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12/25/2018--I don't have the novel in front of me, but Potok tells a parable akin to the Parable of the Prodigal Son. There is a son who renounces his father and lives a dissolute life. His father sends a servant to ask the boy to come home. He says, "I cannot." The father sends the servant a second time and says, "then come as far as you can, and I will meet you there." In the classic Christian telling, that is what God did today all those many years ago. Humankind, cut off from God, cannot reach out to him. So, God goes to man, meeting him there, in human life. Merry Christmas, 2018.