

A photograph of a yellow door set in a dark wooden wall. A small lantern is mounted on the wall to the right of the door. The text 'HOUSE CALLS' is overlaid in white, with the 'H' inside a square frame.

HOUSE CALLS

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN COMES CALLING

From Blindness to Burning



Ross Douthat

Before falling ill, this person imagined the world of science as a stable room, well-built and well-lit, with a sturdy floor beneath. But now the floor has given way, the patient has fallen through, and in the basement there is darkness, strange shapes, things you can possibly identify by feel but not by sight. . . .





There's still some light coming through from above, from the world of certainty and expertise. . . . But those shafts of light don't fill the whole basement, and what they do light up can be partial and misleading. . . .

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So if you're going to find your way out and up to health and safety, you have to be prepared to grope, to stumble, to make your own light, and sometimes to move by feel or instinct through the dark.

"In the fog of coronavirus, there are no experts"





Paula Fredriksen

I know in their own terms what they saw was the raised Jesus. That's what they say, and then all the historic evidence we have afterwards attest to their conviction that that's what they saw. I'm not saying that they really did see the raised Jesus. I wasn't there. I don't know what they saw. But I do know that as a historian that they must have seen something.





C.S. Lewis

The picture so often painted of Christians huddling together on an ever narrower strip of beach while the incoming tide of "Science" mounts higher and higher corresponds to nothing in my experience.





If. . .I swallow the scientific cosmology as a whole, then not only can I not fit in Christianity, but I cannot even fit in science. . . .

C.S. Lewis





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If minds are wholly dependent on brains, and brains on biochemistry, and biochemistry. . . on the meaningless flux of the atoms, I cannot understand how the thought of those minds should have any more significance than the sound of the wind in the trees. And this is to me the final test.





I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

C.S. Lewis





Brené Brown

*In order for forgiveness to happen,
something has to die.*





David Van De Carr

I've been waking up earlier, about 4:45. I don't sleep very well. I have one cup of coffee. In the shower, I say a morning prayer. I ask God to be relieved of the bondage of self so that I may better serve others. . . .





David Van De Carr

What gets to me these days is the kindness of other people. I get hugs from transporters and nurses. We say 'I love you' a lot more now. My director and I will have a conversation, and end it with 'I love you.'

