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## **Spiritual Classics Selected Readings On The Twelve 7193**

A year's plan of carefully selected spiritual readings from ancient and contemporary writers with questions, exercises and commentary for individual or group use. The result is a wealth of spiritual treasures to enrich and delight. Richard Foster's best-selling Celebration of Discipline provides the framework for this new work. The twelve spiritual disciplines featured are now developed as the themes for selected readings and study helps. The 12 spiritual disciplines are: Inward disciplines Prayer Meditation Fasting Study Outward disciplines Simplicity Solitude Submission Service Corporate

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disciplines Confession Worship Guidance Celebration Christian classic writers will include Augustine of Hippo, John Henry Newman, Thomas Merton, as well as 20th century authors such as, Simone Weil, Catherine Marshall and Joyce Huggett. Each reading will be followed by an introduction to the life and work of that author, as well as relevant scriptural quotations, questions for discussion, suggested exercises and a reflective commentary by Richard Foster.

Morning, Midday and Evening Prayer and Complies with Meditations for the day and four years of Daily Readings from Books 1 and 2.

James Bryan Smith believes we have bought into false notions of happiness and success. In this follow up to his first book, The Good and Beautiful God, Smith traces through the Sermon

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on the Mount and helps us replace our false beliefs with Jesus' narratives about life in the kingdom of God.

A kaleidoscope of inspiration that lets the reader delve into the ideas of many of our great spiritual thinkers.

Timeless Wisdom From 50 Great Books of Inner Discovery, Enlightenment and Purpose

The Cloud of Unknowing

Meister Eckhart

Sacramental Life

Why and How Deep Learning Still Matters

Finding the Heart's True Home

Finding Harmony in a Complex World

The teachings of the German – born Meister Eckhart (1260 – 1328), Dominican philosopher and spiritual

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master, are among the most daring and profound in the history of Western mysticism. From counsels on discernment to a treatise on detachment as the most essential virtue, Eckhart's fascinating thoughts on the spiritual life will inspire and challenge those looking to deepen their experience of God.

The author of the bestselling celebration of discipline explores the great traditions of Christian spirituality and their role in spiritual renewal today. In this landmark work, Foster examines the "streams of living water" – – the six dimensions of faith and practice that define Christian tradition. He lifts up the enduring character of each tradition and shows how a variety of practices, from

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individual study and retreat to disciplines of service and community, are all essential elements of growth and maturity. Foster examines the unique contributions of each of these traditions and offers as examples the inspiring stories of faithful people whose lives defined each of these "streams."

Thomas Berry (1914-2009), a Passionist priest, was a "geologist," historian of religion, philosopher, and the single most important Catholic voice on the link between faith, reverence for all life, and the environmental crisis. Particularly well-known for his work in popularizing the "universe story" and exploring the religious implications of the new cosmology, Berry pointed the way to a

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spirituality attuned to our place in the natural world, and an ethic of responsibility and care for the earth. This work, timed to mark the centenary of his birth, will offer the best guide to one of the true prophets and spiritual masters of our time.

Contemporary devotions based on texts by Augustine, C.S. Lewis, and other writers. Excerpts from the writings of classic spiritual writers provide the starting point for this year-long devotional volume. There are two weeks of daily devotions based on one classic author.

Celtic Daily Prayer

The Good and Beautiful Life

Selected Readings from Benjamin Franklin

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Prayer and Worship

Green Leaves for Later Years

Old Testament Use of Old Testament

**As David deSilva has experienced the ancient wisdom of the Book of Common Prayer, he's been formed spiritually in deep and lasting ways. In these pages, he offers you a brand new way to use the Book of Common Prayer, exploring how Christians can be spiritually formed by the sacraments of baptism, Eucharist, marriage and last rites.**

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**Calling on seventy-five years of memories and lessons learned, Emilie Griffin reflects on the beauty and struggle of aging. Hers is a deceptively simple spiritual path--motivated only by a desire to be close to the Lord. Ideal for both individuals and discussion groups.**

**Old Testament Use of Old Testament contains in one clearly arranged volume every scriptural allusion in the Old Testament, along with a hermeneutical profile of each Old Testament book's overall use of Scripture. A one-of-a-kind resource, it**



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**provides an invaluable beginning place for intertextual study of the Old Testament. The Practice of the Presence of God is a wonderful text, compiled by Father Joseph de Beaufort, of the teachings of Brother Lawrence (born Nicholas Herman), a Carmelite Monk. The beautiful compilation includes letters, as well as records of his conversations kept by Brother Lawrence's interlocutors.**

**Reading the Bible for Spiritual Transformation**

**A Guide to His Spiritual Classics and**

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### **Selected Writings on Peace A Guide to the Essential Spiritual Classics Selected Spiritual Writings Reading with the Heart John of the Cross 25 Books Every Christian Should Read**

Prayer and worship compose the heart of the devotional life and are essential practices for a close relationship with God. But too often our prayer is nothing more than a checklist of requests, and our worship happens only in church. What does it mean to communicate with God? How do we enter his presence in the midst of our daily lives? Utilizing the

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beloved book of the Psalms, this guide reveals many different ways to come before God in prayer and worship, including wrestling with God, pleading with God, lamenting to God, and longing for God.

Conveniently organized for individual or group study, Prayer and Worship offers insights and avenues to help us bring every part of our lives before God and truly enter his presence.

From the creators of Devotional Classics and Spiritual Classics comes 25 Books Every Christian Should Read, the definitive guide to the most spiritually influential and important books for Christians to read. Renovaré, a community of Christians promoting personal and spiritual renewal, put together a prestigious editorial

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board including Richard Foster, Dallas Willard, Phyllis Tickle, and Richard Rohr, resulting in this wonderful resource for exploring the richness of the Christian tradition.

Time in "the wilderness" -- solitary meditation on simplicity, prayer, and other key disciplines of faith -- is directly in keeping with Jesus' example of going apart to pray. Now, with the clarity and encouragement that distinguish the Renovaré collection of spiritual resources, this gentle guide to retreat unshrouds that historical tradition -- and so reveals marvelous opportunities for spiritual renewal in contemporary Christian practice. Helping us to create self-guided retreats -- for individuals or groups

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-- Emilie Griffin offers plans, encouragements, and suggestions based on her own experience and fortified by the inspiring words of contemporary Christian writers such as Eugene Peterson, Luci Shaw, and Virginia Stem Owens. A virtual primer for retreat, this volume defines the basics and provides practical tips on setting realistic expectations and on achieving the relaxation and freedom necessary for the soul to become, in the words of de Caussade, "light as a feather." A detailed one-day retreat makes an ideal model for first-timers, and several different examples illustrate how time in the wilderness can be both accessible and wonderfully illuminating -- no matter what your schedule. Wilderness Time is another

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balanced, practical strategy from Renovaré helping us grow closer to God.

For the first time in one volume in English are the spiritual writings of this outstanding intellectual figure (1401-1464) whose work anticipated modern problems of ecumenicity and pluralism, empowerment and reconciliation, and tolerance and individuality.

Devotional Classics

Reading Bonhoeffer

Becoming

A Book-By-Book Guide

Bernard of Clairvaux

A Spiritual Guide for Navigating Adulthood

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Christian Spirituality

**A New, Expanded Edition of Renovaré's Classic Companion to the Devotional Life Updated to incorporate all six traditions, or "streams," that comprise a healthy and holistic life of faith, these fifty-two selections have been organized to introduce the reader to the great devotional writers over the course of one year. Edited by James Bryan Smith, each reading is accompanied by an introduction and meditation by Richard J. Foster. In addition, each entry includes a related biblical passage, discussion questions, and individual and group exercises. With devotional**

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**readings in 1. The Prayer-Filled Life 2. The Virtuous Life 3. The Spirit-Empowered Life 4. The Compassionate Life 5. The Word-Centered Life 6. The Sacramental Life** Foster and Smith sift through works from the great spiritual writers of the past as well as readings from contemporary spiritual leaders to create a guide that is indispensable for those looking for a deeper and more balanced spiritual life.

**The Cloud of Unknowing (Middle English: The Cloude of Unknowyng)** is an anonymous work of Christian mysticism written in Middle English in the latter half of the 14th century. The text is a



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**spiritual guide on contemplative prayer in the late Middle Ages. The book counsels a young student to seek God, not through knowledge and intellection (faculty of the human mind), but through intense contemplation, motivated by love, and stripped of all thought. This is brought about by putting all thoughts and desires under a cloud of forgetting, and thereby piercing God's cloud of unknowing with a dart of longing love from the heart. This form of contemplation is not directed by the intellect, but involves spiritual union with God through the heart. These fifty-two selections have been organized to**

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**introduce readers through the course of one year to the great devotional writers. The readings have been edited by James Smith, and each is accompanied by an introduction and meditation by Richard Foster. In addition, each reading features a linked biblical passage, discussion questions, and individual and group exercises. Devotional Classics features readings from: Augustine of Hippo, Bernard of Clairvaux, Frances of Assisi, Julian of Norwich, Catherine of Siena, Thomas á Kempis Catherine of Genoa, Martin Luther, Ignatius of loyola, John Calvin, Teresa Avila, Blaise Pascal, Madame Jeanne**

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**Guyon, Soren Kierkegaard, Evelyn Underhill, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Thomas Merton, Dallas Willard, and many more.**

**I love to read. I hate to read. I don't have time to read. I only read Christian books. I'm not good at reading. There's too much to read. Chances are, you've thought or said one of these exact phrases before because reading is important and in many ways unavoidable. Learn how to better read, what to read, when to read, and why you should read with this helpful guide from accomplished reader Tony Reinke. Offered here is a theology for reading and practical suggestions for reading**

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**widely, reading well, and for making it all worthwhile.**

**Spiritual Formation Through the Book of Common Prayer**

**Streams of Living Water**

**Essential Practices from the Six Great Traditions of Christian Faith**

**Selections from His Essential Writings**

**Freedom of Simplicity**

**A Christian Guide to Reading Books**

**Devotional Classics: Revised Edition**

This elegant volume offers itself as a spiritual companion for young adults and all who live amid transitions and

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tensions. Dozens of carefully selected readings address themes that are prominent for people in their twenties and early thirties. The topics include: Passion and purpose Identity Community Losing and finding Justice and creation Each section features reflections from Unitarian Universalist young adults, as well as poems, prayers, and opening and closing words from contemporary and ancient peoples. This treasury of uplifting and thought-provoking meditations can serve as a guide and provide comfort on our never-ending journey of becoming.

The Brightest Lights of the Christian Tradition St. Augustine, Thomas Merton, Fredrick Buechner, Evelyn

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Underhill, A.W. Tozer, G.K. Chesterton, Thomas More, Martin Luther King, Jr., Amy Carmichael, Simone Weil, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Hildegard of Bingen, John Milton, Dorothy Day, Leo Tolstoy, Gerard Manley Hopkins, and more. . . From nearly two thousand years of Christian writing comes *Spiritual Classics*, fifty-two selections complete with a profile of each author, guided meditations for group and individual use, and reflections containing questions and exercises. Editors Richard Foster and Emilie Griffith offer their expertise by selecting inspirational writings and including their own commentary and recommendations for further guided reading and exploration.

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This beginning workbook for Spiritual Formation Groups features guidelines for starting a group, study plans for the first nine sessions, and a questionnaire that helps map the way ahead. Based upon six major dimensions of the spiritual life found in the life of Christ and Christian tradition: The Contemplative Tradition - The Holiness Tradition - The Charismatic Tradition - The Social Justice Tradition - The Evangelical Tradition - and The Incarnational Tradition, this workbook program provides all the necessary ingredients to start and maintain a Spiritual Formation Group. Successfully used by thousands of Spiritual Formation Group participants, A Spiritual Formation Workbook has been completely

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revised to correlate with Richard J. Foster's Streams of Living Water. Its new and updated exercises and teachings offer fresh perspectives on Christian faith and practice. Christian in perspective and ecumenical in breadth, RENOVARÉ (from the Latin, meaning "to renew") is an effort committed to the renewal of the Church. Founded by bestselling writer Richard J. Foster, RENOVARÉ provides individual churches with a balanced, practical, effective small-group strategy for spiritual growth.

This is a new release of the original 1948 edition.  
A Spiritual Formation Workbook - Revised Edition  
Selected Readings on the Twelve Spiritual Disciplines



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Life with God

An Exhortation to Martyrdom

New Testament History and Literature

Selected Readings from Søren Kierkegaard

Spiritual Classics

Christian Spirituality: The Classics is a unique and comprehensive guide to thirty key Christian spirituality texts. Ranging from Origen and Augustine to Jonathan Edwards, Thérèse of Lisieux and Thomas Merton, it offers a view of the texts which is founded in scholarship, but which also presents them as living documents that invite- even compel

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-contemplative reflection and existential response. Each chapter briefly describes the classic text's author and audience, gives a synopsis of its contents, suggests some of its influence in history, and then explores aspects of the text's meaning for readers today. Key themes include: What is the meaning of life? How can human beings find truth? How can they discover who they really are? How can they live together in peace? How can they live more fully in God's presence in this world and be united with God in the world to come? The scholars who have written these chapters are all experts on their

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respective topics, but they wear their learning lightly. Anyone wishing to discover the riches of Christian spirituality will find this the ideal introduction and should be able to progress to a deeper understanding of the texts themselves.

Dorothee Soelle once wrote, "Dietrich Bonhoeffer is the one German theologian who will lead us into the third millennium." As we near the end of the first decade of this third millennium, Bonhoeffer continues to inspire new generations as a spiritual guide for their actions on behalf of peace and social justice. This book by Geoffrey Kelly provides a critical

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analysis and reading guide to two of the spiritual classics that are now available in new translations through Fortress Press. Reading Bonhoeffer offers a running commentary of each segment of these popular texts along with discussion questions suitable for the university and seminary classroom as well as parish adult education programs. In a final section of the book, Kelly excerpts and analyzes three significant texts by Bonhoeffer on the need for world peace against the rising militarism and continued glorification of war in Germany and other European nations.

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Two lengthy letters from the abbot of Clairvaux illuminate the transition in theological method in the mid twelfth-century. In this letter to the bishop of Sens on the responsibilities of his office, Bernard articulates his monastic conviction that authority in the Church must be accompanied by contemplative virtues, especially a deeply ingrained humility. Pastors who do attend to their own spiritual health, he explains, are incapable of caring for others. In his letter of baptism, written to Hugh of Saint Victor, Bernard seeks to refute what he considered the doctrinal error of an unnamed scholar-likely Peter

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Abelard-and assails a theological method he deemed likely to mislead the faithful, because-as Emero Stiegman says in the Introduction-he considered all theological questions 'in the perspective of God's love'. These two letter-treatises (42 and 77) are not included in Bruno Scott James' English translation of The Letters of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux.

The bestselling author of The Holy Longing provides an inspiring message of hope and perseverance for all of us struggling with our faith in tumultuous times The last few decades have rapidly birthed a modern

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world that would have been unrecognizable fifty years ago. As long-held beliefs on love, faith, and God are challenged by the aggregate of changes that have overhauled our world, many of us are left feeling confused and uncertain while old norms are challenged and redefined at breakneck speed. In *Wrestling with God*, Ronald Rolheiser offers a steady and inspiring voice to help us avow and understand our faith in a world where nothing seems solid or permanent. Drawing from his own life experience, as well as a storehouse of literary, psychological, and theological insights, the beloved author of *Sacred*

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Fire examines the fears and doubts that challenge us. It is in these struggles to find meaning, that Rolheiser lays out a path for faith in a world struggling to find faith, but perhaps more important, he helps us find our own rhythm within which to walk that path.

The Classics

Selected Writings on the Earth Community

Quaker Spirituality

Small Group Resources for Nurturing Christian Growth

The Practice of the Presence of God (□□□□□□)



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### A Testament of Devotion

Thomas Berry

*We live in an era of unprecedented growth in knowledge. Never before has there been so great an availability of and access to information in both print and online. Yet as opportunities to educate ourselves have greatly increased, our time for reading has significantly diminished. And when we do read, we rarely have the patience to read in the slow, sustained fashion that great books require if we are to be truly transformed by them. In*

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*renowned Harvard Divinity School professor Francis Clooney argues that our increasing inability to read in a concerted manner is particularly notable in the realm of religion, where the proliferation of information detracts from the learning of practices that require slow and patient reading. Although awareness of the world's many religions is at an all-time high, deep knowledge of the various traditions has suffered. Clooney challenges this trend by considering six classic Hindu and Christian texts dealing with ritual and law, catechesis and doctrine, and devotion and*

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*religious participation, showing how, in distinctive ways, such texts instruct, teach truth, and draw willing readers to participate in the realities they are learning. Through readings of these seminal scriptural and theological texts, he reveals the rewards of a more spiritually transformative mode of reading—and how individuals and communities can achieve it.*

*In this engaging introduction to the New Testament, Professor Dale B. Martin presents a historical study of the origins of Christianity by analyzing the literature of the earliest Christian*

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*movements. Focusing mainly on the New Testament, he also considers nonbiblical Christian writings of the era. Martin begins by making a powerful case for the study of the New Testament. He next sets the Greco-Roman world in historical context and explains the place of Judaism within it. In the discussion of each New Testament book that follows, the author addresses theological themes, then emphasizes the significance of the writings as ancient literature and as sources for historical study. Throughout the volume, Martin introduces various early Christian groups and highlights the*

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*surprising variations among their versions of Christianity.*

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*Devotional Classics Selected Readings for  
Individuals and Groups Harper San Francisco*

*Reality of the Spiritual World*

*Selected Writings*

*On Baptism and the Office of Bishops, on the  
Conduct and Office of Bishops, on Baptism and  
Other Questions : Two Letter-treatises*

*Prayer ; First Principles, Book IV ; Prologue to the  
Commentary on 'The Song of Songs' ; Homily*

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*XXVII on 'Numbers'*

*Wrestling with God*

*Putting on the Character of Christ*

*Selected Readings for Individuals and Groups*

A revised and updated edition of the manifesto that shows how simplicity is not merely having less stress and more leisure but an essential spiritual discipline for the health of our soul.

An eminent Franklin scholar introduces us to the gregarious founding father who would be a welcome guest at any dinner table This engaging book reveals Benjamin Franklin's human side--his tastes and

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habits, his enthusiasms, and his devotion to democracy and the people of the United States. Three hundred years after his birth, we may remember Franklin's famous Autobiography, or his status as framer of the Declaration of Independence and the peace with Great Britain, or his experiments in electricity, or perhaps his sage advice on diligence and thrift. But historian Edmund S. Morgan invites us to meet the man himself, a sociable, good-natured, and extraordinary human being with boundless curiosity about the natural world and a vision of what America could be. Drawing on lifelong research in the vast Franklin archives, Morgan

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assembles both famous and lesser-known writings that offer insights into this founding father's thinking. The book is organized around four major themes, each with an introduction. The first section includes journal excerpts and letters revealing Franklin's personal tastes and habits. The second is devoted to Franklin's inexhaustible intellectual energy and his scientific discoveries. The third and fourth chronicle his devotion to serving the people who became the United States both before and after the Revolution and to advancing his democratic vision of their future. Franklin's humanity and genius have never seemed more real than in the pages of



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this appealing anthology.

This new collections of essays edited by Kyle Strobel and Jamin Goggin offers an evangelical hermeneutic for reading the Christian spiritual classics. Addressing the why, what and how of reading these texts, these essays challenge us to find our own questions deepened by the church's long history of spiritual reflection.

Too often, our study of the Bible focuses on searching for specific information or some formula that will solve our pressing needs of the moment. But what if we approached the Bible differently, and instead of transforming the text to meet our needs,

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allowed it to transform us? That's exactly the idea behind *Life with God*, Richard J. Foster's much-anticipated book on the Bible. Foster, bestselling author of *Celebration of Discipline* and general editor of *The Renovaré Spiritual Formation Bible*, claims that God has superintended the writing of Scripture so that it serves as the most reliable guide for Christian spiritual formation. According to Foster, the Bible is all about human life "with God." As we read Scripture, we should consider how exactly God is with us in each story and allow ourselves to be spiritually transformed. By opening our whole selves—mind, body, spirit, thoughts, behavior, and

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will—to the page before us, we begin to grasp all the Bible has to teach about prayer, obedience, compassion, virtue, and grace and apply it to our everyday lives to achieve a deeper relationship with God. With a wealth of examples and simple yet crucial insights, *Life with God* is an indispensable guide to approaching the Bible through the lens of Christian spiritual formation, revealing that reading the Bible for interior transformation is a far different endeavor than reading the Bible for historical knowledge, literary appreciation, or religious instruction.

Wilderness Time

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A Spiritual Formation Guide

The Spiritual Path of Wisdom

Not Your Usual Founding Father

Reading the Hindu and Christian Classics

A Guide for Spiritual Retreat

Finding Hope and Meaning in Our Daily Struggles to Be Human

**This book is a comprehensive, profound and immediately accessible book which opens the way for all to increase their understanding and develop their practice of prayer. Richard Foster explores the riches of the historical classics of prayer as well as his own**

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personal experience. No one who reads Prayer will remain unmoved; all will find encouragement within its pages.

Since its first publication in 1941, A Testament of Devotion, by the renowned Quaker teacher Thomas Kelly, has been universally embraced as a truly enduring spiritual classic. Plainspoken and deeply inspirational, it gathers together five compelling essays that urge us to center our lives on God's presence, to find quiet and stillness within modern life, and to discover the deeply satisfying and lasting peace of the inner spiritual journey. As relevant

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today as it was a half-century ago, A Testament of Devotion is the ideal companion to that highest of all human arts—the lifelong conversation between God and his creatures. I have in mind something deeper than the simplification of our external programs, our absurdly crowded calendars of appointments through which so many pantingly and frantically gasp. These do become simplified in holy obedience, and the poise and peace we have been missing can really be found. But there is a deeper, an internal simplification of the whole of one's personality, stilled, tranquil, in childlike

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trust listening ever to Eternity's whisper, walking with a smile into the dark."

Simplicity in forms of worship, opposition to violence, concern for social injustice, and, above all, a faith in the personal and corporate guidance of the Holy Spirit are characteristics of the spirituality of the people called Quakers. The author has assembled a comprehensive collection of Quaker writings.

Prayer

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**Reading the Christian Spiritual Classics  
A Guide for Evangelicals**