

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

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1. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Purgative Way:

This course is designed to examine the truths of Scripture pertaining to the development of spirituality within the contexts of the individual, family, Christian community and society. The first stage of the course will be the **purgative** in which the holiness of God will be highlighted by its contrast with our sinfulness. This will include the development of a theological and intra-personal understanding of **SIN** and the resultant damage both personally and within the community (Peretti, Lewis, Peck, Campolo, Ellul et al.). Levels of repentance, confession and forgiveness will be examined as we learn appropriate responses to the problem of sin within ourselves and others (Augustine, Miller, et al.). The classroom discussion will begin with a discussion of calling then move to focus on the vices of classic seven deadly sins.

Illuminative Way:

Different developmental stages and patterns of **FAITH** which manifest themselves in the midst of different crises and moments in the adult life cycle will be explored (Fowler, Dystra/Parks, Stokes, et al.). The movements of faith will be traced in the lives of various biblical models giving concrete examples of faith development.

The various disciplines supportive of the development of spirituality will be discussed and exercises designed to facilitate its development practiced (Foster, Richards). The student will not only be presented with the theological basis, biblical examples and techniques but also be given opportunity to practice these disciplines. **PRAYER** (petitionary, intercessory, contemplative [Kelsey, Fox, West], thanksgiving, et al.) will be discussed and various aspects practiced (Leech, Nouwen, Bloesch, Ellul, Sanders, Bounds et al.) and rooted in the book of Psalms.

The disciplines of discipleship will be explored. The biblical virtues of sacrifice/receiving, righteousness/wickedness, wisdom/folly, diligence/idleness, love/hate; kindness/hardness; fruits of the spirit/flesh, humility/pride, integrity/deception, et al. will be explored desiring their implementation and facilitation within the inner person and manifested within the human community. The relation of suffering and the cost of discipleship (Bonhoeffer) will be put such pursuits in a redemptive context of a deep experience of the grace of God. The disciplines of character and virtue will be draw out of the

deep well of the book of Proverbs.

Unitive Way:

If time permits we will explore the nature and functionality of the redemptive community (Gaede, Bonhoeffer, Peck, Hanson, Bellah, Sterner et al.) highlighting the beauty and glory of the kingdom of God. The seeing God in relationship with His loved ones will be explored in terms of form, function based on a re-examination of the character, attributes and wonderful works of God (Packer, Tozer, Piper, Phillips, Yancey). The form and function of worship will be taught (Webber, White et al.). Finally, we will discuss the concepts of abiding, practicing the presence and oneness with God (Brother Lawrence, Jonathan Edwards, Imitation of Christ).

While the course will use Psalms to focus our understanding of prayer and Proverbs to highlight the various aspects of virtue and character development, we will also look at online devotionally enriching classics and Christian biographies for examples of Christian maturity provided on the web site.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Purgative Way:

1. The student will understand the way of salvation including faith, works, soteriology and sanctification based on the Scriptures. Scriptural examples of God's call will be examined and discussions had on the nature of personal calling.
2. The student will begin to recognize the uniquely individual way in which they are currently involved in sin, deception, and denial of truth in their thoughts, acts and motives. These will intensify the student's appreciation of the holiness of God through understanding the classic seven deadly sins: pride, lust, anger, sloth, gluttony, envy, and greed.
3. This recognition will lead to an exploration of patterns of sinfulness and the strength of its penetration into the deepest parts of their hearts through an exploration of their unique childhood/adolescence experience within the contexts of their family, friends, school and broader sociological settings and each ones unique personal patterns of facilitating sin (Scott Peck, et al).
4. The student will begin to employ new levels of repentance appropriate to the level of sin involved. A deeper sense of sorrow and grief over the violation of God's law and others should result as well as a new sense of freedom, joy and release having confessed and repented with deepening levels of conviction.

Illuminative Way:

1. The student will become knowledgeable of the various stages and patterns of faith in relation to the various maturational levels in the human life cycle.
2. The student will become aware of how learnable moments and crises can be utilized to facilitate faith development.
3. Different patterns and purposes of prayer will be known and supported from biblical examples utilizing the book of Psalms.
4. The student will be called to the discipline, practice and habit of prayer appropriate to the context they are found (confession, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, praise) in relation to their developing relationship with God and others.
5. Character formation will be examined in terms of holiness, righteousness, wisdom, friendship, diligence, faithfulness, and integrity utilizing the book of Proverbs.
5. While a biblical knowledge of the themes of holiness, love, righteousness, fruits of the spirit will be gained, the course will seek to go beyond knowing to actual implementation of these qualities within the students' lives in preparation for the unitive way.

Unitive Way:

1. The student will be called on to begin to understand the concept of beyond themselves to community and the implications it has for them as individuals in terms of thoughts, acts and motives.
2. There will develop a new sense of responsibility and compassion for others.
3. The student will be exposed to the wonders of God's person and works providing a clearer model of the One to whom they pray and direct their thoughts, acts and motives (Lev. 19:2).
4. The student will appreciate the paradoxes of spirituality.
5. A stronger commitment to abiding in Christ and walking in his ways even amidst person cost will lead the student to new levels of commitment, discipleship and obedience.
6. The student will intensify his thirst to know God and experience His presence (Emmanuel) in the midst of every mundane details of life.

7. The pursuit of God will become a fundamental passion in the student's life.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

Tentative Schedule:

Week 1: Due: 1/31

Read/listen to: Warfield's "The Religious Life of Theological Students" and Brother Lawrence's, *The Practice of the Presence of God* online

Acquire J. I. Packer's *Knowing God* and Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Cost of Discipleship*.

Pick a person to study biographically: John Wesley, George Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards; George Muller, Hudson Taylor, Martin Luther (Kitty Luther); David Brainerd; John Bunyan, Martin Luther, William Tyndale, John Knox, William Wilberforce, Fanny J. Cosby; Dorothy Sayers, Amy Carmichael, A. J. Gordon, Watchman Nee, Charles Spurgeon, Henri Nouwen, Mother Teresa, Corrie Ten Boom, Madeleine L'Engle, Elizabeth Elliot, William Booth (Salvation Army) and Catherine Booth (vid. Dr. Green) and others you may suggest—to be presented 2/28.

Pick a Prayer to become your own for this semester (Psalms):

Pick a character/virtue (Proverbs): wise, foolish, diligent, lazy, friend, speech, righteous, wicked, Madame Folly, Madame Wisdom, integrity, holiness, commitment, listening, obedience, etc.

Journal: Reflections on your life and factors that have shaped your faith and relations with God

(for a model begin reading a day or two of Nouwen's Genessee Diary)—vid. Handout. This a personal reflective journal should have at least one page entry per day.

Memory Verses: Prov. 14:12 [way seems right]
Prov. 16:2 [motives weighed by]
Ps 139:23-24 [search me]

Class discussion on journaling and the Call (sanctification and the personal call/vocation)

Week 2: 2/7

Read/listen to Andrew Murray, *Humility* online.

Read Packer, *Knowing God*, chs. 1-4

Memory Verses: 1 Pet. 5:8 [Enemy devil]
Rom. 3:23 [all sinned]
Rom. 6:23 [Wages of sin]

Journal Entry: How has repentance been a part of your life? When have you seen it in yourself and others. How did it come about and what did it look like?

Class discussion: 7 deadly sins: Pride/humility -- vice and virtue ethics

Week 3: 2/14

Read/listen to John Owen, *Of the Mortification of Sin in Believers* chs. 1-8 available online.

Read Packer, *Knowing God*, chs. 5-8

Memory Verses: 1 Jn 1:9 [if we confess]

Jer 17:9 [heart deceitful]

James 1:14 [tempted by own evil desire]

Journal Entry: What pains have shaped your life and how has it impacted your spiritual life?

Class discussion: continuing 7 deadly sins

Week 4: 2/21

Read/listen to John Owen, *Of the Mortification of Sin in Believers* chs. 9-14

Read Packer, *Knowing God*, chs. 9-12

Memory Verses: 1 Cor. 10:13 [No temptation]

2 Cor. 5:17 [new creature]

2 Chron. 7:14 [if my people]

Journal Entry: What would freedom and forgiveness look like to you on this issue.

Class discussion: continuing 7 deadly sins

Week 5: 2/28

Read/listen to: "Repentance of Believers" and "Spiritual Idolatry" by John Wesley, online

Read/listen to: George Whitefield's "A Penitent Heart" and "Satan's Devices"

Do a **presentation on the spiritual biography** of life of the person you have chosen

Memory Verses: Matt. 16:24 [Deny himself/take cross]

Gal. 2:20 [crucified with Christ]

Phil. 1:21 [live is Christ]

Journal Entry: How does this issue effect other areas of your life? How is it related to you family background?

Week 6: 3/7

Read/listen to: Bounds, *Prayer* online

Read Packer, *Knowing God*, chs. 13-16

Journal Entry: How has your faith developed in the last 5 years? Where do you see yourself going in the next 5?

Memory Verses: Prov. 3:4-5 [trust in Lord]

Philp 3:13-14 [forgetting behind pressing]
Begin work on your Psalm

Spring Break 3/14

Week 7: 3/21

Read/listen to John Wesley: “When you Fast” online
Read/listen to George Whitefield: “Intercession every Christian’s Duty”
Read Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Cost of Discipleship*, chs. 1-4.
Journal Entry: What have been the biggest factors contributing to your spiritual development? What have been the biggest factors for its hindrance?
Memory Verses: Rom. 12:1-2 [Living sacrifice]
Hos. 6:6 [Steadfast love not sacrifice]
Mic. 6:8 [showed thee what is good]
Continue working on your Psalm

Week 8: 3/28

Read Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Cost of Discipleship*, chs. 5-9.
Read/listen to the Andrew Murray, *With Christ in the School of Prayer* chs. 1-11
Journal Entry: Describe your best friendship.
Memory Verses: Philp. 4:6 [Everything with Pray]
Philp. 4:8 [think on these things]
Heb. 3:13, 10:24 [encourage one another]

Week 9: 4/4

Read Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Cost of Discipleship*, chs. 10-17.
Read/listen to the *Imitation of Christ* by Thomas a Kempis Book 2 (online)
Journal Entry: How has friendship impacted your spiritual life?
Memory Verses: Eph. 2:8-9 [Grace not works]
Gal. 6:2 [Carry each others burdens]
Matt. 22:37-38 [Love chief commands]

Week 10: 4/11

Read Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Cost of Discipleship*, chs. 18-26, 32.
Journal Entry: Describe your experience of worshipping God?
(Best of times/worst of times)
Present your Psalm
Memory Verses: Ps. 121:1-8 (I lift up my eyes)
Ps. 14:1 (as deer pants)

Week 11: 4/18

Read/listen to Tozer's *Pursuit of God*

Journal Entry: How deeply have you experienced God's in Scripture and in nature

Begin work on your virtue/character from Proverbs

Memory verses: Jer. 9:23-24; Hos. 6:6

Week 12: 5/2

Read/listen to Brother Lawrence, *Practicing the Presence of God*

Read/listen to Bernard of Clairvaux, "On the Love of God"

Journal: Where do you see yourself spiritually in 5 years?

Present your character/virtue from Proverbs

Memory verses: Isa. 55:8-9; 40:31;

Week 13: 5/9

Read/listen to *Imitation of Christ* by Thomas a Kempis Book I (online)

Journal: What is your vision for the future and how do you feel the call of God at this point?

Memory verses: Isa. 53:4-6;

Tentative Grading Procedures:

Much of this course will be very subjective by nature.

Personal Journal:	15%
Accountability Quizzes: readings, memory work]:	20%
Subjective grade [class participation, depth of entry into the contents of what is being discussed; attitudes; progress]	20%
Presentation on Biography	15%
Presentation of your prayer Psalm	15%
Presentation of your character/virtue from Proverbs	15%

Course Textbooks: (both of these can be found used on Amazon.com)

J. I. Packer, *Knowing God* (InterVarsity Press, 1998)

Dietrich Bonhoeffer. *Cost of Discipleship* (Touchstone, 1995)

Many of the assignments drawn off web site readings/listenings

COURSE POLICIES:

1. **ABSENCE POLICY:** Faithful and punctual attendance is expected. Skipping class is not advised as this is a seminar class. Penalties for cuts will be assessed into the final grade.
2. **LATE WORK POLICY:** Because this is a seminar class work will need to be completed for the time of the class otherwise it is not helpful to the community.
3. **CHEATING:** Any form of cheating whether on tests, plagiarizing or using someone else's work in a context where the work was to be your own will result in an automatic failure of the entire course.
4. **Students with Disabilities:** Students with disabilities who need academic accommodations must speak to professor and also inform him **in writing** regarding the nature of the disability and the request for specific accommodations within the first two weeks of class. Ann Seavey from the Academic Support Center must be made aware of and approve in writing the accommodations requested. Students are also responsible for making sure documentation of the disability is on file in the Academic Support Center. See Ann Seavey, Jenks 412 Ext 4746. Failure to register in time with the Professor and have the ASC approve the desired accommodations will compromise our ability to provide the desired accommodations.

GENERAL BOOKS ON SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:

Benne, Robert. Ordinary Saints: An Introduction to the Christian Life. (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1988). [Call of God; Christian nurture; places of responsibility; moral development; faith; love, hope, marriage and family life; work; public life; church]

Bloesch, Donald. The Crisis of Piety: Essays toward a theology of the Christian Life. (Colorado Springs: Helmers & Howard, 1988).

Culley, Iris. Education for Spiritual Growth. (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1984).

Dunnam, Maxie. Alive in Christ: The Dynamic Process of Spiritual Formation. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1982). [dying and rising with Christ, indwelling Christ, affirming presence; forgiving and healing presence; guiding and creating presence; converting presence; servant without portfolio]

Groeschel, Benedict J. Spiritual Passages: The Psychology of Spiritual Development. (NY: Crossroad, 1988). [Call of God; how Christian is my Spirituality? religious and spiritual development; psychology and spirituality; purgation; illuminative way; unitive way]

Hamilton, Neill. Maturing in the Christian Life (Philadelphia: The Geneva Press, 1984).

Leech, Kenneth. Soul Friend: The Practice of Christian Spirituality. (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1977).

Lundin, Roger & Noll, Mark. Voices from the Heart: Four Centuries of American Piety. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1987). [Classical readings from John Winthrop, Roger Williams, Jonathan Edwards, David Brainerd; Francis Asbury, Charles Finney, Charles Hodge; Dwight Moody, A.W. Tozer, Francis Schaeffer] What a collection.

MacDonald, Gordon. Ordering Your Private World. (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Pub, 1984).

_____. Restoring Your Spiritual Passion. (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Pub., 1986).

Massey, James E. Spiritual Disciplines: Growth through the practice of prayer, fasting, dialogue, and worship. (Grand Rapids: Francis Asbury Press, 1985).

May, Gerald. Will and Spirit: A Contemplative Psychology. (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1982). [unitive experience, searching; fear; love; tension; good and evil, encounter with evil]

_____. Care of Mind Care of Spirit: Psychiatric Dimensions of Spiritual Direction. (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1982). [Incarnation; Vision; mind: encounter; relationship; disorder; collegueship]

Peck, Scott The Road Less Traveled: A New Psychology of Love, Traditional Values and Spiritual Growth. (NY: Simon & Schuster, 1978). [Discipline; love, growth and religion, grace].

Peterson, Eugene H. A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society. (Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1980).

Richards, Lawrence. A Practical Theology of Spirituality (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1987). (Spirituality defined; identity, intimacy, sinfulness, Lordship, mortality, holiness, commitment).

Schaeffer, Francis. True Spirituality. (Wheaton: Tyndale House Pub., 1971).

Senn, Frank. Protestant Spiritual Traditions (NY: Paulist Press, 1986). [Lutheran spirituality; reformed spirituality; anabaptist spirituality; anglican spirituality etc.]

EVIL:

BOOKS ON EVIL FROM GRACE LIBRARY

Armstrong, Bondage Breaker (emphasizes the demonic oppression written in a popular style, many stories, not sure of its value in facing real or deep evil, fascination with the miraculous and easy solutions).

Bercker, Ernest. The Structure of Evil (NY: Macmillan, 1968). Referred to in Dykstra/Parks Faith Development and Fowler p. 40.

Bunyan, Pilgrim's Progress

Campolo, Anthony. Seven Deadly Sins (Wheaton: Victor Books, 1988). In typical flamboyant style Campolo exposes the classical seven deadly sins (sloth, lust, anger, pride, envy, gluttony, greed) in modern American culture. Easy reading yet very penetrating. Great book for church Sunday school level.

Lewis, C.S. Screwtape Letters. Good contrast to Peretti's demonic fascination.

Peck, Scott. People of the Lie (NY: Simon & Schuster; Touchstone Book, 1983). A look at evil from a psychoanalytic perspective. Shows the irrationality of evil and by the time Peck is done you realize how deeply evil has penetrated yourself and others from the inside out. Deeply personal book based on years of counseling people who have manifested the impact of evil in their behaviors and thought patterns. Peck exposes the presence of evil in those patterns with unbelievable accuracy.

Peretti, Frank E. This Present Darkness (Estate, ILL: Crossway Books, 1986). Facile fiction.

Stott, John. Confess Your Sins: The Way of Reconciliation. (Waco, TX: Word Books, 1964). [Secret Confession (to God); private confession (to an offended individual); public confession (to the church); auricular confession (to a priest)]

Wiesel, Elie. Night (NY: Bantam Books, 1960).

Elie Wiesel's book about a Jewish boy in Germany exposes the depths of evil in a war context. By being the story of one boy the evil nationally is brought to bear on the individual which makes the story more touching. What may well be missed in this story is the way evil makes itself into the Eliezer. Notice his struggle with it in relation to his father. Perhaps something that will be totally overlooked is the nature of evil in Eliezer's relationship to God. The hero of the story, yes while in one sense everything puts you on Eliezer's side if one stands back and witnesses the death of God for Eliezer one can see evil making its way into the hero who is actually overcome with it. God, not man, is scolded about his lack of involvement and disbelief is the final produce. God himself is made culpable and then absent from the whole story which is perhaps the biggest evil of this book embodied in the hero. This is a superb book on evil, hope etc. It covers a national evil for which Scot Peck's People of the Lie brings it more close to home on a personal level. These two books make a great pair exposing evil.

MONEY/SEX/POWER

Alexander, John. Your Money or Your Life: A New Look at Jesus' View of Wealth and Power. (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1986). [Grace Library: SQ50/A127y]

Ellul, Jacques. Money and Power. (Downers Grove: Inter-varsity Press, 1984) [Grace Library: SQ 37/E159m]

Foster, Richard. Money, Sex and Power

Griffiths, Brian. The Creation of Wealth: A Christian's Case for Capitalism. (Downers Grove: Inter-Varsity Press, 1984). [Grace Library: SR 20/ G875c]

Sider, Ronald. Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger: A Biblical Study. (Downers Grove: Inter-Varsity Press, 1980). [Grace Library: SQ40/Si13r]

LIBRARY BOOKS ON SIN

Bicknell, E.J. The Christian Idea of Sin and Original Sin in the Light of Modern Knowledge (Longman, Green & Co.).

Carroll, Frances L. Temptation: How Christians Can Deal with It. (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1984). RU43/C236t. Learning about Temptation; purpose of temptation; kinds of temptation; limits of temptation; the battle; dealing with temptation; Satan: his character and his goals; how others were tempted; power of his love; benefits and Rewards of Conquering temptation.

Cherbonnier, E. Las B. Hardness of Heart: A Contemporary Interpretation of the Doctrine of Sin (Doubleday).

Durham, Charles. Temptation: Help for Struggling Christians. (Downers Grove, ILL: InterVarsity Press, 1982). RU43/D934t. External problem: the world and the devil; internal problem: The flesh; What Causes weakness? Solutions [change your mind; know what God expects; know your enemy; walk by the spirit; build your walls; learn to run; accept chastening; build your faith; focus on the source of power; know the purpose of temptation; temptation and psychological problems]; Strictly for encouragement [you lost a battle--don't lose the War; when the war is over].

Fairlie, Henry. The Seven Deadly Sins today. (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1979). RU39/F164s. The fact of sin; pride; envy; anger; sloth; avarice; gluttony; lust; paths of love. Cf. Tony Campolo The Seven Deadly Sins.

Hall, Noel. The Seven Root Sins (Oxford University Press,);

Lewis, C.S. The Problem of Pain (NY: Macmillan Co. 1944). RU25/L585. Divine Omnipotence; divine goodness; human wickedness; the fall of man; human pain; hell; animal pain, heaven.

Myers, David G. The Inflated Self: Human Illusions and the Biblical Call to Hope. (NY:

Seabury Press, 1980). RU20/M992i. The Dynamics of Evil [psychology of personal evil; psychology of social evil; theology of evil]; Illusions of Human Thought [how we form and sustain false beliefs; ESP and the Paranormal phenomena; fallacious personality interpretation]; where then is hope? [Therapeutic psychology; self-serving religion; Christian hope]

Peterson, Michael. Evil and the Christian God. (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1982). RU20/P442e. Evil and Christianity; evil and inconsistency; evil, evidence, and God; analyzing the argument from gratuitous evil; toward a theodicy for our Day; existential problem of evil.

Plantinga, Alvin. God, Freedom, and Evil (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1974). RU20/P694g. Natural Atheology: the problem of evil. the free will defense; Could God have created a world containing moral good but no moral evil? Is God's existence Compatible with the amount of moral evil the world contains? is God's existence compatible with natural evil?; Natural theology [Cosmological argument; teleological argument; ontological argument; etc.].

Plantinga, Theodore. Learning to Live with Evil (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1982). RU20/P694l. Types of evil [natural evil, moral evil, demonic evil]; Conceptions of Evil [evil as ultimate: Manichaeism; evil as Necessary: Hegel; evil as Non-Being: platonists; evil as alienation from God: Augustine and Calvin; dimensions of evil]; Beholding evil [pornography and violence; suffering and sympathy; conflict; imagination and depiction]; Evil and Eschatology [punishment & moral education; liberal mind; judgment and the coming kingdom].

Ramm, Bernard. Offense To REason: A Theology of Sin. (NY: Harper and Row, 1985). Ru33/R146o. The Question Posed; If Adam Didn't, Who did? The case against the Human Race; If Adam Did, How? The Center of the Theology of sin; sin at Its root; consequences of sin; sin among the theologians; rationale for the doctrine of sin.

Rondet, Henri. The Theology of Sin. (Notre Dame: Fides Pub. Assc., 1960). RU33/R667t. Sin in the History of Religions [Greeks & Romans; Socrates, Plato, & Aristotle, Stoics]; Sin in Scripture [OT, Prophets; NT; St. Paul; St. John]; Sin in Christian Tradition [sin and personal responsibility; sin and the Last things; sin and penitance; Saint Augustine]; Sin in the History of Theology [Middle Ages; Council of Trent; secularization of morality]; Pastoral theology [concept of sin; mortal sin; degrees of sin; venial sin]; Decree of the Council of Trent. Catholic approach.

Sayers, Dorothy. The Other Six Deadly Sins (Methuen).

Schilling, S. Paul. God and Human Anguish. (Nashville: Abingdon, 1977).
 RU20/Sch33g. Many faces of evil; problems of evil; acceptance of mystery in faith; denial of positive reality to evil. dualism of good and evil; suffering as judgment; world as vale of soul-making; evil and an evolutionary natural order; freedom--perilous gift; interdependence, social and cosmic; cross at the heart of creation; providence: of God, sparrows, and people.

Surin, Kenneth. Theology and the Problem of Evil. (NY: Basil Blackwell Inc., 1986).
 RU20/Su77t. The possibility of Theodicy, theodicies with a "theoretical" emphasis; theodicies with a "Practical" emphasis; taking suffering seriously; salvation incarnate.

Vieth, Richard F. Holy Power, Human Pain. (Bloomington, IN: Meyer-Stone Books, 1988). RU20/V678h. "God It Hurts!": Pain, Suffering, and the Threat of Human Meaning; "Why, God?": Omnipotence Reconsidered; "Where is God?": Holiness Reconsidered; "The Devil Made me do it": Demonic Power and Human responsibility; "My God, My God...": Holy passion and compassion; We shall overcome: Human communion in affliction and Joy.

Whitney, Barry L. Evil and the Process God (NY: Edwin Mellen Press, Toronto Studies in Theology No. 19, 1985). RU20/W611e. The problem of Evil [good and evil; faith solution; rational solutions; process theodicy; evil and God's necessary existence]; the Process God [God as processive; God as persuasive]; Process Theodicy [evil and free will; aesthetic value and the overcoming of evil]

Yancey, Philip. Where is God when It Hurts. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1977).
 RU20/Y15w. A problem that won't go away; why is there such a thing as Pain? How people respond to extreme Pain; How can we cope with Pain? cf. Lewis Problem of Pain.

BOOKS ON PRAYER

Barclay, William. The Plain Man Looks at the Lord's Prayer. (Great Britain: Fount Paperbacks, Collins, 1964). [A praying people, our father, hallowed be thy name, Lord's prayer exposition] [U6.3/B235p]

*Bloesch, Donald. The Struggle of Prayer (Colorado Springs: Helmers & Howard, 1988).
 [Crisis of prayer; scriptural basis of prayer; dialogue with God; heartfelt supplication; prayer & mysticism; prayer and action; goal of prayer]

*Bounds, E.M. Power Through Prayer (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1973 reprint).

[prayerless preaching; talking to God about men; primacy of prayer; seeking God early; David Brainerd; prayer and learning; preacher and prayer]

_____. The Possibilities of Prayer. (Chicago: Moody Press, 1980). [Prayer and the promises, prayer--Its Possibilities; Answered prayer, prayer and divine providence] [UU5/B665po]

_____. The Reality of Prayer. (Chicago: Moody Press, 1980). [fills man's poverty with God's riches, Christ the teacher of prayer, Christ as example of prayer, model prayer, Gethsemane, Holy Spirit and Prayer] [UU5/ B665r]

_____. The Weapon of Prayer (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1931) [prayer essential to God; putting God to work; God's need of men who prayer, prayerless Christians; ministry and prayer, prayerlessness in the pulpit; modern examples of prayer] [UU5/ B665w]

Dods, Marcus. The Prayer That Teaches to Pray (New Canaan, Conn.: Keats Publishing, Inc. 1980). [Hallowed by thy name, they kingdom come,... Lord's prayer exposition] [UU6.3/D667]

Ellul, Jacques. Prayer and Modern Man (NY: The Seabury Press, 1970) [Intimate and reassuring views of prayer, fragile foundations of prayer, reasons for not praying, the only reason for praying, prayer as combat] [UU5/E159] ordered Herald 12/22

Getz, Gene A. Praying for One Another. (Wheaton: Victor Books, 1982). [A Biblical Priority; Unique Privilege, steadfast process, godly praise, God's providence, pastoral priority, fasting, Paul's personal petitions]. [UU5/ G335p]

Gibson, Elsie. Honest Prayer (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1981). [Who can teach us to Pray? What is Prayer? Is Faith Necessary? Is it right to pray for things? Should we pray for ourselves? Does Prayer change anything? Who needs the Church to pray?] [UU5/G357h]

*Greenberg, Moshe. Biblical Prose Prayer: As a window to the popular Religion of Ancient Israel. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1983). [spontaneity vs. prescription in prayer; social analogy, confessing; uniqueness of prose prayer as human communication]

*Hallesby, O. Prayer (Minneapolis: Augsburg Pub., 1931) [difficulties in prayer; work; wrestling in prayer; misuse of prayer; forms of prayer; problems of prayer]

Harries, Richard. Prayer and the Pursuit of Happiness. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1985)

[Starting where you want, happiness, peace, fulfillment, success, security, love]
[UU5/H235p]

Higgins, John J. Merton's Theology of Prayer (Spencer, Mass.: Cistercian Pub., 1971).
[Union with God; contemplative prayer, asceticism and Contemplative prayer, critical
evaluation] [UU5/H535m]

Hinten, Marvin D. God is Not a Vending Machine (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1983);
[Funny thing Happened on Way to Prayer meeting, most misunderstood parable in the Bible;
Changes in Attitude, prayer and pizza; prayer and Christian home] [UU5/H596g]

Hubbard, David A. The Practice of Prayer (Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1983).
[Why Pray at All? What Do I Say? Does God Really Hear? Can I pray about my
problems? I don't feel like praying? Can I be completely honest?] [UU5/ h861p]
ordered Herald 12/22

*Leech, Kenneth. True Prayer: An Invitation to Christian Spirituality. (San
Francisco: Harper & Row, Pub., 1980). [prayer and God; holiness; policies;
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