



THE LAST WORD

Finally, something a little high-minded to start the new year.

My friends over at Tikvah have started an interesting new program where they assemble a truly extraordinary lecture series by a great thinker and then let you buy access to the videos for a pretty reasonable sum, about the cost of buying a book.

It's not a revolutionary idea—people have done this sort of thing going back to the time of VHS and cassette tapes. But Tikvah does an extraordinarily good job of it and their newest course is [a series of lectures by Meir Soloveichick about Jewish ideas in the American founding](#).

Now if you're not Jewish, this might not automatically appeal to you. But if you're into American history, this is an *amazing* series. And it's amazing because of Soloveichick.

I was lucky enough to befriend Solly a couple years ago and he is, no fooling, one of the five or ten smartest people I've come across in my adult life. Insanely smart. A great writer. Super funny. And a truly wonderful guy.

Anyway, I bring this all up because (1) I've listened to about a third of this series of lectures from Solly and they're super interesting and (2) It's a chance for me to say that although he's Jewish—and not just Jewish, but a rabbi!—Solly is basically one of the most important Catholic theologians alive today. He understands the faith better and more profoundly than many Catholic bishops, both in America and even in Rome.

If you like learning about the American founding and want to treat yourself to something wonderful in the new year, got and [sign up for Solly's class](#).

Best,

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