

## A Word from The Center



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*Our Monographs underscore one idea: about spiritual wholeness. It is for everyone.*

*If we draw close to the Lord in a deeply faithful and substantive way, God draws close to us. Here is a paradox: In this, we are not exactly seekers—we are being sought. Our job is to receive the Divine inflow.*

*Does our daily life enable us to hear God's call? Does it let us abide in Love's love?*

—M.S.

### Updates

#### 1. Next Monograph Postponed

**We've postponed our usual Spring mailing of the new Monograph. Projects are crowding out the writing of a new Series.**

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#### 2. New Mail Dates

**We're targeting Fall 2013 or thereabouts for the next mailing. Monograph could be sent sooner. Or later. All thanks for your patience.**

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### 3. CDs

We've been sending out CDs selectively to those people on our CD Circle list who, from time to time, send us feedback. Our CD list for the last year or so includes...

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| #101-11      | Right Engagement—Steady Encouragement        |
| #102-11, Rev | The Casual Contemplative                     |
| #103-11      | Vocation: The Inner Summons                  |
| #104-11      | Films and Spiritual Growth                   |
| #105-        | To Follow                                    |
| #106-12      | Teaching Holy Work                           |
| #107-12      | Conversation With Fred                       |
| #108-12      | Radio Interview—Eve Martin                   |
| #109-        | To Follow                                    |
| #110-12      | Interview, Buckminster Fuller                |
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| #200-12      | Conversation With Joe                        |
| #201-12      | My Home Retreat                              |
| #202-12      | Conversation With John                       |
| #203-12      | Conversation With Paula                      |
| #204-12      | Conversation With Brother Paul               |
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| #300-13      | On Faith, with Fred Andrle (a new interview) |

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### 4. CD Categories

- ✚ 100 series—involves early radio interviews, usually about specific books and principles underpinning the narrative. In time, our Archive will try to add introductory remarks to these, to put former ideas into the context of new works.
- ✚ 200 series—involves newer conversations with friends and/or associates.
- ✚ 300 series—not yet completed, signifies our newest teachings, dialogue and Q & A type discussions.



### Q & A

**Q1: When will you post CDs online?**

**Q1: As soon as we find suitable technical support and process.**

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**Q2: Why don't you give us more "how-to" advice on prayer and meditation?**

**A2: Our Center's audience is a multi-denominational bunch. Readers tend to be the seasoned, religious, some academics, and many helping professionals, who are pretty expert in such matters. Your best bet for prayer advice is your own church or temple; your own most qualified, empathetic spiritual advisor or counselor. The key words: qualified and trusted.**

**My sensibilities seem too much like the old desert fathers for much "modern" talk of methods.**

**For that posture, we turn to Sr. Benedicta Ward (SLG), whose masterful observation makes my point (from her *Wisdom of the Desert Fathers*, 1981):**

*About prayer, the old monks didn't say much. God and their life was their prayer. And, about contemplation, who can speak?*

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**Q3: Your remarks seem to cross over into various denominations... what's the story?**

**A3: During Holy Week, I heard an idea that helps sum up my spiritual bias. The mystical idea illustrates one of God's deepest principles or ultimate Reality—this, I suspect, flows from a silent, God-revealing place within, not from a linear perspective.**

**What we seek is not so much a unity of religion, but a unity of worshipers, gathered in rapt devotion, in prayer in their diverse ways.**

**(Paraphrased; is it from St. Augustine?)**

**In St. Paul's mind, this seems to translate into the notion that—in Christ—there is no male or female, no Christian, Greek or Jew, just sheer unity between us. How beautiful are the feet of those who bring us such Good News.**

**And blessings to all.**

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**The C e n t e r M i s s i o n**

To increase understanding of the progression and diverse expressions of  
the spiritual completion toward which we strive; to advance and  
preserve selected principles of the contemplative tradition  
and the entirety of the founder's body of work.

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