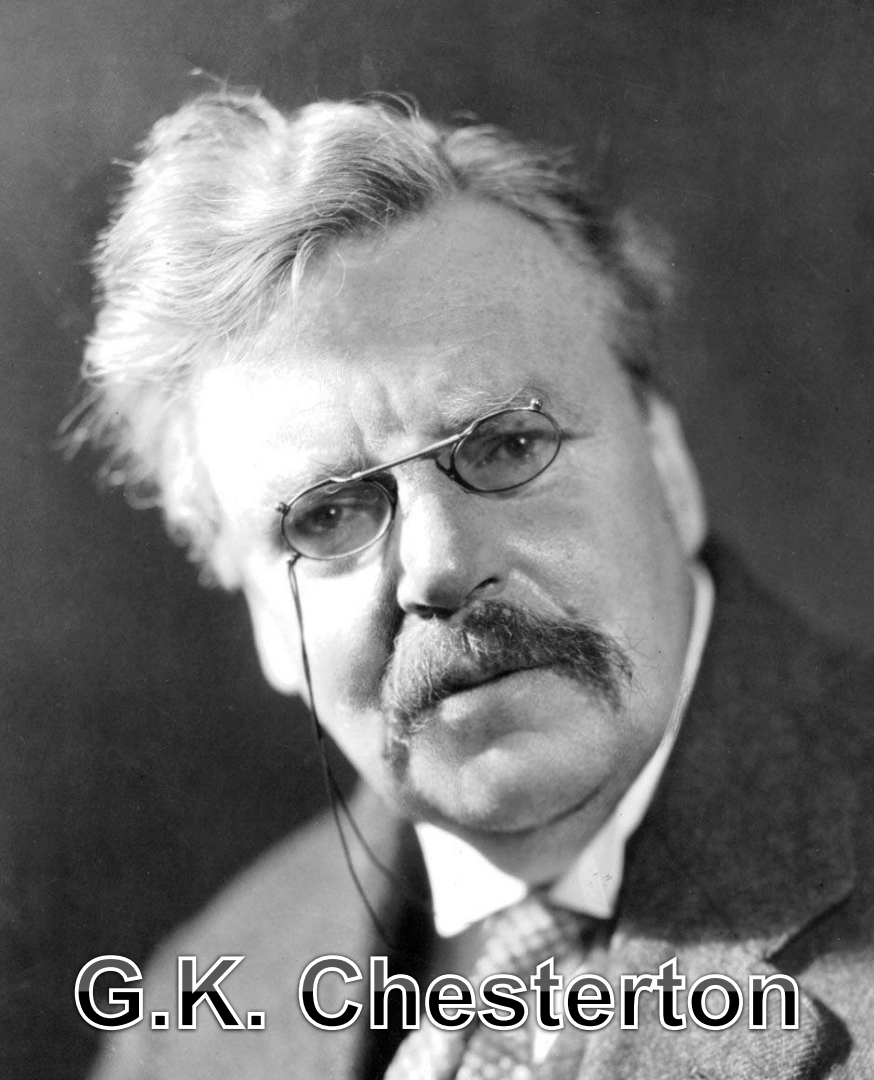
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What is the story?

Once upon a time, there was a God...

...Who created a glorious world!
(including, of course, a beautiful princess)

One day, there was a Dragon...



G.K. Chesterton

“Fairy tales do not tell children that dragons exist. Children already know that dragons exist. Fairy tales tell children that dragons can be killed.”

- Neil Gaiman

...who enticed the Girl away and
enslaved the glorious world.

So... God, the loving Father-King,
sends his royal Son to defeat the
Dragon, win back the Girl, and
rescue the world.

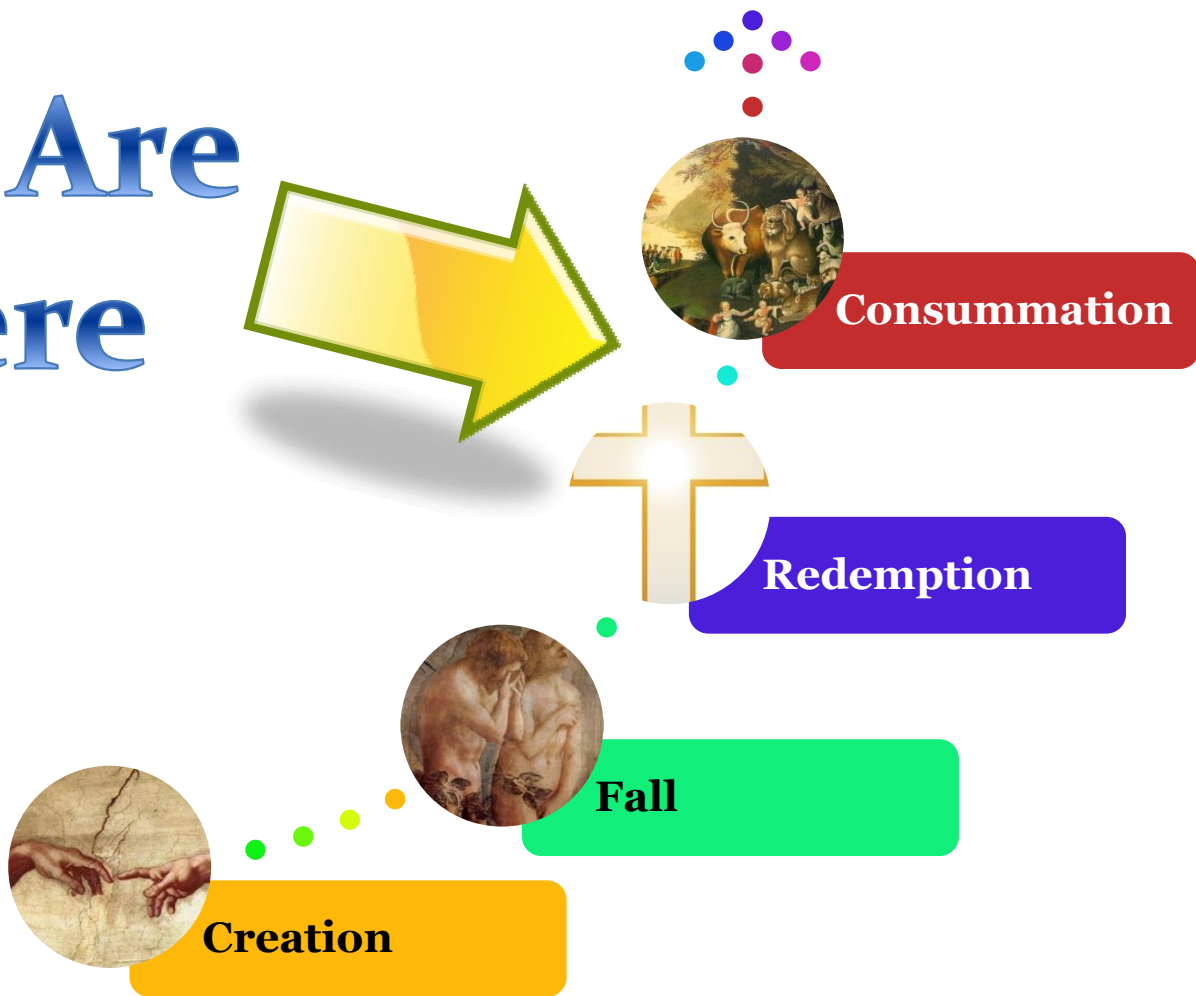


“Christianity is the **story** of how the rightful king has landed [in the “enemy-occupied territory” of Earth], and is calling us all to take part in a great campaign of sabotage.”

- C.S. Lewis: *Mere Christianity*

... And they lived happily ever after!

You Are Here



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When we die an **authorial death**, our lives as characters in an epic become hidden. Thus, we must inhabit the story as characters who **listen**, all the while **longing** for the appearance of the Author whose glorious manifestation will be our own.

“It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship . . . There are no *ordinary* people. You have never talked to a mere mortal.”

- C.S. Lewis: “The Weight of Glory”

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