

**Becoming Incarnational People**  
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1. Throughout this article Johansen speaks of God's created order and the disorder that results from our disregard for the created order. As you read the article think of examples of order and disorder in the world, in the nation, even in your current situation. What are the signs of life-denying order that most trouble you in the life of the church today?
2. Drawing upon your knowledge of the Brethren movement, what gave early Brethren inspiration and courage to align themselves against intolerance and corruption of the dominant church and the state?
3. In the section, "The possibility of Compassionate Order," page 48, Johansen shares examples of "new orders growing from disorder or old practices." In this time, where do you see signs of more compassionate order emerging, order more attuned to a cosmic order that God made?