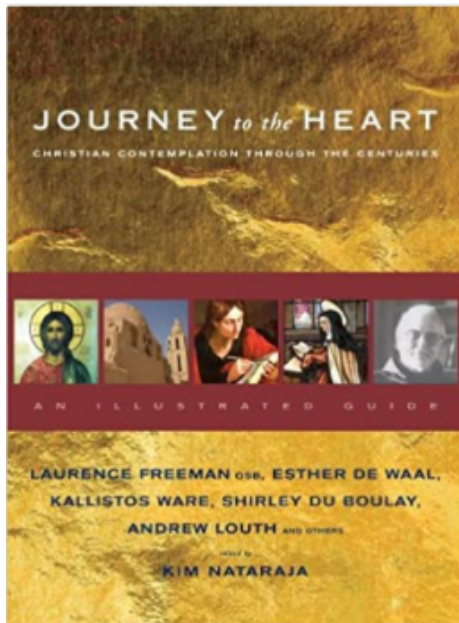


The Universal Christ Study Group has finally finished our book. It took us nine months to read and discuss it deeply. We have enjoyed our time together so much that we want to continue. We have chosen our next book and will start meeting on September 14.



Journey to the Heart: Christian Contemplation through the Centuries - An Illustrated Guide

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The contemplative tradition in Christianity traces its origins back to Mt. Carmel, the prophet Elijah's mountain-top place of encounter with divine power. In the Gospels, we frequently read that Jesus withdrew to quiet places to pray. These biblical precedents have inspired a tradition of contemplation through the centuries and this remarkable book reveals the life and teachings of the great Christian mystics.

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The chapters are written by a variety of well-known Christian writers. Each chapter is about 12-17 pages long, enough to give a sense of the person or tradition and some excerpts from their teaching. This will be another long study. However, since each chapter stands alone, it will be more possible for people to come in and out of the group.

We meet at 1 pm on Mondays, these days via Zoom. We invite anyone who is interested to join us. Call Daisy Kirkpatrick 733-7143 for more information or to join the group.