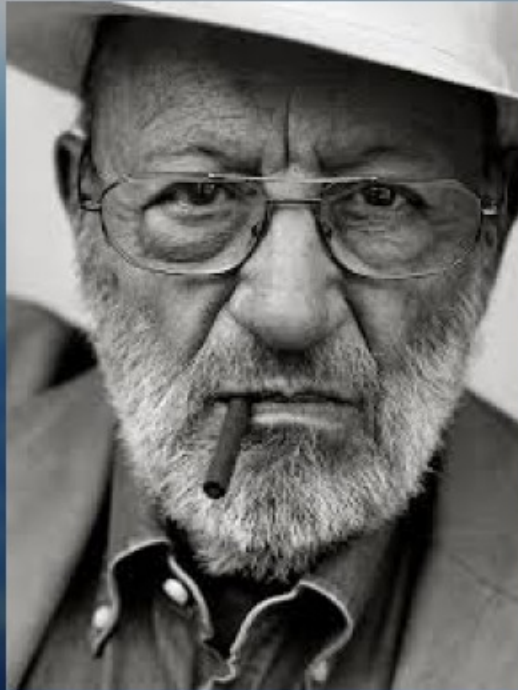




Churches should be the most honest place in town, not the happiest place in town.

Walter Brueggemann

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Umberto Eco

If you follow the Sunday morning religious programs on TV you come to understand that God can be experienced only as nature, flesh, energy, tangible image. And since no preacher dares show us God in the form of a bearded dummy, or as a Disneyland robot, God can only be found in the form of natural force, joy, healing, youth, health, economic increment.' . . . 'Where is the MYSTERIUM TREMENDUM. . . the holy, numinous, ineffable God?'



Augustine

*But what do I love when I love
my God? . . .*

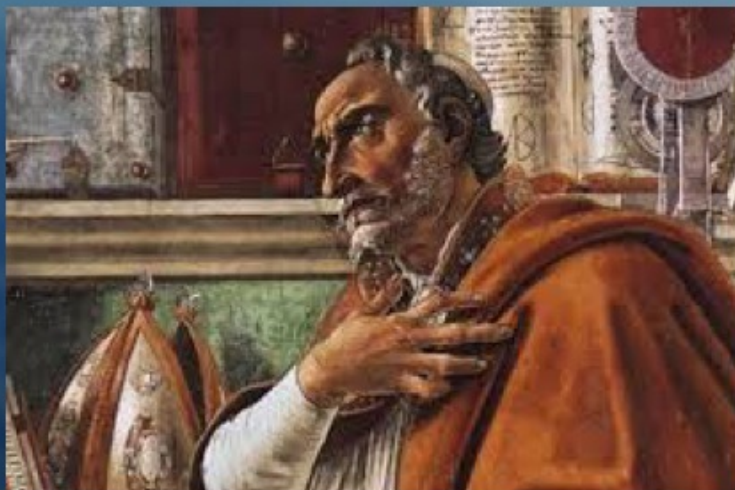
*Not the sweet melody of
harmony and song;
not the fragrance of flowers,
perfumes, and spices;
not manna or honey;
not limbs such as the body
delights to embrace.*

*It is not these that I love when
I love my God.*



Augustine

*And yet, when I love him,
it is true that I love a light
of a certain kind, a voice,
a perfume, a food, an
embrace;
but they are of the kind
that I love in my inner
self,*



Augustine

*when my soul is bathed in
light that is not bound by
space;
when it listens to sound that
never dies away;
when it breathes fragrance
that is not borne away on the
wind;
when it tastes food that is
never consumed by the
eating;
when it clings to an embrace
from which it is not severed
by fulfillment of desire.
This is what I love when I love
my God*

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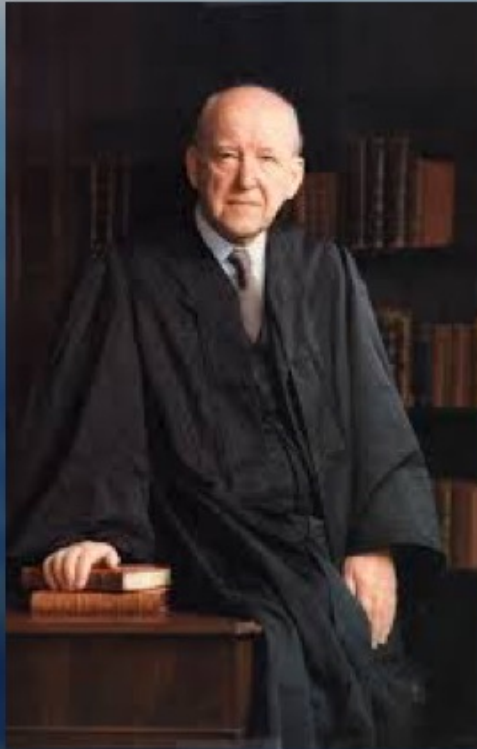


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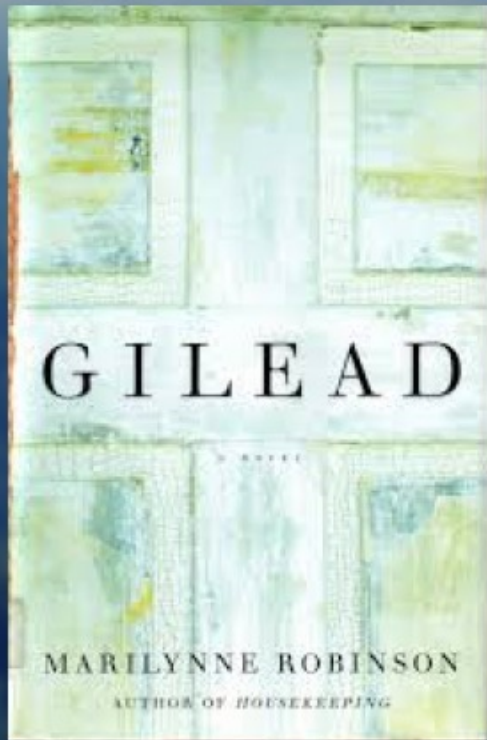
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D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

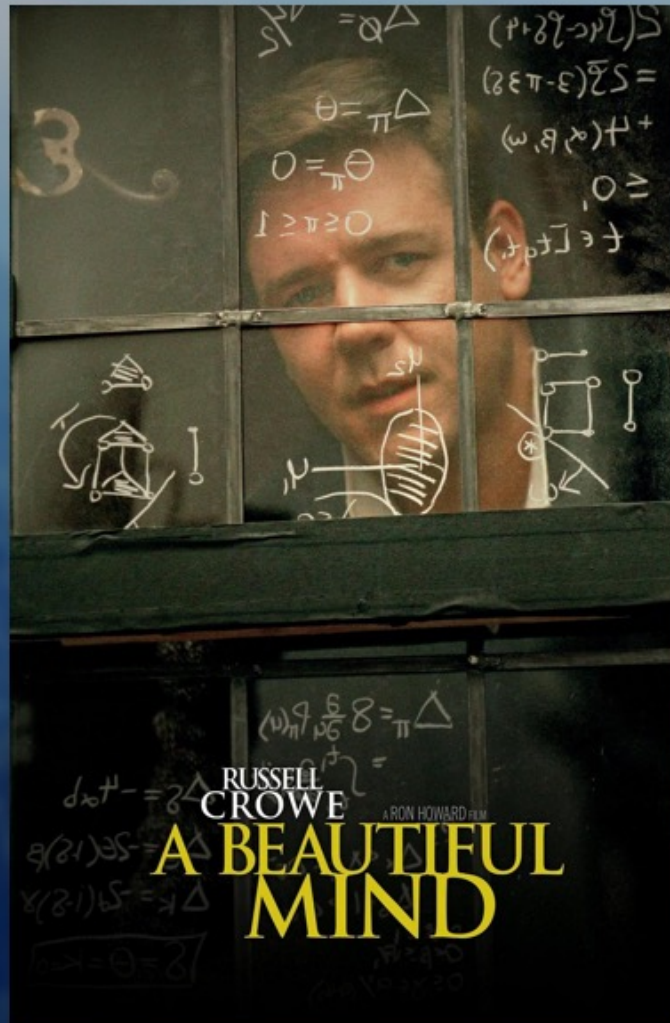
Have you realized that most of your unhappiness in life is due to the fact that you are listening to yourself instead of talking to yourself?

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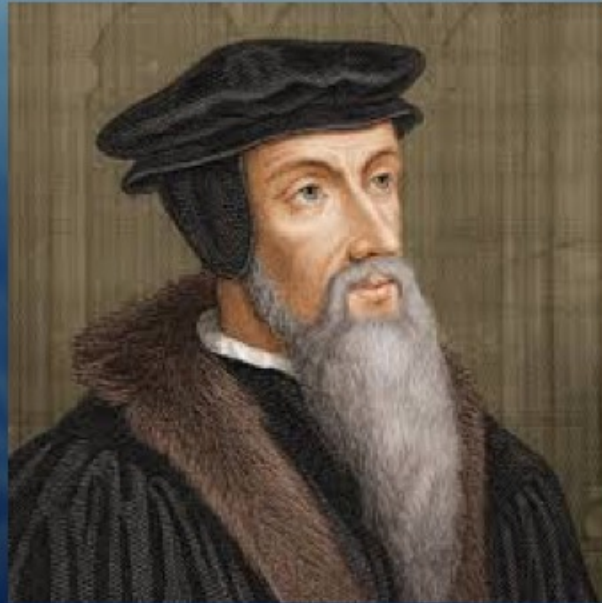
I should consider what I would say to myself if I came to myself for counsel. . . There are a thousand, thousand reasons to live this life, every one of them sufficient.

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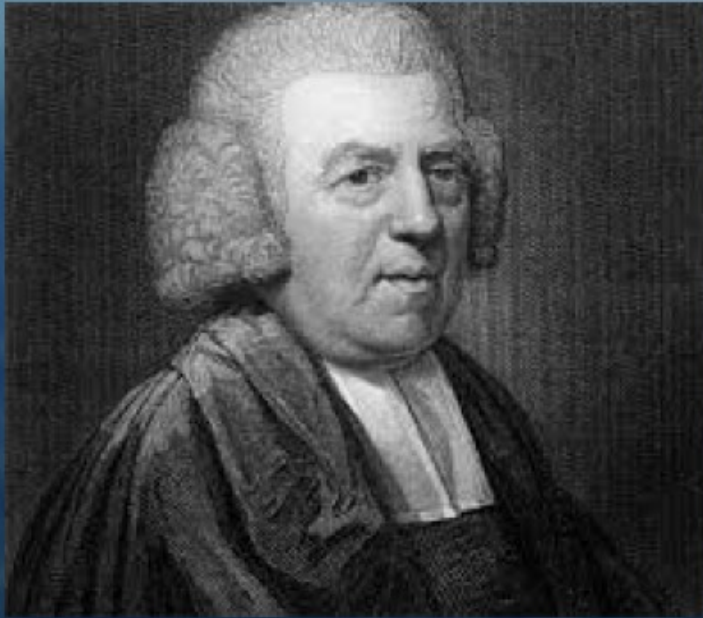
A Beautiful Mind, (2001)



John Calvin

to govern and subdue the desires of their hearts, and especially to contend against the feelings of distrust which are natural to all, is a conflict to which the godly are not [in]frequently called.

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John Newton

*Come, madam, let us
leave our troubles to
themselves for a while,
and let us walk to
Golgotha, and there
take a view of his.*

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