

Seeds Of Peace Contemplation And Non Violence

Living Nonviolently: Language for Resisting Violence proposes distinctions of language that effectively address issues of force, power, aggressiveness, violence and war. No other book provides such a consistent language for living nonviolently through examples drawn from nonhuman animals, human infancy, personal transactions, domestic politics, and international conflicts.

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Timothy Radcliffe holds a unique position in the modern Catholic Church. As Master of the Dominican Order in Rome for nine years, he held one of the most senior and influential appointments the Catholic Church has on offer. But he is a member of an Order of Preachers and is thus truly apostolic. The order's motto consists of one word, Veritas (Truth), and it is the vigorous pursuit of intellectual and emotional truth which is the hallmark of his writing. This new book will not disappoint his admirers. Here, Fr Radcliffe argues that Christianity will only thrive today, overcoming the challenges of secularism and religious fundamentalism, if we rediscover the beauty of baptism. It touches the deepest dramas of human life: birth, growing up, falling in love, daring to give oneself to others, searching for meaning, coping with suffering and failure, and eventually death.

An interfaith exploration of spiritual direction

This book contains the workings of my heart. My attempt to find the silver lining in the most painful moments. I have depicted the inner journey akin to a blossoming flower. If you are afraid of feeling, this book will help you to honour that. Any reader, no matter how novice on the spiritual journey or how refined- can find peace in contemplation and reflection. "Seeds of

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Light" will enrich your soul, enrapturing the mind with the elements of love, pain, joy, and truth.
- Jaskiran Singh

“The First Peace; My Search for the Better Angels” is a spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and perhaps educational memoir that spans fifty-plus years, eleven states, three countries, military and seminary, birth and death, marriage and divorce, three Christian denominations, and a monastery. This memoir is a journey through faith and knowledge, hope and reality, love and experience. The author attempts to reconcile what he has been taught, what he believes, what he experiences, what he knows, what he wants, and what he perceives. His unacknowledged question: What do we do when we evolve beyond the “faith of our fathers” (and/or mothers)? After a life of seeking to understand through the lens of Christianity (and other religions), the author comes to understand that religious beliefs and dogma may become a barrier to faith and understanding. The author learns that liberty entails responsibility, faith requires self-reliance, and enlightenment is found within. Liberty and freedom entail responsibility, responsibly that no other person or institution can assume for use. We remain responsible for our actions and inactions. No person, government, or religious institution can assume or remove our responsibility for our actions, for our lives. “The First Peace; My Search for the Better Angels” is an attempt to weave a tapestry of stories, ideas and ideals, ethics, experiences, and expressions – with the goal (and hope) to entertain, inform, educate, persuade, stimulate, and even challenge. Perhaps “The First Peace; My Search for the Better Angels” will remind you of your own experiences, thoughts, and feelings that provide some measure of contentment, but also some measure of challenge, even conflict. The silence beyond those reminders is where we find “the first peace” and where we are “at liberty to be

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real” and where “the better angels of our nature” touch us.

As reviewed by New York Times best-selling author Ellen Tanner Marsh, "In clear, heartfelt prose, DeVore describes a brave and unflinching confrontation with his past, made necessary in order for him to have a more meaningful future. War, he realized, isn't just one man's experience--it's the sum total experience of an entire country. To stop wars, he argues, we must understand them and why we seem to need them." "The gut-wrenching brutality experienced by American soldiers in Vietnam was for many the beginning of a lifelong personal struggle. Unlike many veterans, who were unable to cope after returning to civilian life, John DeVore moved with facility from success as an Army officer to success in corporate America. Nevertheless, like many other veterans, the war haunted DeVore and finally--in a process he narrates in this book--compelled him to make a commitment to free himself and our country from the addiction to war." --Joel Andreas, author of *Addicted to War: Why the U.S. Can't Kick Militarism* "John DeVore's important book chronicles the remarkable transformation of a professional soldier to a 'spiritual warrior' of peace. A must-read for those interested in exploring the possibilities of a less violent global future." --Manfred B. Steger, professor of politics and government, Illinois State University; research fellow, Globalization Research Center, University of Hawai'i at Manoa "DeVore offers a simple explanation of the interconnectedness of his Western cultural conditioning, globalization, the reality of war, his civilian and military careers, and his search for spiritual roots. He certainly is a living example of the fearlessness and desire to help others that can begin to emerge through willingness to work with personal emotional turbulence, fear, anger, pride, envy, selfishness, ignorance, etc., on a daily basis. His story really helps us experience that it is possible to turn bad things to

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good things." --Ringu Tulku, internationally recognized teacher and author of Daring Steps Toward Fearlessness, Path to Buddhahood, Lazy Lama Series, Comment on Gampopa's 'Jewel Ornament of Liberation', Mind Training, The Boy Who Had a Dream, and A Perspective on Living and Dying. Ringu Tulku was born in Eastern Tibet in 1952 and was a professor of Tibetan studies for seventeen years. He travels extensively, teaches at Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado, and is director of seven meditation centers in Europe, the United States, and India. His home is Gangtok, Sikkim, in India, and his Bodhicharya website is www.bodhicharya.org.

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"A real find for the aspiring writer."--"The Associated Press "In-depth information."--"The Writer Who are they? What do they want? How do you win them over? Find the answers to these questions and more in the 1998-1999 edition of the "Writer's Guide to Book Editors, Publishers, and Literary Agents by Jeff Herman. Filled with "the information authors and aspiring authors need in order to avoid having a manuscript end up in the "slush pile," this comprehensive listing is organized in an easy-to-use format. It includes in-depth information about publishing houses and literary agents in the United States and Canada. The specifics include the names and addresses of editors and agents, what they're looking for, comission rates, and other key information. In addition, readers will discover the most common mistakes people make while attempting to solicit an agent (and how to avoid them) as well as numerous suggestions designed to increase the chances of getting representation. "Writer's Guide to Book Editors, Publishers, and Literary Agents also includes dozens of valuable essays giving readers insight and guidance into such topics as: - How to Write the Perfect Query Letter - The Knockout Nonfiction Book Proposal - How to Thrive After Signing a Publishing Contract - Mastering Ghostwriting and Collaboration - Free Versus Fee: The Issue of Literary Agency Fees About the Author "Jeff Herman is the founder of The Jeff Herman Literary Agency, a leading New York agency. He has sold hundreds of titles and represents dozens of top authors. Herman frequently speaks to writer's groups and at conferences on the topic of getting published.

This volume is a stimulating series of spiritual reflections which will prove helpful for all struggling to find the meaning of human existence and to live the richest, fullest and noblest

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life. --Chicago Tribune

In print for more than forty years, *New Seeds of Contemplation* has served as a guide to the contemplative life for several generations of spiritual seekers. The word contemplation is itself somewhat problematical, according to Thomas Merton: "It can become almost a magic word, or if not magic, then 'inspirational,' which is almost as bad." In this modern Christian classic, Merton reveals contemplation to be nothing other than "life itself, fully awake, fully active, fully aware that it is alive." The thirty-nine short "seeds" that make up this book are intended to awaken and cultivate the contemplative, mystical dimension of the spiritual path for everyone. *New Seeds of Contemplation* is a revised and expanded version of Merton's earlier book *Seeds of Contemplation*.

An intensely personal devotional book from Thomas Merton, the ultimate spiritual writer of our time, showing his contemplative and religious side through his prayers and rarely-seen drawings. The only Merton gift book available. *Dialogues with Silence* contains a selection of prayers from throughout Merton's life--from his journals, letters, poetry, books--accompanied by all 100 of Merton's rarely seen, delightful Zen-like pen-and-ink drawings, and will attract new readers as well as Merton devotees. There is no other Merton devotional like this, and the paperback edition will be elegantly designed and packaged.

Prayer is one of the most important areas of a Christian's life. Written in 2010 by spiritual formation leader, Bishop Rueben P. Job, *When You Pray* has reached over 20,000 readers since its publication. This daily prayer guide offers a full year of readings and scripture and is an excellent tool to use in daily prayer time. Each four-page weekly segment includes daily office of scripture, prayer, offering of self and blessing plus a brief essay from the author and

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collection of quotes from well-known voices in spiritual formation. The new edition will include the same weekly scripture suggestions and essays with refreshed quotes and additional material and prayers. In addition, readers will find helps in the back of the book offer ways to explore prayer as a group or as a family.

Historians often ignore the day-to-day struggles of ordinary people to improve their lives. They tend to focus on the accomplishments of illustrious leaders. *Peace Education from the Grassroots* tells the stories of concerned citizens, teachers, and grassroots peace activists who have struggled to counteract high levels of violence by teaching about the sources for violence and strategies for peace. The stories told here come from the grass roots meaning the educators are close to the forms of violence they are addressing. This collection of essays tells how citizens at the grassroots level developed peace education initiatives in thirteen different nations (Belgium, Canada, El Salvador, Germany, India, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, the Philippines, South Korea, Spain, Uganda, and the United States). A fourteenth article describes the efforts of the International Red Cross to implement a human rights curriculum to teachers on the ground in the Balkans, Iran, Senegal, and the United States. These chapters describe a variety of schools, colleges, peace movement organizations, community-based organizations, and international nongovernmental organizations engaged in peace education. Selected from the books of minister and physical therapist Tom Hafer, readers will find encouragement through timeless wisdom and sacred spiritual teachings in simple and digestible modern language. In a world of increased anxiety and isolation, *Planting Peace* is a tool for deeper self-reflection, encouragement for healthier living, and meaningful community building. These devotions work best when read prior to a long walk, preferably in nature,

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preferably with a friend.

In this classic text, Thomas Merton offers valuable guidance for prayer. He brings together a wealth of meditative and mystical influences—from John of the Cross to Eastern desert monasticism—to create a spiritual path for today. Most important, he shows how the peace contacted through meditation should not be sought in order to evade the problems of contemporary life, but can instead be directed back out into the world to affect positive change. *Contemplative Prayer* is one of the most well-known works of spirituality of the last one hundred years, and it is a must-read for all seeking to live a life of purpose in today's world. In a moving and profound introduction, Thich Nhat Hanh offers his personal recollections of Merton and compares the contemplative traditions of East and West.

How can Christianity touch the imagination of our contemporaries when ever fewer people in the West identify as religious? Timothy Radcliffe argues we must show how everything we believe is an invitation to live fully. God says: 'I put before you life and death: choose life'. Anyone who understands the beauty and messiness of human life – novelists, poets, filmmakers and so on – can be our allies, whether they believe or not. The challenge is not today's secularism but its banality. We accompany the disciples as they struggle to understand this strange man who heals, casts out demons and offers endless forgiveness. In the face of death, he teaches them what it means to be alive in God. Then he embraces all that afflicts and crushes humanity. Finally, Radcliffe explores what it means for us to be alive spiritually, physically, sacramentally, justly and prayerfully. The result is a compelling new understanding of the words of Jesus: 'I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

Originally published in 1992, the critically acclaimed *Seeds of Nonviolence* chronicles John

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Dear's early experiments in Gospel nonviolence, from his service to the homeless in Washington, DC; various nonviolent civil disobedience actions against war and injustice; journals and diaries from Central America, the Philippines, death row, the Abbey of Gethsemani and elsewhere; essays on the theological and biblical roots of nonviolence; and a closing journal of peacemaking kept during the First Gulf War in 1991. Writing in the tradition of Martin Luther King Jr., Dorothy Day, and Mahatma Gandhi, John Dear shares his reflections and theology on the run, from the front lines of the struggle for justice and peace. *Seeds of Nonviolence* inspires us to undertake our own experiments in Gospel nonviolence and to reap a new harvest of peace and justice.

Simple text and photographs depict types of flower seeds, how they travel, and what happens when they are planted.

William Shannon offers hope and answers to all of us who want peace in our personal lives, our relationships, and the world in which we live.

A modern-day Confessions of Saint Augustine, *The Seven Storey Mountain* is one of the most influential religious works of the twentieth century. This edition contains an introduction by Merton's editor, Robert Giroux, and a note to the reader by biographer William H. Shannon. It tells of the growing restlessness of a brilliant and passionate young man whose search for peace and faith leads him, at the age of twenty-six, to take vows in one of the most demanding Catholic orders—the Trappist monks. At the Abbey of Gethsemani, "the four walls of my new freedom," Thomas Merton struggles to withdraw from the world, but only after he has fully immersed himself in it. *The Seven Storey Mountain* has been a favorite of readers ranging from Graham Greene to Claire Booth Luce, Eldridge Cleaver, and Frank McCourt. Since its

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original publication this timeless spiritual tome has been published in over twenty languages and has touched millions of lives.

Thomas Merton (1915-1968) is one of the foremost spiritual thinkers of the twentieth century. Though he lived a mostly solitary existence as a Trappist monk, he had a dynamic impact on world affairs through his writing. An outspoken proponent of the antiwar and civil rights movements, he was both hailed as a prophet and castigated for his social criticism. He was also unique among religious leaders in his embrace of Eastern mysticism, positing it as complementary to the Western sacred tradition. Merton is the author of over forty books of poetry, essays, and religious writing, including *Mystics and Zen Masters*, and *The Seven Storey Mountain*, for which he is best known. His work continues to be widely read to this day.

"If we put away all the etymological jargon and destroy all self-created images and technical descriptions, then it is as simple as this - a moral being is a good being - a religious being - a conscientious being - a wise being." Abhijit Naskar is the name of an idea that has swept the world off its feet with the realization of one humanity. The humanizing ideas of this twenty-first century thinker have been at the fore-front of global harmony and peace. In this book, Naskar takes us on a joy-ride of realization of our inner morality. He quite boldly trumps all intellectual assumptions of morality, and proclaims it to be realized, worked on and acted on, by nobody else but ourselves. Here he tears apart all claims of exclusive possessions of morality by the scientific, philosophical and religious communities, and places it where it is born in the first place - the human mind.

Peace can be elusive. And even for the well educated or the well traveled, one can seek the concept of peace but have difficulty understanding it, much less attaining it. This raises an

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interesting question: Is there a practical and proven path to both understanding and experiencing peace? *Owning and Sowing Seeds of Peace* examines various attributes and shades of peace. The text elucidates on some generic sources of turmoil that threaten to disrupt the cultivation of peace. Exploring spirituality, author Francis S. Nicol references three major world religions, and amply examines varied manifestations of turmoil and their contrasting influence on peace. Personal experience, readings, and research in relevant fields provide the basis for analysis, interpretation, and content presentation. Dr Nicol's autobiographical investigation presents useful orientations and conditions for attaining, restoring, and maintaining peace. The recount of his relevant life experiences is rich, riveting, and inspiring.

"To take care of each other should be our primary concern in this 21st century and Father Dear is steady on this course." --Thich Nhat Hanh For John Dear, a Jesuit priest and respected leader of the ecumenical peace movement, the spiritual life is a combination of contemplation and action, of maintaining inner peace and projecting that peace into the greater world. It is the spirituality exemplified by the lives of Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Mother Teresa, the Dalai Lama, and others throughout history who remained true to the highest ideals while addressing the most difficult problems and conflicts of the real world. As a tireless advocate for social justice and human rights, Dear has followed that path in his own life, and in *Living Peace* he describes his journey. Breaking down the life of peace into three parts an inner journey, a public journey, and the journey of all humanity he shares the spiritual practices that have sustained him and teaches readers how to integrate these practices into their own lives. From the Hardcover edition.

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Written by a spiritual master this is an important Lent title that examines what it means to celebrate the Eucharist, and in turn reminds us of our capacity for love, hope and faith. Essays discuss holiness, identity, unity, solitude, integrity, fear, hatred, faith, traditions, freedom, detachment, and prayer

This book is a guided journey on the path of prayer that is built on faith that leads to a unique but accessible way of knowing.

Featuring a new introduction, a republication of a spiritual classic introduces western readers to the mystical dimensions of the human soul, inviting readers to develop and nurture a contemplative and vital sense of spirituality. Reprint.

Keeping the Peacespeaks to all of us who work in difficult, people-oriented jobs and shows us how to turn environments that are often filled with anger, stress, and frustration into islands of peace. Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh creates a revolutionary definition of public service that includes all of us. He challenges us to transform the way we think about our work and offers eleven key practices to strengthen our mindfulness and joy. Based on a retreat for civil servants, Keeping the Peace is the first book of its kind to demonstrate the usefulness of mindfulness practices for law enforcement officers, social workers, teachers, and others in people-helping professions. With empathy and humor, Thich Nhat Hanh demonstrates the need for public service professionals to cultivate their own inner peace in order to help others. In clear and simple prose, he offers a path for how we can reduce violence in ourselves, our

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workplace, and ultimately, in our world.

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