Soon after completing his service as a stretcher bearer in World War I, Teilhard described one of his mystical visions in an essay entitled “The Spiritual Power of Matter.” In this essay, he shares how he, like the patriarchs and prophets of old, became aware that he was being drawn to follow the road of fire. Little did he know at the time how intense his future struggles would be or how profound the suffering that his commitment would require. Still, he remained faithful, understanding that, as a participant in an evolutionary world, he should expect and embrace struggle as the price to be paid for progress. It was this evolutionary spirituality that also animated and sustained his hope in the future of our world despite the difficulties that beset humanity in every age. In this lecture, we walk with Teilhard along his road of fire to learn how to deal with the struggles that are ours.

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