

## The Practice Of Discernment In The Christian Church

Church boards and other Christian leadership teams have long relied on models adapted from the business world. Ruth Haley Barton, president of the Transforming Center, helps teams transition to a much more fitting model—the spiritual community that practices discernment together.

The Soul of Discernment provides concrete steps for groups of people who work together and need to make important decisions: church sessions, nonprofit hiring committees, etc. Liebert calls this process the Social Discernment Cycle, a process for seeking God's call in a particular situation. "It is called 'social' because it deals primarily with human communities in their social-structural, rather than interpersonal aspects," Liebert explains. "It is a cycle because one completed round of discernment prepares for the next. The Social Discernment Cycle is particularly apt for any discernment that involves a structure, system, or institution." This book helps groups work through this cycle to answer the question, "How is God leading us, individually or together, to act in this particular moment in our organization?" McIntosh, the leading Episcopal theologian in the U.S., gives us meditative reflections on Christian discernment as a practice and a way of life.

An applied spirituality handbook that covers an array of topics relevant to professionals' daily work in pastoral care After fifty years of monastic life, prayer, and spiritual direction, Meg Funk knows what it means to listen with the ear of one's heart to the Holy Spirit. In Discernment Matters, she shares what she has learned. This book is a resource for those who want to learn and practice discernment as taught by the early monastic tradition. It includes an accessible summary of teachings about discernment from monastic traditions of late antiquity, consideration of important tools for making decisions today, and practical examples from the lives of St. Benedict and St. Patrick, as well as from the experience of monastics today. With this fifth volume of the Matters Series, Funk completes one of the most comprehensive presentations of the spiritual life available today, demonstrating why this inner work is both necessary and such a joy. Mary Margaret Funk is a Benedictine nun of Our Lady of Grace Monastery, Beech Grove, Indiana. From 1994 through 2004, she served as executive director of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue, which fosters dialogue among monastics of the world's religions. In addition to the volumes of the Matters Series, she is the author of Islam Is: An Experience of Dialogue and Devotion and Into the Depths: A Journey of Loss and Vocation.

Easy-to-understand model of spiritual discernment for individuals and groups Introduces an array of spiritual practices Connects powerful spiritual practices with psychological understanding and social insight Study guide included Dan Prechtel contends that the Holy One wants to—and often does—speak to us in language of powerful symbols from the depths of our individual and collective being. Symbols that emerge from our particular situations and are deeply connected with our spiritual tradition provide light on the path of our spiritual journey to illuminate our situation and give insight into God's desire for us personally and in our common life. The book helps individual readers, small groups, spiritual directors, and counselors pay closer attention to those symbols that emerge from the deep source of wisdom and creativity within and around us to serve as guides. Offering examples from his personal life as well as from professional experience as a spiritual guide, Prechtel explores a practical model of spiritual discernment and discusses how tools such as contemplative spiritual practices, exploring the wisdom of dream symbols, and participation in sacramental rituals all provide powerful symbols to guide the discernment process. He looks at varying contexts for discernment, from personal situations to global issues. There are questions for personal and group reflection throughout the book, along with additional examples of guided imagery meditations and further discussion on dream work at the end. Crafting a theology of hope, this book addresses both the possibility that hope offers and the capacity of hope to respond to the challenges that life presents to us all.

20th Anniversary Edition: A unique approach to the spiritual practice of discernment for a new generation, with reflections and exercises. Listening Hearts features simple reflections and exercises drawn from scripture and from Quaker and Ignatian traditions, to make the spiritual practice of discernment accessible to everyone, not just clergy or advanced scholars. This seminal work in the Listening Hearts series has been a beloved resource for tens of thousands of individual readers, retreat participants, small groups, and church leaders, as they listen for and respond to God's call in their lives.

[Believe Not Every Spirit](#)

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[The Bishop and the Sense of the Faithful](#)

[Discernment and Truth](#)

This book is the gift of a discerning heart that offers both practical and inspirational wisdom to those who would live a discerning life.

In early modern Europe, discernment emerged as a key notion at the intersection of various domains in both learned and artisanal cultures. Often used synonymously with

judgment, ingenuity, and taste, discernment defined the ability to perceive and understand the secrets of nature and art, and became explicitly connected with a kind of knowledge available only to experts in the respective fields. With contributions by historians of art and historians of science, and with geographic coverage focusing on the Low Countries and their multiple connections to different parts of the world, this volume reframes recent scholarship on what the editors term 'cultures of knowledge and discernment' in the early modern period. The collection is innovative in its focus on investigating types of knowledge linked to what was then called the 'science' (scientia) of art, to artistic expertise and connoisseurship, and to 'secrets of art and nature.' Pope Francis has said, "Discernment is a choice of courage." In this little wisdom book, Professor Ladislav Orsy shows contemporary readers a well-tested way to listen to the Holy Spirit within and among us as well as offering a way of navigating life's questions through communal discernment. Community discernment is the discovery of a gift by another gift: the discovery of God's plan for the community through the light of faith infused into the minds of its members. While this text was originally written for Jesuits living in community to help them to live God's calling, the principles of Ignatian spirituality outlined here have broad application beyond such a setting today. As such it is: Rooted in history but not a history of discernment Theological but not a doctrinal treatise Practical but not a how-to manual Spiritual but does not belong to any specific school of thought. Succinct and very readable, this book contains a collection of insights suitable for both individual and group discernment exercises.

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\*This is the Type Two Edition of the book, including specific content for enneagram Type Twos. You can also purchase the Comprehensive Edition that includes all Types.\* How does your personality type help and hinder your ability to make wise decisions? We are too often rich in information and poor in wisdom. And when we encounter life's decisions, big and small, we engage the information available through the lens of our personality. The Enneagram of Discernment: The Way of Vocation, Wisdom, and Practice breaks new ground in the enneagram field, introducing Dr. Drew Moser's innovative approach to exploring the enneagram to discover calling, cultivate wisdom, and develop habits that help you make wise decisions, whether they be important or mundane. This is not your ordinary enneagram book. Weaving theology, spirituality, neuroscience, and psychology, Dr. Moser introduces you to The Way of Discernment: a journey of nine key questions each of us must consider when faced with a decision. Each of these nine questions are grouped into three triads: The Vocation Triad, The Wisdom Triad, and The Practice Triad. This is an enneagram resource for anyone looking for help in making better decisions. Whether you're new to the enneagram, or have been working with the enneagram for many years, The Enneagram of Discernment is an essential resource.

From 1400 through 1700, the number of reports of demonic possessions among European women was extraordinarily high. During the same period, a new type of mysticism—popular with women—emerged that greatly affected the risk of possession and, as a result, the practice of exorcism. Many feared that in moments of rapture, women, who had surrendered their souls to divine love, were not experiencing the work of angels, but rather the ravages of demons in disguise. So how then, asks Moshe Sluhovskiy, were practitioners of exorcism to distinguish demonic from divine possessions? Drawing on unexplored accounts of mystical schools and spiritual techniques, testimonies of the possessed, and exorcism manuals, Believe Not Every Spirit examines how early modern Europeans dealt with this dilemma. The personal experiences of practitioners, Sluhovskiy shows, trumped theological knowledge. Worried that this could lead to a rejection of Catholic rituals, the church reshaped the meaning and practices of exorcism, transforming this healing rite into a means of spiritual interrogation. In its efforts to distinguish between good and evil, the church developed important new explanatory frameworks for the relations between body and soul, interiority and exteriority, and the natural and supernatural.

Burning Center, Porous Borders articulates what the church is and is called to be about in the world, a world now globalized to the point that the local is lived globally and the global is lived locally. The church must respond creatively and prophetically to the challenges—economic disparity, war and terrorism, diaspora, ecological threat, health

crisis, religious diversity, and so on--posed by our highly globalized world. It can do so only if the church's spiritual center burns mightily. Conversely, it can burn mightily in the spirit of Christ only if its borders are porous and allows the fresh air/spirit of change to blow in and out. While there is much rhetoric about change, the most common response to change is to continue doing business as usual. This is particularly the case in the face of perceived global threats. In spite of the hoopla and euphoria of the global village, walls of division and exclusion are rising, hearts are constricting, and moral imagination shrinking. In response to this context, Burning Center, Porous Borders proposes alternative ways or images of being a church: burning center and porous borders, wall-buster and bridge-builder, translocal (glocal), mending-healer, radical hospitality, community of the earth-spirit, household of life abundant, dialogians of life, and community of hope. In Burning Center, Porous Borders congregational vitality and progressive praxis kiss and embrace!

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[Theology and Practice, Communal and Personal](#)

[Listening with the Ear of the Heart](#)

[A Spiritual Practice for the Church](#)

[Guiding Symbols for Insight and Discernment: Meeting God through Dreams, Sacraments, Stories, Meditation, and Spiritual Practice](#)

*There is an increasing sense of uncertainty in the world. The Way of Discernment offers participants a way to discover God's will in their lives both as individuals and as a community of God. Whether experienced as a simple desire to follow God's way, a deep longing, or a satisfaction when we find a fulfilling path, discernment beckons believers. This 10-week study focuses on the ancient spiritual discipline of discernment for the individual, congregations, or larger bodies of the church. It follows the familiar Companions in Christ format of a weekly reading, daily exercises, and a weekly 2-hour small-group meeting. More of a journey in discernment than a how-to guide, this study for groups gently leads to the prayerful path of a richer, wiser life both for individuals and the larger church. Also available is a Leader's Guide with clear suggestions for the structure of meetings, leadership suggestions, and specific entering and guided prayers.*

*Spiritual Direction 101 brings spiritual guidance down to earth, making it accessible to people from a variety of spiritual and religious traditions. This book gives you the "here's how it's done" information, such as tips, tools, stories and descriptions to assist spiritual directors and build awareness in those seeking spiritual help.*

*Listen to the prayer of the apostle Paul for his beloved church in Philippi: "this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment; so that ye may approve the things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and void of offence unto the day of Christ" (Phil. 1.9-10). What was it that inspired him to offer such a prayer for the dear saints in Philippi? Do we today desperately need the same prayer? We talk about love and fellowship, and yet we encounter many problems and failures. What is the missing link to a glorious church? Can it be the lack of "full knowledge and all perception that ye may prove [or, distinguish] the things that differ" (literal translation)? Certainly spiritual discernment is the pressing need of today. How can we obtain this full knowledge of God? Where do we get spiritual discernment that we may know the things which differ or are more excellent? These are the matters which brother Watchman Nee tried to address during his latter years of ministry. This present volume, entitled Spiritual Discernment is composed of three parts: Abound in Knowledge, Abound in Discernment, and Approve the Excellent. The Publishers were able to acquire these Notes in Chinese recently, and they have now been translated into English for sharing with the English-speaking saints. May these Notes help many in meeting the pressing need of today.*

*Spiritual discernment is the traditional name for listening and responding to divine guidance. In this book you will approach decision making as an active participant, a co-creator with God in shaping your life. Drawing on twenty-five years of experience as a psychologist and fifteen years as a spiritual director, Nancy L. Bieber presents three essential aspects of Spirit-led decision making:*

*How can discerning critical hope enable us to develop innovative forms of teaching, learning and social practices that begin to address issues of marginalization, privilege and access across different contexts? At this millennial point in history, questions of*

*cynicism, despair and hope arise at every turn, especially within areas of research into social justice and the struggle for transformation in education. While a sense of fatalism and despair is easily recognizable, establishing compelling bases for hope is more difficult. This book addresses the absence of sustained analyses of hope that simultaneously recognize the hard edges of why we despair. The volume posits the notion of critical hope not only as conceptual and theoretical, but also as an action-oriented response to despair. Our notion of critical hope is used in two ways: it is used firstly as a unitary concept which cannot be disaggregated into either hopefulness or criticality, and secondly, as an analytical concept, where critical hope is engaged and diversely theorized in ways that recognize aspects of individual and collective directions of critical hope. The book is divided into four sub-sections: Critical Hope in Education Critical Hope and a Critique of Neoliberalism Critical Race Theory/Postcolonial Perspectives on Critical Hope Philosophical Overviews of Critical Hope. Education can be a purveyor of critical hope, but it also requires critical hope so that it, as a sector itself, can be transformative. With contributions from international experts in the field, the book will be of value to all academics and practitioners working in the field of education.*

*Spiritual discernment is good for more than just making monumental decisions according to God's will. It is an essential, day-to-day activity that allows thoughtful Christians to separate the truth of God from error and to distinguish right from wrong in all kinds of settings and situations. It is also a skill-something that any person can develop and improve, especially with the guidance in this book. Written by a leading evangelical blogger, *The Discipline of Spiritual Discernment* is an uplifting, scripturally grounded work that explains the need for discernment, its challenges, and the steps that will cultivate it. Author Tim Challies does not do the discerning for readers; he simply shows them how to practically apply scriptural tools, principles, and wisdom so that their conclusions about everything-people, teachings, decisions, media, and organizations-will be consistent with God's Word.*

*Satan is always at work breeding sadness and anxiety while providing obstacles that prevent souls from making spiritual progress. In this concise yet powerful book, author Dan Burke presents the venerable, time-tested wisdom of Catholic mystics to help you understand the influence of the Enemy on your mind and heart, and the tactics you need to combat him. With St. Ignatius as his guide, Burke presents here an indispensable, authoritative manual for engaging in daily battle with the Adversary—combat that is both inevitable and winnable. Burke will help you recognize the ebbs and flows of consolation and desolation, and distinguish between the voices of God and of Satan. Best of all, you'll come to see the spiritual life not as a science to be learned, but as an intuitive art to be practiced as you move with increasing success from habitual sin to sanctity. The battle for our souls is unavoidable. The saints won theirs by learning how to be spiritual warriors and by recognizing that we become stronger through battle and grow weaker from avoidance. With this book as your guide, you'll grow in strength and contentment as you learn: -How to take captive every negative thought and make it obedient to Christ -St. Ignatius's revelations exposing how the Devil seeks to influence us -The Paradigm of Ascent and the Five Steps to Sanctity -The three ways you can discern "Good Spirits" from "Bad Spirits" -The three principal causes of desolation—and what you must do when it afflicts your soul -Proven methods for moving away from sin and toward self-giving love of God and neighbor.*

*Henri Nouwen, beloved author, priest and world-renowned counsellor and guide, understood the spiritual life as a journey of faith and transformation that is deepened by accountability, community and relationships. Although Henri counselled many people during his lifetime, his principles of discernment were never collected into a single volume. Now, in association with the Nouwen Legacy Trust, Michael Christensen - one of Nouwen's long-time students - and Rebecca Laird have taken his coursework, journals and unpublished writings and created the definitive resource on spiritual discernment. *Discernment* is the final volume in a trilogy of Nouwen titles. *Spiritual Direction and Spiritual Formation* are also published by SPCK.*

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[\*A 21st Century Blueprint for Physical Health, Emotional Balance, Mental Clarity, and Spiritual Awakening\*](#)

*The Way of Discernment* Spiritual Practices for Decision Making Westminster John Knox Press

*This thesis examines the Mennonite Brethren practice of discerning a call to ministry. The discernment of a call to ministry is typically described as having two parts: an external invitation to consider vocational pastoral ministry, and an inner affirmation of this call. However, many Mennonite Brethren women report that in their experience the external and internal aspects of the call to ministry do not neatly correspond with one another. Therefore, attending to the experiences of women can provide a resource for a critical examination of the Mennonite Brethren practice of discerning a call to ministry.*

*Unstructured interviews were completed with six Mennonite Brethren women who have discerned a call to ministry. The narratives provided by these women were then examined in light of Scripture and tradition. Three key themes emerged. First, the discernment of a call to ministry must be located within the context of the church body, because it serves as a means of recognizing the gifts that Christ has placed within the church in order to build up the body of Christ. Second, the practice of discerning a call to ministry nurtures an understanding of ministry as an embodied response to the love and empowerment of God. Finally, discerning a call to ministry affirms the significant role of leaders within the body of Christ and encourages careful discernment in selecting those to whom authority will be given.*

*The authors of *Moment by Moment: A Retreat in Everyday Life* offer a practical guide to finding God in every relationship, allowing believers to become more perceptive of God's presence and action in their lives. Original.*

*Both the faithful and bishops are called to learn and to teach. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the faithful of the local church witness to the apostolic tradition with their lives, and so are teachers. Learning to receive and respond to the sense of the faithful is an essential way the bishop grows in his personal ability to teach the church's faith in authentic and meaningful ways. How is the bishop's ministry of discernment formed by spirituality, and what structures strengthen it? Ignatian spirituality and the structures of discernment in the Society of Jesus model ways for bishops to cultivate discernment as a spiritual habit and provide insight for renovating diocesan structures to incorporate discerning dialogue with the faithful. In*

A Ministry of Discernment, Amanda Osheim moves from ecclesiological theory to imagining spiritual practices and church structures in the hope of contributing not only to the academic conversation about the *sensus fidelium* but also to the ways the church practically lives out our response to the Holy Spirit.

Bible study, research, and fieldwork merge in this book of practical principles for decision making by spiritual discernment. The step-by-step approach can be used to help any size group learn a new way to make decisions--a way that is interactive, spiritual, and rooted in faith practices and community. Small groups, committees, church boards, church leaders at all levels, and seminary professors will find this book valuable. This is a revised and updated version of the book, originally published in 1997. This new version included revised and updated material, as well as a new introduction by Charles Olsen.

This 30th anniversary edition presents the unique approach of *Listening Hearts* to the spiritual practice of discernment for a new generation. Written to make the often elusive and usually clergy-centered spiritual practice of discernment accessible to all people, *Listening Hearts* features simple reflections and exercises drawn from scripture and from Quaker and Ignatian traditions. The seminal work in the *Listening Hearts Series*, this book has been a beloved resource for tens of thousands of individual readers, retreat participants, small groups, and church leaders listening for and responding to God's call in their lives.

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[The Way of Discernment](#)

[The Way of Vision, Wisdom, and Practice](#)

[Discernment Matters](#)

[The Sacred Art of Finding Your Way](#)

[Discerning Call in Community](#)

[The Enneagram of Discernment \(Type Two Edition\)](#)

[Reading the Signs of Daily Life](#)

[The Mennonite Brethren Practice of Discerning a "Call To Ministry"](#)

[Discerning Critical Hope in Educational Practices](#)

*Both Ignatius of Loyola and Jonathan Edwards wrote about the theme of Christian discernment. Evan B. Howard clarifies patterns of Christian discernment common to both Roman Catholics and Protestants. Yet his study extends analysis further; through a synthesis of cognitive psychology and religious philosophy, Howard provides greater specification of the roles of affectivity in discernment. This will allow spiritual advisors to better guide men and women into an effective discernment process. Psychologists, philosophers, and students of religion will find this book highly valuable. In a world of confusion, lies, and deceit, where sin is sugar-coated and compromise is popular, discerning what you should do can be hard. Yet, life demands we make critical choices. This inspiring, easy-to-read book guides you through the process of building successful discernment for your everyday life. As you read, you will discover how to measure teaching against God's Word, how to develop a life-giving connection with God, and the path to find clear direction from the Holy Spirit. You will also learn: How to discern God's will in your finances, relationships, career, entertainment, social media and more. How to distinguish truth from lies and right from wrong. How to overcome the assault of an unbiblical mindset, which leads to compromise. If you want to become more attuned to God's leading and make sound decisions in key areas of your life, this book will equip you to do just that!*

*In this expanded edition of her spiritual formation classic, Ruth Haley Barton invites us to an honest exploration of what happens when spiritual leaders lose track of their souls. Weaving together contemporary illustrations with penetrating insight from the life of Moses, Barton explores topics*

*such as facing the loneliness of leadership, leading from your authentic self, reenvisioning the promised land and more.*

*□Much of the conversation and concern of churches and of Christian individuals is centred around Christian discernment or knowing God's leading in decision-making. The language we use around these moments is fluid, and often feels inadequate - ask someone how they 'know' what God might be saying in a given situation and they may well reach for the phrase 'I just know'. In "How Do You Know it's God?", Lynn McChlery draws on ethnographic research amongst those in different kinds of 'discernment' processes, along with theological, spiritual and psychological insights to try and understand this phenomenon of 'insight' - or 'just knowing'. Challenging the perception that such intuition needs to be marginalised and removed from discernment conversations, McChlery suggests that instead intuition can and should be intentionally matured both individually and in communities; and that it can be verified, articulated and recorded in forms appropriate to its own mode of insight. It is a vital new contribution to the scholarship for all practical theologians researching ecclesiology, vocation, group dynamics in churches, and communal decision-making processes of any kind. Brief reflections by noted Chilean priest and author, showing how to avoid activism, messianism, and other common pitfalls in ministry and prayer, based on the discernment principles of Ignatius of Loyola, John of the Cross, and Teresa of Avila.*

*The resource also aids initiation ministers as they help catechized and uncatechized baptized Christians seeking to be received into the Church to discern God's movement in their lives. A chapter focused on children provide initiation ministers with an understanding of how to discern the reasons for initiation with the parents and child as well as the needs of the child.*

*This comprehensive guide shows how to use Wilber's acclaimed Integral Approach to design a personal program of transformational practice. With its combination of exercises, explanations, theory, and illustrations, this work is intended to meet the needs of the whole person.*

*We all make decisions constantly--some with careful reflection, some without much thought. But what if we understood these decisions, minor as well as major, as matters of faithful Christian living? In this helpful and encouraging book, Elizabeth Liebert introduces the practice of discernment and guides readers through the process of faithful decision making. Following the way of discernment means becoming increasingly able to notice where God is at work in the world and in one's own life--and becoming increasingly generous with one's own life in response. After briefly exploring the Christian tradition of discernment, Liebert then turns to practical steps and exercises that will help readers as they seek God's call in the midst of their decisions, allowing readers to internalize some of these practices and incorporate them into their daily lives.*

[\*How do You Know it's God?\*](#)

[\*Reading the signs of daily life\*](#)

[\*Hope: Promise, Possibility, and Fulfillment\*](#)

[\*Burning Center, Porous Borders\*](#)

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