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in the depths of their hearts many people feel a deep longing for god to shape their lives they are in search of true prayer and personal union with god in this book the author offers guidance based on his personal life spiritual growth and extensive pastoral experience step by step in ten units he leads the participant toward an immediate awareness of the reality of god and of his presence the book can be used as a practical guide for a closed retreat or for a retreat in everyday life publisher s description back cover

we live in an age in which our senses are ceaselessly bombarded by traffic noise canned music the ubiquitous waiting room to and coworkers conversations even those treasured moments of quiet prayer time before worship have been snatched from us by conversations all around us in the church the sanity solution contemplative prayer throw away the script the shuffling through prayer books for just the right words and accept the fact that god simply wants you to gaze at him while he directs his loving gaze at you no words no formulas just loving attentive presence franz jalics sj shows you how his simple practical book is filled with fine insights and a realistic sense of present day people and their concerns questions at the end of each brief chapter invite you to relate your life experience to the kind of prayer he wants to teach you book jacket

in this classic text thomas merton offers valuable guidance for prayer he brings together a wealth of meditative and mystical influences from john of the cross to eastern desert monasticism to create a spiritual path for today most important he shows how the peace contacted through meditation should not be sought in order to evade the problems of contemporary life but can instead be directed back out into the world to affect positive change contemplative prayer is one of the most well known works of spirituality of the last one hundred years and it is a must read for all seeking to live a life of purpose in today s world in a moving and profound introduction thich nhat hanh offers his personal recollections of merton and compares the contemplative traditions of east and west

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 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 this book in my view is the best most comprehensive and most practical book on centering prayer father thomas keating in this beautiful book david frenette expands the map of the known centering prayer universe with the blessing of his spiritual father thomas keating david develops and gently reshapes fundamental building blocks of the centering prayer teaching this is an important moment in the centering prayer lineage transmission when a faithful student emerges into mastery david s work will breathe significant new life into your personal practice rev cynthia bourgeault author of centering prayer and inner awakening this excellent book represents christianity come to maturity here you will find good theology good practice good psychology and a recovery of the foundation itself how to live in communion all the time fr richard rohr ofm founding director of the center for action and contemplation with simplicity and great wisdom david frenette reconnects you to the universal tradition of how to open to god how to pray in silence and finally how to let the spirit pray within your heart if you want or need to be drawn deeper into prayer read this book and live its guidance llewellyn vaughan lee phd sufi teacher and author of prayer of the heart in christian and sufi mysticism in his lucid guide to centering prayer david frenette navigates a path for beginners and seasoned practitioners

who wish to enter ever deepening states of loving friendship with the divine mirabai starr author of god of love a guide to the heart of judaism christianity and islam this wonderful book provides direction encouragement and support for a prayer practice with ancient roots drawing on his considerable experience as a spiritual director david frenette skillfully shares stories and offers wisdom that illuminates the heart of the practice and will lead practitioners through the subtle challenges that inevitably arise in the process of living into ever deepening levels of prayer this is a book not only to be read but to be consulted regularly for insight and help along the way the right reverend robert o neill bishop of the episcopal diocese of colorado the path of centering prayer is a beam of light in what can sometimes be a dark and unknown journey with god it is written from the heart of david's relationship with god and his discoveries along his contemplative journey in solitude in community and in spiritual direction from this place of wisdom david enlightens readers with encouragement and enrichment which will nourish them in their own commitment to the centering prayer practice and the contemplative life gail fitzpatrick hopler president of contemplative outreach ltd

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

in 1989 the centenary of his death gerard manley hopkins continues to provoke fundamental questions among scholars what major poetic strategy informs his work and how did his reflections on the nature of poetry affect his writing while form meant a great deal to hopkins it was never mere form maria lichtmann demonstrates that the poet a student of scripture all his life adopted scripture s predominant form parallelism as his own major poetic strategy hopkins saw that parallelism struck deep into the heart and soul tapping into unconscious rhythms and bringing about a healing response that he identified as contemplation parallelism was to him the perfect statement of the integrity of outward form and inner meaning other critics have seen the parallelism in hopkins s poems only on the auditory level of alliterations and assonances lichtmann however builds on the views held by hopkins himself who spoke of a parallelism of words and of thought engendered by the parallelism of sound she distinguishes the integrating parmenidean parallelisms of resemblance from the disintegrating heraclitean parallelisms of antithesis the tension between parmenidean unity and heraclitean variety is resolved only in the wordless communion of contemplation this emphasis on contemplation offers a corrective to the overly emphasized ignatian interpretation of hopkins s poetry as meditative poetry the book also makes clear that hopkins s preference for contemplation sharply differentiates him from his romantic predecessors as well as from the structuralists who now claim him originally published in 1989 the princeton legacy library uses the latest print on demand technology to again make available previously out of print books from the distinguished backlist of princeton university press these editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions the goal of the princeton legacy library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by princeton university press since its founding in 1905

a hermeneutics of contemplative silence paul ricoeur edith stein and the heart of meaning brings together the work of paul ricoeur and edith stein and locates the role of silence in the creation of meaning michele kueter petersen argues that human being is language and silence contemplative silence manifests a mode of capable human being whereby a shared world of meaning is constituted and created the analysis culminates with the claim that a hermeneutics of contemplative silence manifests a deeper level of awareness as a poetics of presencing a shared humanity the term awareness refers to five crucial levels of meaning creating consciousness that are ingredients in the practice of contemplative silence contemplative awareness includes self critique as integral to the experience and the understanding of the virtuous ordering of relational realities the practice of contemplative silence is a spiritual and ethical activity that aims at transforming reflexive consciousness inasmuch as it leads to openness to new motivation and intention for acting in relation to others contemplative awareness elicits movement through the ongoing exercise of rethinking those relational realities in and for the world the texts of ricoeur and stein reveal a contemplative discourse of praise and beauty for capable human beings whose actions and suffering respond to word and silence

contemplative wicca is an exclusively contemplative practice of wicca based on science the concept of oneness and the traditional wiccan veneration of nature this book offers a contemplative monotheistic pagan theology and provides a unique and forward thinking theological viewpoint upon which to base spiritual practice extending the current discussion of wiccan practice and belief this book explores how oneness provides the logical underpinning for contemplation and the spirit of unity which is so essential to healing society today little formal pagan theology has been done to date and doing it is necessary to further interreligious dialogue and to establish paganism in general and wicca in particular as legitimate religions this book is intended to remedy this lack and contribute to the discussion of wicca among pagan scholars and serious practitioners who may be seeking to incorporate contemplative ideas and meanings into their work and the construction of their faith

the most effective leaders are deeply aware of how their presence impacts every dimension of their leadership this guide shows leaders in any organization how to move beyond the daily noise of your environment and connect with people to bring about change where it matters most featuring interviews with world renowned leaders from richard rohr contemplative teacher to margaret wheatley author of leadership and the new science and matthew mccarthy former ceo of ben jerry s this book provides a framework for understanding how best to connect with who we are and with those whom we lead in the contemplative leader psychotherapist leadership consultant and executive coach patrick boland integrates ancient wisdom with scientific research he introduces psychological models anecdotes reflective questions and innovative practices that outline how to re envision leadership as something that takes account of the breadth of human experience uncover the narratives that have shaped us so we can embrace our whole self false self and true self focus on both the financials and the people the results and the road that gets us there the personal benefits and the impact on the wider organization and community whether you are a seasoned leader in need of a reset to connect with what s most important new to leadership and looking for some soul work to do to develop authentic influence or seeking to integrate beneficial practices into your active roles inside and outside of work the

contemplative leader is a comprehensive guide to shaping relationships and systems to use your power and influence for good

in our current systems of education there is a trend toward compartmentalizing knowledge standardizing assessments of learning and focusing primarily on quantifiable and positivist forms of inquiry contemplative inquiry on the other hand takes us on a transformative pathway toward wisdom morality integrity equanimity and joy zajonc 2009 these holistic learning practices are needed as a counterbalance to the over emphasis on positivism that we see today in addition to learning quantifiable information we also need to learn to be calmer wiser kinder and happier this book aims to find and share various pathways leading to these ends this book will describe educational endeavors in various settings that use contemplative pedagogies to enable students to achieve deep learning peace tranquility equanimity and wisdom to gain new understanding about self and life and to grow holistically embodiment is a central concept in this book we hope to highlight strategies for exploring internal wisdoms through engaging ourselves beyond simply the rational mind contemplative pedagogies such as meditation yoga tai chi dance arts poetry reflective writing and movements can help students embody what they learn by integrating their body heart mind and spirit

can contemplative prayer be integrated into therapeutic work building an alliance between science theology and christian contemplative thought gregg blanton presents a new paradigm for integrating contemplative prayer with counseling practice this practical resource offers eleven fundamental interventions to fit the needs of clients and a practical four stage process for helping clients change

this book offers a major interpretation of contemporary cultural and social relationships encompassing the work of thinkers such as heidegger arendt benjamin and simmel

centering prayer is a modern adaptation of the ancient practice of contemplative prayer a process of inner purification and an opening of the mind and heart to god in this remarkable book jens soering an inmate in a virginia prison tells how centering prayer and its corollary centering practice contemplative prayer in action enable him to survive the daily pain of prison life through a moving true story of personal redemption that shocks and inspires soering shows how we can alltransform our crosses our prisons literal or metaphorical into the means of our salvation

this handbook integrates the best leadership and followership theories and practices between the global north west countries of western individualistic cultures in europe north america australia and oceana and the global south east countries of eastern collectivistic cultures in asia africa south america and south east asian and oceana there is a need to bring the global north west and the global south east together to address global challenges such as the climate change global hunger and poverty domestic and international terrorism social justice gender inequality and domestic and global abuse of human and natural resources this innovative volume proposes that the democratic leadership of the global north west and the human centered followership of the global south east can transform the world if leadership and followership values education and practices are integrated it utilizes findings from positive psychology social psychology organizational behavior and world religions and contemplative

wisdom traditions to highlight the case for global leadership and followership

this book offers an account of contemplative reflection in qualitative social research focusing on the experiences of the researcher including sensory and emotional experiences and the work of the mind in the investigative process it considers the means by which the researcher s basic assumptions can be analyzed and bracketed so as to shed light on the process by which knowledge is produced through an exploration of the methods of meditation auto observation and self reports epoché contemplative memo ing and the contemplative diary the author explores the essential role of subjectivity in qualitative research providing inspiration for more mindful research as such it will appeal to scholars of sociology anthropology and geography with interests in phenomenology research methods and the role of the mind in the research process

desert living fr steven scherrer th d many seek a life of deeper contemplation and union with god but few see the connection between this desire and the need to live apart from the world there is an essential connection between contemplative living and contemplative praying contemplative living consists of being apart from the world one must have a heart that is reserved for the lord alone and remain separate from the delights sights and sounds of society by doing this one can seek god with an undivided heart fr steven scherrer a roman catholic priest lives as though he s still in the deserts where he once conducted missionary work without a telephone television radio or newspapers he reflects on his life while praying and fasting along with his personal insights and experiences discover whether religious life in the united states is dying the history of asceticism and the monastic life how to commune with god in a desert place the importance of fasting and much more journey with a roman catholic priest through decades of desert living and discover how to seek god in a desert place

the routledge handbook of research methods in spirituality and contemplative studies provides the first authoritative overview of methodology in this growing field against the background of the pandemic and other global challenges spirituality is expanding as an agreed term with which to discuss the efforts people make to be fully present to deeper invisible dimensions of their personal identity and external reality but until now there have been few resources exploring the different methodological approaches researchers take this book explores the primary methodologies emerging first person second person and third person and provides a systematisation of spirituality research in applied contexts for the first time comprising 33 chapters by a team of international contributors the book is divided into seven parts foundations approaches to contemplative research contemplative research in education contemplative research in work and leadership contemplative research in science health and healing contemplative research in social sciences contemplative research and the way forward the handbook provides readers practitioners and policymakers with methods and approaches which can facilitate a spiritual and contemplative stance in research activities it is an essential resource for researchers and students of religion spirituality and research methods

modern scholarship has struggled to come to terms with the meaning of wisdom and its significance in the field of education this book examines the importance of pursuing wisdom in schools by turning to ancient and medieval sources for clarification concerning the nature of wisdom sean steel argues that our current emphasis on the development of rigorous critical analytic thinking skills on assessment and on accountability in education has negatively impacted the ability of schools to foster an environment in which both students and teachers might pursue wisdom although in recent times efforts have been made to incorporate the pursuit of wisdom into schools through philosophy for children p4c and contemplative education programming such initiatives have missed their mark steel therefore recommends not more accountability in education for the purpose of ensuring global competitiveness but rather the institutional promotion of periods of leisure or schole in the school day drawing upon his own experiences as a teacher who has tried to encourage students to search for wisdom the author discusses some of the challenges and pitfalls of wisdom seeking he also offers examples of various wisdom seeking activities that might bear fruit in the classroom

throughout the spiritual journey god s love engenders within every christian active contemplative and solitary inclinations consequently each person wants to do some good to have a basic receptivity to god and at times to be alone with god as life unfolds god s love also calls forth within a person an overriding attraction toward one of those three orientations which in due course impels the individual toward a corresponding vocational lifestyle an apostolic life a contemplative life or an eremitic life in this book the authors identify the core features of those three vocational lifestyles in light of each vocational core they then discuss an ensemble of signs and patterns that point to an authentic calling from god this study offers wisdom and insight to those pondering the mystery of their personal vocations to those discerning their vocational direction and to spiritual directors formation personnel ecclesial leadership and christian educators who accompany them in their quest

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