



An Unpublished
Trail Guide





“I think we should
homeschool the
kids.”

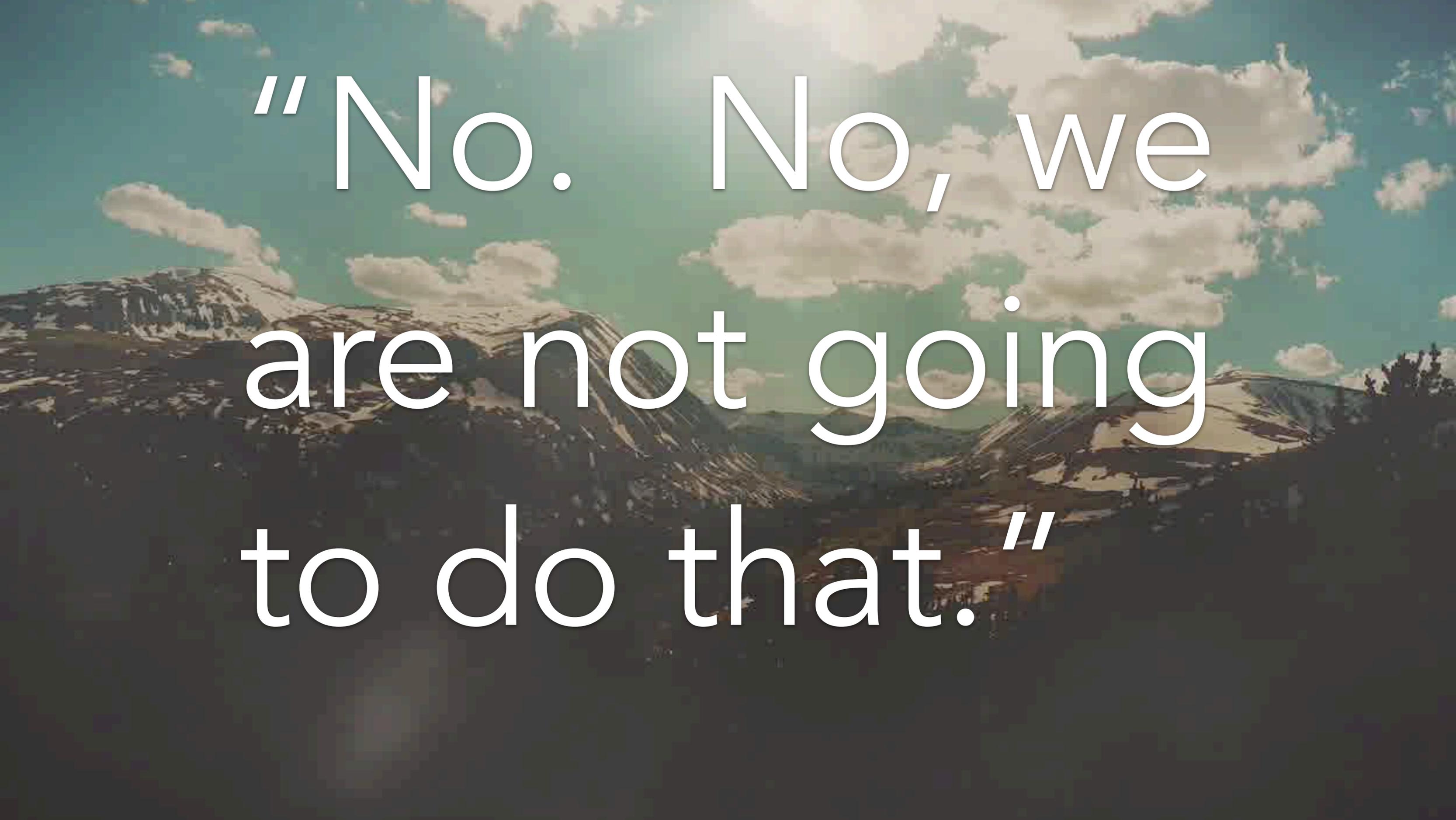
“No neat system is of any use; it is the very nature of a system to grow stale in the using; every subject, every division of a subject, every lesson, in fact, must be brought up for examination before it is offered to the child as to whether it is living, vital, of a nature to invite the living Intellect of the universe.”

Charlotte Mason, volume 2 p 279



*“Keep starting until
you’re finished.”*

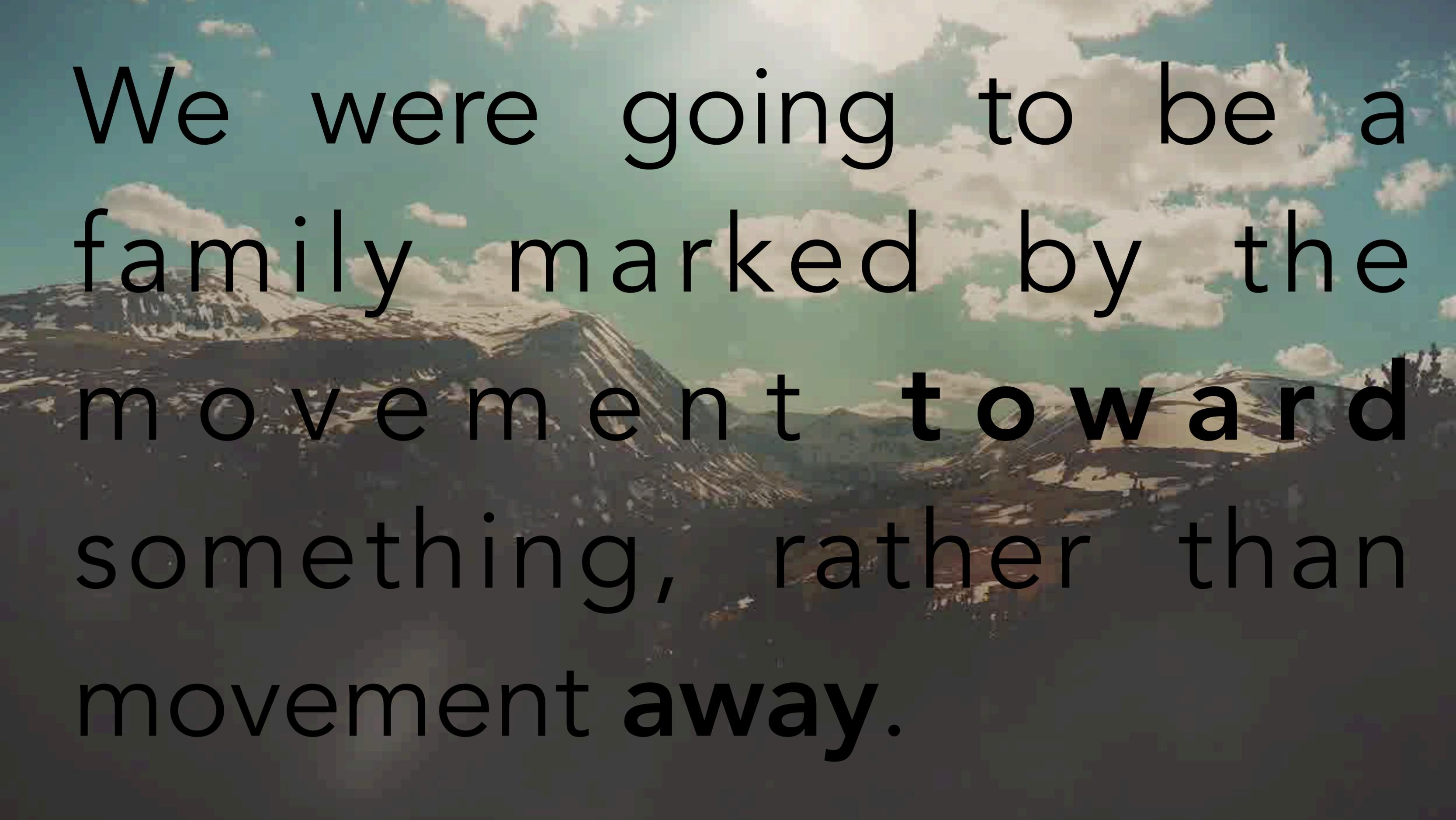
Seth Godin, “Poke the Box”



“No. No, we
are not going
to do that.”

“We spread an abundant and delicate feast in the programs and each small guest assimilates what he can. The child of genius and imagination gets greatly more than his duller comrade but all sit down to the same feast and each one gets according to his needs and powers.”

Charlotte Mason, volume 6 p. 179

A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains under a bright, cloudy sky. The foreground shows a valley with some vegetation and a small structure. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, black, sans-serif font.

We were going to be a family marked by the movement toward something, rather than movement away.

"If our children are going to walk away from Christ, we need to raise them in such a way that they understand that to walk away from Jesus is to walk away from a life of faith, risk, and adventure, and to choose a life that is boring, mundane and ordinary.

For Aaron, the jump was fraught with danger. From my vantage point I could see that, though the jump was terrifying, he would find himself triumphant. It was important that he jumped, and perhaps even more important that he knew me as the kind of father who would always call him to greater endeavors rather than send him back to the safe place."

Erwin McManus, The Barbarian Way p. 122



Georgia
C. White
C. Black
C. Red
C. Yellow
C. Green
C. Blue
C. Purple
C. Brown
C. Grey
C. Pink
C. Orange
C. Olive
C. Gold
C. Silver
C. Bronze
C. Copper
C. Iron
C. Lead
C. Zinc
C. Tin
C. Antimony
C. Arsenic
C. Mercury
C. Platinum
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FALL INDIANS
Great quantity of
Copper and Lead in this Creek

Conjectural
Sources of the Note
according to Dr. Lisle

“He also conferred with Albert Gallatin, a serious map-collector. Gallatin had a special map made up for Lewis showing North America from the Pacific Coast to the Mississippi, with details on what was known of the Missouri River up to the Mandan villages in the Great Bend of the river (today’s Bismarck, North Dakota), and a few wild guesses as to what the Rockies might look like and the course of the Columbia. There were but three certain points on the map: the latitude and longitude of the mouth of the Columbia, of St. Louis, and of the Mandan villages (thanks to British fur traders). By the time he finished studying with Jefferson and Gallatin, Lewis knew all that there was to know about the Missouri and what lay to the west of it.”

Stephen Ambrose, *Undaunted Courage*



FALL INDIANS
Great quantity of
Cape Cod or
Cape in Hill Creek

ST. LOUIS

LAKE SUPERIOR

LAKE MICHIGAN

Rio Colorado

Rio das Nas e paraisos

Rio Norte or Rio Bravo

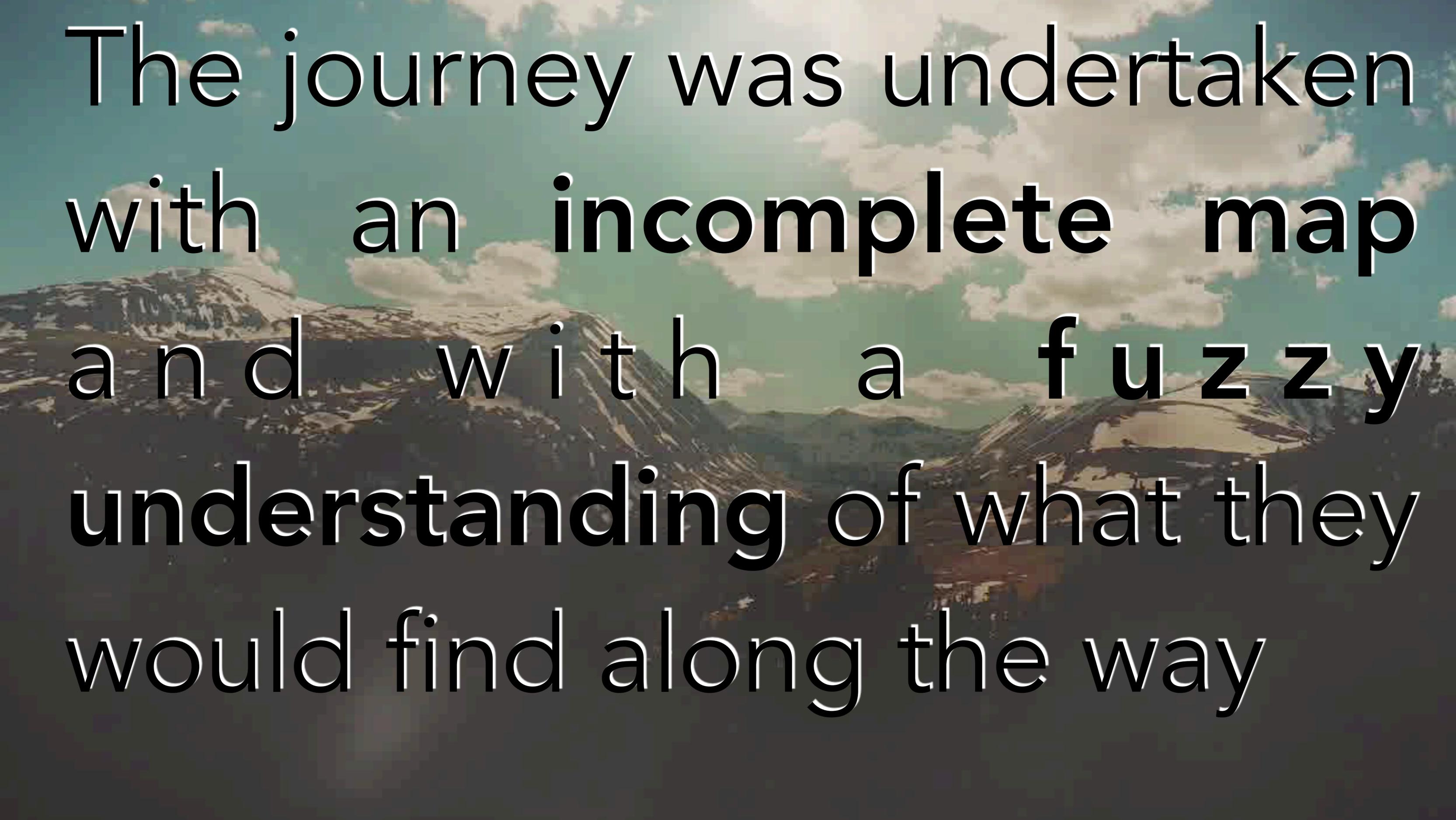
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according to Dr. Lister

MISSOURI RIVER

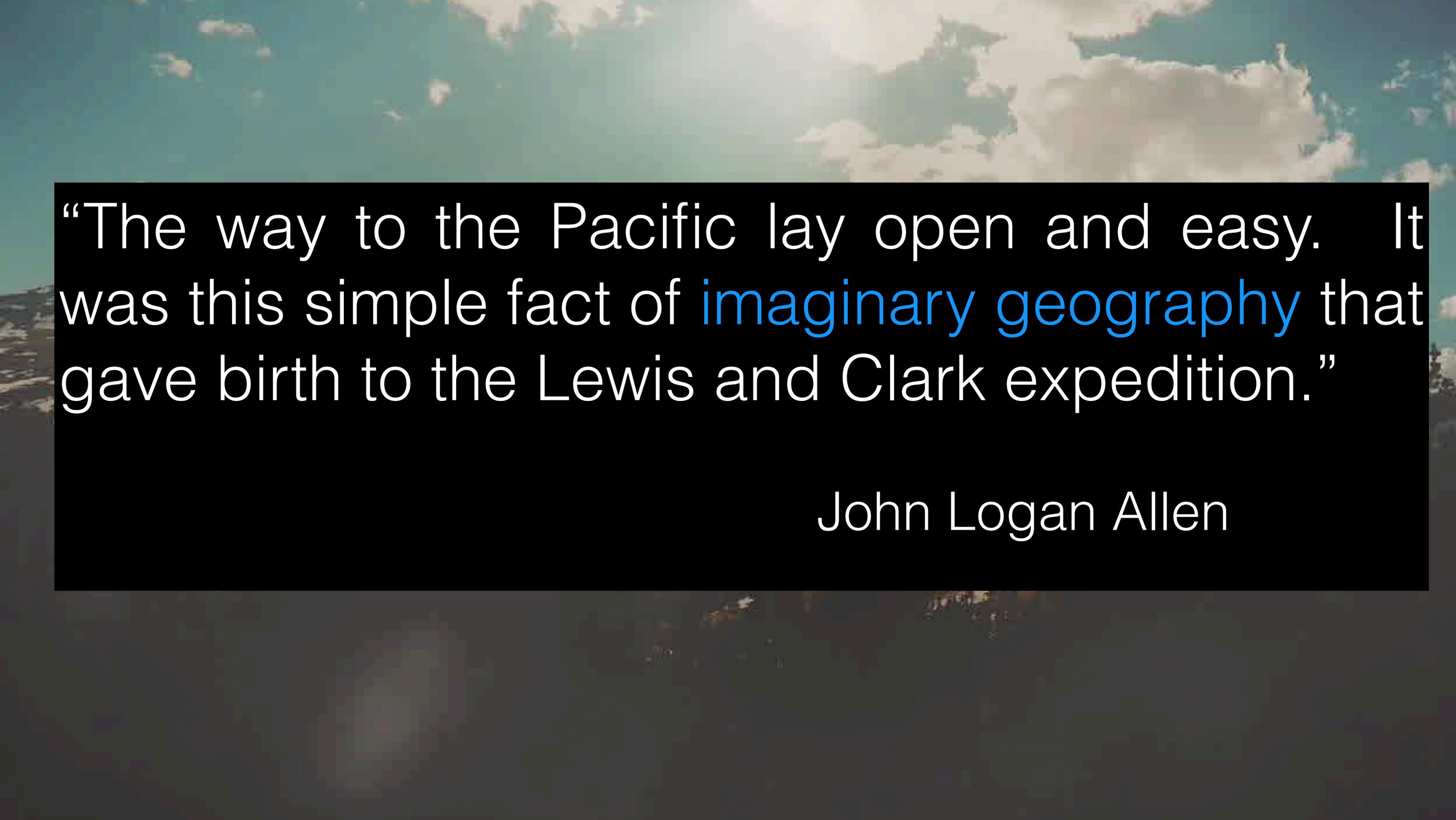
MISSISSIPPI RIVER

“That the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia might be the highest on the continent; that the mammoth, the giant ground sloth, and other prehistoric creatures would be found along the upper Missouri; that a mountain of pure salt a mile long lay somewhere on the Great Plains; that volcanoes might still be erupting in the Badlands of the upper Missouri; that all the great rivers of the West—the Missouri, Columbia, Colorado, and Rio Grande—rose from a single ‘height of land’ and flowed off in their several directions to the seas of the hemisphere. **Most important, he believed there might be a water connection, linked by a low portage across the mountains, that would lead to the Pacific.**”

Henry Adams, History of the United States of America during the Thomas Jefferson Presidency

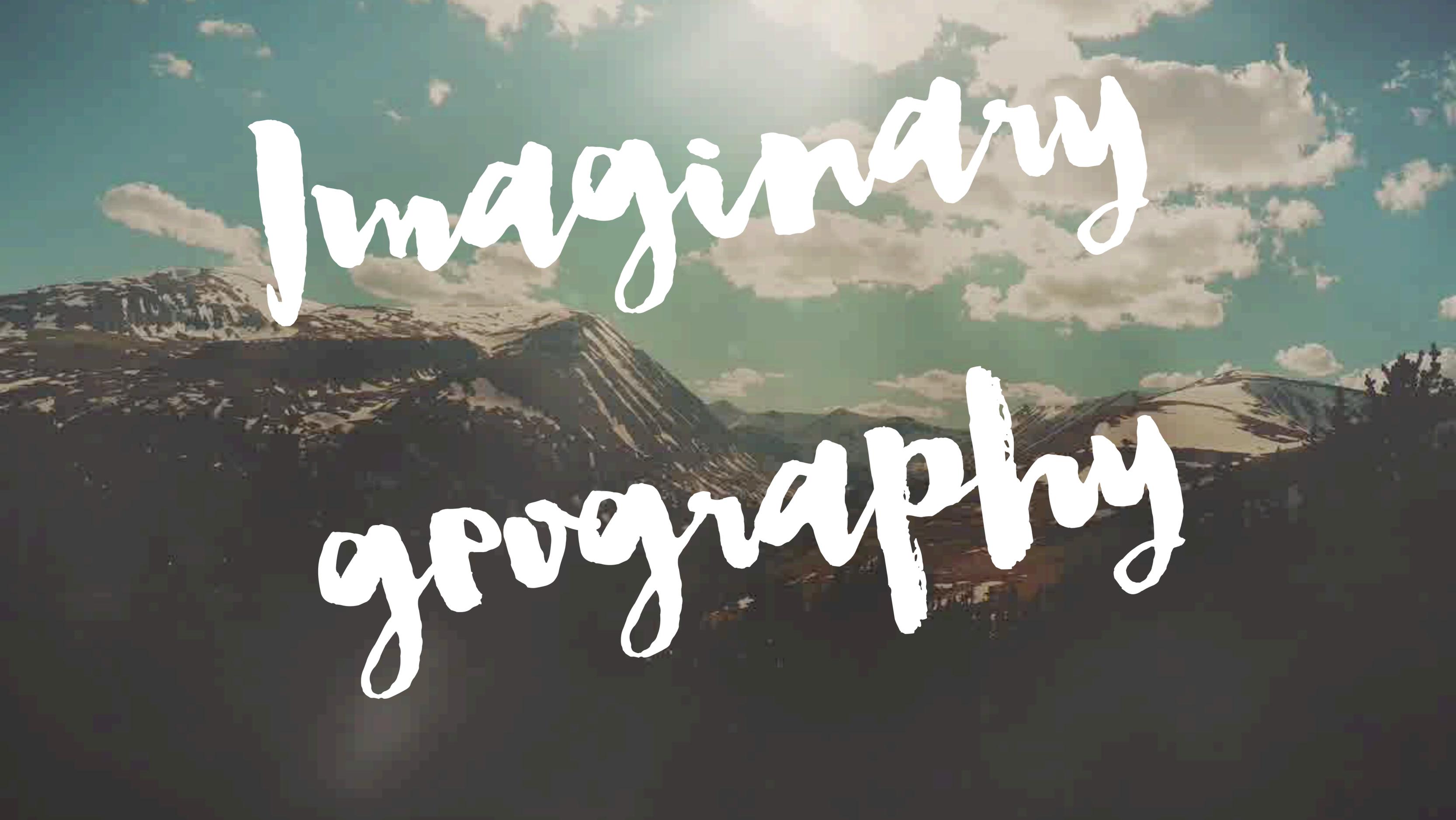
A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains under a bright, cloudy sky. The mountains are rugged and appear to be covered in sparse vegetation or are rocky. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the overall lighting is bright and natural. The text is overlaid on this background, with some words in bold to emphasize key concepts.

The journey was undertaken
with an **incomplete** map
and with a **fuzzy**
understanding of what they
would find along the way



“The way to the Pacific lay open and easy. It was this simple fact of **imaginary geography** that gave birth to the Lewis and Clark expedition.”

John Logan Allen

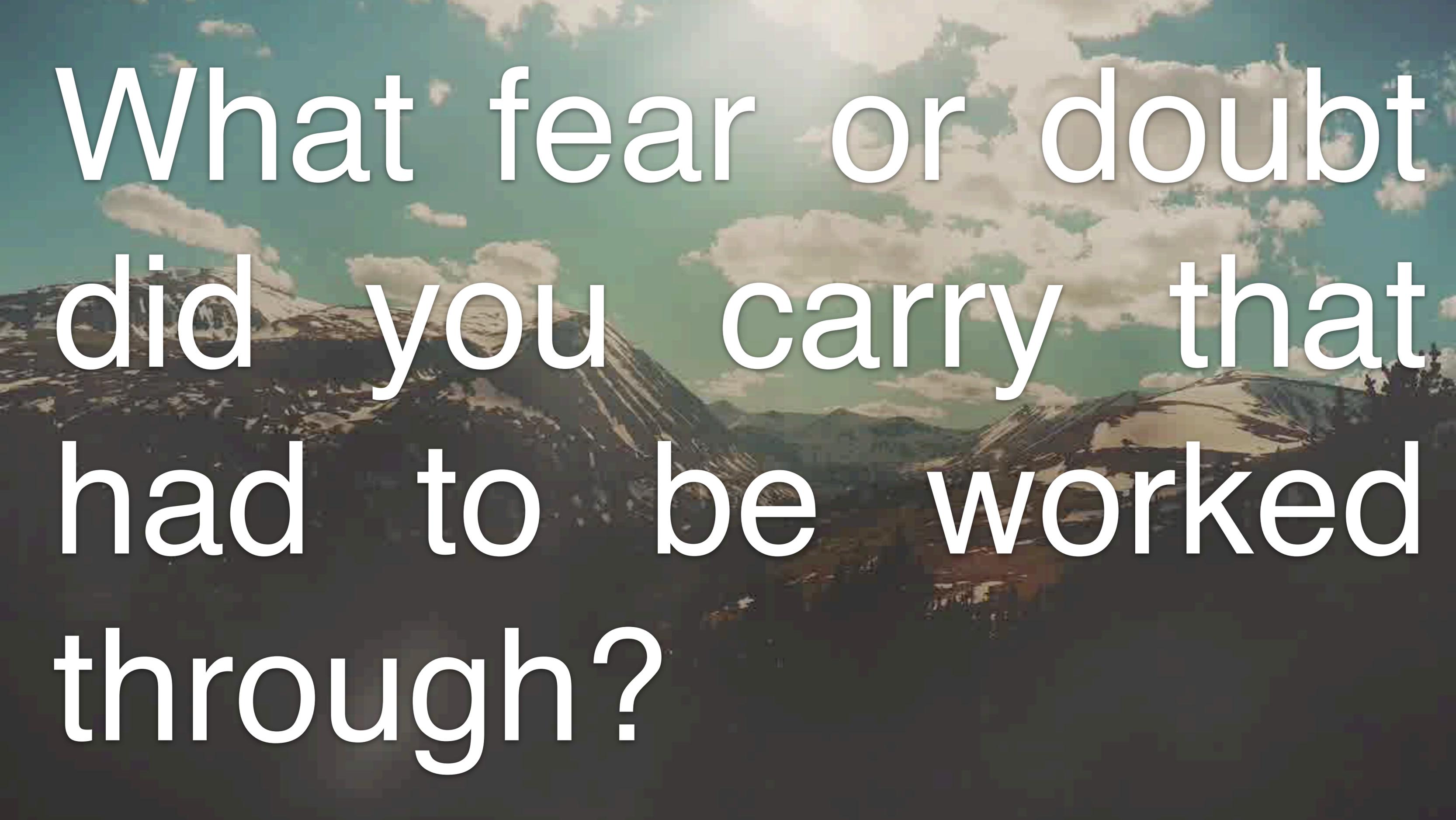


Imaginary

geography

“It would seem that spontaneity is a condition of development and that human nature needs the discipline of **failure** as well as of **success**.”

Charlotte Mason, volume 2



What fear or doubt
did you carry that
had to be worked
through?

“One more thing is of vital importance; children must have books, living books; the best are not too good for them; anything less than the best is not good enough; and if it is needful to exercise economy, let go everything that belongs to soft and luxurious living before letting go the duty of supplying the books, and the frequent changes of books, which are necessary for the constant stimulation of the child’s intellectual life. We need not say one word about the necessity for living thought in the teacher; it is only so far as he is intellectually alive that he can be effective in the wonderful process with we glibly call “education.”

Charlotte Mason, volume 2



tired

hungry

stressed

9 But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?”

“It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.”

10 But the Lord said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. 11 And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

Jonah 4:9 - 11 (NIV)

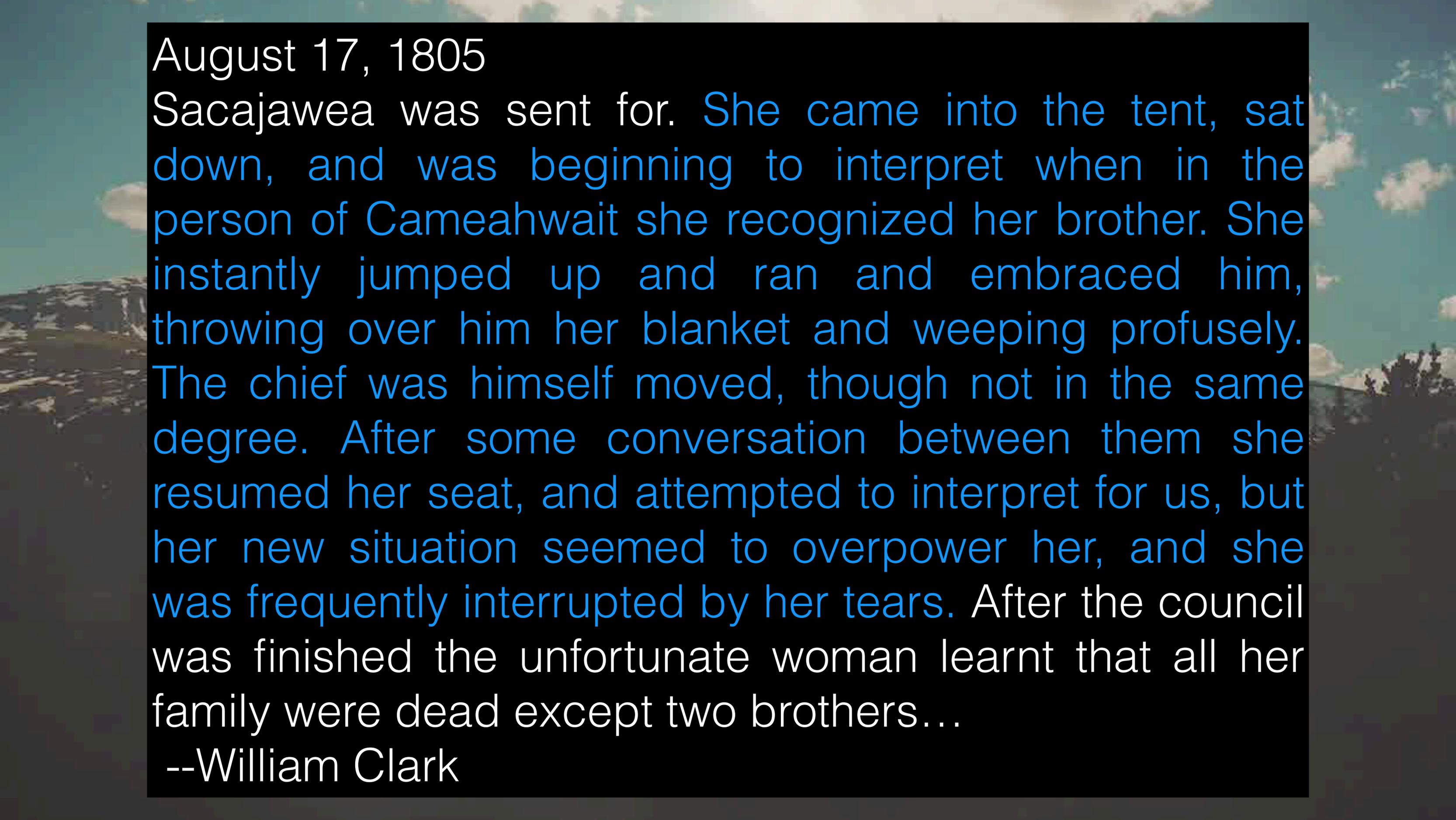


“Shortly thereafter, Clark arrived, accompanied by Charbonneau and Sacagawea. Cameahwait gave Clark the national hug and festooned his hair with shells. In the midst of the excitement, one of the Shoshone women recognized Sacagawea. Her name, Jumping Fish, she had acquired on the day Sacagawea was taken prisoner, because of the way she had jumped through a stream in escaping the Hidatsas. The reunited teens hugged and cried and talked, all at once.”

Stephen Ambrose, *Undaunted Courage* p. 277



Lewis and Clark Expedition; Lewis and Clark Reach Shoshone Camp Led by Sacajawea the "Bird Woman"
Charles Marion Russell Date: 1918



August 17, 1805

Sacajawea was sent for. She came into the tent, sat down, and was beginning to interpret when in the person of Cameahwait she recognized her brother. She instantly jumped up and ran and embraced him, throwing over him her blanket and weeping profusely. The chief was himself moved, though not in the same degree. After some conversation between them she resumed her seat, and attempted to interpret for us, but her new situation seemed to overpower her, and she was frequently interrupted by her tears. After the council was finished the unfortunate woman learnt that all her family were dead except two brothers...

--William Clark

MARGUERITE DE ANGEL

The Door in the Wall



LAUREL-LEAF

NEWBERY

“If you have never seen a bear go over the mountains, you have never seen **the job reduced to its essentials**. Of course, deer are faster, but not going straight uphill. Not even elk have the power in their hindquarters. Deer and elk zagging and switchback and stop and pose while really catching their breath. The bear leaves the earth like a bolt of lightning retrieving itself and making its thunder backwards.”

Norman Maclean

“A River Runs Through It”

51 “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

52 He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

Matthew 13:51 - 52 (NIV)

Jesus asked, “Are you starting to get a handle on all this?”

They answered, “Yes.”

He said, “Then you see how every student well-trained in God’s kingdom is like the owner of a general store who can put his hands on anything you need, old or new, **exactly when you need it.**”

Matthew 13:51 - 52 (The Message)

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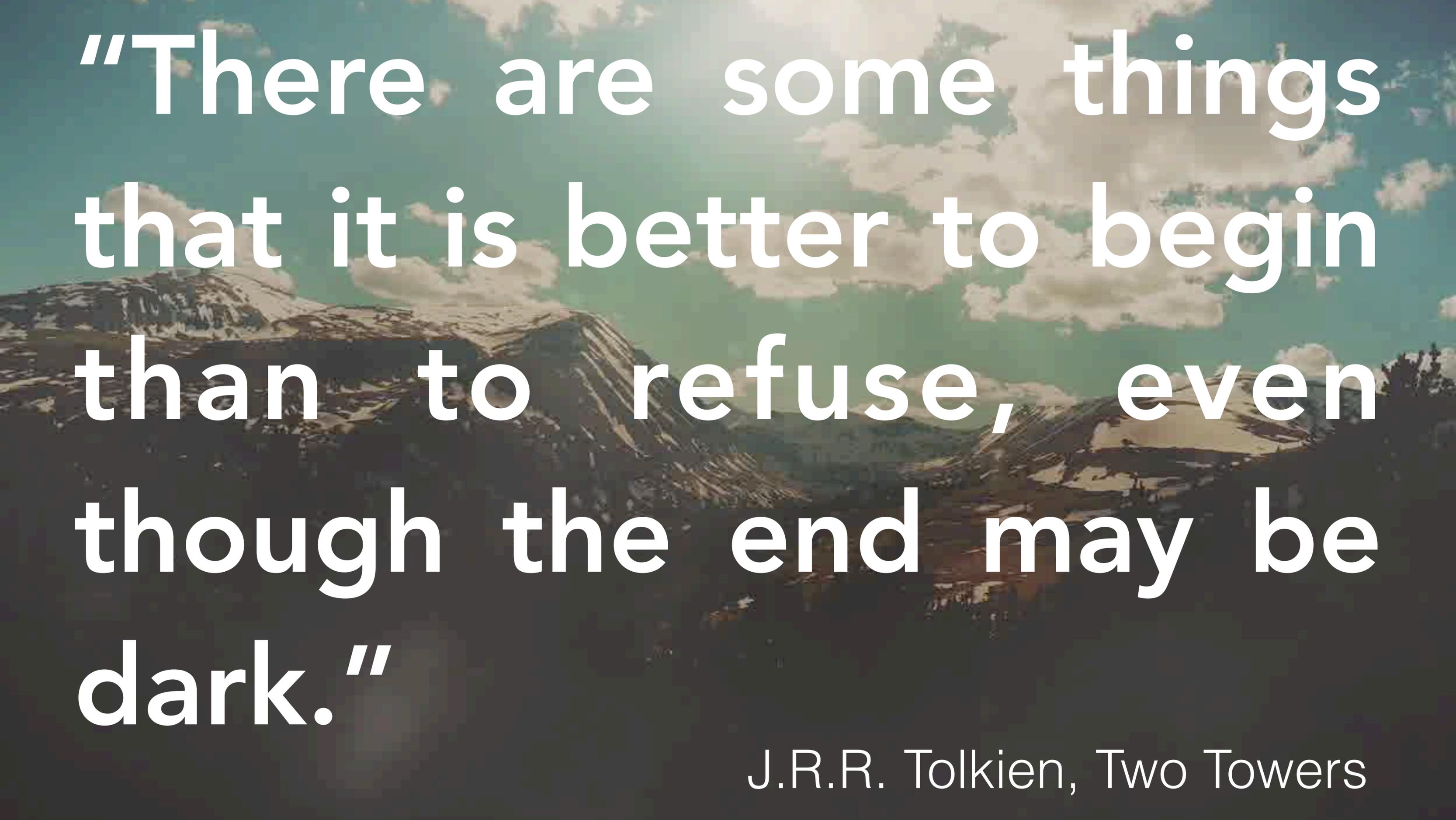
“We should allow no separation to grow up between the intellectual and the ‘spiritual’ life of children; but should teach them that the divine Spirit has constant access to their spirits, and is their **constant helper in all the interests, duties and joys of life.**”

Charlotte Mason vol 2

“Because He is infinite, the whole world is not too great a school for this indefatigable Teacher, and because He is infinite, He is able to give the whole of his infinite attention for the whole time to each one of his multitudinous pupils. **We do not sufficiently rejoice in the wealth that the infinite nature of our God brings to each of us.**”

Charlotte Mason vol 2, p 273

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A landscape featuring a range of mountains with patches of snow or light-colored rock. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds against a pale blue background. The overall scene is serene and expansive.

**“There are some things
that it is better to begin
than to refuse, even
though the end may be
dark.”**

J.R.R. Tolkien, *Two Towers*



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