

THE SON IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD,
THE FIRSTBORN OVER ALL CREATION. FOR IN HIM
ALL THINGS WERE CREATED: THINGS IN HEAVEN
AND ON EARTH, VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE, WHETHER
THRONES OR POWERS OR RULERS OR
AUTHORITIES; ALL THINGS HAVE BEEN CREATED
THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM. HE IS BEFORE ALL
THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER.

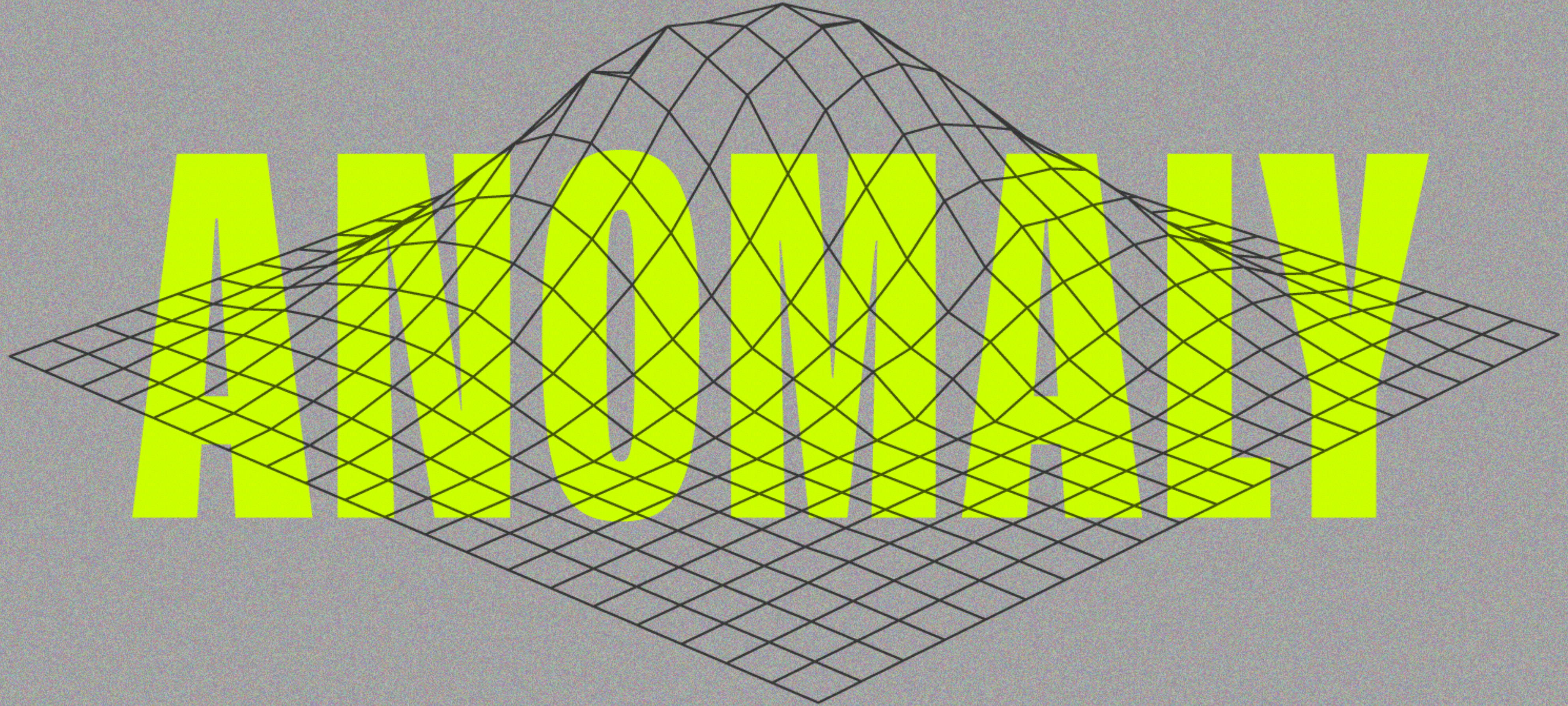
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AND HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH;
HE IS THE BEGINNING AND THE FIRSTBORN FROM
AMONG THE DEAD, SO THAT IN EVERYTHING HE
MIGHT HAVE THE SUPREMACY. FOR GOD WAS
PLEASED TO HAVE ALL HIS FULLNESS DWELL IN
HIM, AND THROUGH HIM TO RECONCILE TO
HIMSELF ALL THINGS, WHETHER THINGS ON EARTH
OR THINGS IN HEAVEN, BY MAKING PEACE

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THROUGH HIS BLOOD, SHED ON THE CROSS.

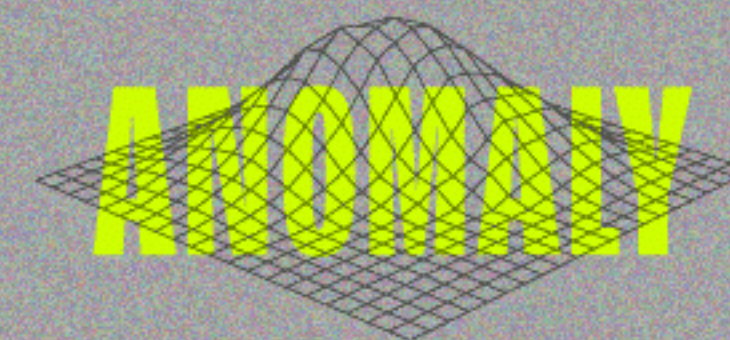
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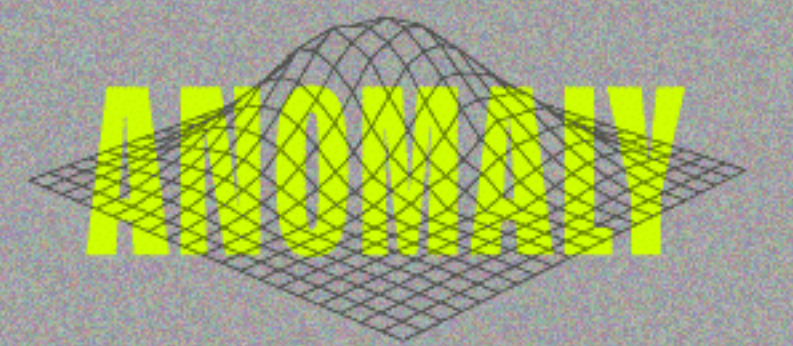


WHY JESUS SHOULDN'T HAVE MATTERED...BUT DID

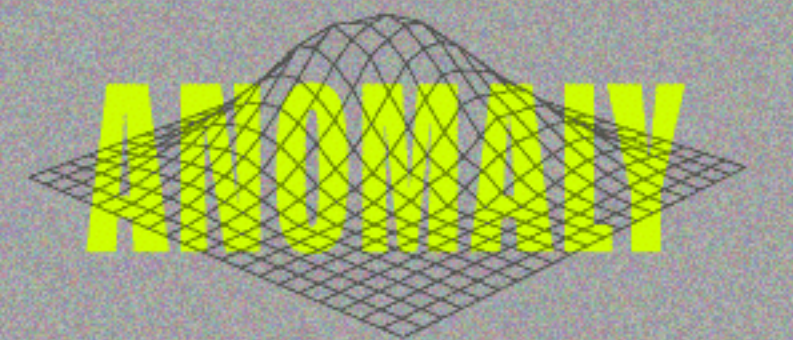
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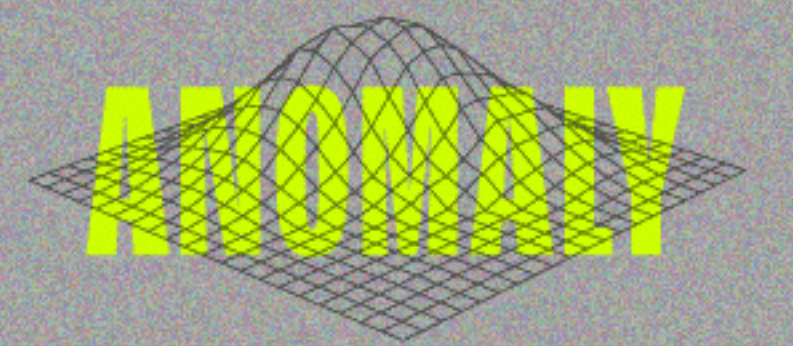
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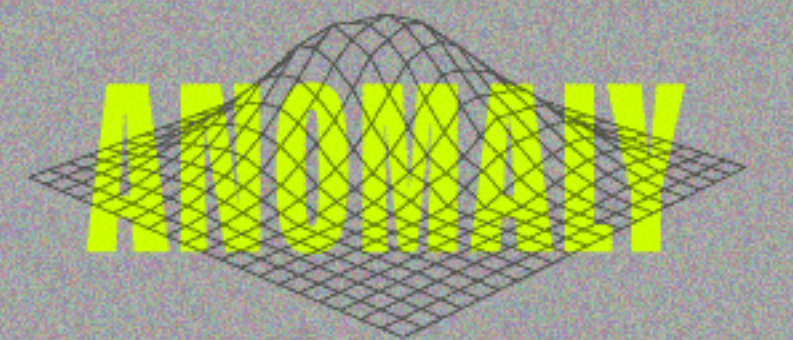
WHY DID JESUS
MATTER?





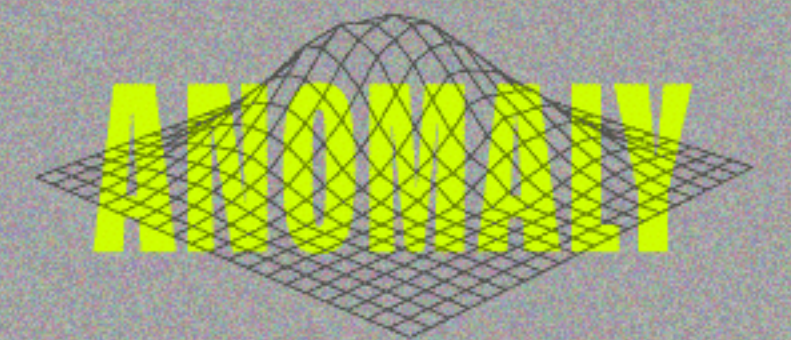
I AM AN HISTORIAN; I AM NOT A BELIEVER. BUT I MUST CONFESS AS A HISTORIAN THAT THIS PENNILESS PREACHER FROM NAZARETH IS IRREVOCABLY THE VERY CENTER OF HISTORY. JESUS CHRIST IS EASILY THE MOST DOMINANT FIGURE IN ALL HISTORY.

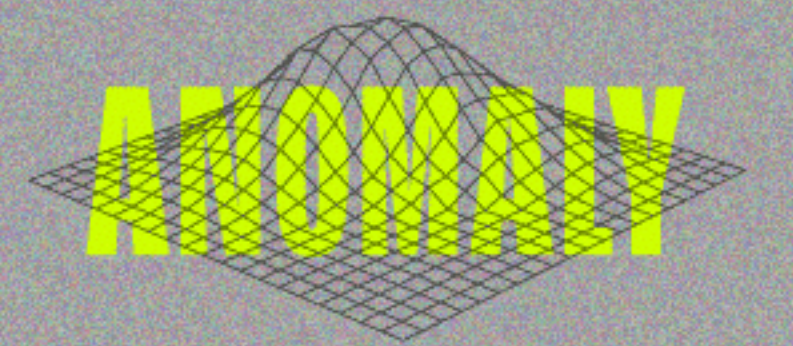
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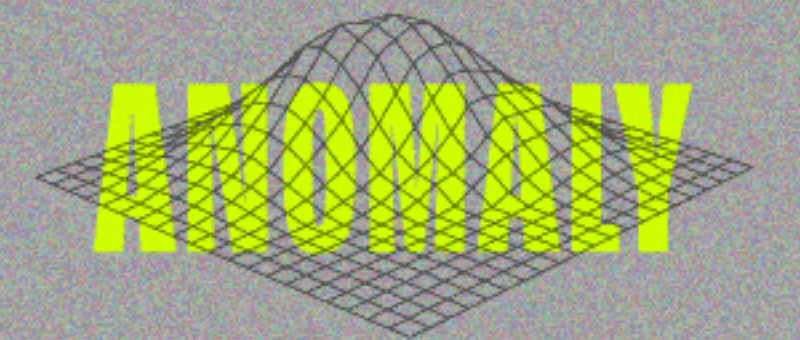
IT WOULD REQUIRE MUCH EXOTIC
CALCULATION [...] TO DENY THAT THE SINGLE
MOST POWERFUL FIGURE—NOT MERELY IN
THESE TWO MILLENNIUMS BUT IN ALL HUMAN
HISTORY—HAS BEEN JESUS OF NAZARETH. [...] A
SERIOUS ARGUMENT CAN BE MADE THAT NO
ONE ELSE'S LIFE HAS PROVED REMOTELY AS
POWERFUL AND ENDURING AS THAT OF JESUS.

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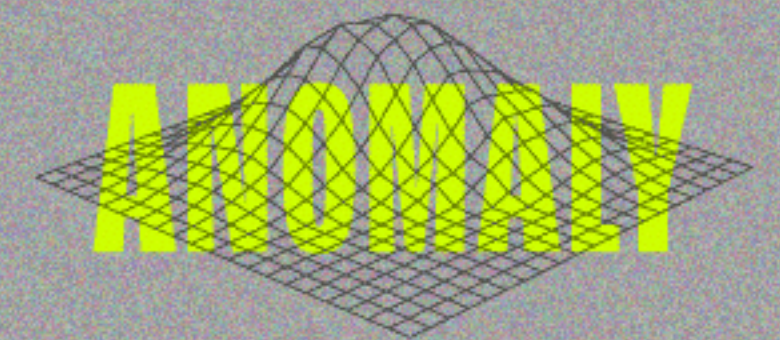


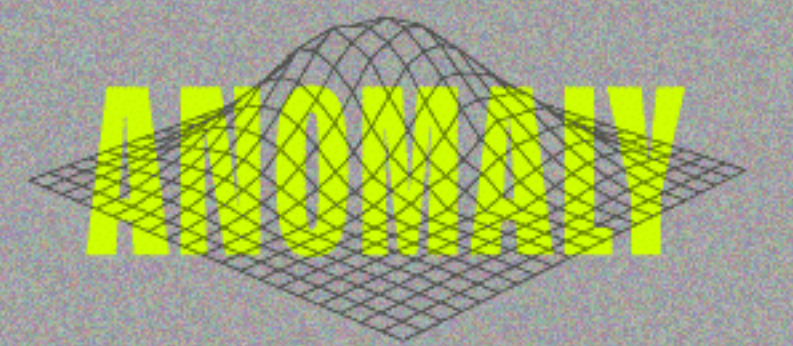
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FOR THAT SOME SHOULD RULE AND OTHERS SHOULD BE RULED IS A THING NOT ONLY NECESSARY, BUT EXPEDIENT; FROM THE HOUR OF THEIR BIRTH, SOME ARE MARKED OUT FOR SUBJECTION, OTHERS FOR RULE.

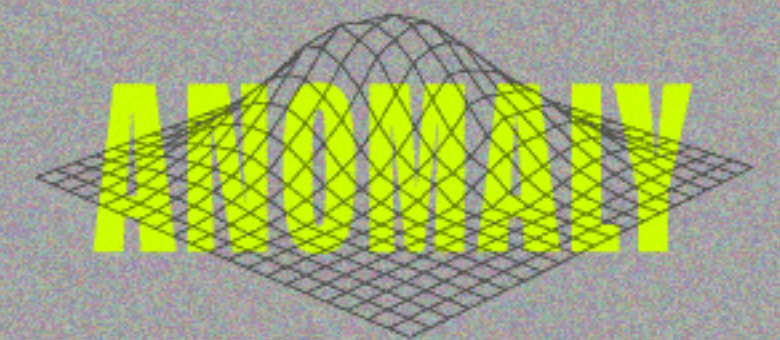
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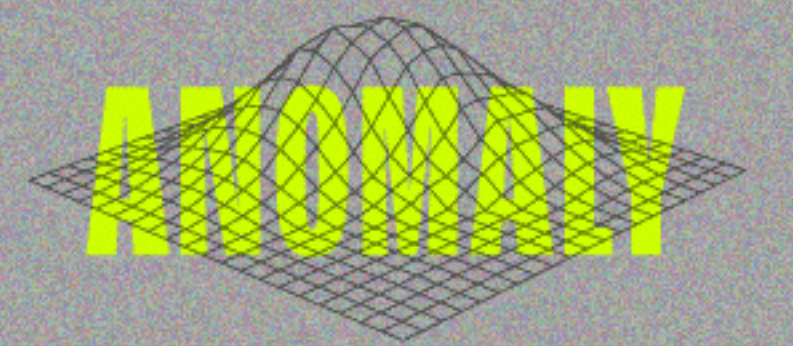




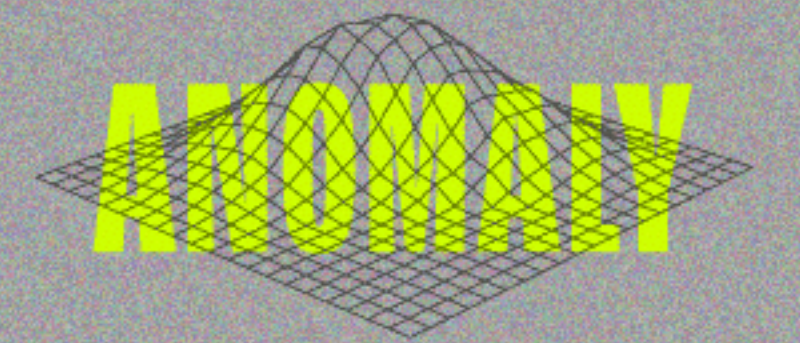
WHAT HAPPENED TO CAUSE THIS MORAL
SUBCULTURE THAT SAYS EVERY HUMAN BEING
HAS RIGHTS? [...] THE TEACHING OF THE JEWISH
SCRIPTURES, CLARIFIED AND MADE AVAILABLE
TO ALL THE WORLD THROUGH JESUS.

NICHOLAS WOLSTERSTORFF



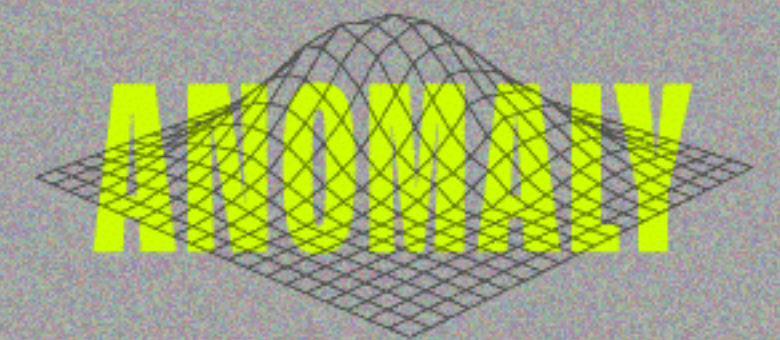


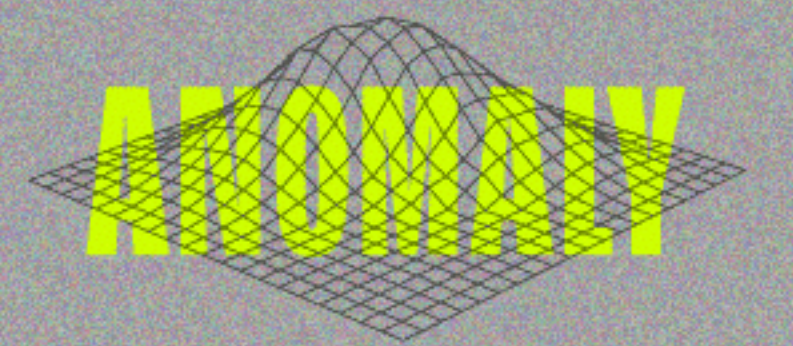
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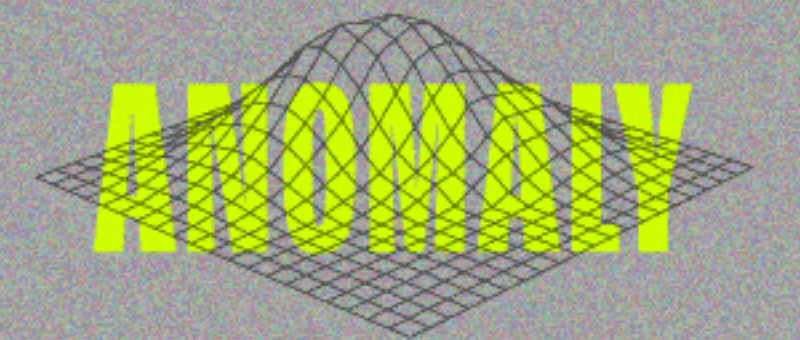
“LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND
DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF
GOD BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE.”

MARK 10:14



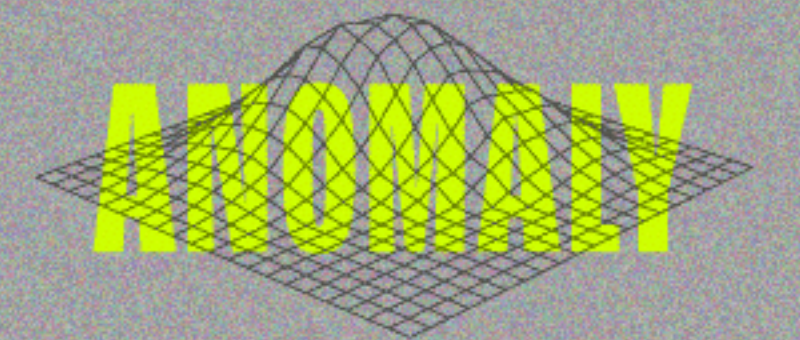


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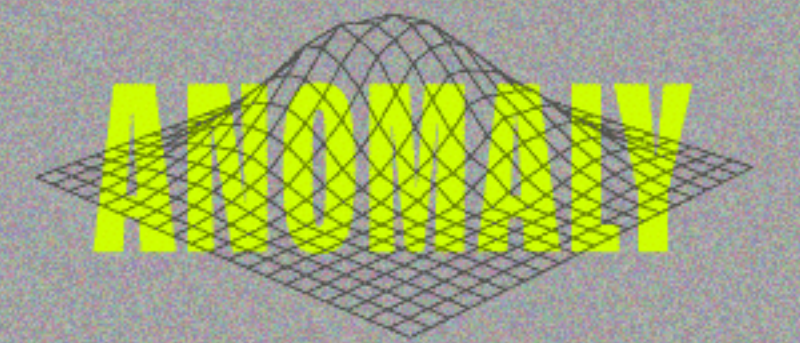


INDEED, THE WAY THAT JESUS TREATED WOMEN TORE UP THE BELIEF THAT WOMEN ARE INNATELY INFERIOR TO MEN: A BELIEF THAT WAS PERVASIVE IN THE ANCIENT WORLD. WE SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED, THEREFORE, THAT WOMEN HAVE BEEN FLOCKING TO JESUS EVER SINCE.

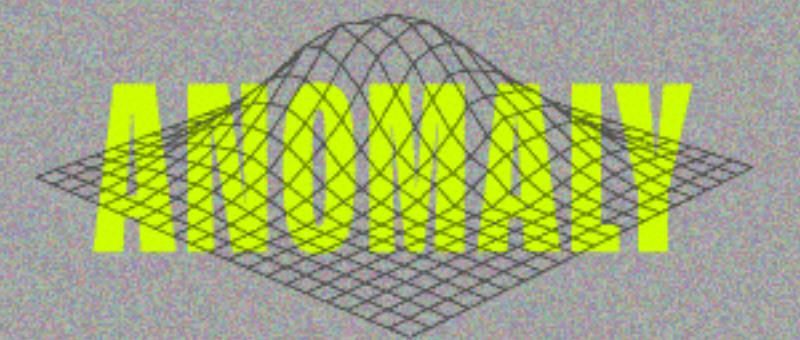
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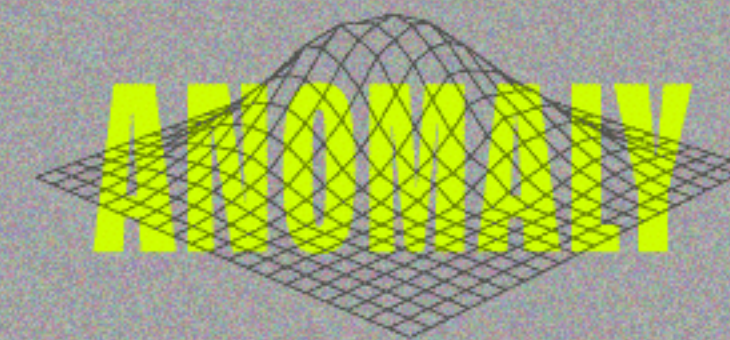
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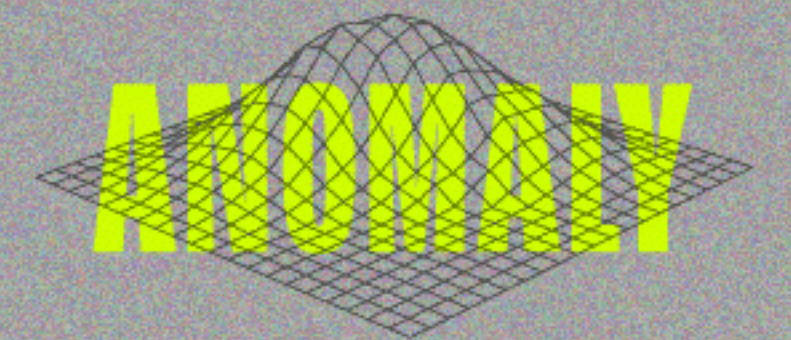


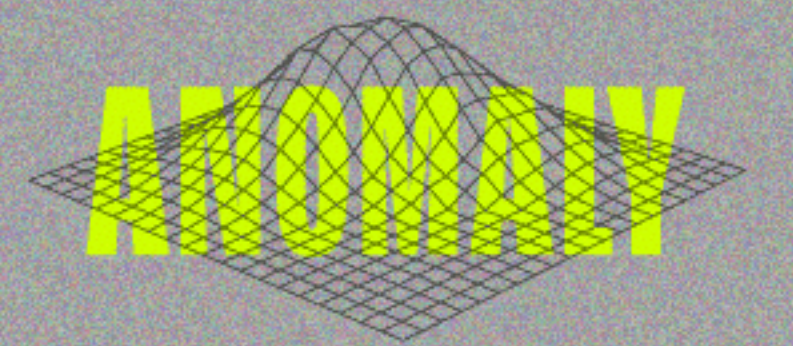
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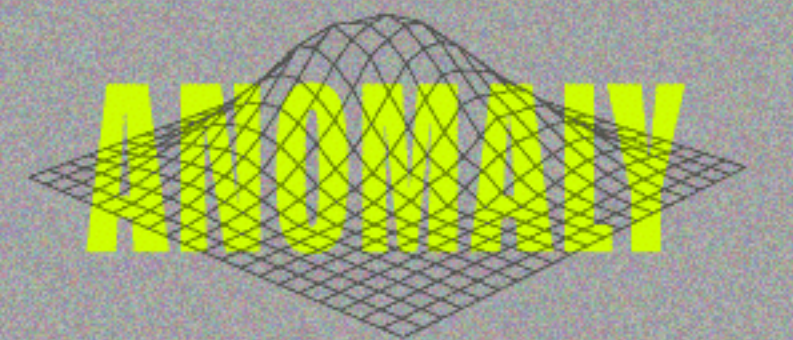
WHILE THE OTHER WORLD RELIGIONS
EMPHASIZED MYSTERY AND INTUITION,
CHRISTIANITY ALONE EMBRACED REASON AND
LOGIC AS THE PRIMARY GUIDE TO RELIGIOUS
TRUTH.

RODNEY STARK

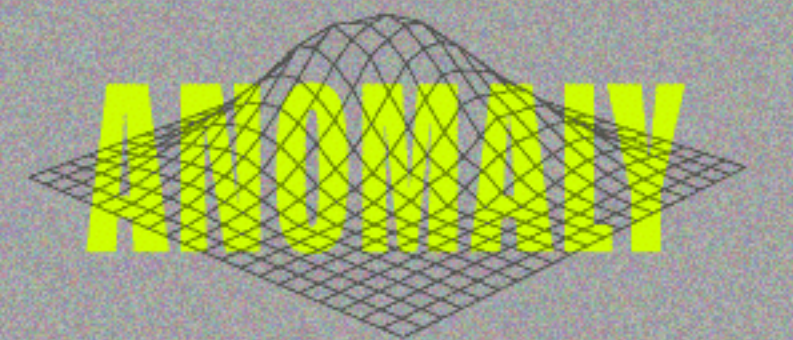




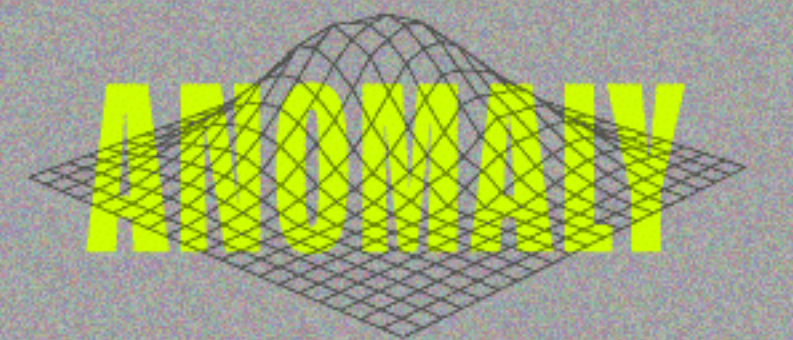
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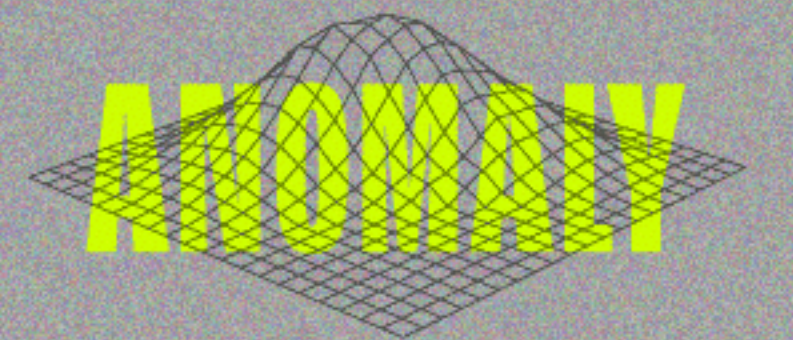


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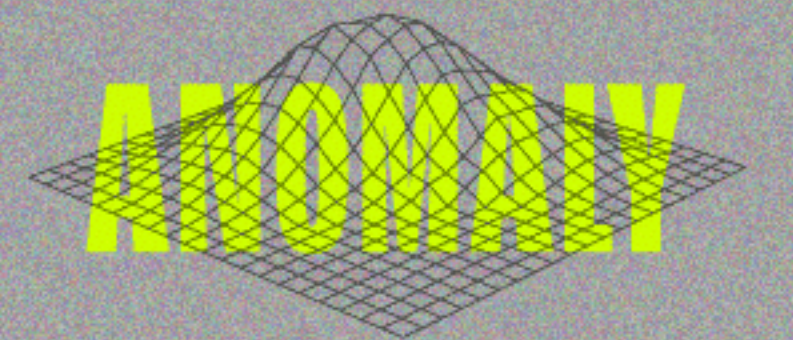
THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE SPRINGS FROM A CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY THAT THE NATURAL WORLD IS REAL, AND THAT IT IS ORDERED AND STRUCTURED AND CAN THEREFORE BE STUDIED AND ANALYZED. THE IDEA THAT ONE CAN TAKE INITIATIVE AND CHANGE ONE'S LIFE AND CHANGE THE WORLD SPRINGS FROM THE EMPOWERMENT THAT

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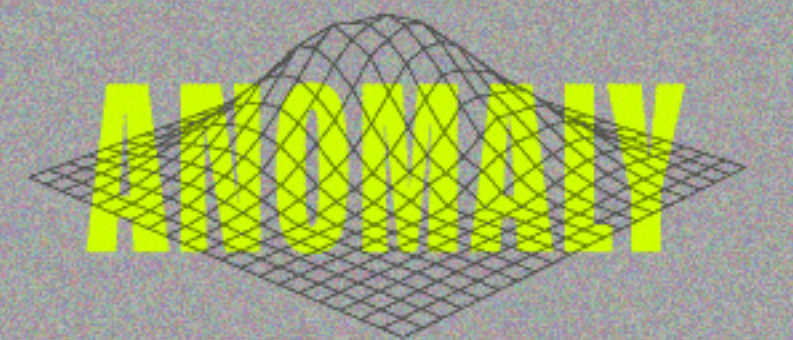
COMES FROM THE DOCTRINE OF FREE WILL.
HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN
THOUGHT OF WITHOUT THE BELIEF IN THE
INNATE DIGNITY OF EACH HUMAN BEING
CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE AND LIKENESS.
JUSTICE IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE BELIEF
IN AN OBJECTIVE LAW—WHICH WOULD BE
IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT A DIVINE LAWGIVER,

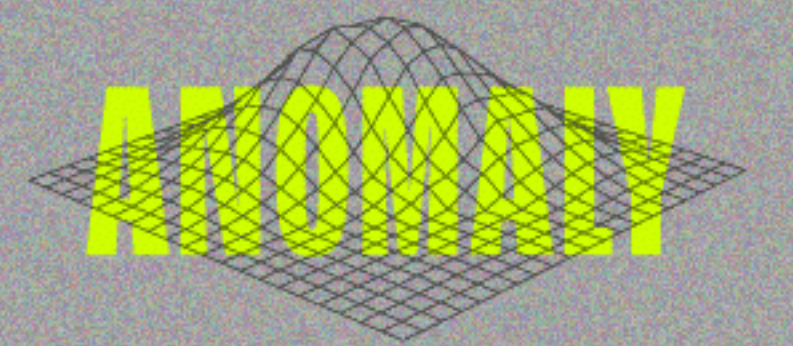
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AND EVEN THE ATHEISTIC REBELLIONS OF
VOLTAIRE, NIETZSCHE, AND MARX WOULD
HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT A HIGHER
BELIEF IN THE VALUES OF TRUTH AND
PERSONAL INTEGRITY...

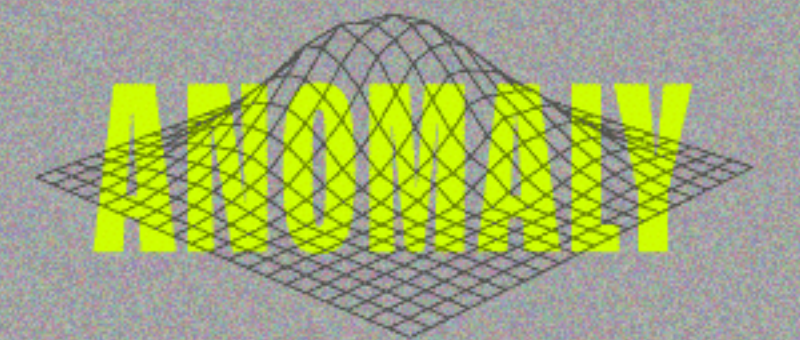
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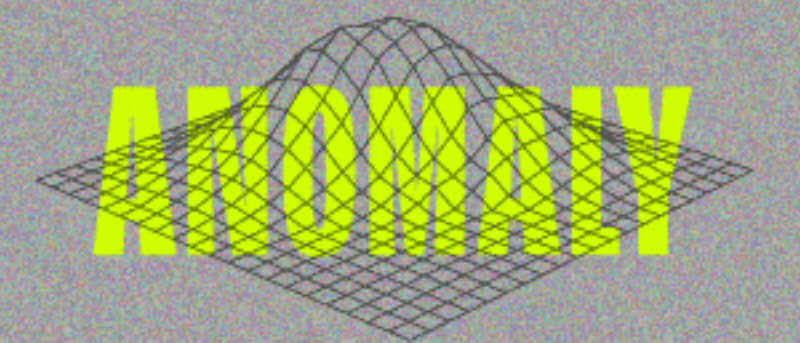
REGARDLESS OF WHAT ANYONE MAY PERSONALLY THINK OR BELIEVE ABOUT HIM, JESUS OF NAZARETH HAS BEEN THE DOMINANT FIGURE IN THE HISTORY OF WESTERN CULTURE FOR ALMOST TWENTY CENTURIES. IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, WITH SOME SORT OF SUPER MAGNET, TO PULL UP OUT OF HISTORY EVERY SCRAP OF METAL BEARING AT LEAST A TRACE

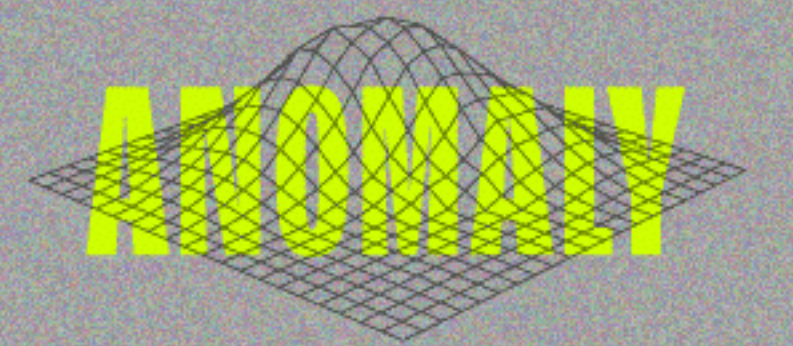
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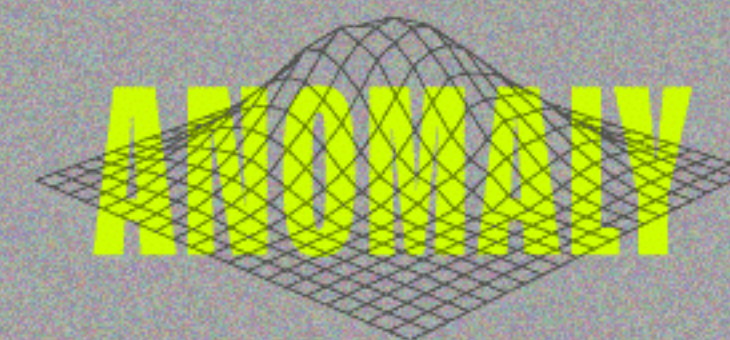
OF HIS NAME, HOW MUCH WOULD BE LEFT?

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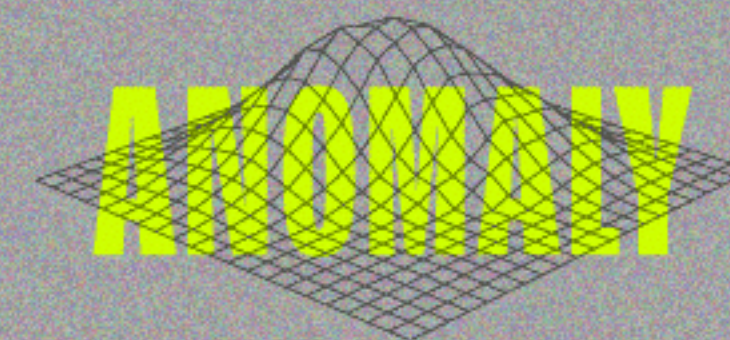


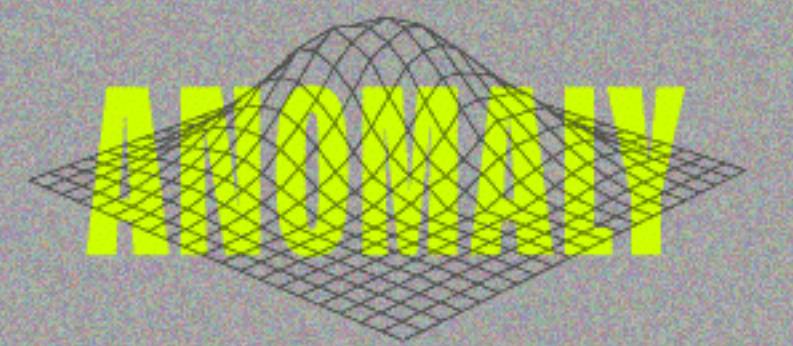
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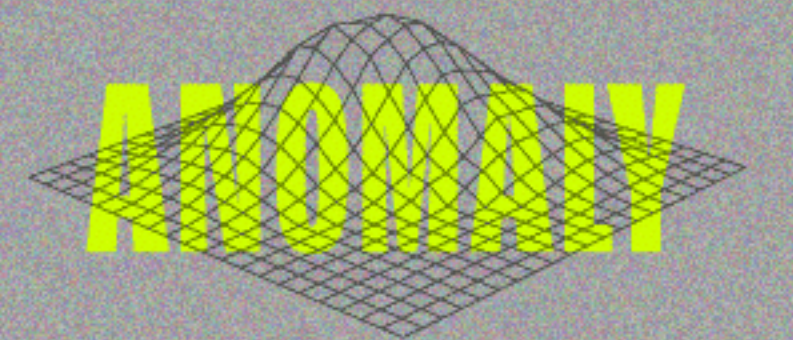
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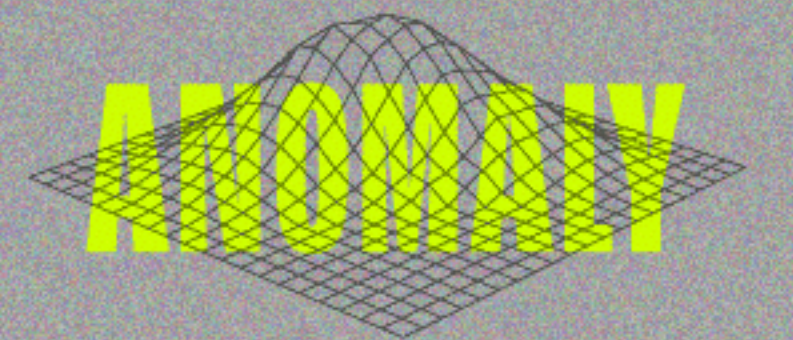




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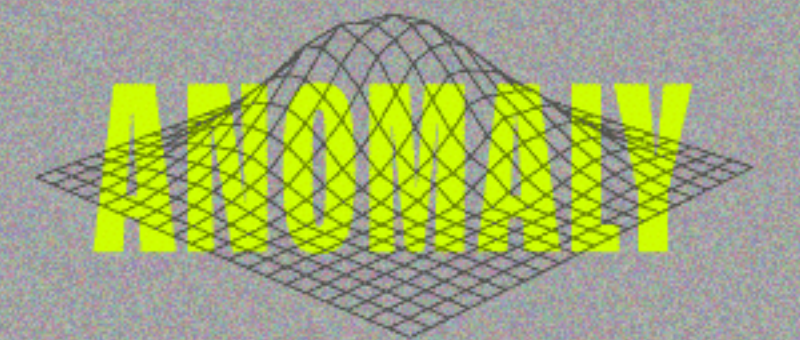


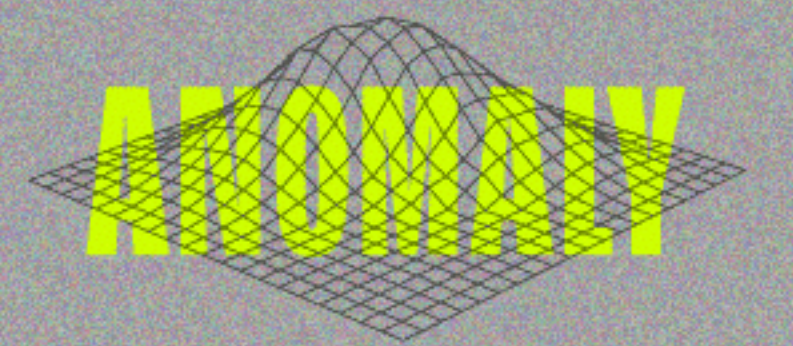
WE DON'T HAVE TO
RELATIVIZE
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...I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, BECAUSE
IT IS THE POWER OF GOD THAT BRINGS
SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES.

ROMANS 1:16





...WHAT WE SUFFER FROM TODAY IS HUMILITY IN THE WRONG PLACE. [...] A MAN WAS MEANT TO BE DOUBTFUL ABOUT HIMSELF, BUT UNDOUBTING ABOUT THE TRUTH; THIS HAS BEEN EXACTLY REVERSED. [...] WE ARE ON THE ROAD TO PRODUCING A RACE OF MEN TOO MENTALLY MODEST TO BELIEVE IN THE MULTIPLICATION TABLE.

G.K. CHESTERTON

