



# The Retreat Society of the Bamboo Grove

## Recommended Reading List

**Those interested in the Retreat Society are particularly encouraged to study the writings of Martin Buber, C.G. Jung, Meister Eckhart, Thomas Merton and Teilhard de Chardin.**

**The following lists highlight work in the areas of Christian Mysticism and Christian-Buddhist Studies.**

### AN OUTSTANDING SURVEY OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTICAL TRADITION

*THE PRESENCE OF GOD* by *Bernard McGinn* -

Vol. 1 The Foundations of Mysticism: Origins to the Fifth Century

Vol. 2 The Growth of Mysticism: Gregory the Great through the 12<sup>th</sup> Century

Vol. 3 The Flowering of Mysticism: Men and Women in the New Mysticism - 1200-1350

Vol. 4 The Harvest of Mysticism: In Medieval Germany

Each of these volumes is a superb work of scholarship with extensive Bibliographies for the period covered. Further volumes are planned.

### CHRISTIANITY AND THE PERENNIAL PHILOSOPHY

Hinduism and Buddhism, *Ananda K Coomaraswamy*

The Yoga of the Christ - in the Gospel according to St John, *Ravi Ravindra*

The Christian Mystery, *Lois Lang-Sims*

Behold the Spirit: A study in the Necessity of the Mystical Religion, *Alan Watts*

Beyond Theology, *Alan Watts*

Myth and Ritual in Christianity, *Alan Watts*

The Supreme Identity: An essay on Oriental Metaphysics and the Christian Religion, *Alan Watts*

### CHRISTIANITY AND BUDDHISM

The Ground we share, *Robert Aitken & David Steindl-Rast OSB*

The Christian Buddhism of St John, *J Edgar Burns*

Christianity Meets Buddhism, *Heinrich Dumoulin SJ*

The Practice of Zen Meditation, *Hugo M Enomiya-Lassalle SJ*

The Christ-Buddha: A Journey to the East in the quest of the True Self and of Human Liberation, *Frederick Franck*.



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Zen Catholicism, *Aelred Graham OSB*

Living Buddha, Living Christ, *Thich Nhat Hanh*

The Cross and the Lotus: Christianity and Buddhism in Dialogue, *G.W. Houston*

Christian Zen, *William Johnston SJ*

The Still Point: Reflections on Zen and Christian Mysticism, *William Johnston SJ*

The Inner eye of Love: Mysticism and Religion, *William Johnston SJ*

Zen and the Bible, *J.K. Kadawaki SJ*

The Meaning of Christ: A Mahayana Theology, *John P Keenan*

The Christ and the Bodhisattva, *Donald S Lopez & Steven C Rockefeller*

A Comparative Study of Buddhism and Christianity, *Fumio Masutani*

Mystics and Zen Masters, *Thomas Merton*

Zen and the Birds of Appetite, *Thomas Merton*

The Way and the Mountain, *Marco Pallis*

A Buddhist Spectrum: Contributions to Buddhist-Christian Dialogue, *Marco Pallis*

The Buddha and the Christ, *Canon B Streeter*

Mysticism Christian and Buddhist, *Daisetsu Susuki*

Yeshua Buddha: An interpretation of New Testament theology as meaningful myth, *Jay G Williams*

### THE FOLLOWING BOOKS RELATE PARTICULARLY TO THE KYOTO SCHOOL

The Emptying God: A Buddhist-Jewish-Christian Conversation, *John B Cobb & Christopher Ives*

Buddhist Emptiness and Christian Trinity, *Roger Corless & Paul F Kitten*

The Buddha Eye: An Anthology of the Kyoto School, *Frederick Frank*

Buddhist-Christian Dialogue: Mutual Renewal and Transformation, *Paul Ingram & Frederick Streng*  
Religion and Nothingness, *Keiji Nishitani*

Zen & Western Thought, *Masao Abe*

Buddhism and Interfaith Dialogue, *Masao Abe*

**BOOKS OF RELATED INTEREST**

Jesus Purusha: A Vedanta-Based Doctrine of Jesus, *Ian Davie*

The Marriage of East and West, *Bede Griffiths OSB*

A New Vision of Reality: Western Science, Eastern Mysticism and Christian Faith, *Bede Griffiths OSB*

Return to the Centre, *Bede Griffiths OSB*

River of Compassion: A Christian Commentary on the Bhagavad Gita, *Bede Griffiths OSB*

The Trinity in the Religious Experience of Man, *Raymondo Panikkar*

The Unknown Christ of Hinduism, *Raymondo Panikkar*

The Vedic Experience, *Raymondo Panikkar*

**A VAST AMOUNT OF NONSENSE HAS BEEN WRITTEN UNDER THE HEADING “CHRISTIAN HERMETICISM” BUT THE FOLLOWING TWO BOOKS BY VALENTIN TOMBERG ARE OF INESTIMABLE VALUE:**

Covenant of the Heart: Meditations of a Christian Hermeticist on the Mysteries of Tradition, Valentin Tomberg

Meditations on the Tarot: A journey into Christian Hermeticism, Valentin Tomberg

**THE WRITINGS OF SIMONE WEIL – SAINT, ACTIVIST, SCHOLAR - ARE OF UNIQUE VALUE IN THAT THEY REPRESENT A PROFOUNDLY CENTRED SPIRITUALITY FREE OF ANY PARTICULAR INSTITUTIONAL PERSPECTIVE:**

**Gravity and Grace**

**The Need for Roots**

**Waiting on God**

**Intimations of Christianity Among the Ancient Greeks**

**Letter to a Priest**

**The Notebooks of Simone Weil (Eng. 2 Vols)**

**Oppression and Liberty**

**Selected Essays 1934- 1943**



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