

Books written by David G. R. Keller, Website author

Come and See: The Transformation of Personal Prayer. New York: Morehouse Publishing, 2009. ISBN 978-0-8192-2319-7

Come and See is written for seekers and beginners, recognizing that the “goal” of prayer is not progress or perfection. Since we are always beginners, this book will also be helpful for you if you are already practicing meditation and contemplation. If you are skeptical about prayer or reluctant to affiliate with a specific faith community, this book will also be useful; the experience of personal prayer is a reliable foundation for Christian living and learning in our busy and stressed-out society.

“David Keller is one of the church’s contemporary spiritual elders, full of wisdom, love, and practical advice. This book will be much appreciated by those who are looking for a mature, inspiring introduction to prayer as well as by those who are ready for a re-introduction.”

Tilden Edwards, Senior Fellow: Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation.

Reconsidering Jesus of Nazareth: Looking beyond rejection and harmful experiences.

Ty Noddfa Press, 2020. ISBN 978-0-578-66665-5 (Available from Amazon.com.)

Reconsidering Jesus of Nazareth is written for persons who have rejected Christianity and for others who for various reasons have lost interest in Jesus without opportunities to know more about him as a devout first-century Jew. Far too often, skepticism about Jesus or dismissal of his relevance takes place without a chance to observe his compassionate and inclusive relationship with people around him.

“As an adult in my late 20s I have found teachings from my conservative Christian childhood to be hollow and lacking. Thank goodness for David’s guidance and encouragement to reconsider what I thought I knew about Jesus and what his life and death mean for me today. His conclusions are life-giving and freeing, including thoughtful historical analysis and present-oriented spiritual implications.” Lauren Groves.

“David warmly invites the reader to reexamine Jesus and several key components to Christianity in a way that align not only with the Biblical texts but with the reader’s lived human experience. I highly recommend [this book] for the sceptic, the hurt, as well as those identifying as Christian.”

Aaron Galloway.

Lord, Teach Us to Pray: One Hundred Daily Reflections on Jesus’ Life of Prayer. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2016 ISBN 978-1-4982-2299-0

Lord, Teach Us to Pray enables readers to experience Jesus’ prayer from the point of view of his Jewish life of prayer. Reflections explore Jesus’ periods of quiet intimacy with his Abba, his commitment to Sabbath worship in synagogues, his participation in the great Jewish feasts at the Jerusalem Temple, and the ways his life of prayer became the womb of his compassionate engagement with the poor, the ill, sinners, and the “unclean” in his society.

“David Keller’s distinctive focus on Jesus’ own spiritual formation as a Jew, the initiation he provides into the social and the religious milieu in which Jesus proclaimed the onset of God’s reign, and his searching and stimulating recommendations for experiments in reflection and prayer will make this book a godsend for [anyone] who wants in-depth guidance for a one-hundred day journey.”

Martin Smith – Episcopal priest, writer, and retreat leader.

Oasis of Wisdom: The Worlds of the Deseret Fathers and Mothers. Collegeville, Liturgical Press, 2005. ISBN 13:978-0-8146-3034-1

Oasis of Wisdom introduces readers to the lives and wisdom of the desert fathers and mothers. It presents the historical, cultural, and religious background of these early Christian monastic men and women and describes the environment of solitude, ascetic disciplines, labor, and interactions with others that was the source of their wisdom.

“If I could choose only one book on desert monasticism – whether for teaching a class on spirituality, satisfying the curiosity of a seeker friend, or my own edification - it would be *Oasis of Wisdom*. The author draws us into the hearts and souls of these extraordinary athletes of God.”
The Rev. Nancy Roth, Affiliate Scholar at Oberlin College, Ohio.

Desert Banquet: A Year Of Wisdom From The Desert Mothers And Fathers. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2011. ISBN 978-0-8146-3387-8

Desert Banquet explores the experiences of the ancient desert fathers and mothers and offers reflections on their meaning for twenty-first century readers. Twelve themes, one for each month of the year, will introduce readers to the spiritual food that nourished and shaped the lives and hearts of these desert elders. Every day of the year, readers have the opportunity to learn from this experience. The value of this reflection is discernment, not imitation.

“This delightful book presents a year’s daily readings from the early Christian desert tradition, with a very helpful spiritual commentary for each date. Fr. David Keller has done a great service in providing this very profound source of *lectio divina* for those seriously interested in the spiritual path.” - Fr. John McGuckin, Professor of Byzantine Christian Studies, Columbia University.

Boundless Grandeur: The Christian Vision of A. M. Donald Allchin. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2015. ISBN 978-1-4982-0319-7

Donald Allchin (1930–2010) was an ordained priest in the Church of England, an historian, and theologian. The chapters, poems, and memoirs in this book represent what Donald’s friendship and mentoring have brought forth in the lives of the contributors. Here you will meet poets, historians, bishops, archbishops, monks, priests and lay persons, scholars, professors, and writers. You will taste the rich ecumenical dialogue between Donald’s Anglican heritage, the Eastern Orthodox Churches, the Roman Catholic Church, and churches of the Reformed Traditions, including Donald’s friendships and correspondence with Thomas Merton and the Romanian Orthodox theologian Dumitru Stăniloae. And this is only a taste of his legacy. In Donald’s words, “*For the things which belong to the story of Jesus are not yet completed.*”

“This book captures in so many ways the personality, spirituality, and breadth of interest of Donald Allchin.” – Most Rev. Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales.

A Life of Saint Nonn: A Sacred Mother of Wales. Ty Noddfa Press, 2020. ISBN 978-1-7348986-2-0

A Life of Saint Nonn reveals a late fifth-century Welsh woman who is an inspiring example of female influence on the evolution of Christian life in Celtic-speaking lands. Her life demonstrates that it is possible to live with courage, joy, and faithfulness in the midst of physical abuse, rejection, terrorism, and social chaos.

“In David Keller’s *A Life of Saint Nonn*, he has captured the character and authenticity of the saint. I commend this book to anyone who has an interest in Welsh spirituality, history and culture. It also bears testimony to the unique life of a woman who found, even in the most difficult and challenging times in her life, the presence and love of God.”

The Venerable Dorrien Davies – Archdeacon of Carmarthen, Diocese of St Davids, South Wales.