

Leading Creatively

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This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. Now no shrub

had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the

ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust

of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the
breath of life, and the man became a living being.
Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the

east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing

to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river watering the

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garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire

land of Havilah, where there is gold. (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) The name of the second river is the Gihon;

it winds through the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

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The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free

to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will

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certainly die. The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” Now the Lord God had formed

out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the

man called each living creature, that was its name.
So the man gave names to all the livestock, the
birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of

the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought

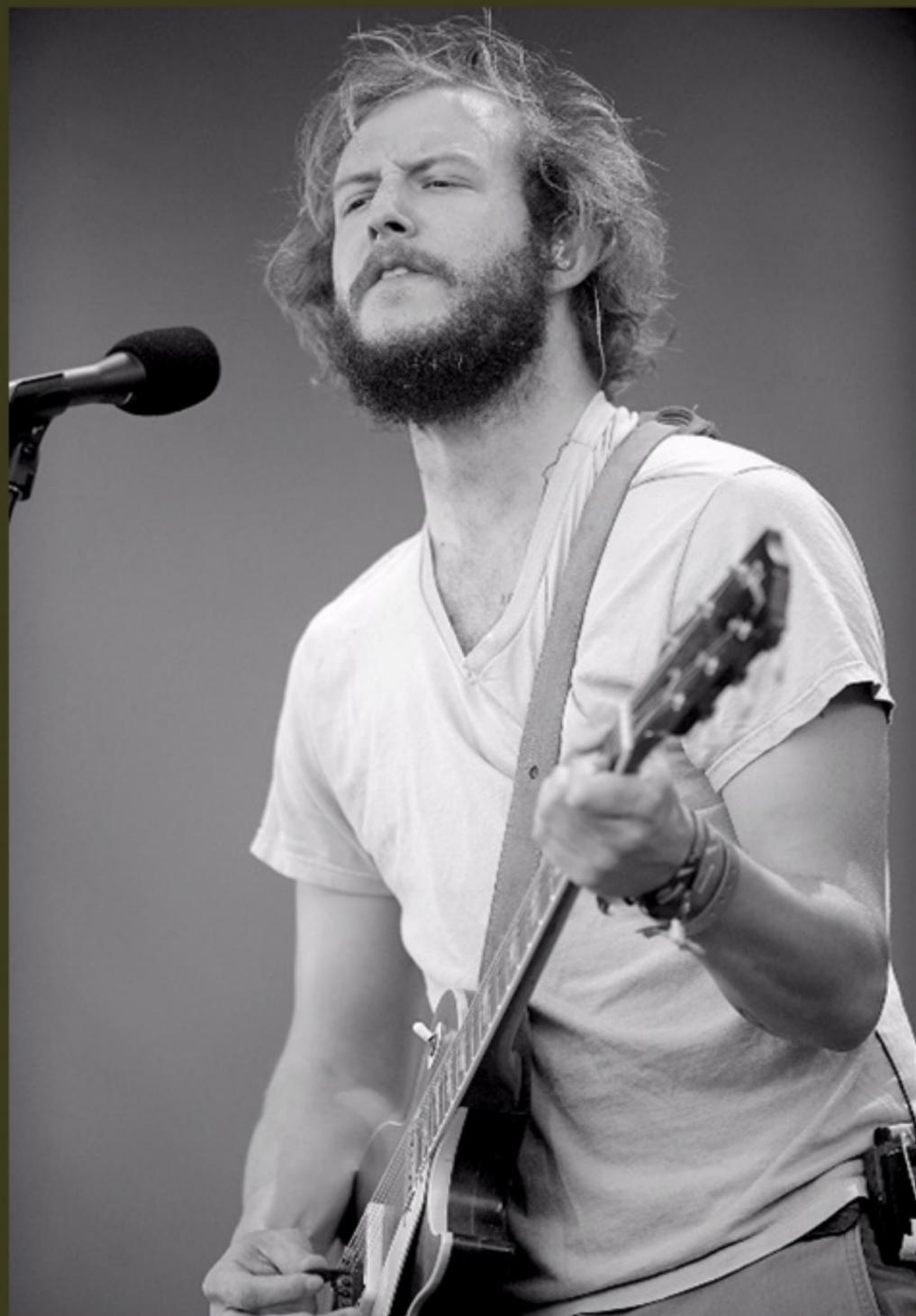
her to the man. The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

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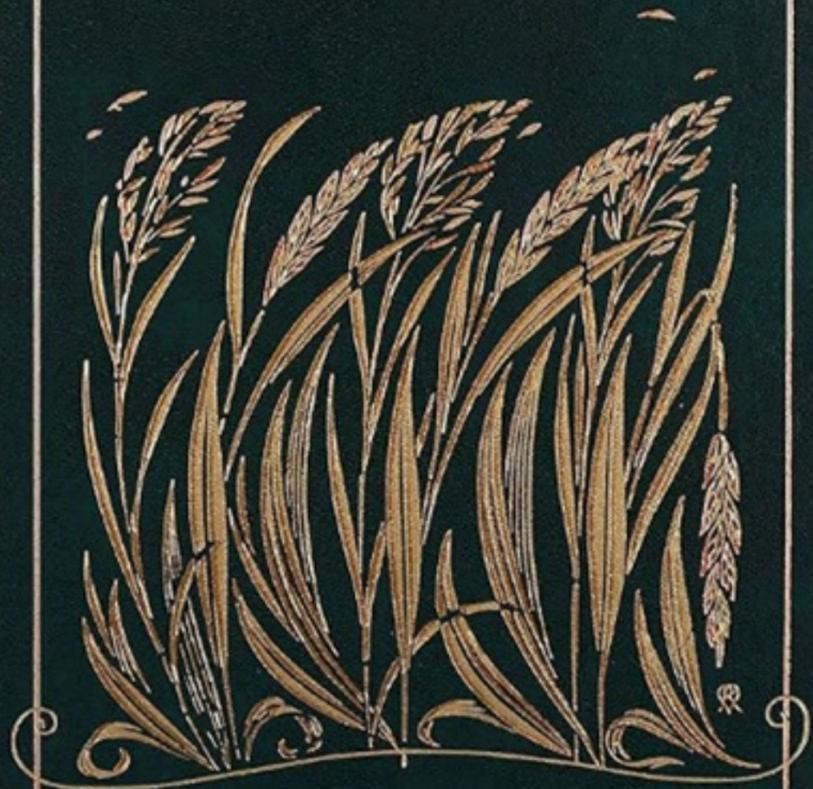
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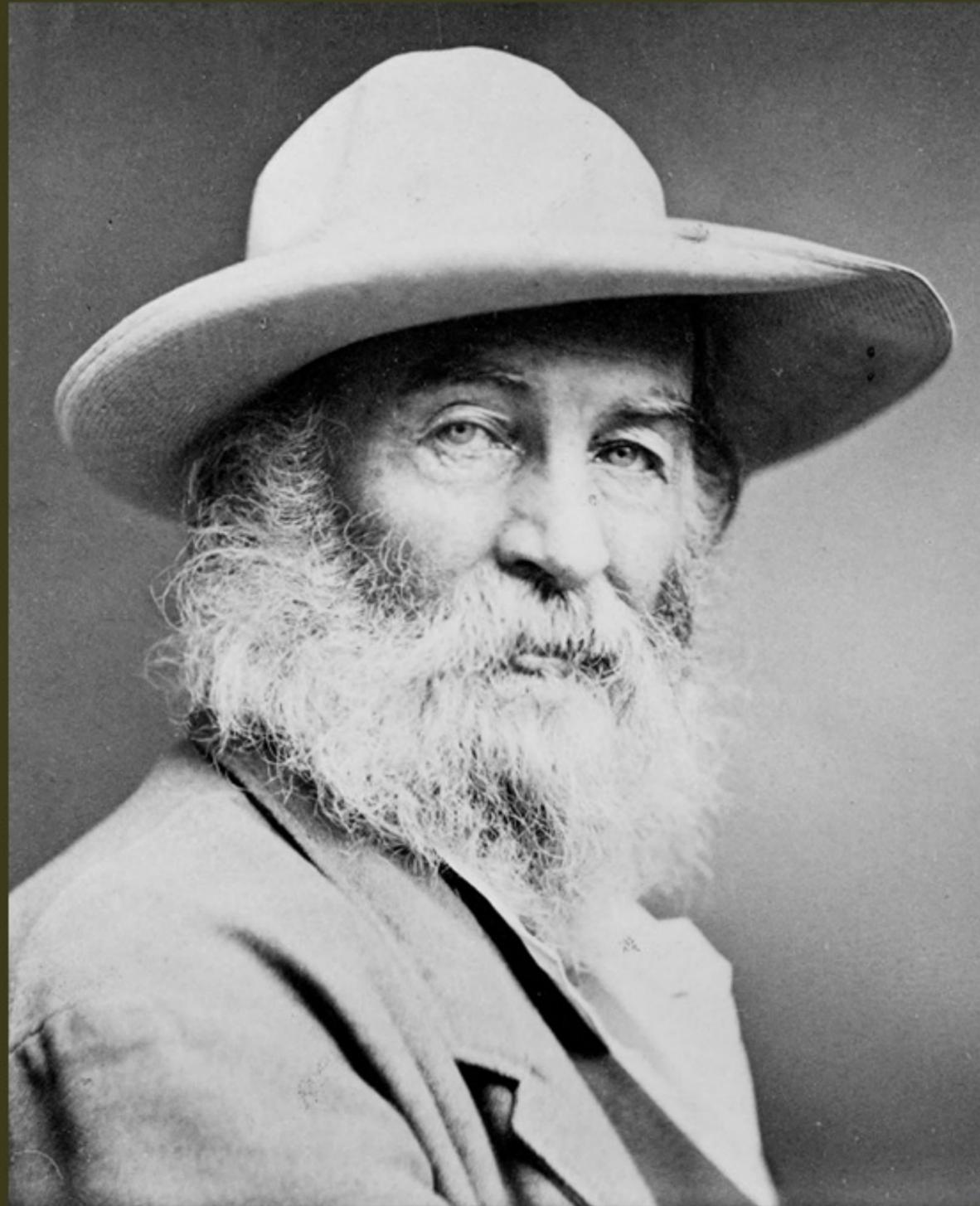


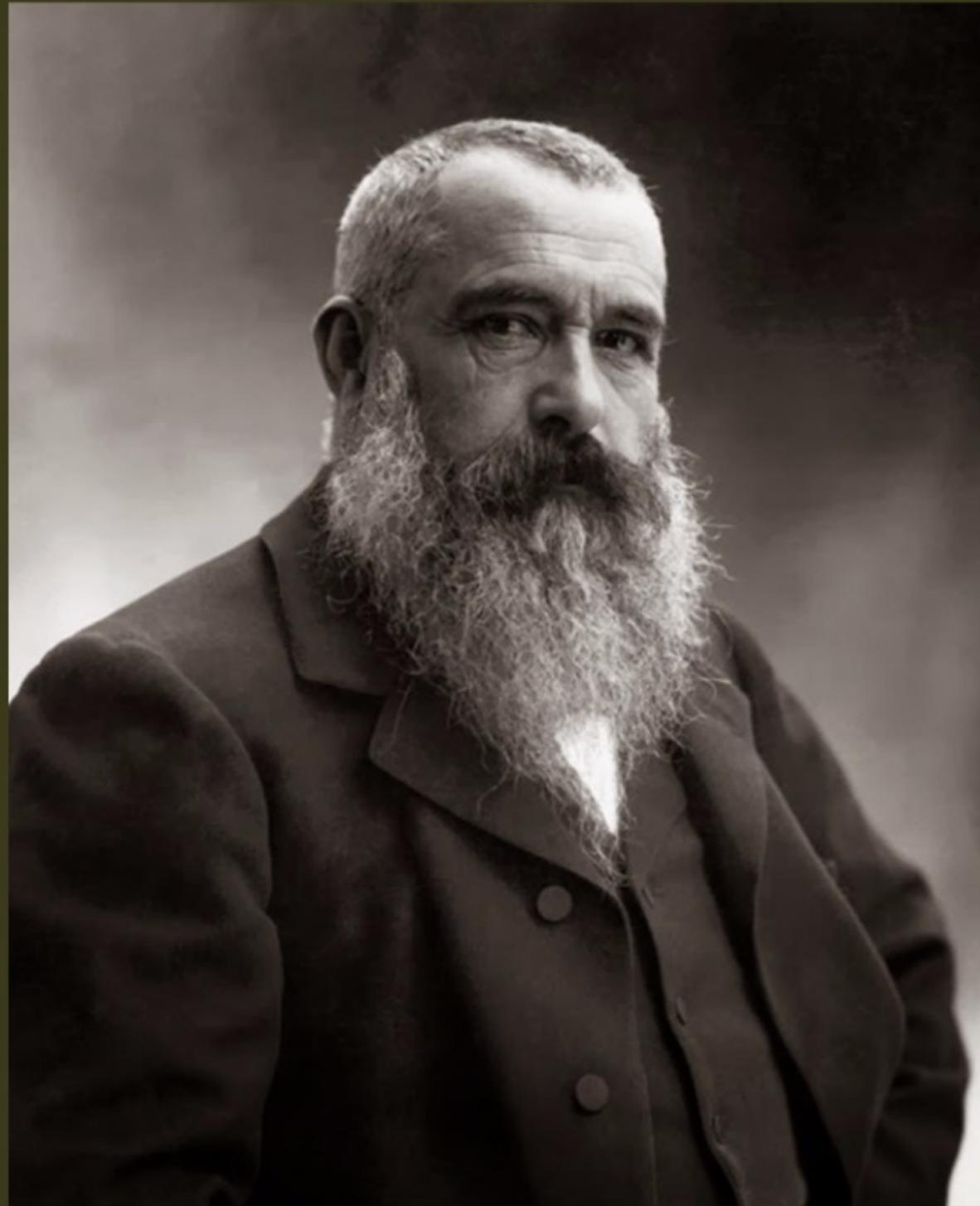


Leaves of Grass

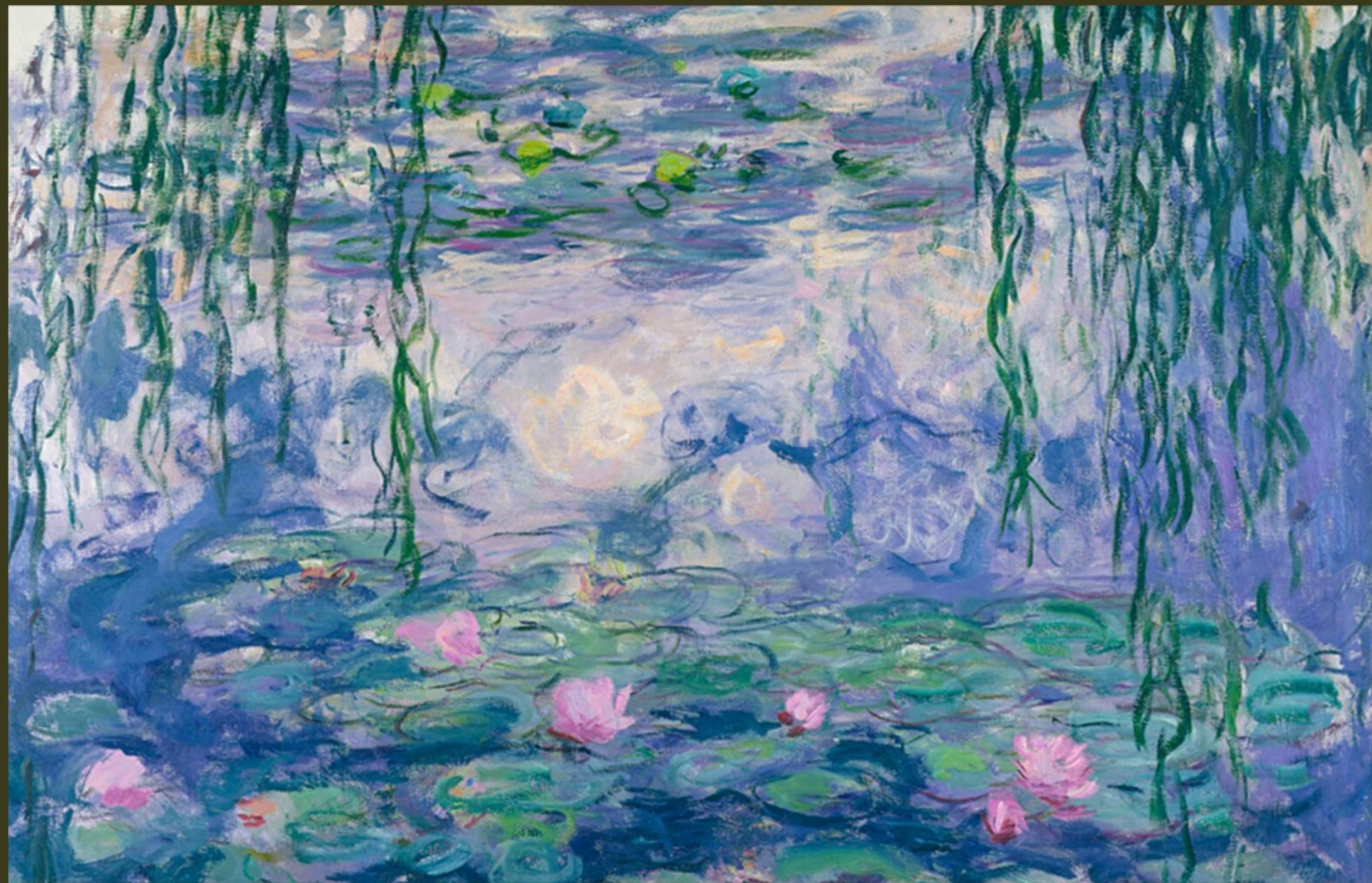
Walt Whitman













CREATIVITY:

Self Forgetful and Self Giving

Self Forgetful

“And here we blunder into paradox again, for during the creation of any form of art ... the artist must die.”

Self Giving

“The poet wrote the poem, no doubt. But he forgot himself while he wrote it, and we forget him while we read ... We forget, for

ten minutes, his name and our own, and I contend that this temporary forgetfulness, this momentary and mutual anonymity, is sure evidence of good stuff.”

MADELEINE L'ENGLE

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The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

GENESIS 2v15

Work and Keep

KEEP:

Keep, watch over, or guard

And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge

GENESIS 2v16-17

of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

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“Once we have power, we lose some of the capacities we needed to get it in the first place.”

DACHER KELTNER

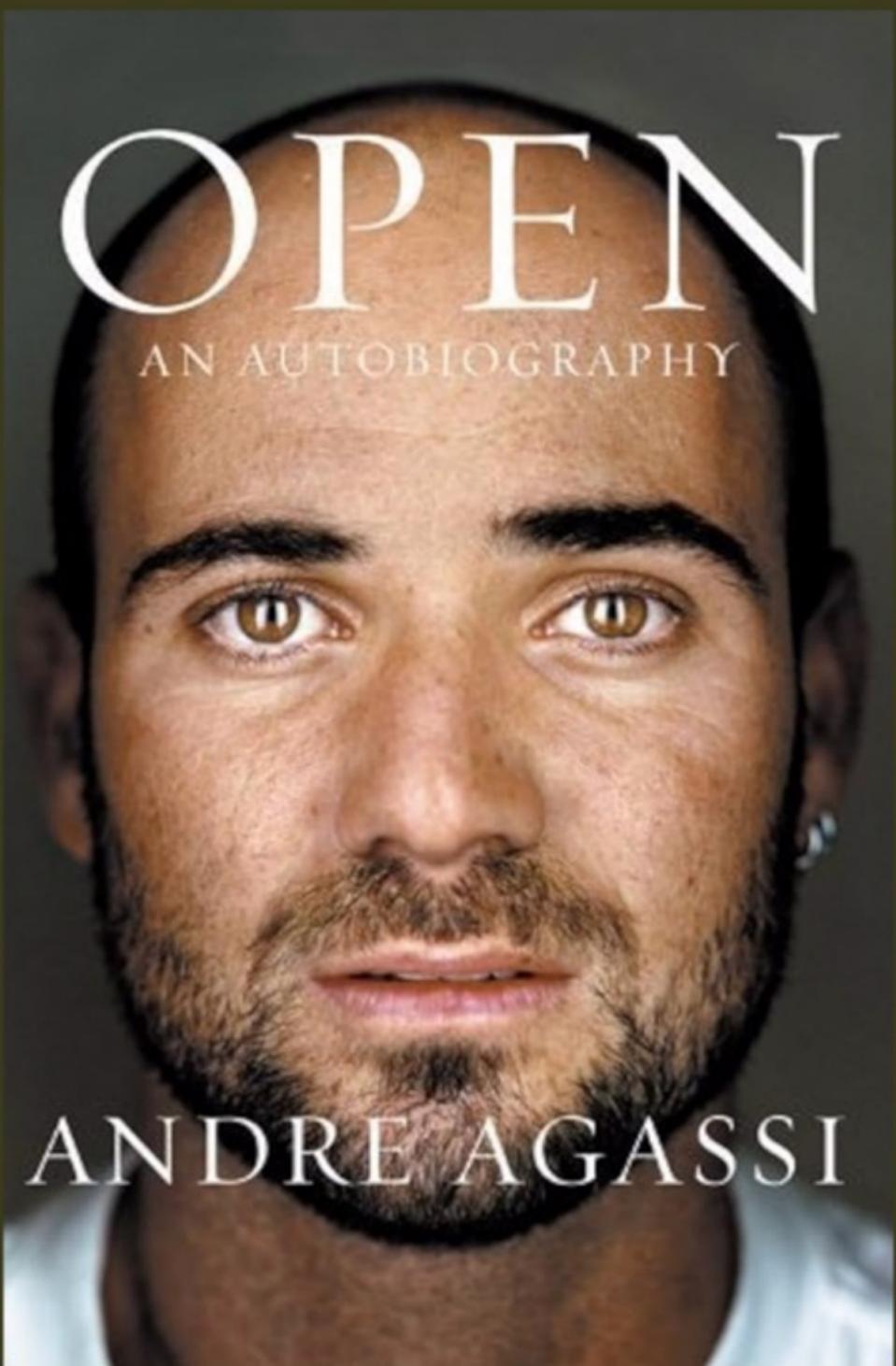
The Power Paradox

Bon Iver for Emma, forever ago



KALOS - BEAUTY

KALEO - CALLING



LEAD CREATIVELY:

See, pray, participate, and trust

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See

“God has, in fact, written two books, not just one. Of course, we are all familiar with the first book he wrote, namely Scripture.

But he has written a second book called
creation.”

SIR FRANCIS BACON

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from

what has been made, so that people are without
excuse.

ROMANS 1v20

Who God is and who I am

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies
proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour
forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.”

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! ... When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have

PSALM 8v1, 3-4

set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of
them, human beings that you care for them?

PSALM 8v1, 3-4

“(Beauty requires us) to give up our
imaginary position as the center.”

SIMONE WEIL

What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with

glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works
of your hands; you put everything under their feet.

PSALM 8v4-6

A man that looks on glass
On it may stay his eye
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass,
And then the Heavens espy.

GEORGE HERBERT
THE ELIXIR

Pray

Participate

CREATIVITY AND TOIL

Creativity is work derived internally,
and expressed freely

Toil is work thrust upon me from outside,
not by my free choice

WORK AND KEEP

Work

Keep

“She has done a beautiful thing to me.”

MARK 14V6

“At its deepest heart, creativity is meant to serve and evoke beauty.”

JOHN O'DONAHUE

Trust

“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered, nor
will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice

ISAIAH 65v17-18

forever in what I will create, for I will create
Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.”

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“‘Create’ is not confined to what the Spirit did, it is what the Spirit does.”

EUGENE PETERSON

An artist is someone who takes a mess and makes it beautiful