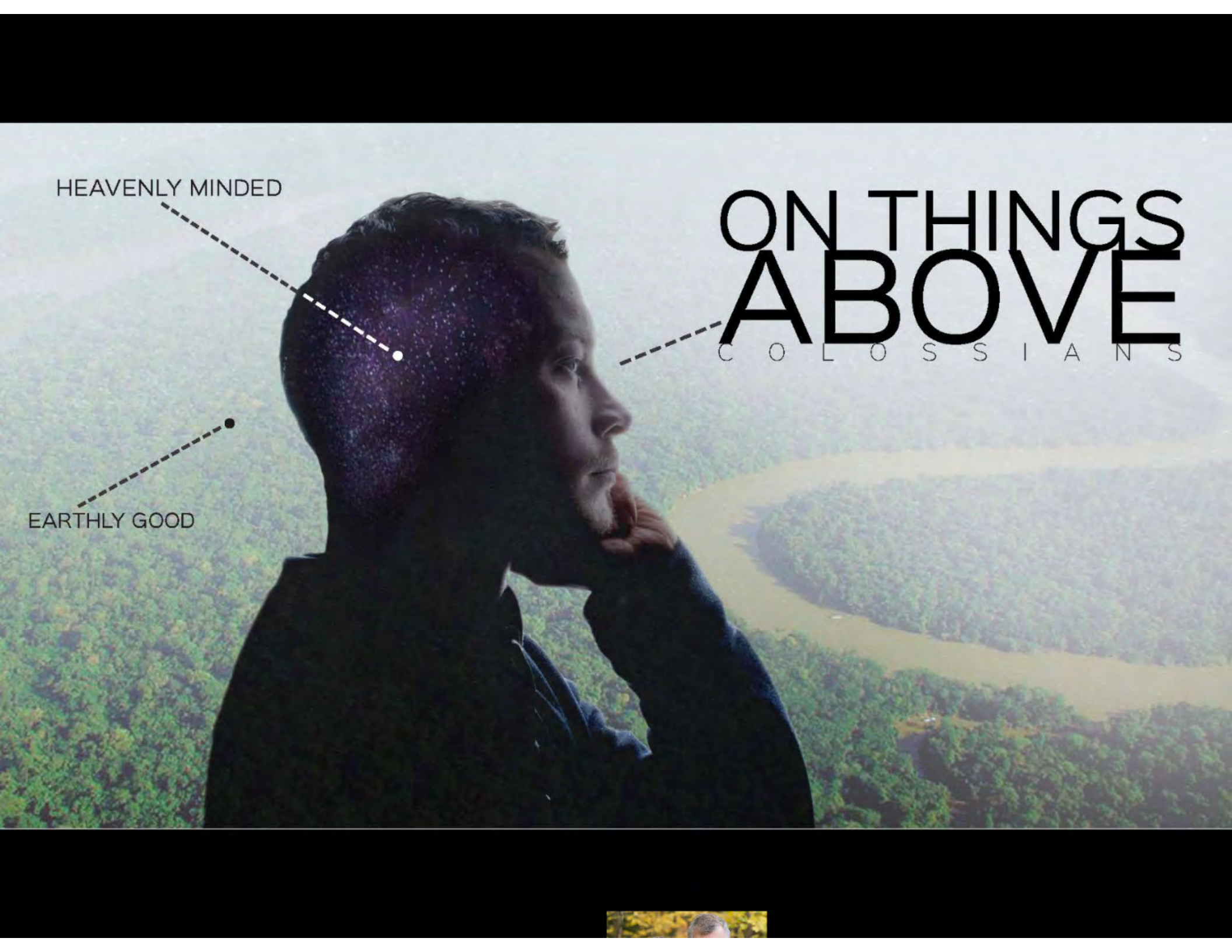


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ON THINGS ABOVE

C O L O S S I A N S

EARTHLY GOOD



Doug Moo:



“The household code opens rather abruptly...
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Colossians 3:17 - 4:2

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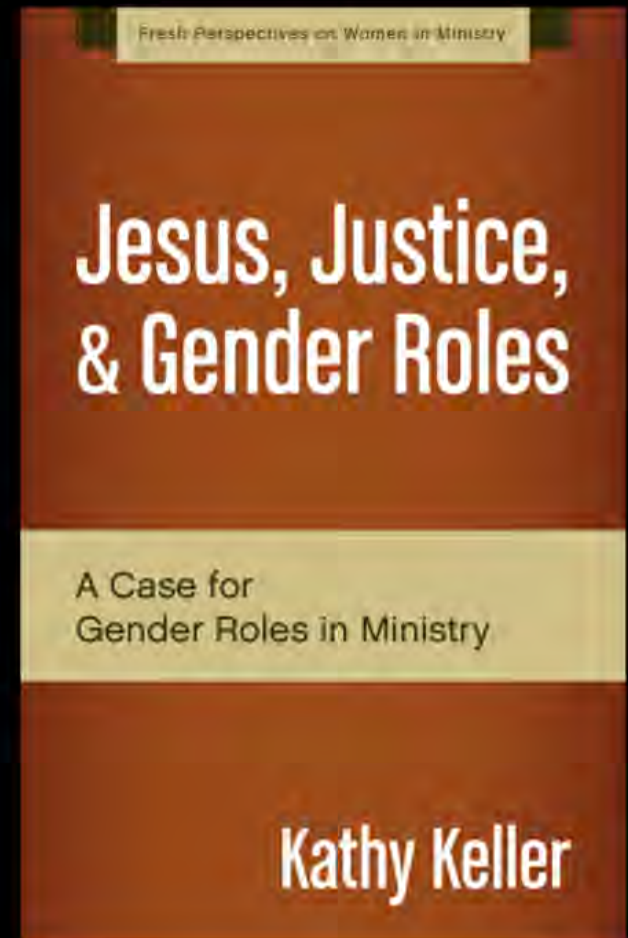


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"The question is not academic for me. I wrestled deeply and personally with this issue as a woman who was once preparing to be ordained in the United Presbyterian Church (USA). Everywhere I have ministered since then, I have felt like a woman without a country. In some places I have been looked upon with suspicion as a 'raving feminist' because I encourage women to teach and lead, and I do so myself. In New York I have been called 'self hating' and worse because I continue to believe that God gave us a good gift when he created complementary gender roles for men and women."



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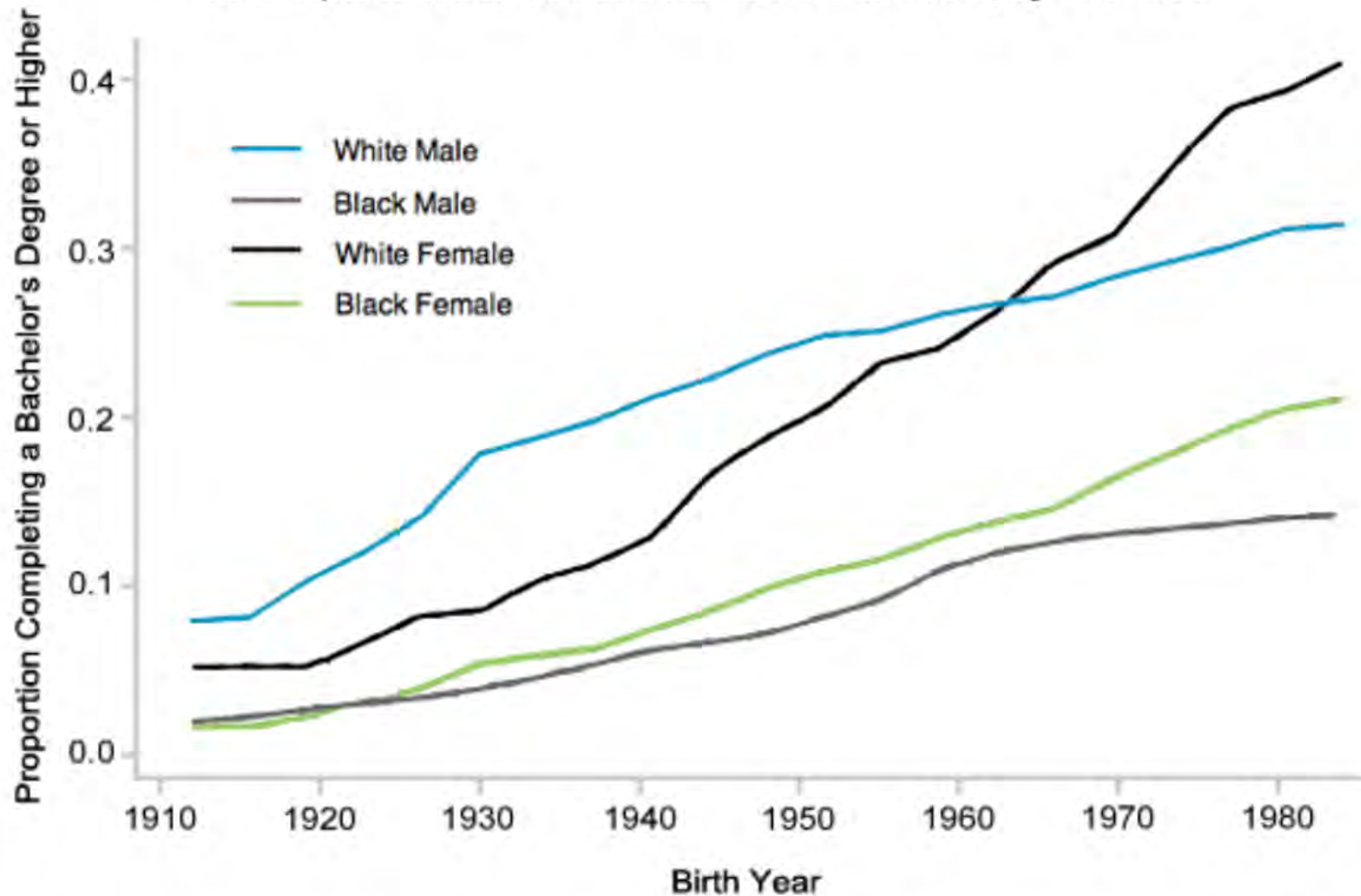
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Source: Author's compilation based on IPUMS census data, 1940 to 2000 (Ruggles et al. 2010); American Community Survey (U.S. Census Bureau 2010).

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