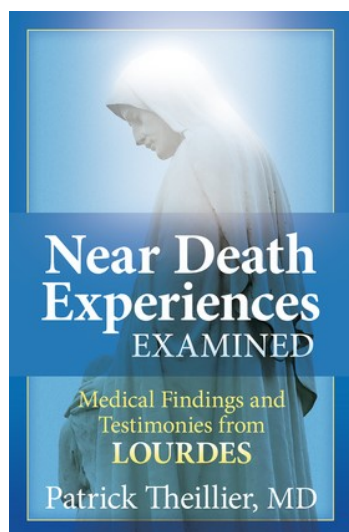




Crossroad



ON SALE: 12-1-16

Announced First Print: 15,000
Imprint: Crossroad
Trade paper, US \$24.95, CDN
\$29.95

ISBN: 9780824522179

BISAC1: RELIGION/ Christian
Life/Death, Grief, Bereavement
BISAC2: SELF-HELP/ Death,
Grief, Bereavement
BISAC3: Body/Mind/Spirit
Trim: 5-1/2 x 8-1/4
Carton Qty:
Page count: 260

Marketing & Publicity

- Print and online advertising.
- Direct mail outreach to parishes and directors of religious education.
- Social networking campaign.

Series overview:

Near Death Experiences Examined

Medical Findings and Testimonies from
 Lourdes by Patrick Theillier, M.D.

**New Book Clears the Way for Catholics to Put Their Faith in
NDEs**

From 1998 to 2009, Patrick Theillier, M.D. was the head of the medical bureau at Lourdes where he verified testimonies of miracles. Here he argues that, like miracles, near death experiences are a sign given by God to strengthen the faith of all believers. He relates testimonies of six separate NDEs, including one from a priest. Filled with passages from the bible, the catechism, theologians, and biographies of the saints, Theillier makes a compelling case that NDEs are "a new way for God to touch the hearts of those who are far from Him."

Key Selling Points

- Interest in near death experiences is at an all time high.
- Theillier's book is the first NDE title specifically aimed at Catholics.
- Theillier quotes extensively from the bible, the saints, and catholic theologians.
- His long-time association with Lourdes will appeal to Catholics with a strong devotion to the Blessed Mother.

About the Author

Author residence: France

Dr. Patrick Theillier is a physician with 25 years of experience, a deep respect for science, and a practicing Catholic. From 1998 to 2009 he was the head of medical research in Lourdes, France, where his main duty was to record and authenticate unexplained cures.

Near Death Experiences Examined

In his latest book, *Near Death Experiences Examined*, Patrick Theillier discusses a controversial topic, though one that has seen a surge in popularity in recent years. Until recently, NDEs were considered fringe or “new age” and were shunned by the mainline Christian religions. That changed in 2004 when Don Piper, a Baptist minister, shared his NDE story in his bestseller, *90 Minutes in Heaven*. The book was turned into a feature film in 2015. Theillier’s mission with his new book is to show that NDEs are compatible with Roman Catholicism too--and that like miracles, their existence is a sign given by God to strengthen the faith of all believers.

Leaning on his medical background, Theillier delves into the different phases of death in order to help his readers better understand the NDE process. “Medicine has always had an issue discerning the moment of death. It’s one of the most difficult diagnostics to declare,” he says. “One must discern between ‘clinical death’ and ‘biological death.’” He believes that, from a Christian point of view, biological death is marked by the separation of the soul from the body and that NDEs occur in the moments after clinical and before biological death.

To explain why Catholics need not be skeptical of NDEs, Theillier relates testimonies of six separate NDEs, including one from a priest, Jose Maniyangat, and one of a vision of hell that could have been torn from the pages of Dante’s *Inferno*.

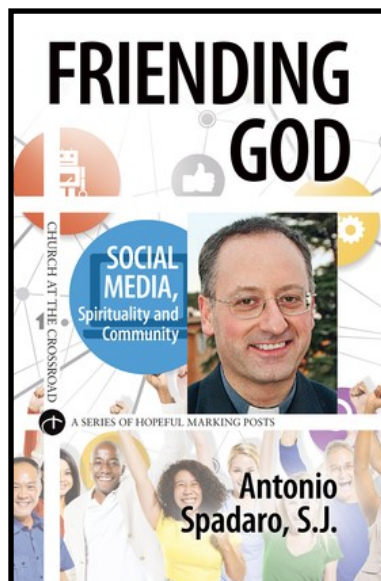
When asked in an interview for the release of the French edition of the book, “What are the main elements that make you say that NDEs are a journey into the afterlife?” Theillier responded that it is the sincerity of the testimony of the NDE experiencers that gives him confidence that these are not simply productions of the brain. Theillier is particularly impressed with the NDE stories of former atheists such as Eben Alexander.

History/Previous Titles/Comps

Title	ISBN	On Sale	Publisher	Price	
90 Minutes in Heaven	978-0800759490	2004	Revell	13.99	
Proof of Heaven	978-1451695199	2012	Simon & Schuster	15.99	
Heaven is for Real	978-0849946158	2010	Nelson	16.99	



Crossroad



ON SALE: November 1, 2016
Announced First Print: 10,000
Imprint: Crossroad
Trade Paper, US \$12.95

ISBN: 9780824522148

BISAC1: RELIGION/ Christian
Life/Social Issues
BISAC2: Religion & Theology
BISAC3: Social Science

Trim: 5-1/2 x 8-1/2
Carton Qty:
Page count: 80
Format/Binding: TP original

Marketing & Publicity

- National Broadcast and Print Media Campaign.
- Online advertising
- Direct mail outreach to parishes and directors of religious education.
- Social networking campaign.
- Unique book trailer promoted on Crossroad's Youtube channel.

Series overview: The Church at the Crossroad—Brief, single-topic guides covering a range of themes vital to the contemporary church and written by experts.

Friending God

Social Media, Spirituality, and Community

By Antonio Spadaro, S.J.

The pope's top social media advisor connects technology and faith in his new book.

Pope Francis' top social media advisor is bullish on the internet. In his latest book, the Jesuit states that "there is an undeniable, profound, and radical connection between technology and spirituality." He understands online communities to be inherently spiritual places and extols the fact that the internet offers people of faith easier access to those among us who are in desperate need of faith and community—and the ability to achieve communion with people outside of our ordinary spheres. Includes a study guide for groups.

Key Selling Points

- Spadaro made global headlines in 2013 for his revealing interview with Pope Francis, which appeared in *America Magazine*.
- The book provides an excellent summary of over ten years' of theological reflection on the world wide web, including official church documents.
- Offers a unique, positive and hopeful perspective for the future of digital media.
- Includes a study guide for group reflection.

About the Author

Author residence: Rome, Italy

Antonio Spadaro, S.J. entered the international scene in 2013 when, as editor-in-chief of the Italian Jesuit magazine, *La Civiltà Cattolica*, he broke the story of Pope Francis' moderate views on church teaching. Called by some "the mouthpiece for the pope," Spadaro is considered an expert on cyber-theology. He holds a Ph.D. from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

Friending God

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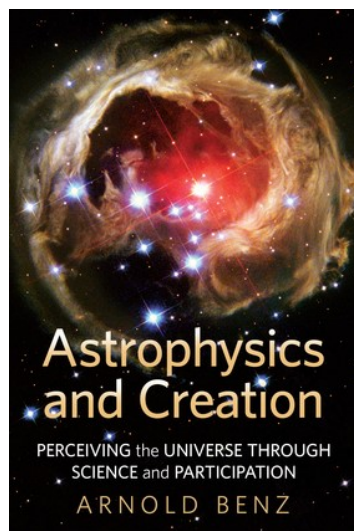
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2. The Web and Relationships
3. The Internet is a Real Place
4. Faith and Knowledge in the Age of the Internet
5. Not Just for Connections but Communion
6. The Place of the Gift
7. Who is Our Neighbor Online?
8. Incarnation and Witness
9. Church of Connections or Mystical Body?
10. Conclusion
11. Notes
12. Study Guide

History/Previous Titles/Comps

Title	ISBN	On Sale	Publisher	Price	
Toward and Eco-Spirituality	978-0824520769	12/15	Crossroad	12.95	
New Map of the Global Church	978-0824520786	11/16	Crossroad	12.95	
Challenge of Inequality	978-0824520816	3/16	Crossroad	12.95	
Cybertheology by Spadaro, S.J.	978-0823257003	9/14	Fordham	24.00	



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ON SALE: 12/1/16

Announced First Print: 7,500
Imprint: Crossroad
Hard cover, US \$19.95, CDN
\$23.95

ISBN: 9780824522131

BISAC1: RELIGION/ Religion &
Science
BISAC2: CIENCE/ Astrophysics
& Space Science
BISAC3: Religion & Theology

Trim: 5-1/2 x 8-1/4
Carton Qty:
Page count: 186
Color photos: 20

Marketing & Publicity

- Print and online advertising.
- Direct mail outreach to parishes and directors of religious education.
- Social networking campaign.

Series overview:

Astrophysics & Creation

Perceiving the Universe Through Science and Participation

By Arnold Benz

**A Swiss astrophysicist takes on the perennial dialog between
Science and Religion**

When people gaze at the heavens, what do they see? Arnold Benz may finally have the answer. In his groundbreaking new book, *Astrophysics and Creation*, the renowned Swiss astronomer looks to—and beyond—the stars to find a happy coexistence between science and faith. Unlike others who've sought to intertwine the two, Benz, a professor emeritus at ETH Zurich's Institute for Astronomy, finds paradoxical, parallel universes of each—neither dependent upon the other, but both telling compelling, complementary tales that put our very existence in perspective.

Key Selling Points

- Will appeal to both people of faith and fans of great science writing.
- Benz is a superstar in Switzerland and Germany where he regularly appears on television and radio explaining science for a lay audience.
- Benz argues for the rightful place of both religion and science in our culture.

About the Author

Author residence: Zurich, Switzerland

A celebrity on Swiss, German and Austrian radio and TV, Arnold Benz, who holds a PhD from Cornell University, is best known for his 1997 book on science and faith, *The Future of the Universe* (published in 10 languages). He lives in Zurich with his wife Ruth Wiesenberg and has four children and 13 grandchildren.

Astrophysics & Creation

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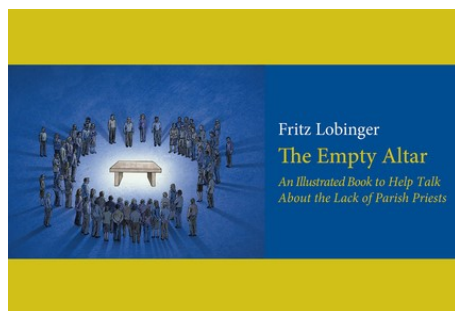
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History/Previous Titles/Comps

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Future of the Universe by Benz	978-0826414274	2002	Continuum		
The God Particle	978-0881465853	2016	Mercer University	20.00	
Stars Beneath Us	978-1506401416	2016	Fortress	14.99	
The God of Nature	978-0800662219	2007	Fortress	25.00	



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ON SALE: 12-1-16

Announced First Print: 7,500
Imprint: Crossroad
Trade paper, US \$19.95, CDN
\$23.95

ISBN: 9780824520793

BISAC1: RELIGION / Christian
Church/Leadership
BISAC2: RELIGION / Christianity/Catholic
Trim: 8-1/2 x 5-1/2
Carton Qty:
Page count: 176
B&W illustrations: 56

Marketing & Publicity

- Print and online advertising.
- Direct mail outreach to parishes and directors of religious education.
- Social networking campaign.

Series overview:

The Empty Altar

An Illustrated Book to Help Talk About the Lack of Parish Priests

By Fritz Lobinger

A step-by-step guide to understanding what the priest shortage means for parishes...and how it can be fixed.

A study on the shortage of priests and the future of the Catholic Church. This book makes a prophetic proposal, respectful of church teaching, and based on sound theology and firsthand experience, in an illustrated and easily digestible form. It was written by an author with decades of experience who has studied the situation as a theologian and developed realistic solutions as a pastor and bishop.

“Most discussions about the shortage of priests usually end after merely a few comments. Depth is lacking in those exchanges, details are lacking, as well as precision. People find it difficult to imagine what exactly is needed in order to solve this problem and what the implications are if it were solved. It is not one single problem but a whole bundle of intertwined problems. Many give up too easily when trying to foresee what could happen.

“Because of this problem this booklet uses illustrations in order to stimulate the imagination. We are, of course, aware that every parish situation is different and that the cultural and sociological background is not the same. Yet, our mind automatically forms images when we discuss the problems surrounding the shortage of priests. Seeing a picture will help us draw another one in our mind, one that may be more like our own particular situation.” —From the Book

Key Selling Points

- Lobinger offers a philosophically, psychologically, and theologically acute look at a topic affecting everyone in the U.S.

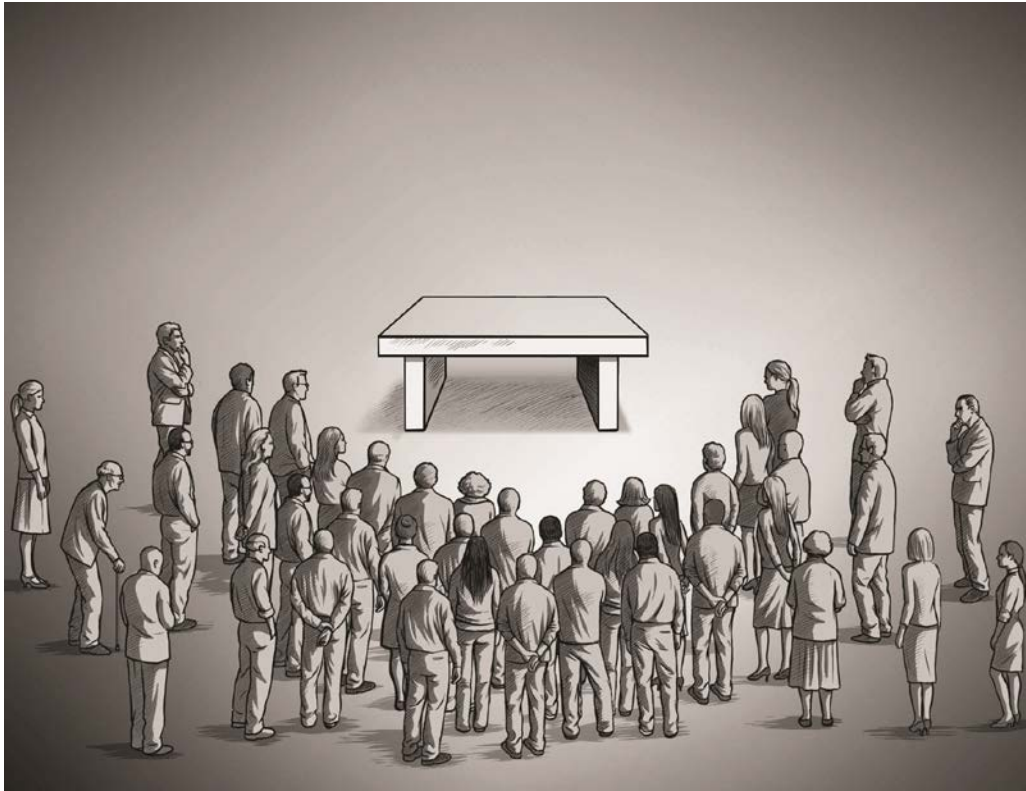
About the Author

Author residence: Germany

Fritz Lobinger is a priest, a missionary and a theologian. He is the author of *Like His Brothers and Sisters*.

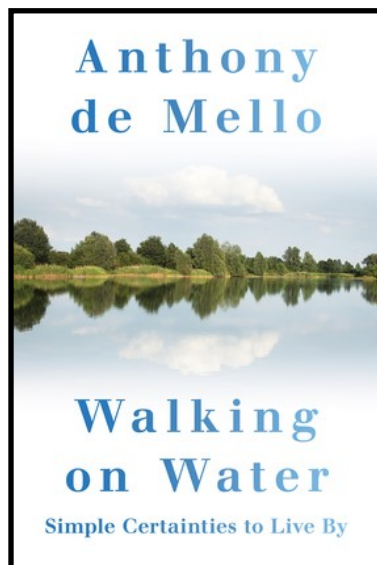
The Empty Altar

Sample Illustration from the book:



History/Previous Titles/Comps

Title	ISBN	On Sale	Publisher	Price	
The Empty Altar (Spanish edition)	9780824520809	2016	Crossroad	24.95	
Like His Brothers & Sisters by Lobinger	9780824518509	1999	Crossroad	17.95	
Replant: How a Dying Church Can Grow Again	9780781410328	2014	David C Cook	14.99	
The Nuts and Bolts of Church Planning	9780801072628	2011	Baker	20.00	
Elders on Congregational Life	9780825433313	2005	Kregel	6.95	

**ON SALE: 12-1-16**

Announced First Print: 5,000
Imprint: Crossroad
Hardcover, US \$19.95, CDN
\$23.95

ISBN: 9780824522155

BISAC1: RELIGION /
Spirituality
Trim: 5-1/2 x 8-1/4
Carton Qty:
Page count: 176

Marketing & Publicity

- Print and online advertising.
- Direct mail outreach to parishes and directors of religious education.
- Social networking campaign.

Series overview:

Crossroad

Walking on Water Simple Certainties to Live By By Anthony De Mello

A hardcover gift edition of the spiritual classic.

In an uncertain world, quickly changing by the day, we need a few simple beliefs we can trust, and they better be dependable. Sourcing the ages and traditions of the globe, De Mello offers just that, simple certainties that hold you up. Chapters on Silence, Peace, Happiness, Prayer, Liberation, Clarity and more lead the reader in an assuring reflection on the simple essentials of life, and the source of true joy. Images on every page add to the meditative experience this book by one of the great spiritual masters offers.

Drawing on stories of monks, rabbis, and soldiers; fairy tales and legends; gentle jokes and Zen sayings; Anthony de Mello awakens us to a practical, direct connection with the divine. His exercises encourage a relinquishing of the ego, an acceptance of people as they are, and a freedom from fear and anxiety. De Mello's words strengthen our faith. Upheld by the divine love all around us we feel that we too are walking on water.

Key Selling Points

- Walking on Water has sold over 25,000 copies in various editions.
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About the Author

Author residence:

Anthony DeMello, S.J., was born in Bombay in 1931 and passed away in New York in 1987. He was director of the Pastoral and Formation Center in Lonavla, India. A much sought-after spiritual guide, Jesuit priest and psychotherapist, he became widely known for his books on spirituality. His books have been translated into many languages, and continue to be bestsellers today.

Walking on Water

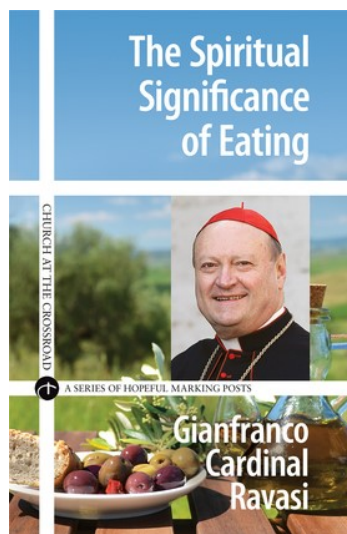
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History/Previous Titles/Comps

Title	ISBN	On Sale	Publisher	Price	
Walking on Water	9780824520397	1998	Crossroad	14.95	
The Monastery at Heart	9781933346571	2012		13.95	
Spiritual Ecology	9781890350451	2013		15.95	
What the Mystics Know	9780824520397	2014		19.95	



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ON SALE: 12-1-16

Announced First Print: 7,500

Imprint: Crossroad

Trade paper, US \$14.95, CDN

\$17.95

ISBN: 9780824521820

BISAC1: RELIGION / Christian
Life/General

BISAC2: RELIGION / Biblical
Studies/History & Culture

Trim: 5-1/2 x 8-1/2

Carton Qty:

Page count: 100

Marketing & Publicity

- Print and online advertising.
- Direct mail outreach to parishes and directors of religious education.
- Social networking campaign.

Series overview: The Church at the Crossroad—Brief, single-topic guides covering a range of themes vital to the contemporary church and written by experts.

The Spiritual Significance of Eating

A Biblical Reflection

By Gianfranco Cardinal Ravasi

The fifth title in our new Church at the Crossroad series.

As a society we are obsessed with food. Our supermarkets are overfilled, recipe books crowd the aisles of bookstores, and there are more cooking shows than can be counted. But we are also addicted to food, burden our bodies with toxic food, and are the most obese nation on earth with a growing segment of people who have little access to healthy food or enough food at all. What is the meaning bread, wine and water hold for our material and spiritual lives? How can we who have more food than appetite learn to respect and cherish the food we have, share it in joyful fellowship, and not forget those who have more appetite than food. In this concise book Cardinal Ravasi, who is known for his interest and understanding of contemporary culture, leads readers to the spiritual, and biblical core of Christian wisdom, respect and enjoyment of food. Discussion questions help the reader to deepen his or her understanding, and use the book for reading groups.

Key Selling Points

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About the Author

Author residence: Rome, Italy

Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, consecrated archbishop and created cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI, is president of the Pontifical Council for Culture and of the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archeology. An expert scholar of the Bible and the Hebrew language, he was prefect of the Ambrosian Library and Gallery in Milan and a professor of Old Testament exegesis at the Theological Faculty of Northern Italy.

The Spiritual Significance of Eating

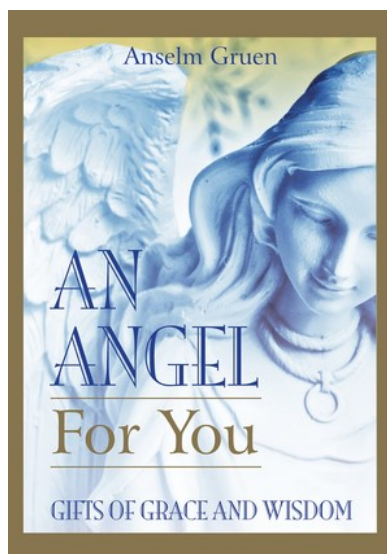
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History/Previous Titles/Comps

Title	ISBN	On Sale	Publisher	Price	
The Encounter	978-1618902146	2014	St. Benedict Press	21.95	
Eat with Joy	9780830836581	2013	IVP	16.00	
Finding God in a Bag of Groceries	9781426753244	2013	Abingdon	13.95	



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ON SALE: 12-1-16

Announced First Print: 7,500
Imprint: Crossroad
Trade paper, US \$16.95, CDN
\$19.95

ISBN: 9780824520410

BISAC1: RELIGION/ Spirituality
BISAC2: BODY, MIND &
SPIRIT/ Angels & Spirit Guides
Trim: 4-1/2 x 6-1/2
Carton Qty:
Page count: 288
B&W illustrations: 75
Line drawings: 15

Marketing & Publicity

- Print and online advertising.
- Direct mail outreach to parishes and directors of religious education.
- Social networking campaign.

Series overview:

An Angel for You Gifts of Grace and Wisdom By Anselm Gruen, O.S.B.

Spiritual master and Benedictine monk Fr. Anselm Gruen presents a persuasive way to incorporate the ancient wisdom of angels with our modern world as people strive for a happy, fulfilled life. This inspirational guide explores angel qualities and their meanings, rooting each in Western tradition and revealing how to apply them to everyday life. A resource of comfort and strength, this valuable exploration addresses a wide array of concepts—from universal themes of love, community, and harmony to the encouraging qualities of confidence, enthusiasm, and endurance. To meet the challenges of a changing world, Fr. Gruen brings alive these qualities that make life both full and fulfilled.

Key Selling Points

- The first new Gruen title in over 5 years!
- Gruen is a bestselling author in Germany.
- Gruen incorporates spiritual wisdom from the desert fathers and mothers along with Western traditions in this practical guide.

About the Author

Author residence: Germany

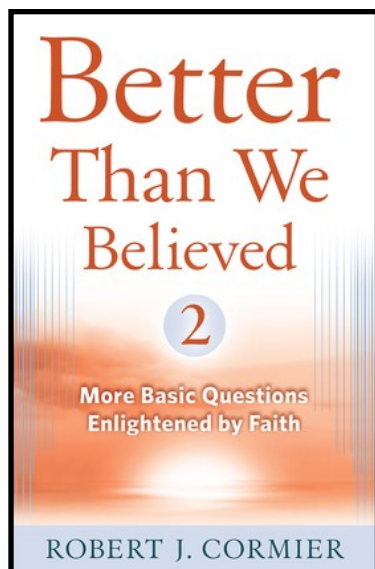
Anselm Gruen, OSB, is a monk of the Benedictine abbey of Munsterschwarzach, Germany, where he has been cellarer since 1977. He is the author of many books, lectures, and courses on themes of spiritual life.

An Angel for You

Additional information

History/Previous Titles/Comps

Title	ISBN	On Sale	Publisher	Price	
Angels Calling by Gruen	9780824525712	2010	Crossroad	14.95	
Angels	9781601422699	2009	Multnomah	15.99	
Angels of Abundance	9781401943851	2014	Hay House	12.95	



ON SALE: 12-1-16

Announced First Print: 7,500
Imprint: Crossroad
Trade paper, US \$14.95, CDN
\$17.95

ISBN: 9780824521936

BISAC1: RELIGION / Christianity/Catholic
BISAC2: RELIGION / Christian
Life/Spiritual Growth
Trim: 5-1/2 x 8-1/4
Carton Qty:
Page count: 192

Marketing & Publicity

- Print and online advertising.
- Direct mail outreach to parishes and directors of religious education.
- Social networking campaign.

Series overview:



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Better than We Believed 2
More Basic Questions Enlightened
by Faith
By Robert J. Cormier

The Sequel to the title that one reviewer called “a book the whole world needs to read.”

Better Than We Believed won the Eric Hoffer Award for good reason: presuming nothing that both traditional believers and critical-thinking searchers will not find in their hearts, it presents a strikingly clear concept of faith that answers the unhappiness of people we all recognize. This sequel offers more basic questions enlightened by a faith that makes sense, and that helps to live: when anger hits, or betrayal, a life threatening illness or self-destroying addiction. In every chapter the reader is let into a personal conversation about the challenges most basic to all human lives.

Key Selling Points

- Fr. Cormier's stories are custom-made for people struggling with doubts.
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About the Author

Author residence: Jersey City, NJ

Robert J. Cormier has been a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark for 31 years and is currently serving in Jersey City.

A Faith That Makes Sense

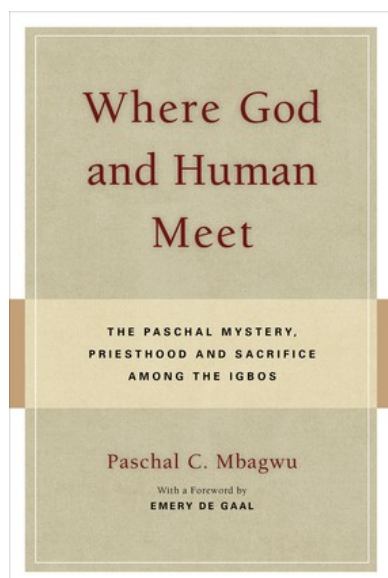
Additional information

History/Previous Titles/Comps

Title	ISBN	On Sale	Publisher	Price	
Better Than We Believed by Cormier	9780824549800	2013	Crossroad	12.95	
A Faith That Makes Sense by Cormier	9780824518752	2000	Crossroad		
Why We Look Up by Cormier	9780824521202	2003	Crossroad	16.95	
Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of Faith	9780307720528	2014	Random House	16.00	
If It's Good	9781601425799	2014	Random House	17.99	
There is a Spiritual Solution to Every Problem	9780060929701	2004	Harper	14.99	



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ON SALE: 12-1-16

Announced First Print: 3,000
Imprint: Herder & Herder
Hardcover, US \$29.95, CDN
\$35.95

ISBN: 9780824522193

BISAC1: RELIGION / Christianity/Catholic
BISAC2: RELIGION / Biblical
Studies/New Testament
Trim: 6 x 9
Carton Qty:
Page count: 256

Marketing & Publicity

- Print and online advertising.
- Direct mail outreach to parishes and directors of religious education.
- Social networking campaign.

Series overview:

Where God and Human Meet The Paschal Mystery, Priesthood and Sacrifice Among the Igbos By Paschal C. Mbagwu

A biblical and theological study of great relevance.

The meeting between the Divine and humans is experienced in greatest measure in the liturgy of the Eucharist mediated through the role of the priest. Igbo religion and culture offer surprising aspects that invite ecclesiastical consideration for a profound worship. Starting with the priesthood and sacrificial ritual in the Igbo tribe which is the seed-bed of Christianity in Nigeria, and suggesting areas in the Igbo culture and tradition that may be inculturated into the church's worship, this book contributes to giving Christ and the Church a true home in Igboland.

Key Selling Points

- Will be of interest to theologians, missionaries, and leaders in the interfaith dialog movement.

About the Author

Author residence: Nigeria, Africa

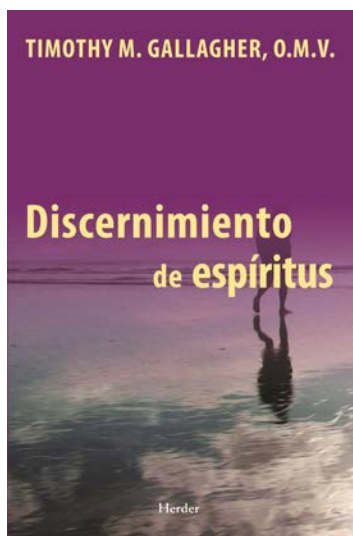
After his ordination, Paschal C. Mbagwu served as a parochial vicar for a year. He also served as the Archdiocesan Master of Liturgical Ceremonies and taught in a minor seminary before proceeding for further studies. Rev. Mbagwu obtained a Licentiate and Doctorate degrees in Liturgical/Sacramental theology from the University of St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein, Illinois.

Where God and Human Meet

Additional information

History/Previous Titles/Comps

Title	ISBN	On Sale	Publisher	Price	
A Semiotic Approach to the Theology of Inculturation	9781498200745	2015	Pickwick	27.00	
Christ's New Homeland	9781621640882	2015	Ignatius	18.95	
African Catholicism	9780334000198	2012	Hymns Ancient & Modern	35.00	

**ON SALE: 12-1-16**

Announced First Print: 3,000
Imprint: Crossroad
Trade paper, US \$24.95, CDN
\$29.95

ISBN: 9780824522186

BISAC1: RELIGION / Christian
Life/Spiritual Growth
Trim: 6 x 9
Carton Qty:
Page count: 232

Marketing & Publicity

- Print and online advertising.
- Direct mail outreach to parishes and directors of religious education.
- Social networking campaign.

Series overview:

Discernimiento de los Espíritus

Una guía ignaciana para la vida cotidiana

By Timothy M. Gallagher, OMV

The Spanish edition of a beloved classic.

This Spanish edition of the bestselling title *The Discernment of Spirits* is part of a widely used and recognized program of guides (including books, audio and video courses) to understanding and practicing Ignatian spirituality. St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, is one of the most influential spiritual leaders of all time, yet many readers find his Rules for Discernment hard to understand. What can Ignatius teach us about the discernment of spirits that lies at the very heart of Christian life? In *The Discernment of Spirits*, Fr. Timothy Gallagher, a talented teacher, retreat leader, and scholar, helps us understand the Rules and how their insights are essential for our spiritual growth today. By integrating the Rules and the experience of contemporary people, Gallagher shows the precision, clarity, and insight of Ignatius's Rules, as well as the relevance of his thought for spiritual life today. When we learn to read Ignatius correctly, we discover in his remarkable words our own struggles, joys, and triumphs. This book is for all who desire greater awareness of God's action in their daily spiritual lives, and is essential reading for retreat directors, spiritual directors, priests, and counselors.

Key Selling Points

- The English edition of this title has sold over 10,000 copies.
- Fr. Gallagher is a regular on EWTN.

About the Author

Author residence:

Fr. Timothy M. Gallagher, O.M.V., a popular retreat leader, Ignatian scholar, and lecturer around the world, holds a doctorate from the Gregorian University and is the author of several bestselling books, including *The Discernment of Spirits* (now the topic of a TV series) and *The Examen Prayer*.

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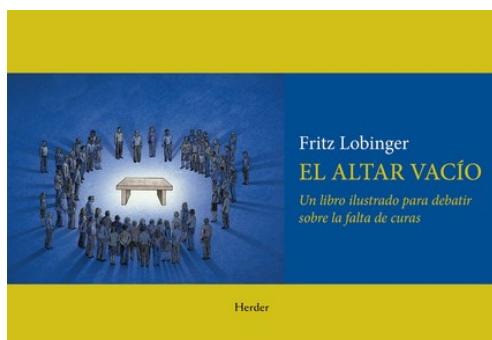
Discernimiento de los Espiritus

History/Previous Titles/Comps

Title	ISBN	On Sale	Publisher	Price	
Discernment of Spirits	978-0824524890	2009	Crossroad	19.95	
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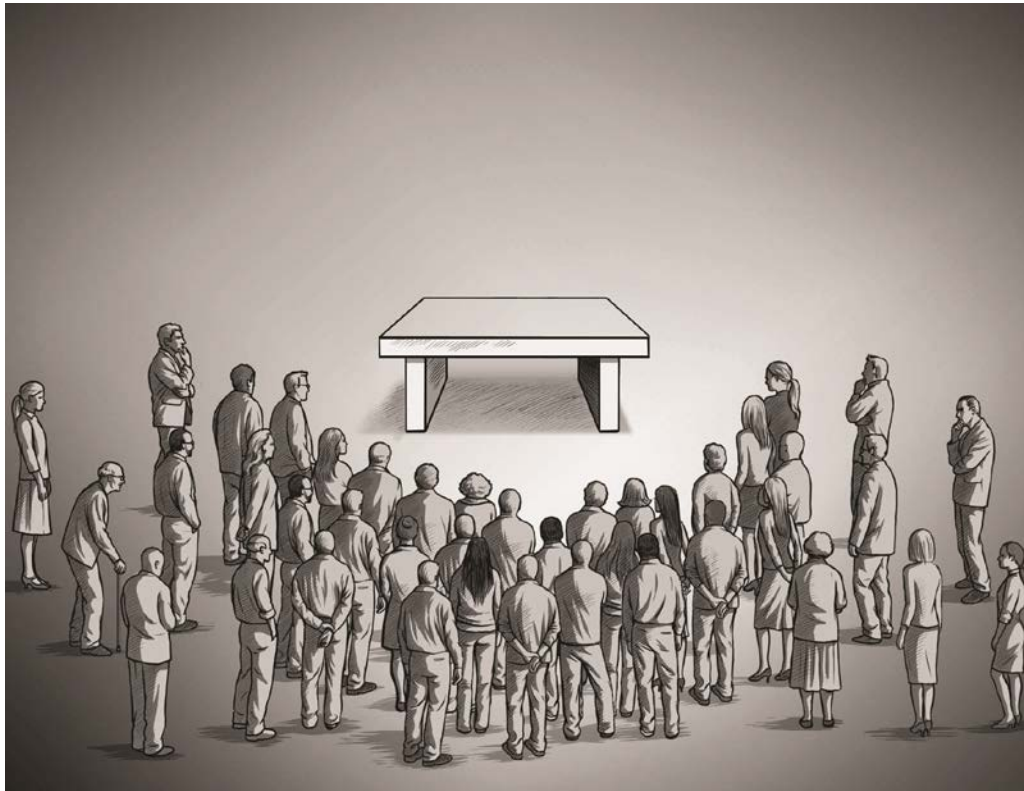
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