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### *Candles in the Dark* Paragon House

In the teachings of Jesus, there are prayers, and then there is prayer—the silent, loving communion with the divine, beyond words or ritual. With Father Thomas Keating's book *Open Mind, Open Heart*, hundreds of thousands discovered the transformative power of Centering Prayer as a form of Christian meditation. Now, with *The Path of Centering Prayer*, Keating's senior student, friend, and advisor David Frenette reveals the profound depths of this practice, making it easier for meditators to deepen their connection with God. Beginning and experienced practitioners alike will benefit from this fresh voice, at once eloquent and clear, as they explore: The key insights and principles of Centering Prayer Guided

instruction in the sacred word, sacred breath, and sacred glance practices  
Gentleness and openness: the way of letting go and letting be  
Experiencing a deeper sense of God in meditation and in everyday life  
Many other contemplative practices and teachings founded upon the wisdom of Fathers Thomas Keating and Thomas Merton  
Has your spiritual path grown routine or unfulfilling, or is it at a crossroads for new discovery? For all Christians who seek to move closer into the presence of the divine, *The Path of Centering Prayer* offers guidance in this rewarding and time-honored meditation practice, to help break through obstacles and illuminate the way.

**Dishoom** Oneworld Publications

Eckhart von Hochheim O.P., commonly known as

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Meister Eckhart, was a German theologian, philosopher and mystic, born near Gotha, in the Landgraviate of Thuringia in the Holy Roman Empire. Meister is German for "Master", referring to the academic title Magister in theologia he obtained in Paris. Coming into prominence during the Avignon Papacy and a time of increased tensions between the Franciscans and Eckhart's Dominican Order of Friars Preachers, he was brought up on charges later in life before the local Franciscan-led Inquisition.

[The Sign of Jonas](#) Wyatt North Publishing, LLC  
Wise and enduring spiritual guidelines for everyday living – – as relevant today as when The Rule was originally conceived by St. Benedict in fifth century Rome.

Orbis Books

In *Awaken Your Senses*, longtime ministers Beth Booram and Brent Bill invite you to engage your right

brain in your faith through sensory spiritual practices that position your heart for divine encounter. Readings and a variety of exercises lead you to experience God in new ways through seeing, tasting, touching, smelling and hearing.

Merton's *Palace of Nowhere* Harper Collins  
Having embraced a life of solitude in his own hermitage, Thomas Merton finds his faith tested beyond his imagination when a visit to the hospital leads to a clandestine affair of the heart. Jolted out of his comfortable routine, Merton is forced to reassess his need for love and his commitment to celibacy and the monastic vocation. This astonishing volume traces Merton's struggle to reconcile his unexpected love with his sacred vows while continuing to grapple with the burning social issues of the day—including racial conflicts, the war in Vietnam, and the Arab-Israeli conflict—visiting

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and corresponding with high-profile friends like Thich Nhat Hanh and Joan Baez, and further developing his writing career. Revealing Merton to be 'very human' in his chronicles of the ecstasy and torment of being in love, *Learning to Love* comes full circle as Merton recommits himself completely and more deeply to his vocation even as he recognizes 'my need for love, my loneliness, my inner division, the struggle in which solitude is at once a problem and a 'solution'. And perhaps not a perfect solution either' (11 May, 1967).

God and You Twenty-Third Publications

As a young man of eighteen, James Finley left home for an unlikely destination: the Abbey of Gethsemani, where Thomas Merton lived as a contemplative. Finley stayed at the monastery for six maturing years and later wrote this book in order to share with his readers a taste of what he had learned on his spiritual journey under the guidance of one of the great religious figures of our day. At the heart of the quest for spiritual identity

are Thomas Merton's illuminating insights--leading from an awareness of the false and illusory self to a realization of the true self. For over forty years Merton's *Palace of Nowhere* has been the standard for exploring, reflecting on, and understanding this rich vein of Merton's thought. Dog-eared, tattered, underlined copies are found on the bookshelves of spiritual searchers everywhere. Now this 40th Anniversary edition brings this classic to a whole new generation.

The Contemplative Counselor Catapult

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

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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. ” —TheNew York Times “ A stirring book—the most readable and on the whole, most illuminating of the author ’ s writings. ” —Catholic World

Your Faith and You Lulu.com

For 25 years Merton's Palace of Nowhere has been the standard for exploring and understanding Merton's thought.

The Asian Journal of Thomas Merton  
InterVarsity Press

THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER 'A love letter to Bombay told through food and stories, including their legendary black daal'  
Yotam Ottolenghi At long last, Dishoom

share the secrets to their much sought-after Bombay comfort food: the Bacon Naan Roll, Black Daal, Okra Fries, Jackfruit Biryani, Chicken Ruby and Lamb Raan, along with Masala Chai, coolers and cocktails. As you learn to cook the comforting Dishoom menu at home, you will also be taken on a day-long tour of south Bombay, peppered with much eating and drinking. You'll discover the simple joy of early chai and omelette at Kyani and Co., of dawdling in Horniman Circle on a lazy morning, of eating your fill on Mohammed Ali Road, of strolling on the sands at Chowpatty at sunset or taking the air at Nariman Point at night. This beautiful cookery book and its equally beautiful photography will transport you to Dishoom's

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most treasured corners of an eccentric and charming Bombay. Read it, and you will find yourself replete with recipes and stories to share with all who come to your table.

'This book is a total delight. The photography, the recipes and above all, the stories. I've never read a book that has made me look so longingly at my suitcase' Nigel Slater

### What I Am Living For HMH

The contemplative approach to life, care, and counseling demands a daily call to surrender the underlying attitude of meritocracy that heavily emphasizes good works to produce successful results in counseling. At a fundamental level, the contemplative counselor exhibits an unwavering reliance on the grace of God, which transforms all that is descriptive of the counseling encounter.--From publisher

description.

Through the Narrow Gate, Revised Macmillan "... 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

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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

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clear and inviting. ” —Fr. Richard Rohr,  
Franciscan Priest, author, and founder Center  
for Action and Contemplation

The Inner Eye of Love The Golden Sufi  
Center

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER  
AND NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE  
BOOK OF THE YEAR “ Vivid,

compelling... An embrace of moral and  
spiritual contemplation. ” – The New York

Times “ A remarkable piece of writing. If  
read with humility and attention, Kathleen  
Norris's book becomes lectio divina, or holy  
reading. ” – The Boston Globe From the

iconic author of *Amazing Grace: A  
Vocabulary of Faith*, a spiritual journey that  
brings joy to the meanings of love, grace  
and faith. Why would a married woman

with a thoroughly Protestant background  
and often more doubt than faith be drawn to  
the ancient practice of monasticism, to a  
community of celibate men whose days are  
centered on a rigid schedule of prayer, work,  
and scripture? This is the question that poet  
Kathleen Norris asks us as, somewhat to her  
own surprise, she found herself on two  
extended residencies at St. John's Abbey in  
Minnesota. Part record of her time among  
the Benedictines, part meditation on various  
aspects of monastic life, *The Cloister Walk*  
demonstrates, from the rare perspective of  
someone who is both an insider and  
outsider, how immersion in the cloistered  
world-- its liturgy, its ritual, its sense of  
community-- can impart meaning to  
everyday events and deepen our secular



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lives. In this stirring and lyrical work, the monastery, often considered archaic or otherworldly, becomes immediate, accessible, and relevant to us, no matter what our faith may be.

Silence Ave Maria Press

Without Buddha I Could not be a Christian narrates how esteemed theologian, Paul F. Knitter, overcame a crisis of faith by looking to Buddhism for inspiration. From prayer to how Christianity views life after death, Knitter argues that a Buddhist standpoint can encourage a more person-centred conception of Christianity where individual religious experience comes first, and liturgy and tradition second. Moving and revolutionary, this edition comes with a new conclusion – ‘ Jesus and Buddha Both Come First! ’ ‘ A compelling example of religious inquiry. ’

New York Times ‘ One of the finest contemporary books on the encounter between religions in the heart and soul of a single thoughtful person. ’ Library Journal  
Merton's Palace of Nowhere Harper Collins  
This is quintessential Merton.--The Catholic Review.

Without Buddha I Could Not be a Christian New Directions Publishing  
Free renderings of selections from the works of Chuang-tz , taken from various translations.

Choosing Presence North Atlantic Books  
This eighth volume of the acclaimed Fons Vitae Thomas Merton Series is a compendium of all relevant material for a thorough consideration of Merton's knowledge and appreciation of the Confucian tradition. The first of its two sections provides extensively annotated versions of the three

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distinct resources for investigating Merton's engagement with Confucianism in the context of his wider studies of East Asian spiritual traditions: his correspondence with Chinese-American scholar Paul Sih; his extensive notes on Confucian and related material; and transcriptions of the five conferences given to young prospective monks on the pertinence of Confucian wisdom to their own spiritual development. Part two gathers together five previously published studies exploring Merton's interest in Confucian and (in one case) related Chinese traditions that provide various perspectives on Merton's engagement with what he calls "Classic Chinese Thought." It is hoped that making these materials on Confucianism much more readily accessible will stimulate and encourage further research and publication on this fascinating but hitherto somewhat neglected aspect of his interreligious thought.

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"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.

The Cloister Walk Penguin

Thomas Merton was the most popular proponent of the Christian contemplative tradition in the twentieth century. Now, for the first time, some of his most lyrical and prayerful writings have been

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arranged into A Book of Hours, a rich resource for daily prayer and contemplation that imitates the increasingly popular ancient monastic practice of "praying the hours." Editor Kathleen Deignan mined Merton's voluminous writings, arranging prayers for Dawn, Day, Dusk, and Dark for each of the days of the week. A Book of Hours allows for a slice of monastic contemplation in the midst of hectic modern life, with psalms, prayers, readings, and reflections.

Grace-Filled Moments with Sr. Joan Turning Stone  
Press

In print for more than forty years, New Seeds of Contemplation has served as a guide to the contemplative life for several generations of spiritual seekers. The word contemplation is itself somewhat problematical, according to Thomas Merton: "It can become almost a magic word, or if not magic, then 'inspirational,' which is almost as bad." In this modern Christian classic, Merton reveals contemplation to be nothing other than "life

itself, fully awake, fully active, fully aware that it is alive." The thirty-nine short "seeds" that make up this book are intended to awaken and cultivate the contemplative, mystical dimension of the spiritual path for everyone. New Seeds of Contemplation is a revised and expanded version of Merton's earlier book Seeds of Contemplation.

Meister Eckhart ' s Sermons Monkfish Book  
Publishing

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