

*THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY

Marcus J. Borg, *THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY* (San Francisco: HaperSanFrancisco, 2003),

Borg claims that we are living in a time of major change. The name of this kind change is *paradigm* change, to introduce a term central to understanding what is happening in the church today. A paradigm is *a comprehensive way of seeing*, a way of seeing a “*whole*.” Sometimes called a gestalt, a paradigm is a large interpretive framework that shapes how everything is seen, a way of constellating particulars into a whole. Our time of conflict is about more than specifics, for it concerns a change in how the Christian tradition and the Christian life are viewed *as a whole* (Borg. Christianity. P. 4).