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Lectio Divina Paulist Press
During the Middle Ages the act of reading was experienced intensively in the monastic exercise of lectio divina 'the prayerful scrutiny of passages of Scripture, savored in meditation, memorized, recited, and rediscovered in the reader's own religious life. The rich literary tradition that arose from this culture includes theoretical writings from the Conferences of John Cassian (fifth century) through the twelfth-century treatises of Hugh of St. Victor and the Carthusian Guigo II; it also includes compilations, literary meditations, and scriptural commentary, notably on the Song of Songs. This study brings medievalist research together with modern theoretical reflections on the act of reading in a consolidation of historical scholarship, spirituality, and literary criticism. Duncan Robertson has taught French and Latin, language and literature, at Augusta State

University since 1990. Previous publications include *The Medieval Saints' Lives: Spiritual Renewal and Old French Literature* (Lexington, KY: French Forum, 1995), and *The Vernacular Spirit: Essays on Medieval Religious Literature*, with Renate Blumenfeld-Kosinski and Nancy Warren (New York: Palgrave, 2002). His articles have appeared in *Romance Philology*, *French Forum*, *Cahiers de Civilisation Madiavale*, and other journals in the United States and abroad.

Opening to God Cistercian Publications Books

Using the Benedictine practice of lectio divina, or holy reading, as a way of reading an illness, as a way to relate better to one's body and soul.

The Suffering of Love

Liguori Publications

How do we listen to God speak to our hearts, minds, and wills—especially above the noise and stress of the

modern world? What is the process of discerning God's will? Best-selling author and popular EWTN host Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ, tackles these and other questions in this comprehensive book on discernment. He says that first we need to believe in God and his moral laws and make a commitment to please him in all that we do. Then we need to pray so that we can experience the peace that can come only from God. Fr. Pacwa draws from St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises, using plenty of everyday examples as well as stories from Scripture to help clarify his points. He encourages readers to develop a rich prayer life and says we can learn to listen to God's powerful voice and hear him speaking lovingly to us even when we are suffering in some way. ·

Confronts modern-day assumptions that can prevent us from being open to God's will for our lives. · Emphasizes the many ways we can develop our prayer life to nourish an authentic relationship with the Lord. Praying the Word InterVarsity Press How do I find fulfillment in life? How do I obtain happiness? Despite a multitude of self-help books in recent years, these eternal questions have become increasingly urgent in today's directionless world. Author Jacques Philippe provides some answers. In his new book, *Called to Life*, he explains that a complete and fulfilled life is much more assured when we stop

trying to chart our own course, when we realize that we are essentially creatures called by God. He goes on to describe where and how these calls take place: the events of life, the Word of God in Scripture, and interior motions of the Holy Spirit. Learning to recognize and follow these calls is what leads to a happy and full life. Called to Life includes a special section on how to read Sacred Scripture prayerfully (Lectio Divina), making this a timely source of inspiration and guidance following up on the recommendations of Pope Benedict XVI and the 2008 Synod of

Bishops on the Word of God.

Surrender to Love Wipf and Stock Publishers

In the Gospel of John Jesus directs us, Abide in me, as I abide in you.

This book is an invitation to make the Word of God your home through the practice of lectio divina. Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB, encourages you to turn the words of Scripture over in your heart as a plough turns over the soil to welcome the seed. In these scriptural meditations, the piercing reflective questions and personal prayers lead the reader into a deeper relationship with the Divine. Aware that drawing near the Word of God requires a special kind of presence, the author invites you to breathe in the Word, wait before the Word, walk through the pages of Scripture as a pilgrim, and, finally, abide in an intimate and transforming communion with God. The format of the book lends itself not only to daily personal prayer and reflection, but to group faith sharing as well.

Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB, author

of the popular *A Tree Full of Angels* (HarperCollins) and *Seven Sacred Pauses* (Ave Maria), is well known for her creative spiritual writings and retreat ministry. She is also a regular columnist for *Stepping Stones*, the *Little Rock Scripture Study* newsletter. She has lived monastic life for fifty years and makes her home with the Sisters of St. Scholastica, a Benedictine monastery in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Writing and retreat ministry have become a part of her evolving call. Visit her personal blog at <http://marina-underthesycamoretree.blogspot.com/>.

Presence and Encounter Opening to God

Discover God's spirit alive in you with *lectio divina*. Using stories, wisdom, and insight gathered from many years of ministry, Sister Tasto shows, step-by-step, how to make this ancient prayer practice our own so we can become the Word of God we are meant to be.

Opening to God Ignatius Press

In an exceptional

combination of an ancient form of Scripture study with historical, theological, and biblical perspectives on the Creed, Stephen Binz leads us on an incredible journey of enlightenment and appreciation. The Creed, proclaimed in Christian initiation and eucharistic liturgy, professes the faith of the ancient church. Discover how and why we proclaim belief in God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and in the church as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. Explore how the Scriptures formed the Creed and how the Creed continues to guide our interpretation of Scripture. *Lectio Divina*, the ancient practice of Scripture immersion, is at the heart of this process. Combined with the tradition and scholarship of the Church, it explores complex topics with

sequential steps of study, meditation, and internalization. Specifically, every chapter leads you forward through a sequence of: Listening – Reading Scripture with expectancy, trusting that God will speak His Word to us through it Understanding – Seeking to comprehend the meaning of the text, encountering God there and being changed by that encounter Reflecting – Linking the truth of the Scriptures to the experience of faith in the world in which we live Praying – A dialogue with God: we listen to God, then we respond in prayer Acting – After prayerfully listening to God through a passage of Scripture, we should be inspired to make a difference in the way we live

The Lectio Divina Bible Study series is suitable for parish, small group, or individual use.

Praying the Bible InterVarsity Press

Presents the second volume in Eugene Peterson's series on Spiritual Theology and is entitled "Eat This Book." Becomes a conversation about spiritual reading and the nature of language as well as the ancient practice of "lectio divina," and the place of Scripture translations.

Acts InterVarsity Press

Lectio divina is a way of praying by sustained immersion into a revelatory text. While Scripture is the classic place of encounter with God, the text could also be the book of life or the book of nature. In Lectio Matters, respected spiritual guide Meg Funk accompanies the reader in exploring the various levels of lectio divina as taught by the ancient church writers and by sharing her own long experience. By means of this

wisdom both ancient and new, lectio divina can become our burning bush, a real encounter with the living God, in which we take off our sandals and bow our brow to the ground.

Contemplating the Crucifixion

SkyLight Paths Publishing

Prayer is not merely something we do; prayer is what God does in us. Using the four movements of lectio divina, spiritual director David Benner invites us to discover openness to God as the essence of prayer, spirituality, and the Christian life. This expanded edition explores prayer as attending, pondering, responding, and being, opening us to a world of possibilities for communion with God.

Praying the Word of God: The Use of Lectio Divina

InterVarsity Press

Most Christians want to experience spiritual transformation. But many are frustrated by the limited progress of our spiritual self-improvement efforts. We find

our praying burdened by a sense of obligation and failure. But prayer is not merely something we do; prayer is what God does in us. Prayer is not just communication with God; it is communion with God. As we open ourselves to him, God does the spiritual work of transformation in us. Spiritual director David Benner invites us to discover openness to God as the essence of prayer, spirituality and the Christian life. Prayer is far more than saying words to God; all of life can be prayer when offered to God in faith and with openness. Using the four movements of Lectio Divina, Benner explores prayer as attending, pondering, responding and being. Along the way he opens us to a world of possibilities for communion with God: praying with our senses, with imagination, with music and creativity, in contemplation, in service and much more. Learn how prayer can be a way of living your life.

Move beyond words to become not merely someone who prays, but someone whose entire life is prayer in union with God. **Desiring God's Will The Word Among Us Press** The topic of the meaning of human suffering, the existence of evil and making sense of it all is one of universal interest. The author uses the greatest example of evil, and human suffering, of modern times, the Holocaust, to put this discussion in the most stark and concrete terms possible for modern readers.

Th1nk Books

In the expanded edition of this profound exploration of Christian identity, David G. Benner illuminates the spirituality of self-discovery. He exposes the false selves that you may hide behind and calls you to discover the true self that emerges from your uniqueness in Christ. Deepen your

experience of God through discovering the gift of being yourself.

Broken Body, Healing Spirit The Word Among Us Press Examines the practice of lectio divina in the Benedictine tradition, looking at its history and theology, and applying traditional imagery as a guide to reading the sacred texts [How to Listen When God Is Speaking](#) Bloomsbury Publishing

Often, people feel drawn to prayer but are timid and unsure about how to pray. For over thirty years, this book has demystified prayer for countless thousands. Friendly and inviting, *Opening to God*, now available in a revised, updated edition, explains what prayer is all about, then turns to techniques that ready the soul to encounter God. Mining his rich experiences as a Jesuit missionary and spiritual director, Thomas Green, S.J., shakes away the cobwebs and

banishes stodgy assumptions about spiritual life that is fed by the practice of prayer. A must-have resource, both for beginners and practiced 'prayers' who want to cultivate a more meaningful prayer experience.

Lectio Divina--The Sacred Art
InterVarsity Press

The most vital and significant moments in life are moments of encounter. Whether we encounter ourselves, others, or God, these moments let us know that life is meaningful. And presence is what makes encounter possible. When we are truly present, everything that has being becomes potentially present to us. In this unique resource, David Benner invites us to live with more presence so we can know the presence of God more deeply in our lives. Drawing on over thirty-five years of experience integrating psychology and spirituality, Benner examines the transformational possibilities of spiritual presence and encounter in fresh, exciting, and practical ways. He helps readers understand the personal and

interpersonal dimensions of presence and encounter, revealing how they mediate Divine Presence and serve as sacraments of everyday life. His rich meditations are presented in a voice that is intelligent, compassionate, and engaging. The book includes end-of-chapter reflection exercises for individual or group use and a foreword by Richard Rohr.

Lectio Divina and the Practice of Teresian Prayer Liturgical Press
Scripture brings the Word of God to us when we read and welcome it in faith as the Word which comes from God and leads to God. Scripture is the means by which we live in God. The ancient monastic (and patristic) way of reading Scripture involves reflection (mediation) and prayer. It is listening to the Word, allowing the Word to become active in our lives. It is, in the words of Saint Jerome, 'opening our sails to the Holy Spirit without knowing on what shores we will land.'

The Gift of Being Yourself

InterVarsity Press

Much more than knowledge or even understanding,

wisdom is seeing life through the eyes of an awakened heart and transformed consciousness. Rather than being the result of the accumulation of information, wisdom comes from acquiring a new mind. Buddhists speak of this new mind as enlightenment. The Christian name for it is the mind and heart of Christ. This is the basis of wisdom. Wisdom is grounded in a deep awareness of the sacredness and interconnectedness of everything in existence. It is living in alignment with the creative Spirit of Wisdom who inhabits all of creation and is our truest and deepest self. It is learning to participate in God's transformational agenda of cosmic whole-making, this being the way in which everything that exists becomes whole in Christ. This

book does not offer gems of wisdom. Instead, it seeks to facilitate the awakening of your heart and transformation of your consciousness that will allow wisdom to flow your from depths.

Healing Emotional Wounds

NavPress

We need companions on our spiritual journey. In this inviting guide, David G. Benner introduces readers to the riches of spiritual friendship and direction, explaining what they are and how they are practiced. Through prayerful, guided attunement to God's activity, sacred companions provide care for the soul, and Benner models the kind of traveling companion who can move us toward deeper intimacy with God.

Meeting God in Scripture

Paraclete Press

Though emotional pain

constitutes an inevitable part of life, not only can it be healed, it can be the soil out of which we grow into greater wholeness and wellbeing. This book arose not simply out of the author's work with others but out of lessons learned as he worked his way to healing and forgiveness associated with his own emotional wounds as well. In helpful, practical language that is filled with real-life examples, *Healing Emotional Wounds* examines the inner course of events that predictably follows experiences of emotional wounding. This includes a discussion of the ways in which we attempt to cope with hurt, focusing on common but counterproductive coping strategies that actually impede healing. It then examines in detail the emotional, intellectual, and volitional tasks that are involved in healing emotional wounds, each presenting concrete steps that we can take to help ourselves and others experience healing and gain freedom from bondage to our wounds. Such freedom does not involve escape from unpleasant experiences or difficult circumstances, but release from their tyrannizing inner consequences. This also provides the possibility of living a more fulfilling and significant life because of these experiences.