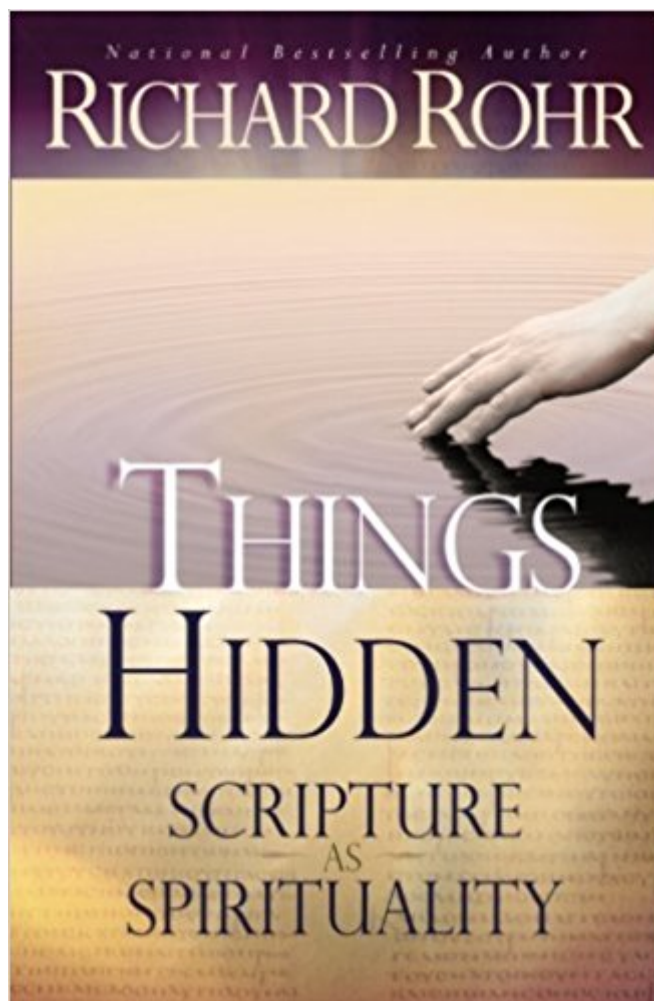


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Things Hidden: Scripture As Spirituality



Synopsis

Only when the two come together, inner and outer authority, do we have true spiritual wisdom. We have for too long insisted on outer authority alone, without any teaching of prayer, inner journey and maturing consciousness. The results for the world and for religion have been disastrous. I offer these reflections to again unite what should never have been separated: sacred Scripture and Christian spirituality. From the Introduction In this exploration of central themes of Scripture, Richard Rohr transforms the written word, discovering in these ancient texts a new and vital meaning, relevant and essential for modern Christians. He uncovers what the Bible says about morality, power, wisdom and the generosity of God in a manner that demands a life-changing response from believers. Rohr offers his readers a Christian vision of abundance, grace and joy to counteract a world filled with scarcity, judgment and fear; a vision that can revolutionize how we relate to ourselves, others and the world.

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Customer Reviews

Fr. Richard Rohr is a globally recognized ecumenical teacher bearing witness to the universal awakening within Christian mysticism and the Perennial Tradition. He is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fr. Richard's teaching is grounded in the Franciscan alternative orthodoxy "practices of contemplation and lived kenosis (self-emptying), expressing itself in radical compassion, particularly for the socially marginalized." Fr. Richard is the author of

numerous books, including *Everything Belongs*, *Adam's Return*, *The Naked Now*, *Breathing Under Water*, *Falling Upward*, *Immortal Diamond*, and *Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi*. Fr. Richard is academic Dean of the Living School for Action and Contemplation. Drawing upon Christianity's place within the Perennial Tradition, the mission of the Living School is to produce compassionate and powerfully learned individuals who will work for positive change in the world based on awareness of our common union with God and all beings. Visit cac.org for more information.

I honestly believe that if mainstream Christianity focused on the spiritual aspects illuminated here, it would be growing quickly and most non-religious people would embrace and practice it. I've now given a copy of this book to five people, and every recipient has had the same reaction. Most people (myself included) are astounded it was written by a Catholic. This has to be the best religious studies book I've ever read.

As always with Richard Rohr, get ready to go deep! He presents so many insightful glimpses into how the Scripture of old, both old and new, are so very relevant to our lives today. Human nature has always been, and will always be basically the same. This book is best read and savored slowly; let Fr. Rohr's thoughts sink deep within before moving on. A great book for discussion or book club.

An amazing book full of insights and challenges to the traditional cultural based way of looking at the bible. It has a few profound chapters that I found myself rereading and asking myself if I had read them or not- I was getting new insights reading them. I plan to come back to this book.

Presents a challenge to inherited concepts. A refreshing approach that goes beyond the limits of a defined atonement - reveals a loving God.

A great book for our times....new insight into the journey we all make to find Happiness and inner peace with who we are.

As Christianity morphs into a more lively journey, Richard Rohr is one of the best guides we have on deck. He remains loyal to the Roman Catholic Church, while liberated from the more obsolete dogma and constricted theology, Enjoy! Of course, if you're a biblical literalist, don't waste your time with these new voices that are ventilating the stuffy message, the one that stresses sin and

redemption over love, grace, and forgiveness, Trek on!

This is simply one of the most important religious books that I have ever read. Rohr balances intellectual rigor with a gracious and warm humanity to make me feel as if I am reading the Bible for the first time. And it is coherent and nearly obvious in so many places, that we have simply been approaching it all from the wrong angle in some instances. His explanation of the atonement theory is already well worth the price of the book. I am slowly starting to understand the tremendous value of Rohr in modern-day Catholic theology.

I like in this book how Richard Rohr takes the Bible and explains it, not just for people of one particular viewpoint, but for all of us. I think most of what the Bible is meant to convey is lost without a study guide to explain possible and probable meanings. If you read it with a 'cookie-cutter' mentality, it is just a bunch of stories that happened a long time ago, but the Bible is metaphor and analogies of truths and values that are eternal. Richard Rohr, in this book, shows us by explaining these important truths that are timeless and apply to you and me in all situations. Living by these truths helps us become better people, and then our lives get better! Wow!

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