

Growing Toward God

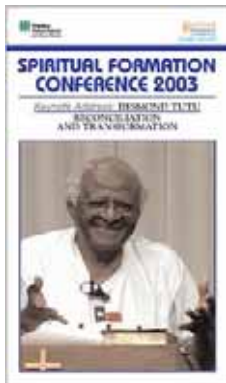
Adult formation

DVD & resource guide (some downloadable)

Available from Leader Resources (www.leaderresources.org)

We are all searching for the educational insights, knowledge and wisdom to help us enhance, inspire and increase our spiritual practice. Trinity Television's series, Growing Toward God, is focused specifically on achieving those aims.

This adult education series incorporates a DVD and resource guide, which allows each segment's teachings to be taught to a group or utilized for independent study. Each series gives the course leader specific points of discussion, debate and activities for participants. An alternative model for conducting the course as a weekend retreat, with examples of daily schedules and activities is also included.

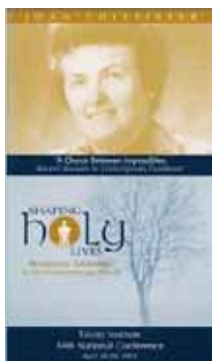


Growing Toward God: Reconciliation And Transformation

Growing Toward God: Desmond Tutu “Reconciliation and Transformation” is the first offering of this series. In it Desmond Tutu speaks about how we come to terms with the love of God for us. Because Bishop Tutu’s style is so remarkably enriching; the study is formatted to allow groups to view the whole presentation in one session, and then to revisit parts of it in detail during subsequent meetings. It is a perfect resource for congregations, study groups, schools and more, whether in a large faith community or a small one. No extensive knowledge of scripture is needed, just an interest in being nourished by one of the most energizing preachers and teachers in the

Anglican world. This resource is inspired by, and wrapped around, a keynote address Archbishop Tutu gave at the Spiritual Formation Summit at Kanuga.

- six session course
- Category “**Pastoral Concerns**”



Growing Toward God: A Choice Between Impossibles

Sister Joan Chittister looks at the state of the world and sees a “choice between impossibles;” ignoring what is and accepting what is. As an antidote to 21st century values of materialism and individualism, she evokes the values of the 5th century St. Benedict: creative work, holy leisure, wise stewardship, loving community, humility and peace.

This resource was inspired by, and wrapped around, a keynote address Sister Joan Chittister gave at the 2003 Trinity Institute National Conference, “Shaping Holy Lives: Benedictine Spirituality in the Contemporary World”.

- **eleven session** course
- Categories “**Spirituality**”, “**Current Events**”

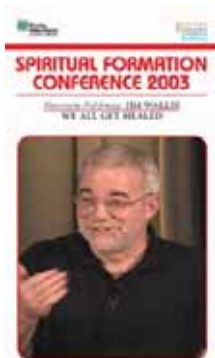


Growing Toward God: Setting The Stage

From her perspective as religion editor of Publishers Weekly, Phyllis Tickle surveys some of the main influences that have led to what she calls “the post-Enlightenment church.” She examines the “three cords of one cable—spirituality, corporeality, and morality,” that bind us together as a culture, and helps us to see religion as a human construct that changes as the society changes.

This resource is inspired by, and wrapped around, a keynote address Phyllis Tickle gave at the Spiritual Formation Summit at Kanuga.

- six session course
- Category “**Current Events**”



Growing Toward God: We All Get Healed

The editor of Sojourners Magazine, Jim Wallis, discusses the relationships between poverty and war, fear and security, invoking Martin Luther King’s view that the only security is a common security. He also urges the listeners and the nation to do more to combat global poverty, quoting the prophet Micah’s vision of each person “sitting under his own vine and fig tree.”

This resource supports the Millenium Development Goals. It was inspired by, and wrapped around, a keynote address Jim Wallis gave at the Spiritual Formation Summit sponsored by Trinity Church, Wall Street.

- eight session course
- Categories “**Current Events**”, “**Mission and Ministry**”



Growing Toward God: Christianity Revisited

Sam Keen & Phyllis Tickle

A former professor of philosophy and religion, Sam Keen was a contributing editor to Psychology Today for twenty years before becoming a lecturer and seminar leader. He has written thirteen books and produced the award winning PBS documentary, "Faces of the Enemy."

Contributing Editor in Religion for Publishers Weekly magazine, Phyllis Tickle serves as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and Reader in the Episcopal Church. Her work on religion and spirituality is frequently cited in all major media sources. Among her two

dozen books: "My Father's Prayer: A Remembrance," "Re-Discovering the Sacred: Spirituality in America," "God-Talk in America," "The Divine Hours," and her latest, "Prayer is a Place."

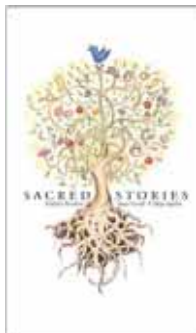
- eight session course
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Growing Toward God: Fundamentalism And Violence

Ponder the relationships between fundamentalist movements in the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths and the increased threat of terrorist activities. A 2-hour video dialogue moderated by Karen Armstrong features leaders of all the Abrahamic faiths. Why did the attacks on 9/11 occur? Can it happen again?

- **nine session** course
 - Category “**Current Events**”
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Growing Toward God: Sacred Stories

Three noted writers recreate stories of their own lives, telling of their personal triumphs and tragedies in this DVD presentation. Through their storytelling, they invite viewers to discover for themselves the presence of God, the healing power of memory, the value of telling secrets, and the possibilities of changing the future by forgiving the past. In the accompanying resource, you will learn to tell your faith stories, your community's stories and the sacred stories of the Bible.

Frederick Buechner shares the stories of his father's suicide which happened when he was ten years old, and his own relationship, forty years later, with his anorexic daughter.

James Carroll offers a memoir of his father and the bond between them that was threatened by the Vietnam war in "A Father and a Son"

Maya Angelou conjures up the people and images of her childhood world in Arkansas with "Mama & Uncle Willy."

This resource is inspired by, and wrapped around, presentations made at the Trinity Institute Conference. The Resource Guide is downloadable as a PDF file with permission for your congregation to make as many copies as needed to implement the program in your

- a **nine session** course
 - Categories “**Scripture**”, “**Church Growth**”
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Growing Toward God: Understanding Why

In an address to a live audience, Dr. Bernie Siegel uses his trademark humor and examples from his patients to stimulate belief in God and to examine our beliefs about ourselves. “Life is a labor pain,” he says, that allows us to give birth to ourselves. He looks at the ways our spiritual lives have an impact on health, and encourages the audience to “follow your heart, not your head.”

This resource is inspired by, and wrapped around, a keynote address Dr. Siegel gave at the Spiritual Formation Summit at Kanuga.

- a nine session course
- Category “**Pastoral Concerns**”