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Recounts experiences from the author's life, using the metaphor of gardening to speak to our longing for spiritual growth, a healthy lifestyle, and a more centered life. Enriched by Bible quotations and spiritual classics, his stories will lead you to new insights into the kind of life the Creator intends for us. Dear readers, this book is written about personal experiences and growth in eighty-five years of life. I've been putting it on paper for the last thirty to forty years, and that is what you hold in your hand. What this book hopefully will accomplish is to inspire and enlighten. In the process of reading these shared life stories, whether it brings a smile to your face or perhaps a tear in your eye, it is in the same manner that it did to us while living the stories out in real life. The stories also will describe some of the Amish culture and beliefs. Each story is true, even the ones that seem to be

unbelievable. The stories are of experiences that have happened from youth to adulthood. The lessons learned here are invaluable to all—young, old, women, or men. Also included in this book are religious beliefs that have changed and developed over the years. Once you have read even one line of this book, or if you read it from cover to cover and found it inspiring, praise God and give him the glory. In the name of Jesus Christ, his bond servant. Are you missing out on one of the most transforming means to a deeper and more vibrant faith? In *Soul Friends*, Dr. Leslie Parrott explores the intimate stages of a woman's spiritual journey while showing you how soul friendships can deepen and enlarge your faith. God brings us soul-friends to help in our spiritual journey, sometimes in predictable places: small groups, friendships, and mentors. But they're sometimes found in places we don't expect—these "hidden guides" are people, past or present, whose role in our life may even be hidden from them, but nevertheless, have a deep impact on our growth and vitality. Whether it's a hidden guide, a member of a small group, or a friend we've had for years, these soul-friends all hold the potential to embody grace that enables us to take a next step in the unfolding journey of our faith. Leslie reveals how every woman traverses four stages of spiritual growth—quest, calling, crisis, and communion – again and again. And whatever stage you find yourself traveling right now, you need soul friends to

help you move forward When we seize the initiative to connect, together we will form a part of the deep communion that is the sisterhood of the traveling saints, journeying together in our desire to know God, serve him, and love him more deeply. Through story, poem, and reflection, Leslie Parrott reminds each of us of the incredibly intimate, intricate, faith-forming work God does in us through the gift of the women he places in our lives. From the Pulitzer Prize winning journalist: a revelatory portrait of religion in China today, its history, the spiritual traditions of its Eastern and Western faiths, and the ways in which it is influencing China's future. Following a century of violent antireligious campaigns, China is now awash with new temples, churches, and mosques as well as cults, sects, and politicians trying to harness religion for their own ends. Driving this explosion of faith is uncertainty over what it means to be Chinese, and how to live an ethical life in a country that discarded traditional morality a century ago and is still searching for new guideposts. Ian Johnson lived for extended periods with underground church members, rural Daoists, and Buddhist pilgrims. He has distilled these experiences into a cycle of festivals, births, deaths, detentions, and struggle a great awakening of faith that is shaping the soul of the world's newest superpower. (With black-and-white illustrations throughout). In this special twenty-fifth anniversary edition of Thomas Moore's bestselling *Care*

of the Soul, which includes a new introduction by the author, readers are presented with a revolutionary approach to thinking about daily life—everyday activities, events, problems, and creative opportunities—and a therapeutic lifestyle is proposed that focuses on looking more deeply into emotional problems and learning how to sense sacredness in ordinary things. Basing his writing on the ancient model of “care of the soul”—which provided a religious context for viewing the everyday events of life—Moore brings “care of the soul” into the twenty-first century. Promising to deepen and broaden the readers’ perspectives on their life experiences, Moore draws on his own life as a therapist practicing “care of the soul,” as well as his studies of the world’s religions and his work in music and art, to create this inspirational guide that examines the connections between spirituality and the problems of individuals and society. “Thoughtful, eloquent, inspiring.” —San Francisco Chronicle “I soulfully recommend it without reservation.” —John Bradshaw, author of Homecoming For a number of years in the 18th century "The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul" by Philip Doddridge was widely read and proved a great encouragement and help to many. It was one of the beginnings of spiritual life for the great William Wilberforce and only God in his infinite wisdom knows how many others have benefited from it and the extent of good he has been pleased to shed abroad in the

world by it. This excellent and useful book now appears in a lightly abridged and modernized form under the title "Beginning and Growing in the Christian Religion". In this form, it is hoped that it will be the more likely, under God's blessing, to be a source of guidance and encouragement to those that otherwise might not have the time or inclination to read over the original volume in its original length and rich, though often archaic, language. In modernizing and reducing it to this slightly smaller size, we have endeavored to do justice to the author, and at the same time promote the pleasure and profit of the serious reader. And we hope these ends are, in some measure, answered; chiefly by updating archaic words to their modern equivalent; and sometimes by altering the form, but not the sense, of a sentence, for the sake of ease of understanding; and when an obsolete phrase occurred, changing it for one more common and intelligible. Philip Doddridge (1701-1751) was born in London, England, the last in a family of twenty children. He became an eminently pious and beloved pastor, preacher, and teacher in Northampton. He was also a prolific author, well-known for his numerous hymns, sermons, and other books. His works include Principles of the Christian Religion and the Family Expositor. In each of his occupations his chief goals were to promote truth and to benefit others through his example and conversation. He entered the pulpit not to gain honour, but rather to gain

souls. After a life of notable usefulness in the service of his Lord, Philip Doddridge died at the age of 50.

Thrive with Healthy Rhythms We are living in challenging and uncertain times in which leaders need support and encouragement to help them learn to navigate the world we are in. Leaders too often focus on external things to the neglect of their own souls. Authors Winfield Bevins and Mark Dunwoody wrote *Healthy Rhythms for Leaders* primarily to help Christian leaders care for their souls in today's chaotic and uncertain world. Their goal is to promote healthy rhythms to help leaders connect spiritual and missional practices. Go deeper in your personal walk with Christ with personal rhythms by creating an "Ebb and Flow" Rule of Life. Then, break through current team challenges with "Missional Design Thinking," a process that carries the power to transform your effectiveness as a leader. Walk away with these personal and leadership rhythm tools, but also learn how to share these practices and principles with the churches and organizations you serve. "This book contains timely words for an unusual time that can become timeless." -- Scot McKnight, Professor of New Testament, Northern Seminary "A fresh, inclusive approach to the contemplative journey." -- Barbara L. Peacock, Author *Soul Care in African American Practice* "Reading these words renewed both my missional imagination and my commitment to stay refreshed with Christ." -- Trevor Hudson, Pastor and

Author, South Africa Winfield Bevins is the director of Church Planting at Asbury Theological Seminary and author of several books, including *Marks of a Movement* and *Ever Ancient Ever New* (winfieldbevins.com and twitter.com/winfieldbevins). Mark Dunwoody has over three decades experience as an entrepreneur and consultant to non-profits and faith communities. Mark is involved internationally in the missional conversation as a speaker, strategist, and coach. He is the co-founder of *Missional Formation Coaching* (missionalformationcoaching.com). Four Shin Buddhist thinkers reflect on their tradition's encounter with modernity. *Cultivating Spirituality* is a seminal anthology of Shin Buddhist thought, one that reflects this tradition's encounter with modernity. Shin (or Jod? Shinsh?) is a popular form of Pure Land Buddhism, the most widely practiced form of Buddhism in Japan, but is only now becoming well known in the West. The lives of the four thinkers included in the book spanned the years 1863–1982, from the Meiji opening to the West to Japan's establishment as an industrialized democracy and world economic power. Kiyozawa Manshi, Soga Ryōjin, Kaneko Daiei, and Yasuda Rijin, all associated with Kyoto's Ōtani University, dealt with the spiritual concerns of a society undergoing great change. Their philosophical orientation known as “Seishinshugi” (“cultivating spirituality”) provides a set of principles that prioritized

personal, subjective experience as the basis for religious understanding. In addition to providing access to work generally unavailable in English, this volume also includes both a contextualizing introduction and introductions to each figure included. “Buddhism, whether in Asia or the West, reveals itself to be a rich tapestry of diverse strands in which pioneers risked their standing and even their very lives to establish new pathways appropriate for their times and places. The editors invite the reader to explore developments in Japanese Pure Land Buddhism as emblematic of this tradition of innovation.” — Buddhadharma Every human life is made up of the light and the dark, the happy and the sad, the vital and the deadening. How you think about this rhythm of moods makes all the difference. Our lives are filled with emotional tunnels: the loss of a loved one or end of a relationship, aging and illness, career disappointments or just an ongoing sense of dissatisfaction with life. Society tends to view these “dark nights” in clinical terms as obstacles to be overcome as quickly as possible. But Moore shows how honoring these periods of fragility as periods of incubation and positive opportunities to delve the soul’s deepest needs can provide healing and a new understanding of life’s meaning. *Dark Nights of the Soul* presents these metaphoric dark nights not as the enemy, but as times of transition, occasions to restore yourself, and transforming

rites of passage, revealing an uplifting and inspiring new outlook on such topics as: • The healing power of melancholy • The sexual dark night and the mysteries of matrimony • Finding solace during illness and in aging • Anxiety, anger, and temporary Insanities • Linking creativity, spirituality, and emotional struggles • Finding meaning and beauty in the darkness This book explores the relationship between the practices of pastoral care and the practices of spiritual direction with the aim of enabling pastoral caregivers to draw upon the guiding principles, resources, and techniques of spiritual direction within the Christian tradition. With an emphasis on both "practice" and "presence", the book reclaims the tradition of "soul care" for the pastoral ministry, thereby complementing the medical, or crisis intervention, model of pastoral care with a wellness/growth model of pastoral care.

Listening for the Soul: -- Challenges clergy to take seriously the relationship between pastoral care and spiritual direction.-- Integrates theological and psychological insights with issues of spiritual life and formation.-- Includes a chapter on the spiritual formation of children.-- Provides practical guidance for integrating spiritual direction with pastoral care.-- Tends to the pastoral caregivers own needs for spiritual deepening.-- Includes reflection, questions and case studies to enable the text to function on both the individual reader and classroom levels. Recent years have seen unprecedented

attention to faith-based institutions as agents of social change, spurred in part by cuts in public funding for social services and accompanied by controversy about the separation of church and state. The debate over faith-based initiatives has highlighted a small but growing segment of churches committed to both saving souls and serving society. What distinguishes faith-based from secular activism? How do religious organizations express their religious identity in the context of social services? How do faith-based service providers interpret the connection between spiritual methodologies and socioeconomic outcomes? How does faith motivate and give meaning to social ministry? Drawing on case studies of fifteen Philadelphia-area Protestant churches with active outreach, *Saving Souls, Serving Society* seeks to answer these and other pressing questions surrounding the religious dynamics of social ministry. While church-based programs often look similar to secular ones in terms of goods or services rendered, they may show significant differences in terms of motivations, desired outcomes, and interpretations of meaning. Church-based programs also differ from one another in terms of how they relate evangelism to their social outreach agenda. Heidi Rolland Unruh and Ronald J. Sider explore how churches navigate the tension between their spiritual mission and the constraints on evangelism in the context of social services. The authors examine the potential contribution

of religious dynamics to social outcomes as well as the relationship between mission orientations and social capital. Unruh and Sider introduce a new vocabulary for describing the religious components and spiritual meanings embedded in social action, and provide a typology of faith-based organizations and programs. Their analysis yields a framework for Protestant mission orientations that makes room for the diverse ways that churches interrelate spiritual witness and social compassion. Based on their observations, the authors offer a constructive approach to church-state partnerships and provide a far more objective understanding of faith-based social services than previously available.

Bridging meditation, prayer, and presence, Becoming You: Cultivating Spiritual Presence presents an extensive array of 365 week-long methods for cultivating spiritual presence and the many facets of our soul. Offering ways to plumb the extraordinary depths of meditation and prayer, to enrich our daily life through presence, to awaken new perceptions, to develop our soul, and to become fully ourselves, this book brings simplicity of heart and clarity of mind to our spiritual pursuit. Following an arc of generally increasing subtlety, *Becoming You* cycles through the many aspects of a complete path, carrying us steadily deeper in our quest. Joseph Naft has taught meditation and spiritual practices since 1976. His other books include *The Sacred Art of*

Soul Making: Balance and Depth in Spiritual Practice and two novels, *Agents of Peace* and *Restoring Our Soul*. An entertaining collection of essays and educational papers which illustrate by example the author's recommended model of education: a blending of mental, emotional, and spiritual teachings. Topics discussed include Family, Morality, Ethics, Racism, Native Americans, and Religion, each as specific examples of a process of learning, drawn from the author's own experiences as a student. Various articles are presented covering psychological, sociological and cross-cultural topics or relevance to religious/spiritual researchers and academics. As public funding for social services has been slashed, there has arisen an unprecedented interest in the potential (and dangers) of faith-based institutions as agents of social change. This text seeks to answer pressing questions surrounding this important and controversial issue. #1 New York Times Bestseller With a new introduction by the author and additional material, this 25th anniversary edition of the #1 New York Times bestseller by Thomas Moore provides a powerful spiritual message for our troubled times. In this special 25th anniversary edition of Thomas Moore's bestselling book *Care of the Soul* readers are presented with a revolutionary approach to thinking about daily life—everyday activities, events, problems and creative opportunities—and a therapeutic lifestyle is proposed that

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American Transcendentalism is often seen as a literary movement—a flowering of works written by New England intellectuals who retreated from society and lived in nature. In *Transcendentalism and the Cultivation of the Soul*, Barry M. Andrews focuses on a neglected aspect of this well-known group, showing how American Transcendentalists developed rich spiritual practices to nurture their souls and discover the divine. The practices are common and simple—among them, keeping journals, contemplation, walking, reading, simple living, and conversation. In approachable and accessible prose, Andrews demonstrates how Transcendentalism's main

thinkers, Emerson, Thoreau, Fuller, and others, pursued rich and rewarding spiritual lives that inspired them to fight for abolition, women's rights, and education reform. In detailing these everyday acts, Andrews uncovers a wealth of spiritual practices that could be particularly valuable today, to spiritual seekers and religious liberals. Starting from the premise that we can no longer afford to live in a disenchanted world, Moore shows that a profound, enchanted engagement with life is not a childish thing to be put away with adulthood, but a necessity for one's personal and collective survival. With his lens focused on specific aspects of daily life such as clothing, food, furniture, architecture, ecology, language, and politics, Moore describes the renaissance these can undergo when there is a genuine engagement with beauty, craft, nature, and art in both private and public life. Millions of readers who found comfort and substance in Moore's previous bestsellers will discover in this book ways to restore the heart and soul of work, home, and creative endeavors through a radical, fresh return to ancient ways of living the soulful life. Thomas Moore, bestselling author of *Care of the Soul* and *Soul Mates*, draws on the twelve years he lived as a monk in this insightful book of a hundred one-page meditations. Interspersed with glimpses of the beauty and humor of the monk's life, each page suggests a way of finding spirituality and nurturing the soul that can be applied in

any walk of life. A highly original approach from best selling author Thomas Moore, restoring sex to its rightful place in the human psyche as an experience of the soul. In *The Soul of Sex*, Thomas Moore at last restores sex to its rightful place in the human psyche. Describing sex as an experience of the soul, Thomas Moore here brings out the fully human side of sex – the roles of fantasy, desire, meaning, and morality – and draws on religion, mythology art, literature, and film to show how sex is one of the most profound mysteries of life. While finding spirituality inherent in sex, Moore also explores how spiritual values can sometimes wound our sexuality. Blending rather than opposing spirituality and sexuality, *The Soul of Sex* offers a fresh, livable way of becoming more deeply sexual and loving in all areas of life.

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years as a monk but also the more original and imaginative spirituality that he later developed and embraced in his secular life. Here, he shares stories of others who are creating their own path: a former football player now on a spiritual quest with the Pueblo Indians, a friend who makes a meditative practice of floral arrangements, and a well-known classical pianist whose audiences sometimes describe having a mystical experience while listening to her performances. Moore weaves their experiences with the wisdom of philosophers, writers, and artists who have rejected materialism and infused their secular lives with transcendence. At a time when so many feel disillusioned with or detached from organized religion yet long for a way to move beyond an exclusively materialistic, rational lifestyle, *A Religion of One's Own* points the way to creating an amplified inner life and a world of greater purpose, meaning, and reflection. There's never enough time. So we try to cram as much as possible into what little time we have--work, friends, play, rest. But what if How do I fit it all in? isn't the right question? Scripture has a lot to say about time. Taking a cue from Ecclesiastes--"Better one handful with tranquility than two handfuls with toil and chasing after the wind"--and drawing on everything from Augustine's *Confessions* to conversations with air traffic controllers, David W. Henderson encourages us to move beyond merely trying

to open up a bit of margin or to say no once in a while, and to take a purposeful step back from our lives to examine those internal and external dynamics that propel us into busyness and hurry. Sharing honest stories about his own struggles with busyness, he helps readers explore the way the Scriptures frame our time--understanding the times, making the most of the time, and trusting God with the rest. For anyone who is tired of feeling the push and pull of our time-bent culture, this book will be a welcome invitation to rest and to live artful and faithful lives marked by peace and tranquility. Learn how to make a more positive impact with your social work with the aged

Religion is an important coping mechanism for many aging adults. *Religion, Spirituality, and Aging: A Social Work Perspective* presents the latest research that shows how religion and spirituality can improve quality of life for elders. Respected social work researchers and scholars provide insight and practical methods for fostering positive aging while also considering how spirituality and religion can affect practitioners themselves. The full range of advantages and ethical implications are discussed in clear detail from a social work viewpoint. Case studies plainly illustrate the positive impact that the inclusion of spirituality and religion in an aging person's life may have on their physical and mental welfare. Organized social work in the early twentieth century actively tried to distance itself from its roots as a form of religious charity

in favor of becoming a scientific and professional endeavor. *Religion, Spirituality, and Aging* once again bridges the gap between social work and spiritual matters by presenting penetrating articles that discuss the issues of the aging soul while examining ways to improve care. Creative strategies are offered to contribute to the spiritual side of aging while considering every implication and ethical question. The compilation is extensively referenced and includes helpful figures and tables to clearly illustrate data and ideas. *Religion, Spirituality, and Aging* discusses: the latest social work trends and attitudes toward spirituality prayer, meditation, and acts of altruism as interventions an empirical study of how social workers use religion and spirituality as an intervention ethical considerations and best practices religion and spirituality during long-term care the “Postcards to God” project dreams and their relationship to the search for meaning in later life a spiritual approach to positive aging through autobiography dementia and spirituality creating new rituals for sacred aging spiritual master Henri Nouwen’s principles of aging—and his approaches to caring for older people an interview study on elders’ spirituality and the changes manifested in their views of religion *Religion, Spirituality, and Aging* is a remarkable reminder that elders are our future selves. This erudite, well-reasoned examination of aging and spirituality from a social work perspective is crucial reading for social

workers, human service professionals who work with the aged, and gerontology scholars. This book is for Christian readers of fiction who might experience difficulty trying to make an informed choice beyond what is being published by evangelical presses. Marketed to a specific target audience, evangelical fiction oftentimes leaves a reader with a strong emotional response but lacks the literary depth or the breadth of subject that could inspire life-changing spiritual growth. With this premise at the heart of her book, Connie Wineland includes her own story of conversion to Christianity by way of reading fiction. During her late twenties and early thirties, particularly while in graduate school, Wineland became immersed in literary and rhetorical studies while also practicing an Eastern form of religion as well as Native American spirituality. However, despite all her training in literary theory, her readings in Romantic, Victorian, modern, and postmodern literature (which she explains), as well as her personal interest in mythology and world religions, kept her questioning the existence of God and the possible nature of God. Then, as a relatively new convert to Christianity, she faced several challenges at a small Christian college where she taught literature and writing courses. Eventually wanting to reach beyond the academic community, Wineland began a local Christian readers' group, which she ran for four years. She includes in this book resources and materials such as sample

syllabi and study-guide questions, useful Web addresses, and plenty of how-to information for starting and running your own book club. Also included is an extensive list of annotated titles of recommended reading to get anyone started! This book explores the personal practices and group rituals for monitoring and training the thoughts of ancient Christian monks. It focuses on the earliest sources for communal monasticism, many translated into English for the first time, while drawing on cognitive studies to understand key disciplines like prayer and collective repentance. In this, companion volume to his worldwide bestseller, *Care of the Soul*, Thomas Moore offers a way of living in this new and confusing century. Drawing on faiths from all over the world, as well as from his own vast well of knowledge and personal experience, Moore shows how religion can be used to embrace others, rather than exclude them. He helps us become comfortable with our doubts, and reveals a liberating truth -- it is in the dark corners of the soul that true faith is born. Intimate and provocative, Moore writes with the compassion of a parent and the wisdom of a wise teacher. The healthy Christian life is one of continuing spiritual, emotional, and relational growth. But so many of us feel stuck or stagnated at one stage of the journey. It's not always clear to us where or why we are stuck, making it difficult to take the next step on our journey of the soul. That's where Bill and Kristi Gaultiere come in. After

decades in private practice as counselors and therapists, they have developed a unique model for growing in grace. In *Journey of the Soul*, they draw on more than 70,000 hours of providing therapy and spiritual direction to show you how to identify your current stage of faith and the next steps to take based on your unique needs and struggles. With Scripture, self-assessments, and soul care practices to support your progress along the way, this insightful and inspiring book will be a treasured companion on your journey no matter where you are or how long you've been following Jesus. *Growing A Garden* can help you to relax and realize that spiritual growth begins with a tiny seed of hope and the light of our Father's Son. Today's twentysomethings have been labeled the "lost generation" for their presumed inability to identify and lead fulfilling lives, "kidults" for their alleged refusal to "grow up" and accept adult responsibilities, and the "least religious generation" for their purported disinterest in religion and spirituality. These characterizations are not only unflattering -- they are wrong. *The Twentysomething Soul* tells an optimistic story about American twentysomethings by introducing readers to the full spectrum of American young adults, many of whom live purposefully, responsibly, and reflectively. Some prioritize faith and involvement in a religious congregation. Others reject their childhood religion to explore alternatives and practice a personal

spirituality. Still others sideline religion and spirituality until their lives get settled, or reject organized religion completely. Drawing from interviews with more than 200 young adults, as well as national survey of 1,880 twentysomethings, Tim Clydesdale and Kathleen Garces-Foley seek to change the way we view contemporary young adults, giving an accurate and refreshing understanding of their religious, spiritual, and secular lives. Explores the spiritual dimension of education, and discusses ways to nourish the spiritual development of adolescents in public schools without violating anyone's legal rights. Religion is fundamental to contemporary Puerto Rican society. From the cosmology of the Indigenous Taíno, to the wide range of Judeo-Christian churches and sects, to the practitioners of spiritism, Afro-Caribbean religions, and witchcraft, religious practice in its many forms permeates the lives of most Puerto Ricans. *Communities of the Soul* illuminates the landscape and history of religion in Puerto Rico from the beliefs and practices of the Taíno to the religious diversity of the present day. Throughout its history, religion in Puerto Rico has braided institutional forms and popular practices, yet has always been a community-based process – made by the people. When the island was under Spanish colonial rule, the formal but weak presence of Catholicism meant that Puerto Ricans cultivated their religious experiences within families and local

communities as much as within the structures of the church. These communal practices continued as Puerto Ricans joined Protestant denominations – particularly evangelical Pentecostalism – after the American conquest of the island in 1898. In the second half of the twentieth century, religious diversity increased with the formation of Jewish and Muslim communities, as well as numerous local evangelical congregations. Even as Puerto Rican society becomes more cosmopolitan and diverse, popular devotions and ritualistic practices remain an important part of everyday life. The first synthesis of the religious history of the island, *Communities of the Soul* is an innovative exploration of religion in Puerto Rico and the beliefs, practices, and diversity of its past and present. Nancy Tatom Ammerman examines the stories Americans tell of their everyday lives, from dinner table to office and shopping mall to doctor's office, about the things that matter most to them and the routines they take for granted, and the times and places where the everyday and ordinary meet the spiritual. In addition to interviews and observation, Ammerman bases her findings on a photo elicitation exercise and oral diaries, offering a window into the presence and absence of religion and spirituality in ordinary lives and in ordinary physical and social spaces. The stories come from a diverse array of ninety-five Americans — both conservative and liberal Protestants, African American Protestants, Catholics,

Jews, Mormons, Wiccans, and people who claim no religious or spiritual proclivities — across a range that stretches from committed religious believers to the spiritually neutral. Ammerman surveys how these people talk about what spirituality is, how they seek and find experiences they deem spiritual, and whether and how religious traditions and institutions are part of their spiritual lives. Weaves together biblical exposition and practical application to demonstrate how emotions relate to the Christian life. Emotions are a vital part of what it means to be a human being made in the image of God and redeemed in Jesus Christ. But often our emotions confuse and mislead us. So what is the proper place for emotions in a Christian's walk of faith? In *Feelings and Faith* Brian Borgman draws from his extensive biblical knowledge and his pastoral experience to help readers understand both divine and human emotions. After laying a biblical foundation he moves on to practical application, focusing on how Christians can put to death ungodly emotional displays and also cultivate godly emotions. This biblically informed, practical volume is helpful for pastors, counselors, and serious-minded Christians who wish to develop a full-orbed faith that encompasses their emotional life. This work has been constructed as a daily companion to deepen and fortify the foundation of your interior life as taught by the tradition of the Church. *Cultivating the Spiritual Life* is intended to serve as a day-

by-day guide for you to live a devout life in the world to point the way to an enlightened, well-balanced, and authentic piety. Taken from the writings primarily of that great 20th century master of the spiritual life, Fr. Adolphe Tanquerey, and further enhanced with writings from various doctors of the Church, saints, mystics, and theologians, *Cultivating the Spiritual Life* is a daily companion for those searching to grow closer to Christ by understanding how the spiritual life works in us. The purpose of this work is to transcend any particular school or preference of spirituality, but rather to show what is universally common to the Catholic spiritual life and what each soul must know to succeed in his own earthly pilgrimage to God. Fr. Tanquerey composed a complete and orderly summary of questions on the spiritual life which can serve as a devotional treatise for spiritual reading by his clear, lively, practical, and careful writing that serves to help foster a truly devout life while avoiding being dry and being controversial. *Cultivating the Spiritual Life* should be read by taking the teachings of the Church as a whole and finding the common principles and rules for strengthening the basic fundamentals that the Church has always taught. Fr. Tanquerey wrote those for all those "who are seeking to live a thoroughly Christian life and thus fit themselves to be living, breathing models of Christ in the world today by a deep interior life." This book helps new couples cultivate a strong spiritual union

with 52 devotions from two authorities on marriage enrichment.

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