



BEHOLD THE KING

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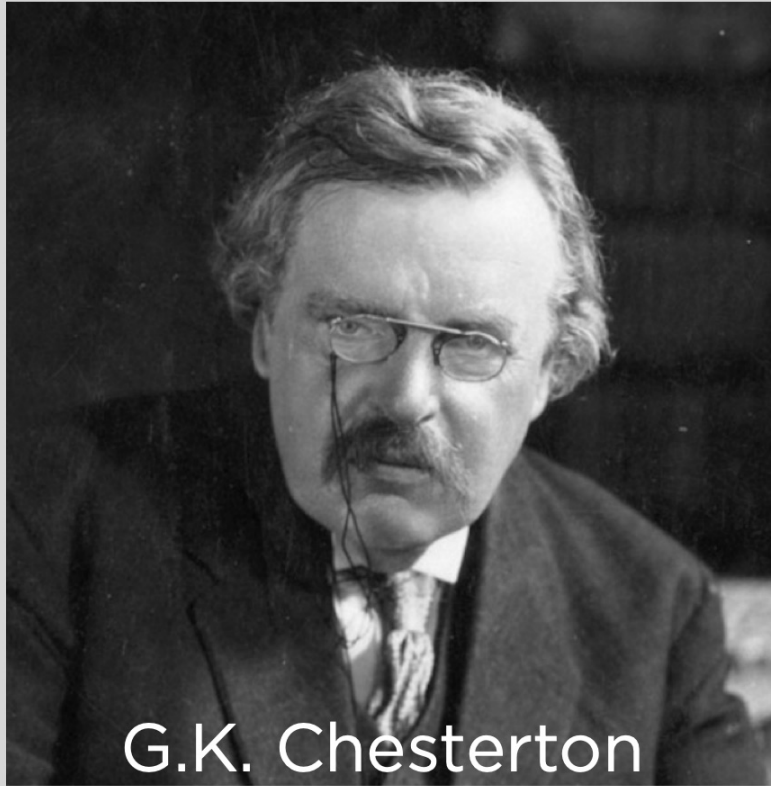
LGBTQ Forum

March 11 @ 7 p.m.

Register online

Open for everyone!





G.K. Chesterton



“The modern world is ... full of wild and wasted virtues.... The vices are, indeed, let loose, and they wander and do damage.

“But the virtues are let loose also, and the virtues wander more wildly, and the virtues do more terrible damage.”

G.K. Chesterton

“The modern world is full of the old **Christian**
virtues gone **mad**.”

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“The virtues have gone mad because they have been isolated from each other and are wandering alone.

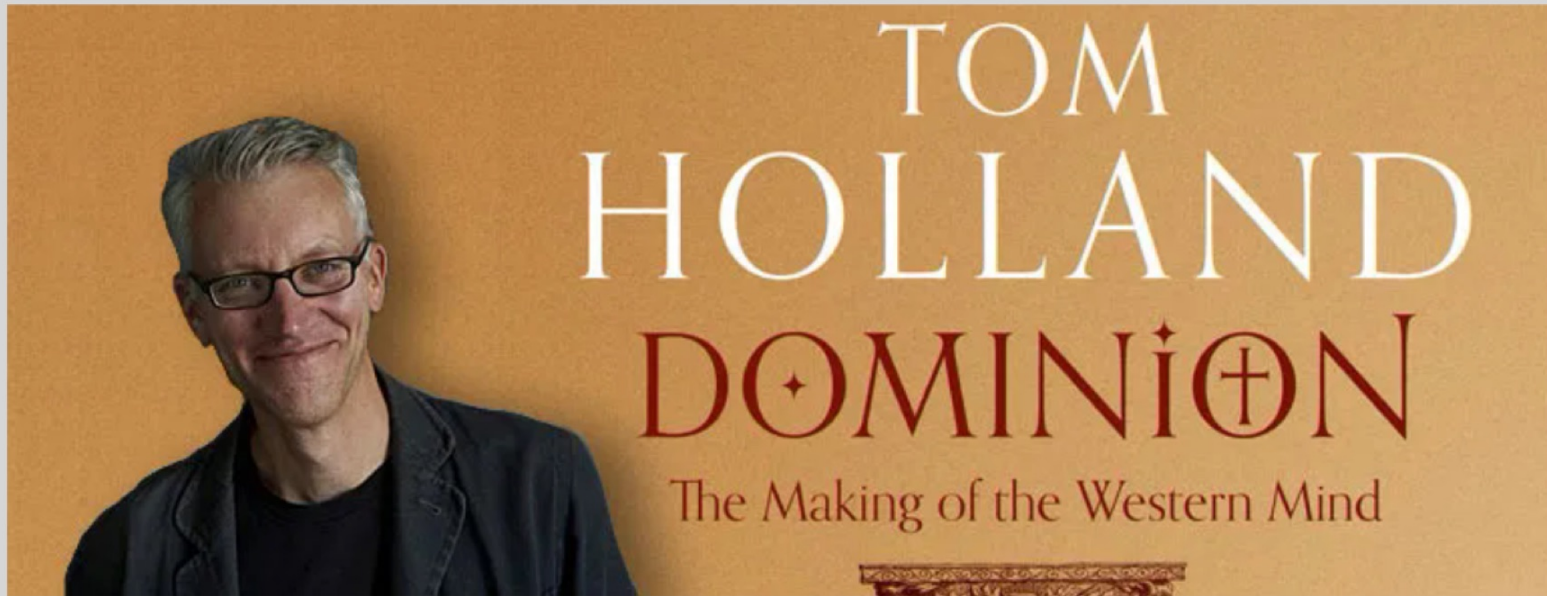
“Thus some scientists care for truth; and their truth is pitiless. Thus some humanitarians only care for pity; and their pity (I am sorry to say) is often untruthful.”

G.K. Chesterton

“My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust?”

“A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?”

C.S. Lewis



"PUNCHY, ENGAGING, ENTERTAINING" - TOM HOLLAND



HOW
WE ALL
CAME TO
BELIEVE IN

THE AIR WE BREATHE



FREEDOM,
KINDNESS,
PROGRESS,
AND
EQUALITY
.
GLEN
SCRIVENER



Tom Holland



“It was not just the extremes of callousness that unsettled me, but the complete lack of any sense that the poor or the weak might have the slightest intrinsic value.

“Why did I find this disturbing? Because, in my morals and ethics, I was not a Spartan or a Roman at all.”

Tom Holland

1. The **pronouns**

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“Seeing the crowds, **he** went up on the mountain, and when **he** sat down, **his** disciples came to **him**. And **he** opened **his** mouth and taught them ...”

Matthew 5:1-2

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blessed = favored by God, happy, fortunate

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- middle 6 - future tense “for they **shall** be comforted”

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3. The timing
4. The **overflow**

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“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (3)

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who
are bound;”

Isaiah 61:1

“The poor in spirit are not merely subjects of this kingdom but participate in the Messiah’s rule as his representatives.”

Charles Quarles

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“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” (4)

“As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us.

“For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.”

2 Corinthians 7:9-10

“Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? ...

“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

“Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”

James 4:4, 8-10

“Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!
He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.”

Psalm 126:5-6

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“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” (6)

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- horizontal - longing to see things made right with people
- **vertical** - longing to see things made right with God

“You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.”

Leviticus 19:36

“For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of
the LORD.”

Psalm 33:4-5

“Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

“For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.”

Romans 10:1-4

Case Study - Meekness

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- prominence - worship satan for kingdoms and glory

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
for I am **gentle** and lowly in heart, and you will
find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11:29

“Jesus is not trigger-happy. Not harsh, reactionary, easily exasperated. He is the most understanding person in the universe. The posture most natural to him is not a pointed finger but open arms.”

Dane Ortlund

Meekness makes no sense when it is **severed**
from the **story**.



Ta-Nehisi Coates

“I could not retreat, as did so many, into the church and its mysteries. My parents rejected all dogmas.

“We spurned the holidays marketed by the people who wanted to be white. We would not stand for their anthems. We would not kneel before their God.

“And so I had no sense that any just God was on my side. ‘The meek shall inherit the earth’ meant nothing to me.... My understanding of the universe was physical, and its moral arc bent toward chaos then concluded in a box.”

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There's peace that outlasts darkness
Hope that's in the blood
There's future grace that's mine today
That Jesus Christ has won

So I can face tomorrow
For tomorrow's in your hands
All I need you will provide
Just like you always have

I'm fighting a battle
You've already won
No matter what comes my way
I will overcome

I don't know what you're doing
But I know what you've done
I'm fighting a battle
You've already won

There's mercy in the waiting
Manna for today
And when it's gone I know you're not
You are my hope and stay

When the sea is raging
Your Spirit is my help
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ
And I'll say that is well
Oh I know that it is well

I know how the story ends
We will be with you again
You're my Savior my defense
No more fear in life or death
I know how this story ends