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From the time of Pope Gregory's invention of the [life story of Mary Magdalene](#), she has been used and misused for countless theological, ecclesial and even political purposes. She has been nothing if not what Margaret Arnold calls "a compelling and malleable image."

Earlier this year the journalist David Epstein published his second book, titled *Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World*. The book is an engaging response to earlier bestsellers that have emphasized specialization, concentration and repetition as the universal path to success, says Franciscan Friar Daniel P. Horan. Ergo: [Bishops and priests need more range](#).

Patrick Jephson was in Mother Teresa's private chapel in the summer of 1995 with Princess Diana. He's [got proof](#) that God answers prayers.

Amy Morris-Young notes that our lives in the U.S. are predominantly [lived out in separate boxes](#), the smells and sounds and textures of village life only distantly remembered, if at all.

There is "war in bits and pieces" because [we do not look upon one another as brother or sister](#) but look on them as "somebody or someone," says Sr. Monica Moeketsi, a member of the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Good Shepherd Sisters of Quebec.

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