



# GOD AND SCALE

BEYOND THE RAY OF CREATION

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AN EXPLORATION *of* IDEAS

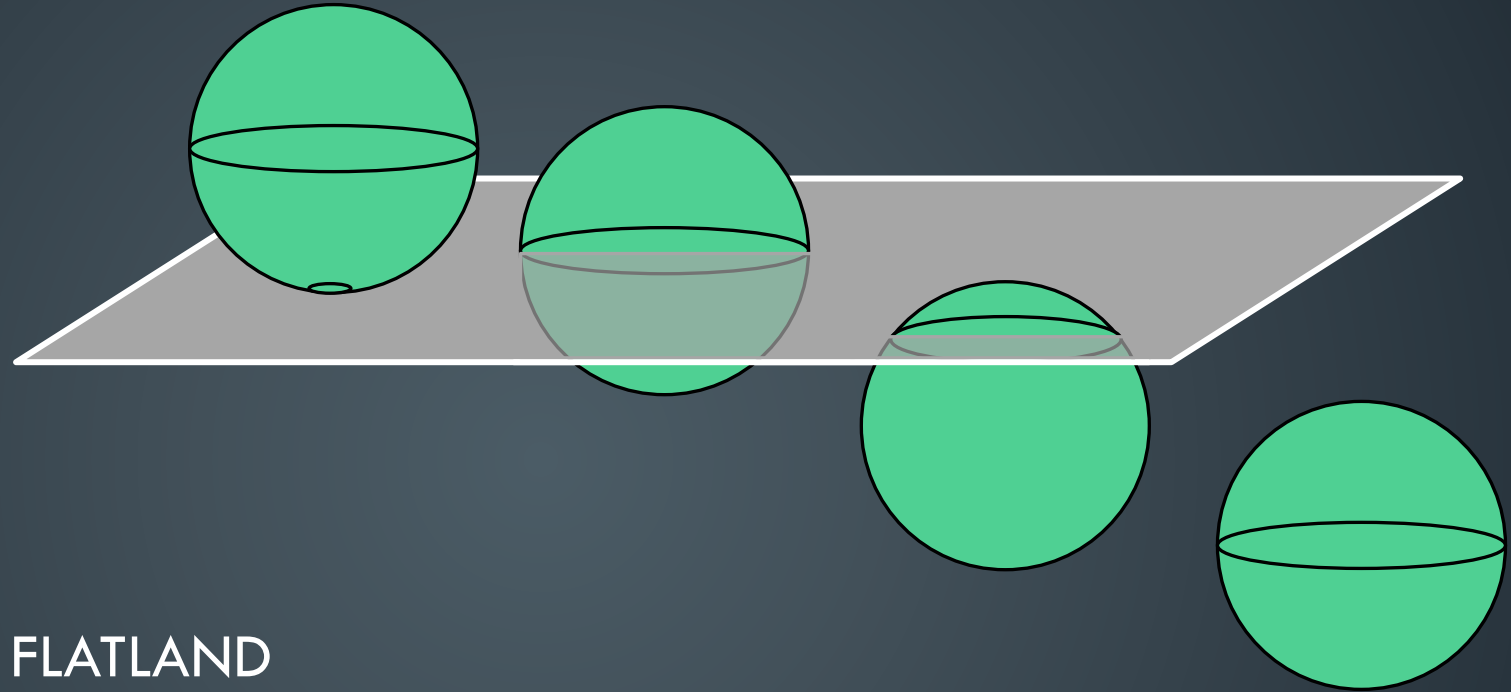


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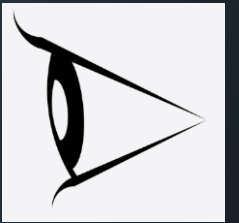
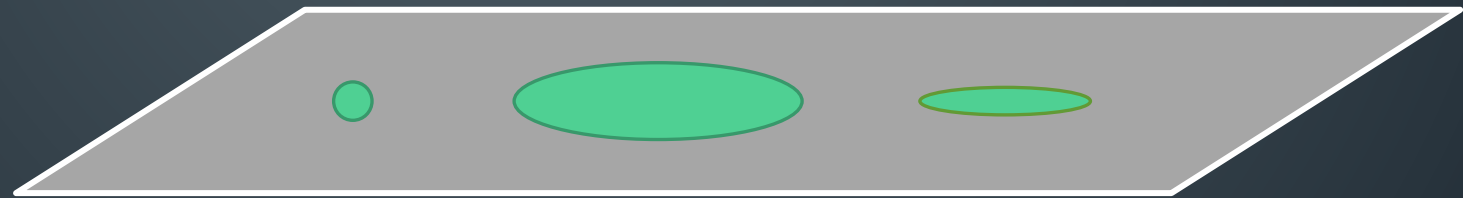




3 DIMENSIONS



FLATLAND



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## FLATLAND TAKE-AWAYS

- We are inherently limited in what we can think and see by our material manifestation
- We think higher dimensions / higher worlds are cleaner, brighter, happier, lighter, brighter versions of the dimension we live in:
  - Heaven: 72 degrees and sunny
  - God: an all-powerful humanoid

But what if things are utterly different from what we know?



SCALE OF...

DIMENSION

SPACE

TIME

GOD



## Last week we spoke of Worlds and Laws

# SCALE OF DIMENSION

<u>Level of Creation</u>	<u>Descending Octave</u>	<u>Orders of Laws</u>
Absolute	DO	1
All Worlds	SI	3
Milky Way	LA	6
Sun	SOL	12
All Planets	FA	24
Earth	MI	48
Moon	RE	96



Notice that all these 'worlds' are in the same material dimension – just bigger or more.



SCALE OF  
DIMENSION

UNFATHOMABLE SOURCE

TRANSFINITE REALITY



LIMITLESS BEING

NON-BEING

ALL EXISTENCE  
*(all possibilities)*

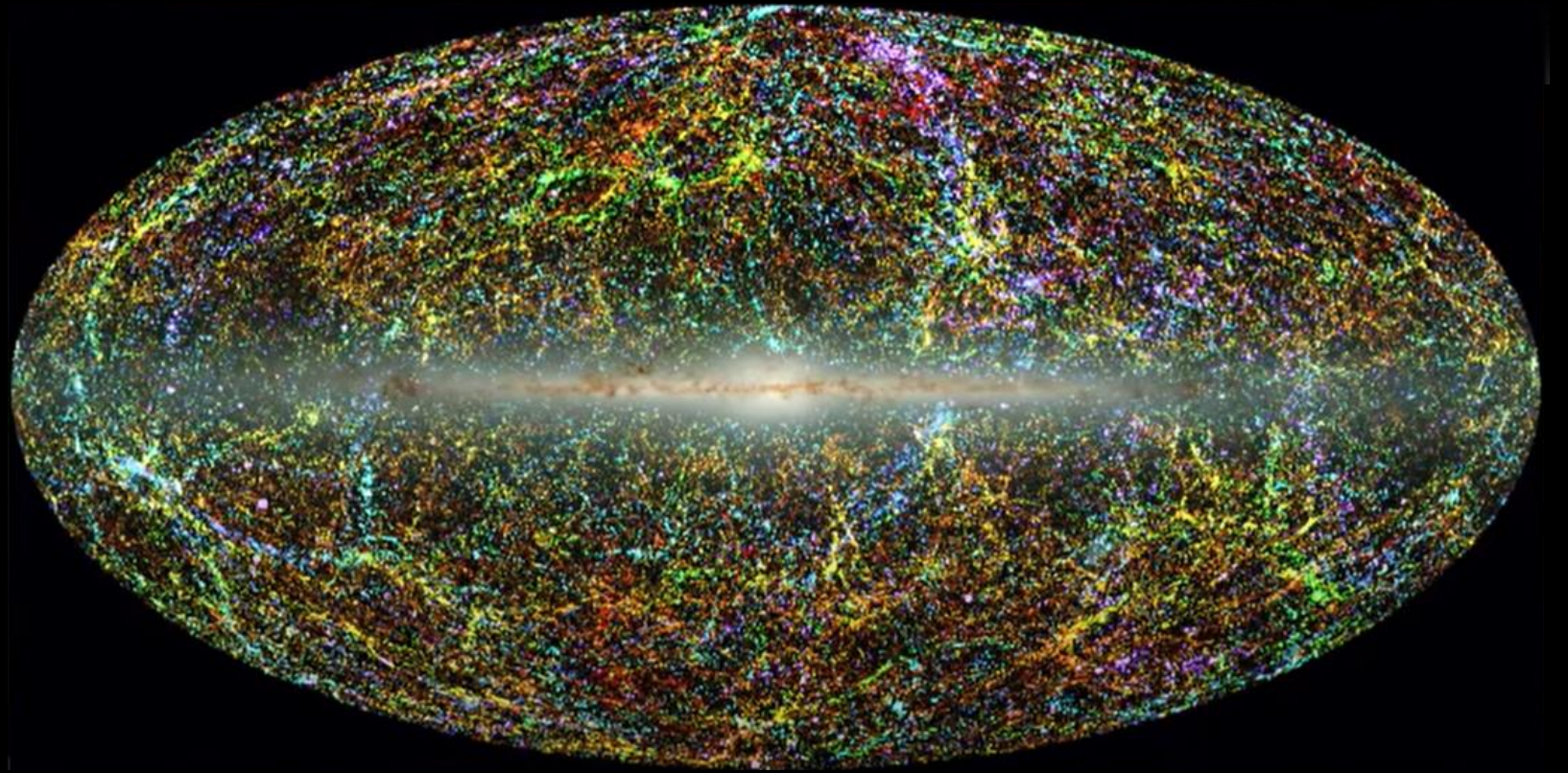
NON-EXISTENCE  
*(all impossibilities)*

UNIVERSE

And then we get to Galaxies, Stars,  
Planetary Systems, the Earth, and Life!

This is the  
'Flatland'  
we live in

SCALE OF  
SPACE

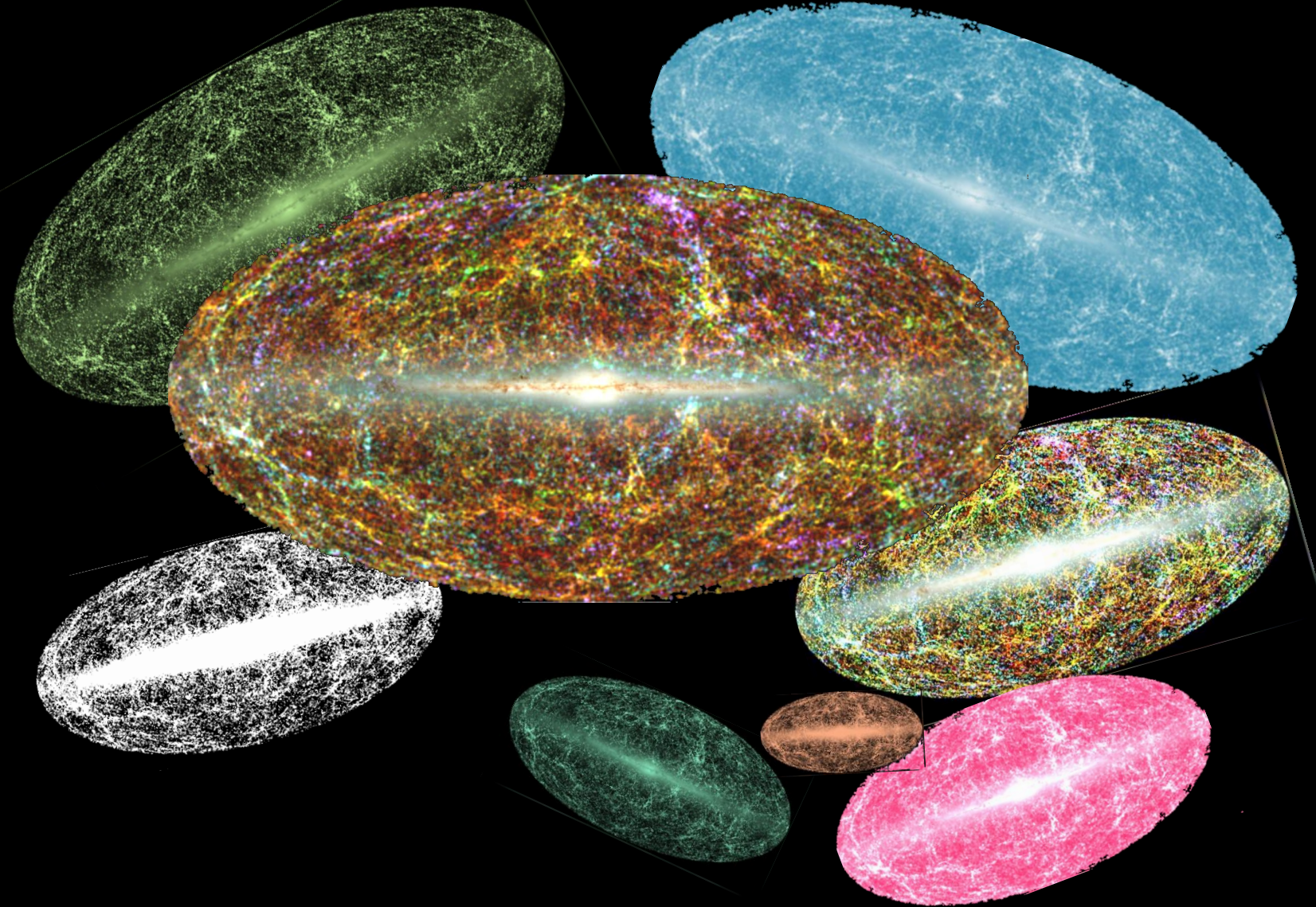


But what's beyond visible space, out here?

(a Flatland question)



SCALE OF  
SPACE -  
BEYOND MATTER



The level of “All Existence” – Infinite Universes  
But likely without size, place or dimension!



# WISDOM

“And he showed me a little thing, the quantity of a hazelnut, lying in the palm of my hand. I looked upon it and thought, ‘What may this be?’

And it was answered, ‘It is all that is made.’ I marveled how it might last, for I thought it might suddenly have fallen to nothing for littleness. And I was answered: It lasts and ever shall, for God loves it. And so have all things their beginning by the love of God.

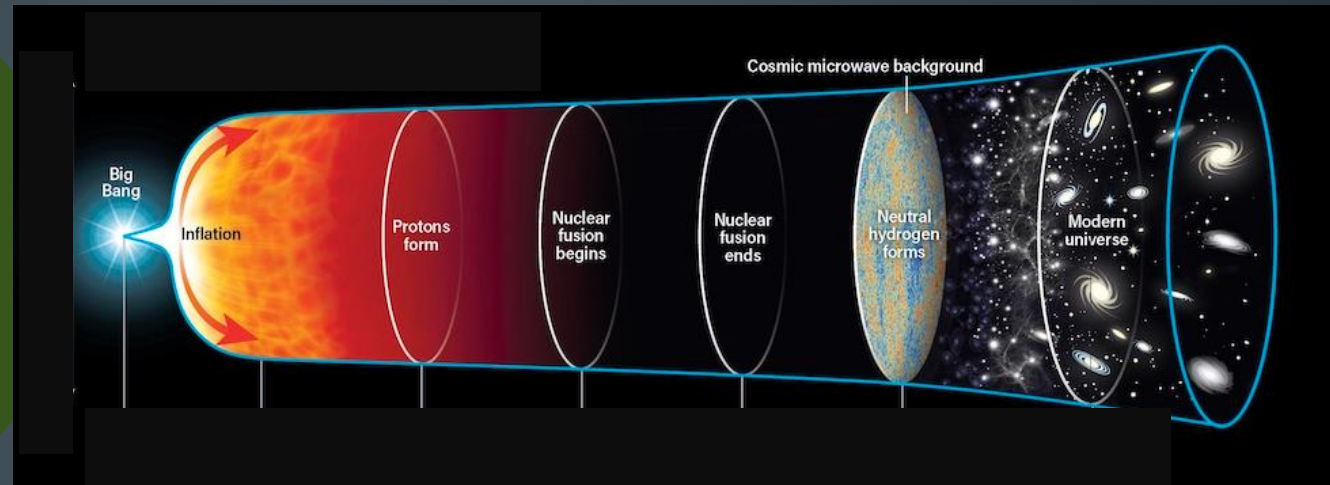
In this little thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it. The second that God loves it. And the third, that God keeps it.”

~ Julian of Norwich <sup>(1416)</sup>, Revelations of Divine Love



# SCALE OF TIME

But what about 'before time?'



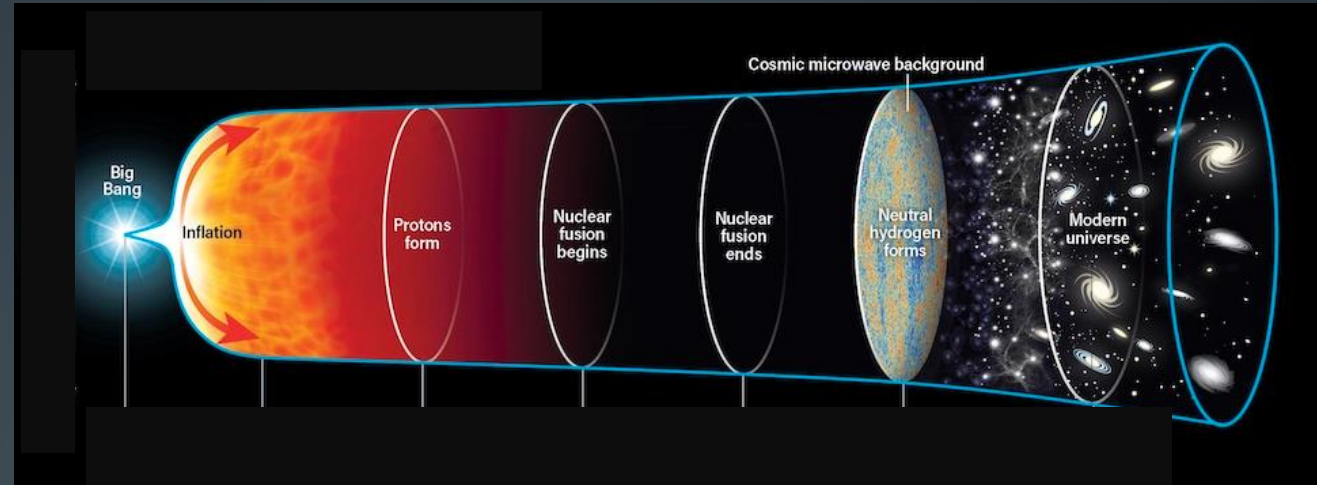
13.7 billion years

Eternity: A lot of time, all time or outside of time?

*Hint: the first two are from thinking in Flatland*



# SCALE OF TIME



Time is subjective for us because of our consciousness, and meaningless in a quantum universe where everything is always happening.



SCALE OF  
GOD

God > ∞<sup>EXPRESSIONS</sup>  
ATTRIBUTES

The only attributes we know of are material  
manifestation, time, consciousness and love.

(the elements of our Flatland)



WISDOM

John of the Cross:

There are many attributes of God that we know nothing about – we have no concept or experience of.

Bede Griffiths:

All concepts of God are utterly ludicrous.

Wayne Teasdale:

We can't reflect on the other attributes of God with theology or philosophy or science.  
(because they are outside our Flatland)



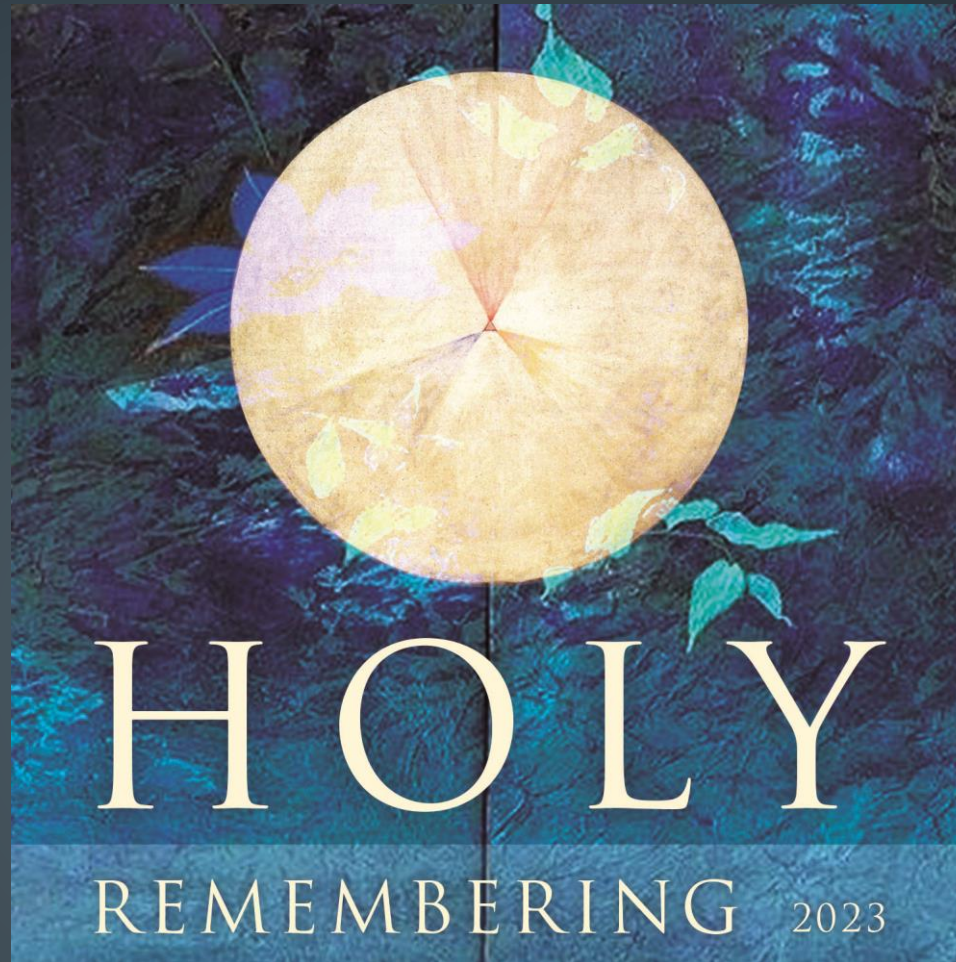
## SO WHAT ARE THE TAKE-AWAYS?

### Humility:

- We (the “crown of creation”) hardly know anything at all
- “For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.” (1 Cor 13:12)

Scale helps us navigate levels of consciousness and degrees of love (in our universe).

Scale (even within our Flatland) is a tool that can help us non-identify, self-remember, and not take everything (including ourselves) so seriously.



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The second that God loves it.  
And the third, that God keeps it.”





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