

# EXPLORING CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

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CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY IS A CONCISE AND ACCESSIBLE OVERVIEW OF THE WAYS CHRISTIANS OVER THE CENTURIES HAVE APPROACHED GOD IN PRAYER AND PRACTICE IN TEN CHAPTERS LAWRENCE CUNNINGHAM AND KEITH EGAN EXPLAIN THE DYNAMICS OF SPIRITUAL LIFE EACH CHAPTER EXPLORING A SINGLE THEME SUCH AS SCRIPTURE JOURNEYING MEDITATION CONTEMPLATION ASCETICISM MYSTICISM SOLITUDE COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP EUCHARIST THE THEMES ARE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE SINCE BELIEVERS FREQUENTLY EMBRACE SEVERAL OR ALL OF THESE WAYS AT ONCE BUT IN DIFFERENT TIMES AND PLACES PEOPLE HAVE TENDED TO FOCUS ON ONE OR ANOTHER SO THAT THEY HAVE BECOME DISCERNIBLE PATHS TO THE HOLY THE AUTHORS EXPLORE EACH THEME IN DEPTH TRACING ITS EVOLUTION OVER THE CENTURIES WITHIN THIS HISTORICAL FRAMEWORK THE BOOK PROVIDES THE READER WITH A TASTE OF THE DIFFERENT WAYS CHRISTIANS HAVE SOUGHT OR LIVED IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD EACH CHAPTER CONCLUDES WITH A LIST OF SELECTED WORKS FOR FURTHER READING AND WITH EXERCISES INTENDED TO PROVIDE A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF THE WAY

THIS TEXT FILLS THE NEED FOR A CLEAR INFORMATIVE HELPFUL AND WELL WRITTEN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY INCLUDES A DETAILED GUIDE TO RESOURCES IN SPIRITUALITY AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET WRITTEN BY A LEADING THEOLOGICAL EDUCATIONALIST IN A CLEAR AND ACCESSIBLE MANNER ENCOURAGES ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH PRIMARY SOURCES THROUGH WORKED CASE STUDIES

A READABLE OVERVIEW OF THE CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUAL SCENE THAT DEFINES OUTLINES AND ADVOCATES SEVERAL MODELS OR METHODS FOR STUDYING CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY AIMED AT COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATES

AND USEFUL FOR THOSE IN SPIRITUAL COUNSELING AND DIRECTION

IN RECENT DECADES CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY HAVE BECOME IMPORTANT CONCEPTS IN THE GLOBAL EVANGELICAL COMMUNITY CONSEQUENTLY AN ACCESSIBLE AND RELIABLE ACADEMIC RESOURCE IS NEEDED ON THESE TOPICS ONE THAT WILL OFFER A DISCERNING ORIENTATION TO THE WEALTH OF ECUMENICAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE WHILE STILL HIGHLIGHTING THE DISTINCT HERITAGE AND AFFIRMING THE CORE GRACE CENTERED VALUES OF CLASSIC EVANGELICAL SPIRITUALITY THE DICTIONARY OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY REFLECTS AN OVERARCHING INTERPRETIVE FRAMEWORK FOR EVANGELICAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION A HOLISTIC AND GRACE FILLED SPIRITUALITY THAT ENCOMPASSES RELATIONAL CONNECTING TRANSFORMATIONAL BECOMING AND VOCATIONAL DOING DYNAMICS AT THE SAME TIME CONTRIBUTORS RESPECTFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN REFORMED HOLINESS AND PENTECOSTAL PARADIGMS OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE AND BY BRINGING TOGETHER WRITERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WHO SHARE A COMMON ORTHODOXY THIS REFERENCE WORK IS TRULY GLOBAL AND INTERNATIONAL IN BOTH ITS TOPICAL SCOPE AND CONTRIBUTORS ENTRIES GIVE APPROPRIATE ATTENTION TO CONCEPTS CONCERN AND FORMATIVE FIGURES IN THE EVANGELICAL TRADITION OF SPIRITUALITY THAT OTHER REFERENCE WORK NEGLECT THEY OFFER A DISCERNING ORIENTATION TO THE WEALTH OF ECUMENICAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE EXPLORING THE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY AND ALTERNATE SPIRITUALITIES WITHOUT LAPSLING INTO RELATIVISM THE DICTIONARY OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY IS A RESOURCE THAT COVERS A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS RELATING TO CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY AND IS BIBLICALLY ENGAGED ACCESSIBLE AND RELEVANT FOR ALL CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANS

ARRANGED UNDER FIVE BROAD HEADINGS THESE ESSAYS CREATE AN INSIGHTFUL DIALOGUE ON THE QUESTIONS METHODS AND CRITICAL APPROACHES IMPLEMENTED BY THE DISCIPLINE S TOP SCHOLARS

HOW DO CHRISTIANS CULTIVATE A VIBRANT AND CHRIST CENTERED SPIRITUALITY THAT S ROOTED IN BIBLICAL CLARITY SPIRITUAL FORMATION THE CULTIVATION OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD LIES AT THE HEART OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHRISTIAN IN THE BODY OF CHRIST BUT WITH THE RISE OF DIVERSE SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FROM ZEN MEDITATION TO OUT OF BODY EXPERIENCES THE IDEA OF SPIRITUALITY HAS BECOME WATERED DOWN BY POSTMODERN CULTURE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY ON THE OTHER HAND EMBRACES DEVOTION TO THE TRIUNE GOD ABIDING IN CHRIST THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS AND THE CULTIVATION OF VIRTUES BUT WHAT EXACTLY FALLS WITHIN THE SCOPE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY THIS VOLUME OF THE COUNTERPOINTS SERIES FOCUSES ON THE CHURCH S SEARCH FOR SPIRITUAL IDENTITY MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE AS INTERPRETED BY FOUR OF THE MAJOR CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS EASTERN ORTHODOXY REPRESENTED BY BRADLEY NASSIF ROMAN CATHOLIC REPRESENTED BY SCOTT HAHN PROGRESSIVE PROTESTANT REPRESENTED BY JOSEPH DRISKILL EVANGELICAL REPRESENTED BY EVAN HOWARD THE COUNTERPOINTS SERIES PRESENTS A COMPARISON AND CRITIQUE OF SCHOLARLY VIEWS ON TOPICS IMPORTANT TO CHRISTIANS THAT ARE BOTH FAIR MINDED AND RESPECTFUL OF THE BIBLICAL TEXT EACH VOLUME IS A ONE STOP REFERENCE THAT ALLOWS READERS TO EVALUATE THE DIFFERENT POSITIONS ON A SPECIFIC ISSUE AND FORM THEIR OWN EDUCATED OPINION

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY WITH SCHOLARLY INPUT EACH ARTICLE IS BY A LEADING ACADEMIC AND EXPLAINS THE SUBJECT MATTER IN AN ACCESSIBLE AND OPEN FASHION

THE BLACKWELL COMPANION TO CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY IS A COMPREHENSIVE SINGLE VOLUME INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY AND REPRESENTS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OFFERS A THOROUGHLY INTERDISCIPLINARY BROADLY ECUMENICAL AND REPRESENTATIVE OVERVIEW OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD COMPRIMES ESSAYS COMBINING RIGOROUS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP WITH ACCESSIBLE AND ELEGANT WRITING REFLECTS AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE FIELD AS THE STUDY OF THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF CHRISTIAN FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP PROVIDES MATERIAL ON BIBLICAL HISTORICAL AND THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS ALONG WITH TREATMENT OF CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

NAVIGATING THE CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUAL MAZE IS A CHALLENGE THIS BOOK WILL HELP READERS THINK

CLEARLY ABOUT CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY UNDERSTAND ITS BASIC DYNAMICS AND UTILIZE CLASSIC AND CONTEMPORARY RESOURCES WITH DISCERNMENT JOIN GLEN ON HIS SABBATICAL PILGRIMAGES TO IONA ABBEY IN SCOTLAND SPIRITUALLY SIGNIFICANT SITES IN ITALY AND TURKEY AND RENEWAL CENTERS IN NORTH AMERICA LISTEN AS HE PROVIDES BRIEF PROFILES OF MEMORABLE PEOPLE AND PLACES FROM THE RICH HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY CONSIDER HIS REDISCOVERY THAT CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY IS ABOUT LIVING ALL OF LIFE BEFORE GOD IN THE TRANSFORMING AND EMPOWERING PRESENCE OF HIS SPIRIT THIS BIBLICALLY INFORMED BOOK TRACES THE CONTOURS OF SUCH AN ENCOMPASSING SPIRITUALITY IT OFFERS A SIMPLE YET COMPREHENSIVE MODEL WITH THREE DIMENSIONS A RELATIONAL DIMENSION CHRIST WITH US A TRANSFORMATIONAL DIMENSION CHRIST IN US AND A VOCATIONAL DIMENSION CHRIST THROUGH US IT IS NOT MEANT TO REPLACE ANY OF THE DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS OR A SINGLE ONE OF THE MANY HELPFUL CONTEMPORARY TREATMENTS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY IT IS A COMPANION VOLUME TO THE REST A MODEST SIZED BUT RELIABLE GUIDE TO THE WHOLE FIELD

A LANDMARK TEXT ON THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THIS ACCESSIBLE HISTORY PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT PRIMER ON THE TWO MILLENNIUM QUEST FOR UNION WITH GOD HOLT TRACES THE PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN DEVOTION PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION FROM EARLY CHRISTIANITY THROUGH THE REFORMATION AND MODERN ERAS GLOBALLY FRAMED THE BOOK HIGHLIGHTS THE LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF PEOPLE FROM A WIDE ARRAY OF TRADITIONS THIS UPDATED EDITION PROVIDES PERSPECTIVE ON SPIRITUALITY IN THE DIGITAL AGE AND IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD IT ALSO INCLUDES NEW BIBLIOGRAPHIES SPIRITUAL EXERCISES DISCUSSION QUESTIONS AND AN ONLINE RESOURCE GUIDE

NO MARKETING BLURB

FROM THE WORLD SPIRITUALITY SERIES THIS IS A BROAD RANGING ILLUSTRATED SCHOLARLY TREATMENT OF CORE TOPICS IN CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY FOCUSED ON THE REFORMATION AND PRE REFORMATION PERIODS

THIS INTRODUCTION EXPLORES CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY AS A PURSUIT OF THE GLOBAL CHURCH TODAY IT ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO ADOPT A LIFESTYLE SPIRITUALITY WHICH INVOLVES RELATIONAL INTIMACY WITH THE TRIUNE GOD GARY TYRA IS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS WORK IN THE FIELD OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY AND HAS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE CLASSROOM AND IN THE CHURCH IN THIS BOOK TYRA ENCOURAGES US TO ADOPT A PAULINE LIFESTYLE SPIRITUALITY WHEREBY WE KEEP IN STEP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT SO THAT WE MIGHT EXPERIENCE AN ONGOING MENTORING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SON IN ORDER TO FAITHFULLY AND FRUITFULLY ENGAGE IN THE MISSION OF THE FATHER KEEPING IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT UNFOLDS IN A LIFESTYLE SPIRITUALITY A COLLECTION OF CONVICTIONS COMMITMENTS AND CUSTOMS THAT CONSTITUTE THE DISCIPLE S LIFELONG JOURNEY WITH THE TRIUNE GOD THIS BOOK IS PART OF A NEW SERIES THAT REFLECTS THE CHANGING FACE OF GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY SERIES VOLUMES ARE WRITTEN BY LEADING PENTECOSTAL CHARISMATIC SCHOLARS WHO HIGHLIGHT THEMES OF INTEREST TO PENTECOSTAL CHARISMATIC STUDENTS HOWEVER THE BOOKS ARE RESPECTFUL APPRECIATIVE AND INCLUSIVE OF A VARIETY OF CHURCH FAMILIES AND TRADITIONS SERIES EDITORS ARE JERRY IRELAND PAUL W LEWIS AND FRANK D MACCHIA

THIS POCKET DICTIONARY IS AN A TO Z INTRODUCTION AND RESOURCE FOR CURIOUS NEWCOMERS AND NOVICE STUDENTS OF SPIRITUALITY DON THORSEN CHARTS THE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE THROUGH ITS MANY TRADITIONS SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT AND TESTED PRACTICES AMONG THE OVER 300 DEFINITIONS YOU'LL FIND TERMS AND IDEAS TRADITIONS AND MOVEMENTS PRACTICES AND RITUALS AND TEXTS AND THEOLOGY

THIS BOOK PROVIDES A NEW INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY EXPLORING IT THROUGH THE HUMAN SCIENCES AND RANGING FROM PHILOSOPHY AND HERMENEUTICS TO PSYCHOLOGY HISTORY SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY SYSTEMATIC AND PROGRESSIVE IT INTRODUCES THE KEY APPROACHES AND SHOWS HOW THEY RELATE TO THE UNDERSTANDING STUDY AND PRACTICE OF SPIRITUALITY COVERING A VAST AMOUNT OF GROUND FROM TRADITIONAL THEMES SUCH AS IMAGES OF GOD SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AND PILGRIMAGE TO MORE CONTEMPORARY ISSUES SUCH AS PLACE AND SPACE CYBERSPACE AND POSTCOLONIALISM

THE AUTHOR TAKES AN ECUMENICAL INCLUSIVE STANCE ALLOWING THE BOOK TO BE USED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF COURSES AND ACROSS DENOMINATIONS

SANDRA SCHNEIDERS COMMANDS RESPECT AS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT AND INFLUENTIAL FIGURES IN THE EMERGENCE OF THE STUDY OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY AS AN ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE AS THE FOCUSED AND DISCIPLINED EXPLORATION OF RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE THIS BOOK HONORS HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD BY ADDRESSING ISSUES THAT ARE EMERGING AT THE CREATIVE EDGES OF THE DISCIPLINE IN THIS VOLUME COLLEAGUES AND STUDENTS OF DR SCHNEIDERS AND OTHER COLLABORATORS IN THE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY EXAMINE CRUCIAL ISSUES FROM THEIR VARIOUS DISCIPLINARY AND METHODOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES QUESTIONS OF METHODOLOGY ADDRESS THE STATUS OF SPIRITUALITY AS A DISCIPLINE INTERDISCIPLINARITY AND SELF IMPLICATION OTHER ESSAYS EXPLORE THE EDGES OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY AND BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY GENDER STUDIES THE NATURAL SCIENCES NATURE WRITING THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND INTERFAITH ISSUES THIS COLLECTION OF ESSAYS WILL PROVOKE STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY AS WELL AS PRACTITIONERS TO CONTINUE CRITICALLY THINKING DISCUSSING WRITING AND PRACTICING IT

AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY THROUGH ITS PRIME MOVERS IT BRINGS TO A WIDE READERSHIP THE GREAT FIGURES IN THE CONTEMPLATIVE AND MYSTICAL CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS AND CLARIFIES WHAT SPIRITUALITY REALLY MEANS

SPIRIT AND NATURE IS A COLLECTION OF ESSAYS EXPLORING HOW THE RESOURCES OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY CAN INFORM THE PRACTICE OF A MORE ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE FAITH OUR CURRENT ECOLOGICAL SITUATION CALLS FOR PEOPLE OF RELIGIOUS FAITH TO REEXAMINE THE WAY THEY ENVISION THE PRACTICE OF SPIRITUALITY AS ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICISTS HAVE CALLED US TO RECONSIDER THE HUMAN EARTH RELATIONSHIP SO THAT THE PLANET IS NOT SEEN AS SIMPLY AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF RESOURCES TO FILL HUMAN WANTS AND NEEDS SO THESE ESSAYS CALL US TO RECONSIDER SPIRITUAL PRACTICE AS IT RELATES TO EARTH S ECOLOGY RATHER THAN VIEWING SPIRITUALITY AS AN ESCAPE FROM THE MATERIAL WORLD THE AUTHORS DESCRIBE THE EMBODIMENT OF THE GOD QUEST WITHIN THE HUMAN NATURE RELATIONSHIP DRAWING ON DIVERSE DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES THESE ESSAYS EXAMINE A VARIETY OF TOPICS INCLUDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EARTH AND HUMANS IN THE BIBLE THE ROLE OF NATURE S BEAUTY IN CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY THE PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN DISCERNMENT AND CONTEMPLATION IN LIGHT OF THE NATURAL SCIENCES THE ROLE OF NATURE IN LITURGICAL PRAYER AND OTHERS THESE ESSAYS CONSIDER HOW SCHOLARSHIP IN CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO RE IMAGING FAITH IN WAYS THAT BETTER CHERISH THE EARTH S FRAGILE BEAUTY

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