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[Contemplation in a World of Action](#) Ave Maria Press

Meditations on the sources of formation in Christian approach to law, its application to contemporary living, and how our approach to the law should set us free, not bind us up. A positive contribution to the present and lively debate about the tension between Christian liberty and obedience.

[The Seven Storey Mountain](#) New Directions Publishing

"Appreciation for the small goods of life—the taste of warm, fresh bread, the birthday card in the mailbox, the hour of quiet that returns us to ourselves—is itself a spiritual exercise." As nourishing as our daily bread, this all-new collection of wisdom from spiritual master and renowned religious leader Sr. Joan Chittister is essential reading for all who long to grow closer to God and one another. Here she reflects on such important themes as St. Benedict's call to "listen with the ear of the heart," learning to cultivate happiness and find joy in moderation, and developing a deeper prayer life in our ongoing search for communion with God. Book jacket.

Daffy Definitions for Seniors Paulist Press

This title tells the story of Thomas Merton's search for faith and peace in a world which first fascinated and then appalled him. It is written with the profound insight of a man who has seen himself clearly.

[The Climate of Monastic Prayer](#) Ignatius Press

'As we contemplate the coming months, not knowing when we can breathe again, it's worth thinking about how already the foundations have been laid for whatever new opportunities God has for us on the far side of this crisis.' Rowan Williams offers these words of wisdom and many more in *Candles in the Dark*. This powerful and timely book brings together the 26 weekly Christian meditations originally posted online from March to September 2020, during lockdown in the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, for the congregation of his local parish church. *Candles in the Dark* is a lovely Christian book of comfort for anyone looking for the light in these dark times. Written with warmth and compassion, these meditations offer us hope and encouragement as we continue to endure the most devastating and disturbing world crisis for over a generation. They will leave you spiritually uplifted and with a strengthened faith to guide you through whatever may come.

[Transforming Trauma](#) Twenty-Third Publications

"... parallels the prayer practices of Sufi and Christian mysticism with ease.... Vaughan-Lee's prayerful prose is poetic, inclusive, and intelligent." —Publishers Weekly *Prayer of the Heart* in Christian & Sufi Mysticism guides the reader through the stages of mystical prayer. Mystical prayer is a way to create a living relationship with the Divine within the heart. Drawing on Christian and Sufi sources such as St. Teresa of Avila, Attar, St. John of the Cross, and Rumi, as well as from his own experience, Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee describes how prayer is first born of need, but then takes one deep within the heart, into the stages of Union and Ecstasy. Through mystical prayer, one is drawn beyond any words into the interior silence of real communion with God. Here, in the silence within the heart, a meeting and merging takes place that carries us beyond our self into the mystery of divine presence, into the secret nature of love's oneness. *Prayer of the Heart* in Christian and Sufi Mysticism explores the inner listening of the heart, and the secret of 'pray without ceasing' in which we discover how prayer becomes alive within the heart. Finally there is a chapter on the need at this time to pray for the Earth. How can we pray for the well-being of the Earth? How can we include the Earth in our prayers and our heart? This little book is an offering of the heart that brings together the Christian and Sufi mystical traditions in the oneness of love to which they belong. It will benefit any practitioner of prayer, anyone who is drawn to discover a relationship with God within their heart. "... with the understated simplicity of a true spiritual master, Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee seamlessly weaves these complementary

traditions into a single tapestry of singular power and beauty...

this book offers yet another profound contribution to the collective evolution of our hearts." —Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault, from the Foreword "... draws together the Christian and Sufi traditions of mystical prayer ... Vaughan-Lee's clearly written little guide will be gratifying and absorbing for those interested in mysticism and alternate routes toward the love of God."

—Library Journal "... an excellent book ... As we recover more and more of the ancient contemplative traditions, we are finding immense similarities in goal, practice, and effects. At the mystical level, we are seemingly talking about the same experience, despite our different vocabularies and styles! Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee makes this sacred journey both clear and inviting." —Fr. Richard Rohr, Franciscan Priest, author, and founder Center for Action and Contemplation

[Hipster Christianity](#) New Directions Publishing

This is intended to be a very simple book, an elementary treatment of a few basic ideas in Christian spirituality. Hence it should be useful to any Christian, and indeed to anyone who wants to acquaint himself with some principles of the interior life as it is understood in the Catholic Church. Nothing is here said of such subjects as "contemplation" or even "mental prayer." And yet the book emphasizes what is at once the most common and the most mysterious aspect in the Christian life: grace, the power and the light of God in us, purifying our hearts, transforming us in Christ, making us true sons of God, enabling us to act in the world as his instruments for the good of all men and for his glory. This is therefore a meditation on some fundamental themes appropriate to the active life. It must be said at once that the active life is essential to every Christian. Clearly the active life must mean more than the life which is led in religious institutes of men and women who teach, care for the sick, and so on. (When one is talking of the "active life" as opposed to the "contemplative life," this is the usual reference.) Here action is not looked at in opposition to contemplation, but as an expression of charity and as a necessary consequence of union with God by baptism.

[Sailing Home](#) Ave Maria Press

An introduction to the nature and benefits of silence as a new spiritual reality that can lead to self-awareness and healing in our chaotic, fast-paced world With its beautifully rich prose, Robert Sardello's newest book invites us to experience silence as a companion presence—a creative heart-felt experience that renews, restores, and deepens the body's response to the internal and external world. Drawing on images and ideas from the Trials of St. Anthony, anthroposophy, depth psychology, and phenomenology, the book delves deeply into the subtleties of silence, exploring the phenomenon as a source of wholeness and revitalization. Sharing his own insights from years of experience in spiritual psychology, Sardello takes us on an inner journey beyond the chaotic noise of the ego to a place of inner communion and self-healing. Silence opens our eyes to the importance of cultivating the nurturing aspects of silence in our personal relationships and enables us to awaken the inner currents of spirituality that ultimately lead to a path of universal compassion, service, and healing.

[A Book of Hours](#) Baker Books

Blessed Mary MacKillop (15 January 1842 - 8 August 1909), of Scottish descent, was an Australian Roman Catholic nun who, together with Father Julian Tenison Woods, founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. This book delves deeply into what inspired this great Australian.

[Candles in the Dark](#) Franciscan Media

Here, the charming, mature stories from the internationally beloved monk are accompanied by original art. Like the parables of Jesus, these tales repeatedly unfold new levels of meaning if we are willing to sit with them.

[Meister Eckhart](#) Ave Maria Press

A close friend, fellow poet, & kindred spirit of Thomas Merton recaptures the final decade in the life of the monk who has had a profound & lasting impact on millions worldwide. "Many are the books about Thomas Merton. But none of the others are like this one, which is filled with love, joy & light." (Praying)

[What I Am Living for](#) North Atlantic Books

The American trappist monk outlines means of reorganizing monastic life to meet the needs of contemporary man

[The Gift of Julian of Norwich](#) HarperOne

"All of us have been living in the chaotic time and place of trauma an endangered borderland between the world we once knew and an uncertain future ... transforming trauma shows us how to recognize and resolve the difficulties and disturbances we're facing. As we follow its healing path, we will also discover that meeting these challenges opens the way to new, life-affirming ways of thinking, being, and acting ... The lessons that trauma teaches can make us more healthy, whole, wiser and stronger than we've ever been, kinder

and more committed to creating a world in which we care for ourselves and love one another"--Back cover, adapted from preface [Behold the Beauty of the Lord](#) The Golden Sufi Center  
A lively, discerning guide to what's good, beautiful, and true at the movies "Richard Leonard, SJ, expertly guides readers through some of the most popular recent films and shows us how even the most unlikely movies can encourage us to pray and draw closer to the divine . . . fascinating, lively, and often witty." --James Martin, SJ, author of "My Life with the Saints " This thought-provoking and inspiring work by popular film critic and Jesuit Richard Leonard explains how movies are today's parables and why people of faith need the skills to converse about them intelligently and productively. In "Movies""That Matter," Leonard views fifty important movies through "a lens of faith" and offers surprising insights on the spiritual dimension of each film. From Finding Nemo to Gandhi to The Godfather, Leonard's informed, Christian point of view guides us to a new appreciation of both the films and our own spiritual beliefs. Leonard also lists teachable moments found in each movie and provides questions for personal reflection or group dialogue. In addition, Leonard teaches today's religious educators, parents, and film buffs how to "read" a film with the eyes of faith, and how to meaningfully engage with others through the media of film. He offers realistic advice on such topics as: valuing our story, sex and violence in films, ratings, and how to be a critical consumer. This entertaining and reliable guide will enrich your movie-watching experience. ""Movies That Matter "is a book every person in pastoral ministry will want to use as he or she seeks to be relevant and faithful in a media world." --Rose Pacatte, FSP, coauthor "Lights, Camera, . . . Faith "

[Mystical Hope](#) Wyatt North Publishing, LLC

The story of a monk, a minstrel, and the music that brought them together In 1965 writer-activist-monk Thomas Merton fulfilled a twenty-four-year dream and went to live as a hermit beyond the walls of his Trappist monastery. Seven months later, after a secret romance with a woman half his age, he was in danger of losing it all. Yet on the very day that his abbot uncovered the affair, Merton found solace in an unlikely place--the songs of Bob Dylan, who, as fate would have it, was experiencing his own personal and creative crises during the summer of 1966. In this striking parallel biography of two countercultural icons, Robert Hudson plumbs the depths of Dylan's surprising influence on Merton's life and writing, recounts each man's interactions with the woman who linked them together--Joan Baez--and shows how each transcended his immediate troubles and went on to new heights of spiritual and artistic genius. Readers will discover here a riveting story of creativity and crisis, burnout and redemption, in the tumultuous era of 1960s America.

[The Way of Chuang-Tz?](#) Liturgical Press

Rohr's meditations on the daily readings of Lent are not for the sake of mere information, or even for academia (although the author hopes it will satisfy both), but for the sake of our transformation into our original "image and likeness," which is the very image of God. What always and finally matters for all of us is encounter! Father Rohr begins each meditation with a single title or phrase that sums up the point. Then he offers the meditation followed by key passages from the readings. He ends each meditation with a Starter Prayer that invites you to self-disclosure and to enter the wondrous divine dialogue with clarity, insight—and holy desire! "There are two moments that matter. One is when you know that your one and only life is absolutely valuable and alive. The other is when you know your life, as presently lived, is entirely pointless and empty. You need both of them to keep you going in the right direction. Lent is about both. The first such moment gives you energy and joy by connecting you with your ultimate Source and Ground. The second gives you limits and boundaries, and a proper humility, so you keep seeking the Source and Ground and not just your small self."—From the Introduction

[Merton's Palace of Nowhere](#) Eerdmans

This guide to monastic prayer, written in 1968 and thus turning out to be Thomas Merton's final testament to us, is now available in a new edition commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of his death. While he wrote it for other monastics, all seekers drawn to explore the full dimensions of prayer will be enriched by his words, especially as they take on added meaning in today's dizzying world. The climate in which monastic prayer flowers is that of the desert, where human comfort is absent, where the secure routines of the "earthly city" offer no support, and where prayer must be sustained by God in the purity of faith.

[Tales of a Magic Monastery](#) Image

Free renderings of selections from the works of Chuang-tz?, taken from various translations.

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*Race and the Cosmos* Burns & Oates

Describes Thomas Merton's later years, focusing on his daily life in the monastery, and shares remembrances by his fellow monks

**Movies that Matter** A&C Black

This diary of a monastic life is “a continuation of *The Seven Storey Mountain* . . . Astonishing” (Commonweal). Chronicling six years of Thomas Merton’s life in a Trappist monastery, *The Sign of Jonas* takes us through his day-to-day experiences at the Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani, where he lived in silence and prayer for much of his life. Concluding with the account of Merton’s ordination as a priest, this diary documents his growing acceptance of his vocation—and the greater meaning he found within his private world of contemplation. “This book is made unmistakably real and almost, at times, unbearably poignant by the fact that the exuberance of youth so often wells up through it with rapture, impatience, and even bluster.” —*The New York Times* “A stirring book—the most readable and on the whole, most illuminating of the author’s writings.” —*Catholic World*

**The Sign of Jonas** Darton Longman and Todd

"This is quintessential Merton."--*The Catholic Review*.