



... Journey from Afar ...

c. 1700-c.1250 b.c.

Journey to Bethlehem

Experience the wonder of the night
that Christmas began!

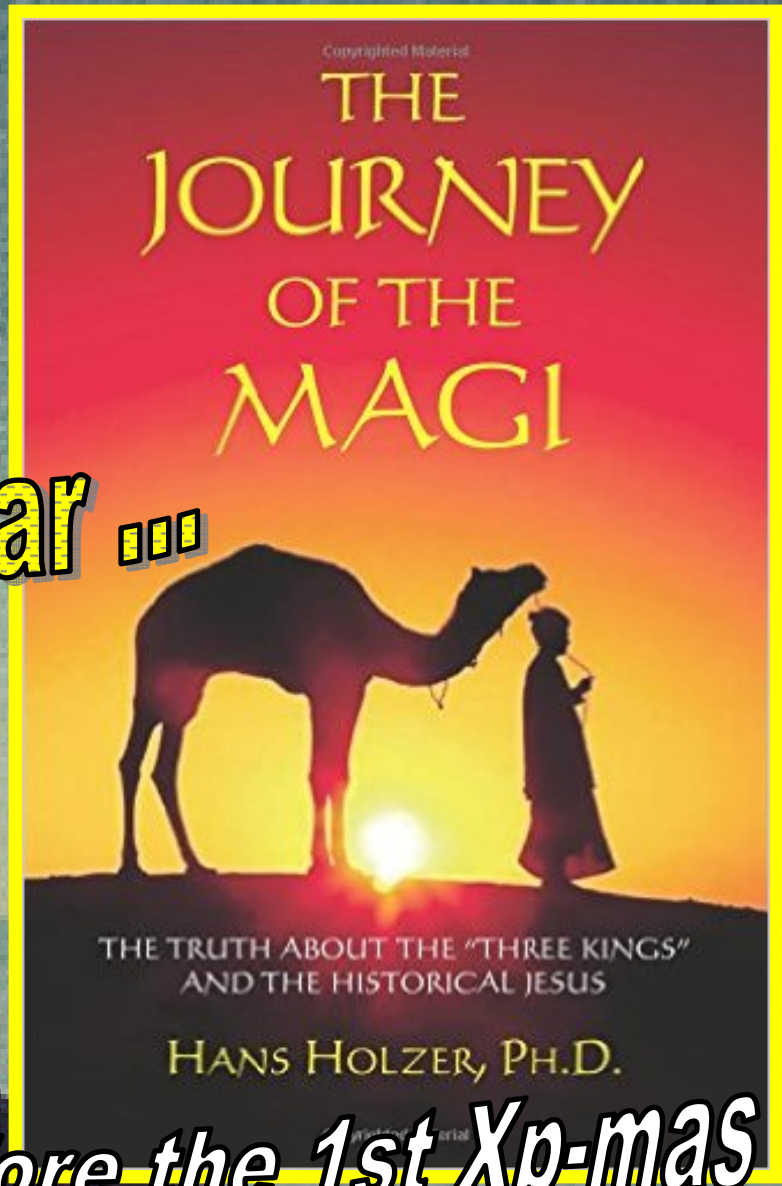


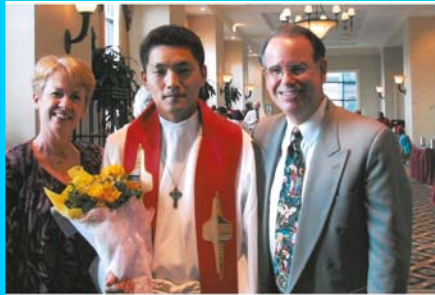
.. Journey from Afar ..
circa late B.C. 4 ...



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Approx. 40 days before the 1st Xp-mas





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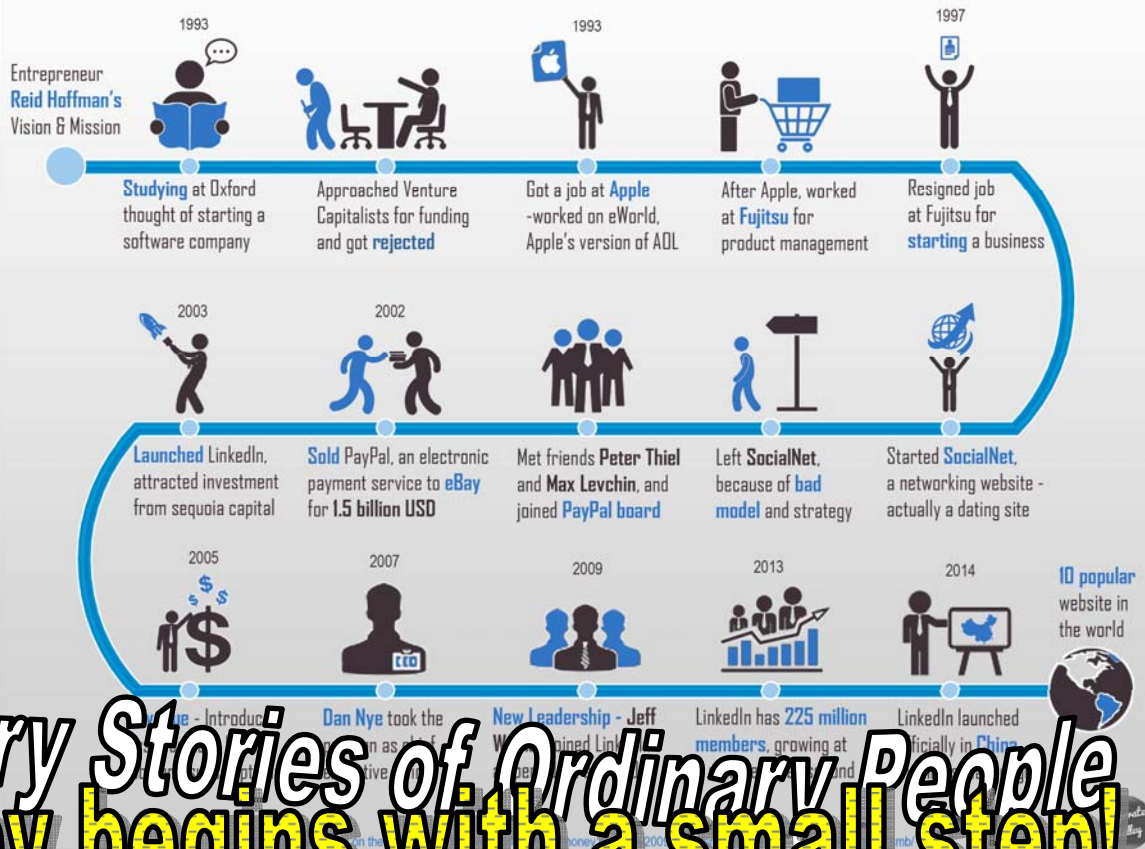
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- Lao Tzu



LINKEDIN'S STARTUP STORY

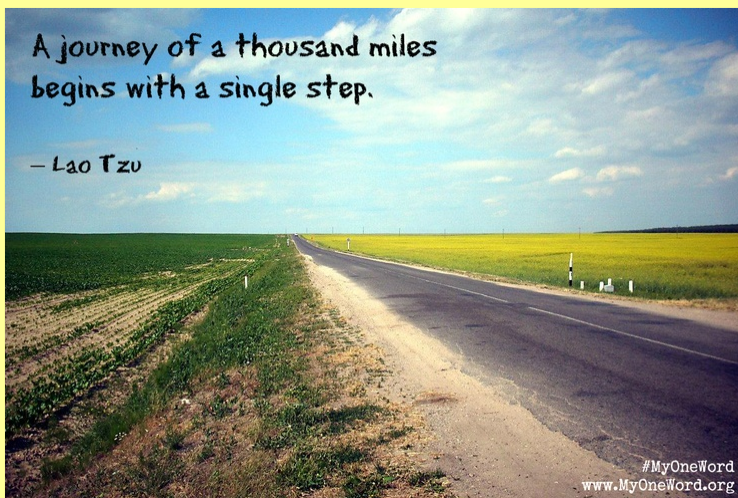
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Extraordinary Stories of Ordinary People
The Journey begins with a small step!

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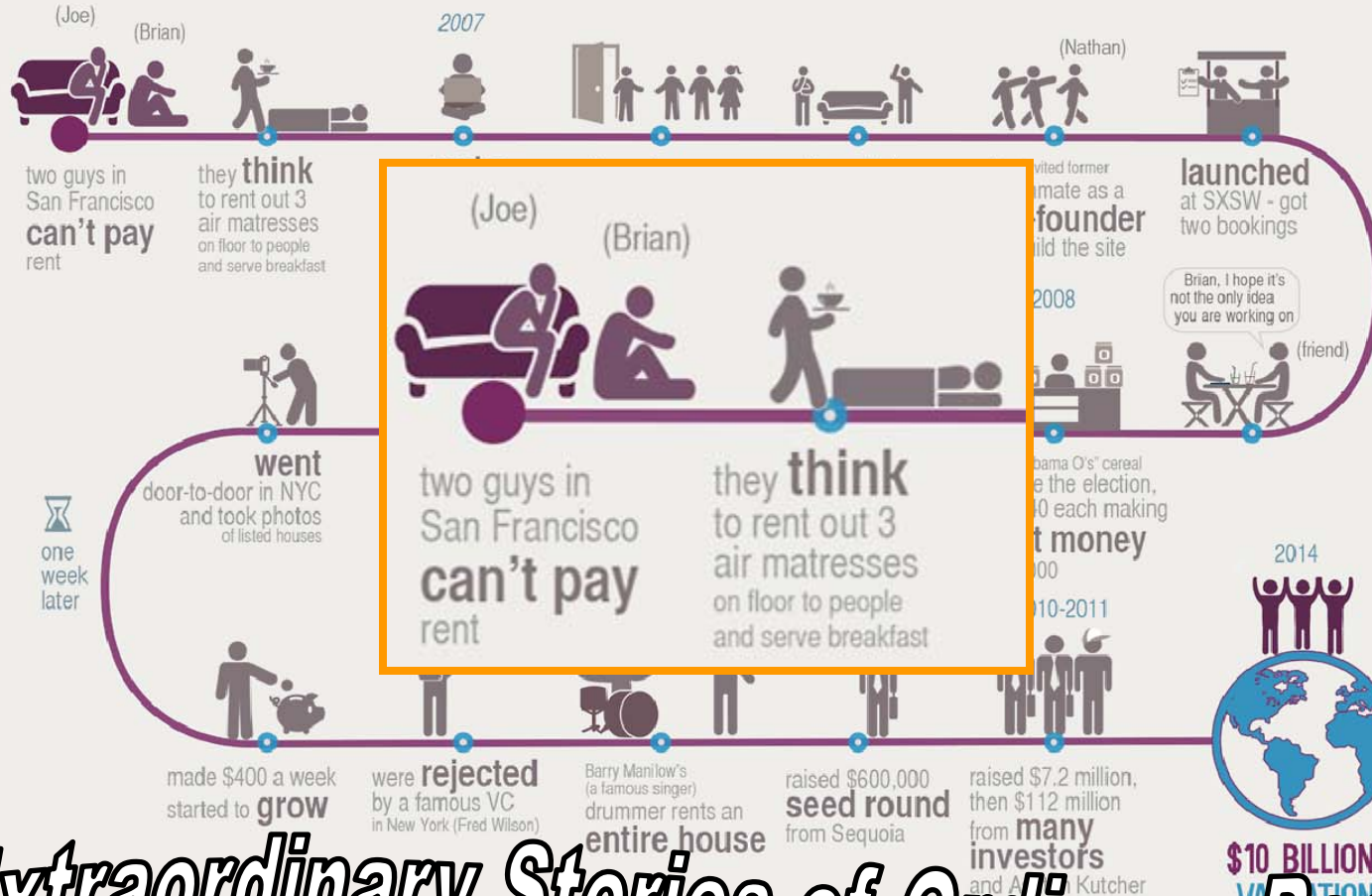


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HOW AIRBNB STARTED

BY ANNA VITAL

Or How 3 Guys Went From Renting Air Mattresses To A 10 Billion Dollar Company

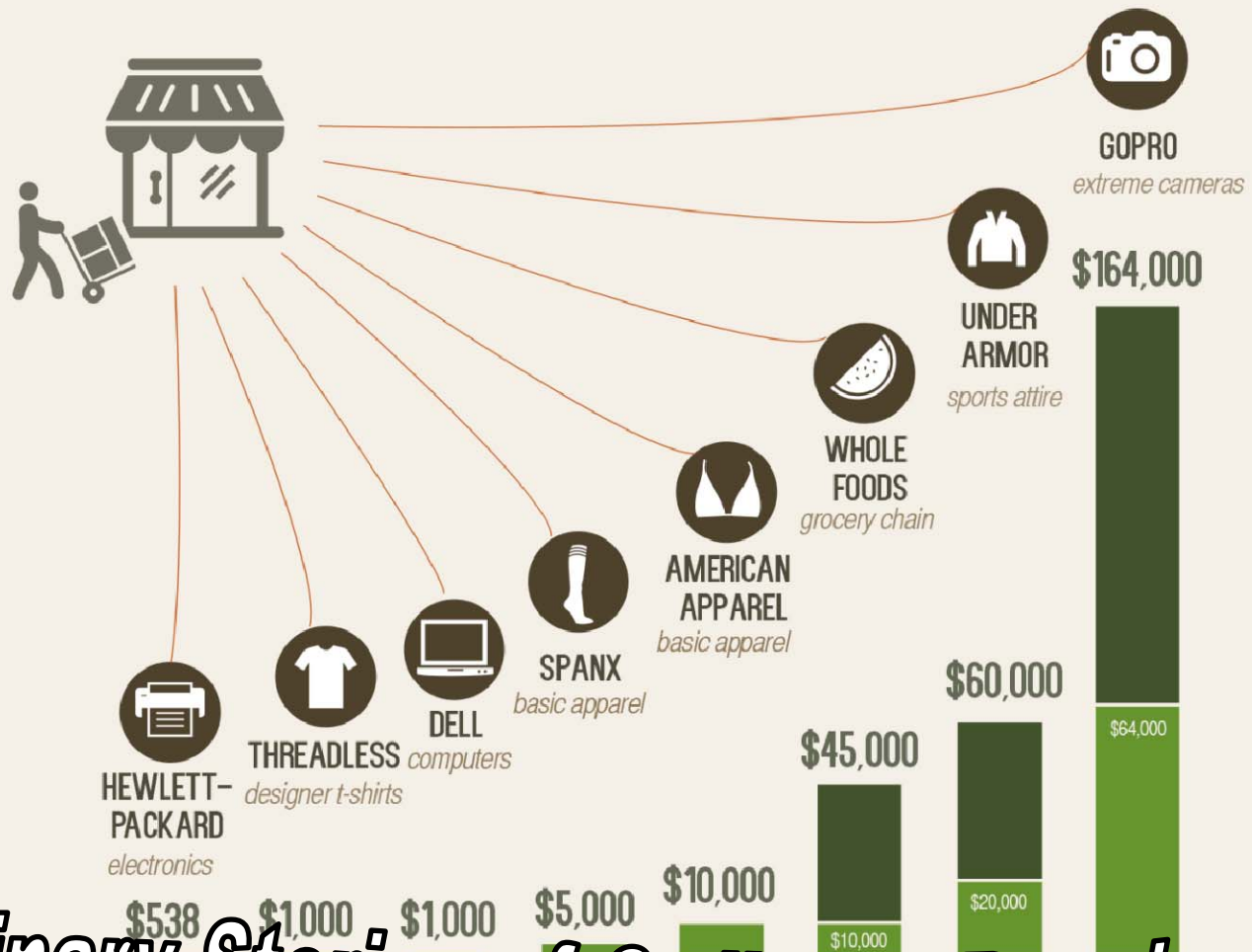


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ENOUGH MONEY TO START?

by Anna Vital

How Much Money Companies Were Started With



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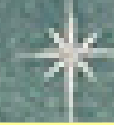
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1. *To the Hopeful – Nov. 27*
 2. *To the One who Brings Good Tidings – Dec. 4*
 3. *To the Joyous – Dec. 11*
 4. *To the Peaceful – Dec. 18*
 5. *To the Holy Nativity – Sat., Dec. 24*
 6. *To the Manger – Dec. 25*
 7. *To New Days Ahead – Sat., Dec. 31 at Lanham Campus*

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Advent Journey at Savage-Lanham

Text in Context

Luke 1:5-17

Birth of John the Baptist



Behold, I will send you Elijah
the prophet before the coming
of the great and dreadful day of
the Yahawah

Malachi 4:5



"The Vision of Zacharias"
c. 1890s
by James Tissot.

A Sign for "The Birth of Messiah"

Text in Context

Luke 1:5-17

Birth of John the Baptist



AND YOU WILL HAVE
Joy AND Gladness
and many
WILL *rejoice*
AT HIS BIRTH
LUKE 1:14

"Your prayer has been HEARD." (v.13)

Text in Context

Luke 1:5-17, (vv. 39-45)

The One who will bring Good Tidings



***"Blessed is are you young woman,
and blessed is the child you will bear!" (v.42)***

1. Acknowledge His call in which you are.

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PART 2. TO THE ONE WHO BRINGS GOOD TIDINGS

1. Acknowledge His call in which you are.



LOVE BEGINS AT HOME,
AND IT IS NOT HOW
MUCH WE DO... BUT
HOW MUCH LOVE WE
PUT IN THAT ACTION.

Mother Teresa

Charity begins at home, and
justice begins next door.


Prep your home for Good Tidings

Charles Dickens

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1. Acknowledge His call in which you are.



*Be
the one
who
brings
Good
Tidings!*

WHAT I LOVE
MOST ABOUT MY
HOME
IS WHO I
SHARE IT WITH

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The background of the slide is a dark, textured night sky with a prominent bright star in the upper right. Below the sky, the silhouettes of three people riding camels are visible against a lighter, hazy horizon. The person in the middle is pointing towards the star. The overall scene is a classic representation of the Three Kings following the Star of Bethlehem.

2. Prepare the way for Jesus Christ.

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2. Prepare the way for Jesus Christ.

"Light of the World!"



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2. Prepare the way for Jesus Christ.

You are an IMPORTANT ACCESS to Jesus!

Come
Celebrate
Christmas
with us!



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2. Prepare the way for Jesus Christ.

Or NOT!

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3. Bring people back to the Lord.

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3. Bring people back to the Lord.

A photograph of a group of people walking away from the camera on a city street. Several red callout boxes with the word "Unchurched" are placed above various individuals. A larger red callout box at the bottom right contains the following text:

There has been a
92% increase
in the number of *unchurched*
Americans between 1991 and 2004.*

Our world needs
the Gospel

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3. Bring people back to the Lord.



Your aging parents

Your spouse.
Not perfect - but...
immensely valuable.
A gift from God for you.

EncourageYourSpouse.com

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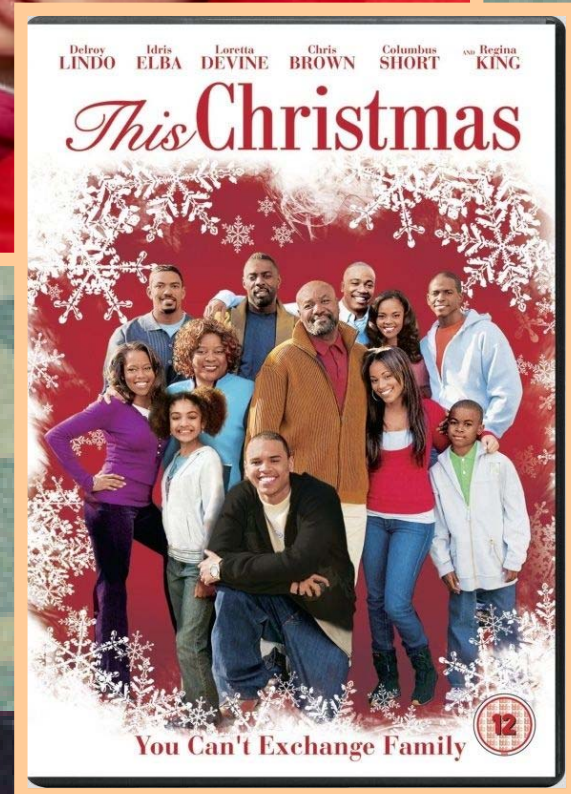
Dear Mom & Dad,
I won't tell you this but
communicating with the world is
a lot different than it was when
you were my age. I need some
help figuring this out.
signed,
your little girl

... your children of all ages ...



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4. Make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

The image features a dark silhouette of three people riding camels across a dark, rounded hill. The background is a textured, teal-green sky with a prominent white star in the upper right quadrant. The overall style is reminiscent of a stained-glass window or a woodcut print.

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4. Make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Repent...



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