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## **The Wilderness, the Wild Man and the Wound** - Brian Christian Meagher 2012-04-02

In the spring of 1990 Brian set out to spend one year alone in the wilderness. It was to be his rite of initiation, the cutting of his ties to this world so he might belong to God completely. His hope was to learn the ancient skill of survival, understand the wisdom of the wilderness then return to the Yupik Eskimo youth and begin a program that integrated the wilderness and a relationship with God. Little did he know that God was to choose a wilderness far more foreboding than the forests of the Northwest to bring him to my masculine soul. Even more daunting was the fact that he would wander through this wilderness for over twenty-one years. This is his journey of becoming an initiated man of God: the descent into dark places, the facing of shadow, the embracing of the wounded boy and the awakening of the primal energies of God. It was a quest which demanded that he face darkness within and without, which was the gateway to the most profound spiritual experience of his 28 year journey with God."It is not often that we find rugged masculinity and vulnerable spirituality in the samebook. They are both here in abundance. Read this book, and be both fed and freed!" Fr. Richard Rohr,O.F.M.Center for Action and ContemplationAlbuquerque, New MexicoFounder of Men as Learners and Elders (MALEs)"Your work is a fascinating, deeply personal, fiercely honest, intriguing work of passion for God and men's work - something that has had my heart on fire since 2008 when I first read Wild at Heart by John Eldredge. It has inspired me in many ways." John Fontaine, Kentucky"This book is on par with Abbey, Thoreau, and Ted Kerasote, except that the spiritual realm is the center of the journey." Bill, Michigan"As a woman reviewer, I can also say I deeply related to many of the issues Brian wrestled with God over, and felt many of the same feelings Brian struggled with. It blessed me in the reading of it." Julie, Michigan

## **Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation** - Pope Paul VI. 1965

This document's purpose is to spell out the Church's understanding of the nature of revelation--the process whereby God communicates with human beings. It touches upon questions about Scripture, tradition, and the teaching authority of the Church. The major concern of the document is to proclaim a Catholic understanding of the Bible as the "word of God." Key elements include: Trinitarian structure, roles of apostles and bishops, and biblical reading in a historical context.

The Popol Vuh - Lewis Spence 1908

## **Theology of The Womb** - Christy Angelle Bauman 2019-12-06

If it is true that God is a male, then His Divinity or Deity is expressed in His masculinity. Yet I am a woman, and there are parts of my body; such as my breasts, my vagina, and my womb that are telling a story about God that I have never learned or understood. This is an exploration of the significance of a womb that must shed and bleed before it can create. How will we engage our body which cyclically bleeds most of our life and can build and birth a human soul? How will we honor the living womb, that lives and sometimes dies within us? This is a book about the theology found in the cycle of the womb, which births both life and death. Every day each one of us is invited to create, and every day we make a decision knowing that from our creation can come death or life. Women's voices have been silenced for a long time as society and the church has quieted their bodies. Will we courageously choose to listen to the sound of your voice, the song

of your womb, and speak for the world to hear?

## *Gods and Demons, Priests and Scholars* - Bruce Lincoln 2015-07-09

Bruce Lincoln is one of the most prominent advocates within religious studies for an uncompromisingly critical approach to the phenomenon of religion—historians of religions, he believes, should resist the preferred narratives and self-understanding of religions themselves, especially when their stories are endowed with sacred origins and authority. In *Gods and Demons, Priests and Scholars*, Lincoln assembles a collection of essays that both illustrates and reveals the benefits of his methodology, making a case for a critical religious studies that starts with skepticism but is neither cynical nor crude. The book begins with Lincoln's "Theses on Method" and ends with "The (Un)discipline of Religious Studies," in which he unsparingly considers the failings of uncritical and nonhistorical approaches to the study of religions. In between, Lincoln presents new examinations of problems in ancient religions and relates these cases to larger comparative themes. While bringing to light important features of the formation of pantheons and the constructions of demons, chaos, and the dead, Lincoln demonstrates that historians of religions should take religious things—inspired scriptures, sacred centers, salvific rites, communities graced by divine favor—as the theories of interested humans that shape perception, community, and experiences. As he shows, it is for their terrestrial influence, and not their sacred origins, that religious phenomena merit consideration by the historian. Tackling many questions central to religious study, *Gods and Demons, Priests and Scholars* will be a touchstone for the history of religions in the twenty-first century.

## **Seven Sacred Pauses** - Macrina Wiederkehr 2008-04-01

With over 25,000 copies sold of the hardcover version, this paperback edition of Macrina Wiederkehr's bestselling book, *Seven Sacred Pauses: Living Mindfully Through the Hours of the Day*, invites readers to learn how to pray the hours through the practice of consciously pausing at the seven sacred moments of each day, making their daily passage through time a more sacred pilgrimage. Using scripture, poetry, reflections, personal stories, and quotes from a rich array of spiritual teachers for many religions, Wiederkehr helps readers become more attuned to living in the present moment and develop a kindred spirit with the rich tradition of the sacred hours. *Seven Sacred Pauses* is a wonderful gift to those who seek to find balance in their busy days and to bring the practice of the Divine Hours home to their own hearts.

Sacred Eyes - L. Robert Keck 1992

## **Four Spiritualities** - Peter Tufts Richardson 1996

Uses the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator to illuminate four spiritualities that correspond to sixteen personality types

## **Breathtaking: Growing Up Mystic in America - Eleven Breaths for Life** - Elizabeth Bunker Zucker 2019-06-03

Breathtaking An invitation to know your life as a sacred quest. All is given to bring you home to your essential self. My first Mast of Breath was Horse. Horse took me into rivers and up mountains, always saying, hold on, let go of fear, I have you, Grace came and still I wanted to know what was behind the veil of appearances.I I wanted a map of meaning and the secrets of life and death. My next master showed me

how to fall off Horse. Then left to become a nun. Then there was Dadjji, an Indian miracle man. I first met Jeshua Ben Joseph looking out from a poster. After a volcano, a car crash and a flood, I came to know a way purse Presence. Finally the Breath of Life ignites the heart, where all arises. Elizabeth began sharing Yoga and the breath thirty-three years ago. A Vassar graduate with an MFA in writing, she lives with her husband David, St. George the mule and two ponies, in the hill of New Hampshire. One thing to remember? The cosmos is not serious! "Breath is the body of God." - Suri wisdom

[A None's Story](#) - Corinna Nicolaou 2016-03-29

The rising population known as "nones" for its members' lack of religious affiliation is changing American society, politics, and culture. Many nones believe in God and even visit places of worship, but they do not identify with a specific faith or belong to a spiritual community. Corinna Nicolaou is a none, and in this layered narrative, she describes what it is like for her and thousands of others to live without religion or to be spiritual without committing to a specific faith. Nicolaou tours America's major traditional religions to see what, if anything, one might lack without God. She moves through Christianity's denominations, learning their tenets and worshiping alongside their followers. She travels to Los Angeles to immerse herself in Judaism, Berkeley to educate herself about Buddhism, and Dallas and Washington, D.C., to familiarize herself with Islam. She explores what light they can shed on the fears and failings of her past, and these encounters prove the significant role religion still plays in modern life. They also exemplify the vibrant relationship between religion and American culture and the enduring value it provides to immigrants and outsiders. Though she remains a devout none, Nicolaou's experiences reveal points of contact between the religious and the unaffiliated, suggesting that nones may be radically revising the practice of faith in contemporary times.

**Sacred Power, Sacred Space** - Jeanne Halgren Kilde 2008-07-21

Jeanne Halgren Kilde's survey of church architecture is unlike any other. Her main concern is not the buildings themselves, but rather the dynamic character of Christianity and how church buildings shape and influence the religion. Kilde argues that a primary function of church buildings is to represent and reify three different types of power: divine power, or ideas about God; personal empowerment as manifested in the individual's perceived relationship to the divine; and social power, meaning the relationships between groups such as clergy and laity. Each type intersects with notions of Christian creed, cult, and code, and is represented spatially and materially in church buildings. Kilde explores these categories chronologically, from the early church to the twentieth century. She considers the form, organization, and use of worship rooms; the location of churches; and the interaction between churches and the wider culture. Church buildings have been integral to Christianity, and Kilde's important study sheds new light on the way they impact all aspects of the religion. Neither mere witnesses to transformations of religious thought or nor simple backgrounds for religious practice, church buildings are, in Kilde's view, dynamic participants in religious change and goldmines of information on Christianity itself.

**The Sacred Quest** - Lawrence Cunningham 1995

Taking a thematic and comparative approach, this book provides a clear, concise introduction to the study of religion. The Sacred Quest examines the main ideas that characterize all religious thought and practice, with particular emphasis on such fundamental topics as ritual, sacred language, ethics, salvation, and the problem of evil. The Second Edition features a number of new thought experiments. Topics include the Supreme Court rulings on religious holiday displays, the relationships between religion and environmental attitudes, and more. In addition, the authors now include a brief survey of the history of religious studies in the introduction, present a streamlined discussion of ethics, and update all terms and references.

**Sacred Manhood, Sacred Earth** - Joseph Jastrab 1995

[Sacred Fury](#) - Charles Selengut 2017-01-12

From ISIS attacks to the conflict between Israel and Palestine, Sacred Fury explores the connections between faith and violence in world religions. Author Charles Selengut looks at religion as both a force for peace and for violence, and he asks key questions such as how "religious" is this violence and what drives the faithful to attack in the names of their beliefs? Revised throughout, the third edition features new material on violence in Buddhism and Hinduism, the rise of ISIS, "lone wolf terrorists," and more. This up-

to-date edition draws on a variety of disciplines to comprehend forms of religious violence both historically and in the present day. The third edition of Sacred Fury is an essential resource for understanding the connections between faith and violence.

**Invitation to Sociology** - Peter L. Berger 2011-04-26

The most popularly read, adapted, anthologized, and incorporated primer on sociology ever written for modern readers Acclaimed scholar and sociologist Peter L. Berger lays the groundwork for a clear understanding of sociology in his straightforward introduction to the field, much loved by students, professors, and general readers. Berger aligns sociology in the humanist tradition—revealing its relationship to the humanities and philosophy—and establishes its importance in thinking critically about the modern world. Throughout, Berger presents the contributions of some of the most important sociologists of the time, including Max Weber, Émile Durkheim, Vilfredo Pareto, and Thorstein Veblen.

[The Sacred Project of American Sociology](#) - Christian Smith 2014

This text shows counter-intuitively, that the secular enterprise that everyday sociology appears to be pursuing is actually not what is really going on at sociology's deepest level. Sociology today is in fact animated by sacred impulses, driven by sacred commitments, and serves a sacred project. The book re-asserts a vision for what sociology is most important for, in contrast with its current commitments, and calls sociologists back to a more honest, fair, and healthy vision of its purpose.

**Invitation to Solitude and Silence** - Ruth Haley Barton 2009-08-20

Much of our faith and practice is about words—preaching, teaching, talking with others. Yet all of these words are not enough to take us into the real presence of God. This book is an invitation to meet God deeply and fully through solitude and silence. This expanded edition includes a guide for groups to use for both discussion and practice.

**Spirituality: A Very Short Introduction** - Philip Sheldrake 2012-11-29

It has been suggested that 'spirituality' has become a word that 'can define an era'. Why? Because paradoxically, alongside a decline in traditional religious affiliations, the growing interest in spirituality and the use of the word in a variety of contexts is a striking aspect of contemporary western cultures. Indeed, spirituality is sometimes contrasted attractively with religion, although this is problematic and implies that religion is essentially dogma, moralism, institutions, buildings, and hierarchies. The notion of spirituality expresses the fact that many people are driven by goals that concern more than material satisfaction. Broadly, it refers to the deepest values and sense of meaning by which people seek to live. Sometimes these values are conventionally religious. Sometimes they are associated with what is understood as 'the sacred' in a broader sense - that is, of ultimate rather than merely instrumental importance. This Very Short Introduction, written by one of the most eminent scholars and writers on spirituality, explores the historical foundations of the thought and considers how it came to have the significance it is developing today. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

**The Quest of the Historical Jesus** - Albert Schweitzer 1911

First published in 1910.

**Studyguide for the Sacred Quest** - Cram101 Textbook Reviews 2013-05

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[Free Roll](#) - Brandt Tobler 2017-05-22

Have you ever wondered: What it's like to daily bet hundreds of thousands of dollars working for some of the largest professional gamblers in Las Vegas? ... How to spend a summer house sitting one of the biggest stars in the world's 11,000 square-foot mansion - without an invitation from it's celebrity owner ... Whether the life of crime - specifically, running a shoplifting ring in a middle American mall - pays? ... What causes a son to finally say enough is enough ... and decide "Today is the day I am going to kill my dad." Comedian

Brandt Tobler has the answers in this funny, touching and sometimes downright unbelievable memoir of a small town Wyoming-kid turned "mall-fia" don, turned nationally touring comic. Brand tells his life story with candor, detailing the many pit stops, wrong turns, crazy connections and lucky breaks he experienced along the way to his comedy career, all while trying to balance a toxic relationship with his unreliable jailbird dad. In these pages Brandt will make you laugh (he better - it's his job!) and believe as he does that, when it comes to defining family, blood isn't always thicker than water. -- back cover.

**The Sacred Enneagram** - Christopher L. Heuertz 2017-09-05

Most of us spend a lifetime trying to figure out who we are and how we relate to others and God. The Enneagram is here to help. Far more than a personality test, author Chris Heuertz teaches us that the Enneagram is a sacred map to the soul. Lies about who we think we are keep us trapped in loops of self-defeat, but the Enneagram uniquely reveals nine ways we get lost, as well as nine ways we find our way home to our true self and to God. Whether you are an enthusiast or simply Enneagram-curious, this groundbreaking guide to the spiritual depth of the Enneagram will help you: Understand the "why" behind your type beyond caricatures and stereotypes Identify and find freedom from self-destructive patterns Learn how to work with your type toward spiritual growth Awaken your unique gifts to serve today's broken world Richly insightful and deeply practical, The Sacred Enneagram is your invitation to begin the journey of a life transformed. Praise for The Sacred Enneagram: "Integrated within these pages is Chris's extensive knowledge and understanding of this ancient tool, along with depth in his teaching of contemplative spirituality as practiced by Jesus. Readers are offered a powerful way forward in their unique journey of spiritual transformation through aligning Christian contemplative prayer postures to specific Enneagram types." --Nina M. Barnes, Dean of Spiritual Formation & Leadership, University of Northwestern-St. Paul "The Sacred Enneagram is a groundbreaking contribution to the Enneagram community, providing unique spiritual growth insights for all nine types. If you're not yet convinced of the value, depth, and accuracy of the Enneagram, Chris demystifies and makes this ancient wisdom more accessible than ever." --George Mekhail, pastor, The Riverside Church NYC

**Book Of Vision Quest** - Steven Foster 1989-01-20

Blending numerous heritages, wisdoms, and teachings, this powerfully wrought book encourages people to take charge of their lives, heal themselves, and grow. Movingly rendered, The Book of the Vision Quest is for all who long for renewal and personal transformation. In this revised edition—with two new chapters and added tales from vision questers—Steven Foster recounts his experiences guiding contemporary seekers. He recreates an ancient rite of passage—that of “dying,” “passing through,” and “being reborn”—known as a vision quest. A sacred ceremony that culminates in a three-day, three-night fast, alone, in a place of natural power, the vision quest is a mystical, practical, and intensely personal journey of self-knowledge.

**Crossing to Avalon** - Jean Shinoda Bolen 1995-02-03

A MIDLIFE QUEST FOR THE GRAIL AND THE GODDESS Dr Jean Shinoda Bolen's extraordinary memoir celebrates the pilgrimage that heralded her spiritual awakening and leads readers down the path of self-discovery. In this account of her journey to Europe

**Liturgy of the Ordinary** - Tish Harrison Warren 2016-11-01

Framed around one ordinary day, this book explores daily life through the lens of liturgy, small practices, and habits that form us. Each chapter looks at something author Tish Harrison Warren does in a day—making the bed, brushing her teeth, losing her keys—and relates it to spiritual practice as well as to our Sunday worship.

*The Sacred Quest* - Lawrence Cunningham 2012-01

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**Sacred Rhythms** - Ruth Haley Barton 2009-12-14

Picking up on the monastic tradition of creating a "rule of life" that allows for regular space for the practice of spiritual disciplines, Ruth Haley Barton takes you more deeply into understanding seven key spiritual disciplines along with practical ideas for weaving them into everyday life.

**Travelling the Sacred Sound Current** - Deborah Van Dyke 2001

**Sacred Encounters from Rome to Jerusalem** - Tamara Park 2008-11-19

Tamara Park and a couple of friends flew to Rome and from there followed the footsteps of Helena, mother of the first Christian emperor of ancient Rome, on a meandering path to Jerusalem. Along the way, she sat on all sorts of benches and talked with all sorts of people about how they thought of God. This book is that story.

**Burning Down the Fireproof Hotel** - Cary Campbell Umhau 2014-12-23

Cary Umhau had everything she'd ever wanted -- beautiful children, a healthy bank account, even, she'd been told, a ticket to heaven. Yet something felt desperately wrong. Somewhere on the road to the American Dream, her happy Christian life had become a fireproof fortress -- one that kept the world's pain at bay but left her all too safe from God's burning love. And she learned that he would do anything to break her out. Including -- it seemed -- breaking her. Burning Down the Fireproof Hotel is part memoir, part manifesto for the spacious life that's waiting for all of us beyond our private prisons.

**Secrets of the Sacred Heart** - Emily Jaminet 2020-10-16

Do you yearn for the peace, protection, and joy of a Christ-centered home? The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the answer. Bestselling and award-winning author Emily Jaminet takes up each of the twelve promises Christ made to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in a series of visions, puts a fresh new spin on the classic Catholic devotion, and invites you and your family to experience the profound spiritual benefits you will receive when you keep the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the center of your home. Appearing to her in a series of visions in 1673, Jesus promised St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that those who “expose and honor his most Sacred Heart” will find peace in the home, consolation in sorrow, and a source of refuge in times of trouble. In *Secrets of the Sacred Heart*, Emily Jaminet—executive director of the Sacred Heart Enthronement Network—weaves personal testimony, teachings, and reflection questions while exploring and applying each of Christ’s promises. Jaminet will guide you through a special enthronement ceremony to dedicate your home and inspire you to a lifelong devotion to the Sacred Heart. Whether you have already consecrated your home or are newly embarking on the journey of discovering the graces of this ancient practice, you will find a personal encounter with Jesus, who promises: peace in your home, safe refuge in life and death, blessings on your undertakings, an infinite source of mercy, and a restored and enlivened faith for those who surrender themselves wholly to Christ. Videos and additional resources can be found at [WelcomeHisHeart.com](http://WelcomeHisHeart.com).

**Sacred Fire** - Ronald Rolheiser 2014-03-11

When one reaches the highest degree of human maturity, one has only one question left: How can I be helpful?—TERESA OF ÁVILA Beloved author Ronald Rolheiser continues his search for an accessible and

penetrating Christian spirituality in this highly anticipated follow-up to the contemporary classic, *The Holy Longing*. With his trademark acuity, wit, and thoughtfulness, Rolheiser shows how identifying and embracing discipleship will lead to new heights of spiritual awareness and maturity. In this new book, Rolheiser takes us on a journey through the dark night of the senses and of the spirit. Here, we experience the full gamut of human life, pleasure and fervor, disillusionment and boredom. But, as Rolheiser explains, when we embrace the struggle and yearning to know God we can experience too a profound re-understanding to our daily lives. "What lies beyond the essentials, the basics?" Rolheiser writes. "Where do we go once some of the basic questions in our lives have been answered, or at least brought to enough peace that our focus can shift away from ourselves to others? Where do we go once the basic questions in our lives are no longer the restless questions of youthful insecurity and loneliness? Who am I? Who loves me? How will my life turn out? Where do we go once the basic question in life becomes: How can I give my life away more purely, and more meaningfully? How do I live beyond my own heartaches, headaches, and obsessions so as to help make other peoples' lives more meaningful? The intent of this book is to try to address exactly those questions: How can we live less self-centered, more mature lives? What constitutes deep maturity and how do we reach that place? And, not unimportantly, what constitutes a more adult, Christian discipleship? What constitutes a truly mature following of Jesus?" As the poet Rainer Maria Rilke suggests, "Live the questions now." In *Sacred Fire*, Rolheiser's deeply affecting prose urges us on in pursuit of the most holy of all passions—a deep and lasting intimacy with God.

*Studyguide for the Sacred Quest* - Cram101 Textbook Reviews 2013-01-01

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**The Set-Apart Woman** - Leslie Ludy 2015-03-20

In *The Set-Apart Woman*, women of all ages will be encouraged to stay grounded in Jesus amid the many distractions and temptations of their daily lives. Biblical truths will help readers understand what it means to live the consecrated life, set apart for God's purposes. Readers will apply these truths to practical areas of struggle that women face on a daily basis, such as sinful attitudes and patterns and other hindrances to our souls.

**Invitation to Catholicism** - Alice L. Camille 2001

Everyone from inquirers and catechumens to lifelong Catholics will welcome the easy-to-understand, logical explanations found in this clear, concise overview of Catholic beliefs and church teachings. God, Jesus, Mary and the saints, the Bible, Mass, sacraments and prayer, plus moral and virtuous Christian living are all presented in a gentle yet persuasive manner that encourages acceptance and fosters genuine understanding. The appendix contains a treasury of Catholic prayers and devotions. Discussion questions and activities at the end of each chapter make *Invitation to Catholicism* ideal for RCIA and adult study groups. It is perfect for Catholics who want to move beyond the basic knowledge they received as children in religion classes. It offers a contemporary explanation of Catholicism that is grounded in the history and traditions of the church. Non-Catholics will find it a handy guide to what Catholics believe today. Book

jacket.

**Rediscovering the Dead Sea Scrolls** - Maxine L. Grossman 2010-06-28

"Fifteen respected DSS scholars representing diverse perspectives offer here a window into the scholarly study of these ancient texts. *Rediscovering the Dead Sea Scrolls* introduces readers to a wide range of established and experimental treatments of the Scrolls, including paleography, archaeology, manuscript analysis, and a variety of literary, historical, and social scientific approaches. The authors provide not only an introduction to a given approach but also a more self-reflective assessment of the limits of their approaches and the potential pitfalls associated with them."--From publisher description.

*Introduction to the Study of Religion* - Kathleen S. Nash 2013

This introductory text helps students think through the basic questions that arise in the study of religion. What is the nature of religious experience? How does religion shape the actions of individuals and communities? How does religion promote or inhibit human development and well-being? This 2nd edition has been updated throughout, including new examples, new themes such as religious fundamentalism and violence, and a new emphasis on environmental issues.

**Living Religions** - Mary Pat Fisher 2014

Religion is not a museum piece but a vibrant force in the lives of many people around the world. *Living Religions* is a sympathetic approach to what is living and significant in the world's major religious traditions and in various new movements that are arising. This book provides a clear and straightforward account of the development, doctrines, and practices of the major faiths followed today.

**Crafting a Rule of Life** - Stephen A. Macchia 2012-02-24

In this practical workbook Stephen A. Macchia looks to St. Benedict as a guide for discovering your rule of life. It takes time and effort; you must listen to God and discern what he wants you to be and do for his glory. But through the disciplines of Scripture, prayer and reflection with a small group you will journey toward Christlikeness.

*Sacred Time* - Christine Valters Paintner 2021-02-19

We live in a world where there never seems to be enough time for all we want and need to do. In *Sacred Time: Embracing an Intentional Way of Life*, Christine Valters Paintner guides us as we move beyond our own lives and embrace a world that urges us toward rest, reflection, and growth. In *Sacred Time*, Paintner, abbess of the online Abbey of the Arts, shows us how by becoming in tune with the rhythms of the natural world, we can live more intentionally and experience a conversion toward a more expansive way of being. Paintner introduces us to the eight cycles of sacred time that exist in our everyday lives. These cycles that can ground us through our busy lives are breath, rhythms of the day, weekly rhythms and Sabbath rest, waxing and waning lunar cycles, seasons of the year, seasons of a lifetime, ancestral time, and cosmic time. Each cycle encourages us to mindfully consider the time that passes as quickly as each breath and as slowly as the passing of generations. Within each cycle, we find wisdom from sacred tradition and the saints, including St. Benedict, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and St. Hildegard of Bingen; room for growth; and the presence of the Divine. Along the way, we are also given scriptural guidance, and we are invited to spiritual practices and creative explorations that will help deepen our understanding of each cycle, allow that understanding to take root in our lives, and expand our lives beyond the pressures of each day.