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## **the world**

the value system of our surrounding society; the attitudes and behaviors that our culture tends to celebrate, pursue, and reward.







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If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is  
not in them.**

**– 1 John 2v15**



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**I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.**

**– John 17v14**



**My kingdom is not of this world.**

**– John 18v36**







**Deceitful ideas**

that play to

**disordered desires**

which are normalized in a

**sinful society**

**(the devil)**

**(the flesh)**

**(the world)**



What is the strategy of  
the world?



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**normalization**







**Lust is redefined as love. Marriage, not as a covenant of lifelong fidelity but a contract for personal fulfillment. Divorce, as an act of courage and authenticity rather than the breaking of vows. The objectification of women's sexuality through porn, as female empowerment. Greed, as responsibility to**

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**shareholders. Gross injustice toward factory workers in the developing world, as globalism. Environmental degradation, as progress. The deracination of once-thriving local economies, as free-market capitalism. Racism, as a past issue. Marxism, as justice. Honestly, I can't think of a more gut-wrenching example than**

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**abortion, where the greatest infanticide in human history is recast as “reproductive justice.”**

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**What was universally condemned is now celebrated. What was universally celebrated is now condemned. And those who refuse to celebrate are condemned.**

**– Theo Hobson**



# A Better Story



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# A Better Community



**See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.**

**– Hebrews 3v12–13**







# A Better Ending







**I have told you these  
things, so that in *me*, you  
might have *peace*.**



**In this world you *will* have  
trouble. But take heart! For  
I have *overcome* the world.**

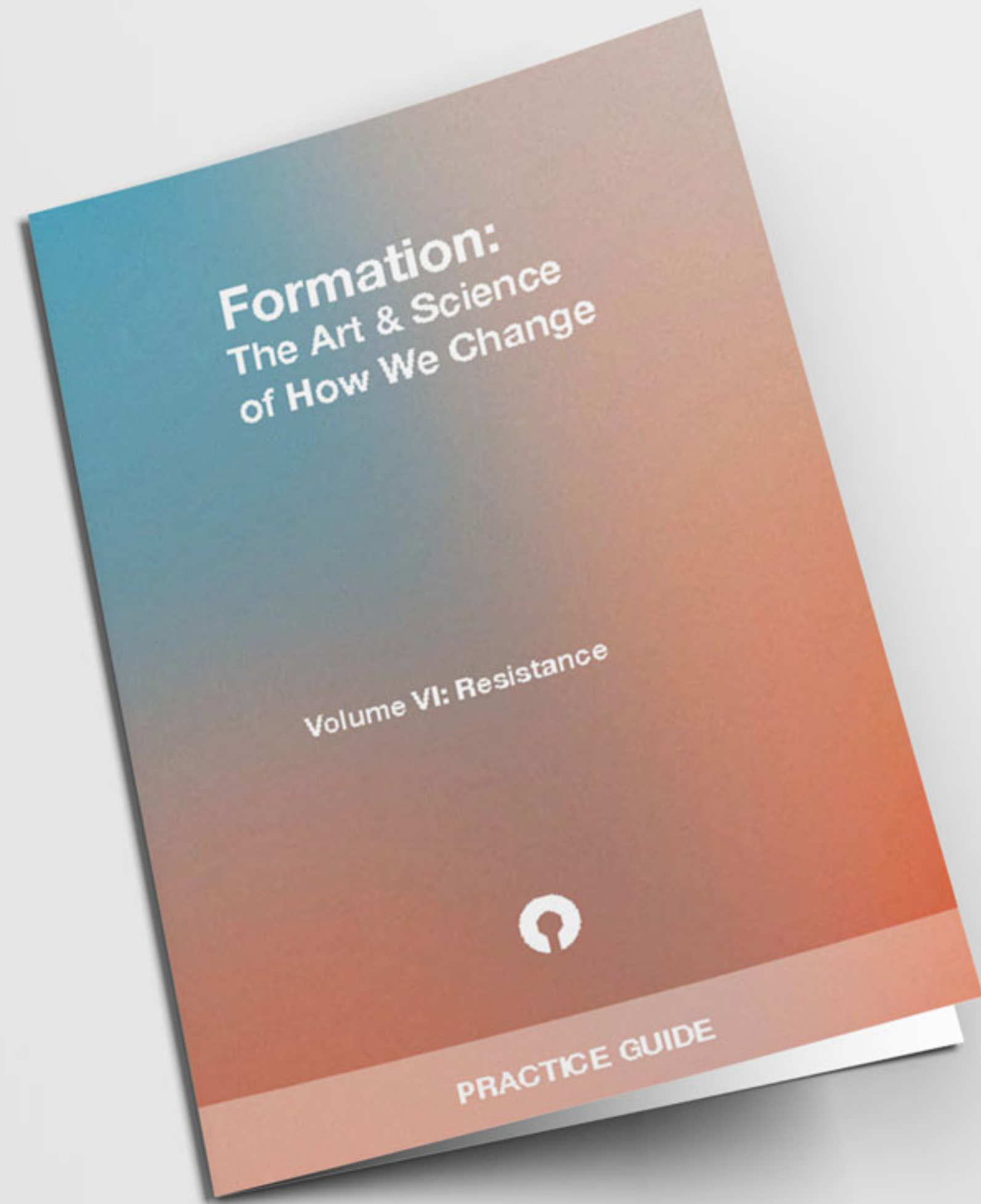






**...put it into practice.**





# Practice Guide

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