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EVELYN UNDERHILL

CONCERNING THE
INNER LIFE

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WE are to consider in the course of these addresses some of the problems most intimately concerning that which is generally known as the inner life; and this in their special relation to the needs of the parish priest and religious teacher. And by the term inner life we shall here mean all that conditions the relation of the individual soul with God; the deepening and expansion of the spiritual sense; in fact, the heart of personal religion. I feel a great diffidence in coming before you, as an ordinary laywoman, to speak of such matters as these; since they are, after all, your peculiar and professional concern. Indeed, I only presume to do so because I care about these things very much, and have some leisure to think about them; and so venture to put at your service certain conclusions to which I have come. If many of these are already familiar to you, as they probably are, you must forgive me. Aeterna Press

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“If you, with your special facilities and training, do not manage to do this, it is not particularly likely that anyone else will do it.” With this, Evelyn Underhill challenges us to invest deeply in our own spiritual lives, for our sake and for the sake of the people to whom we minister. She writes extensively on how prayer shapes ministers, different types of prayer and how this life of prayer overflows into the work of ministry. *Concerning the Inner Life* was written in 1926, Underhill’s insights remain deeply relevant to the complex work of spiritual direction.

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Excellent teaching for clergy and serious students of God.

Found this to be an enlightening book. The essays were helpful for my course study in the *Spiritual Life of the Minister*.

GREAT SELLER...BOOK JUST AS WAS DESCRIBED..

These three informal talks were given by Evelyn Underhill to an unspecified school for clergy in the North of England. It was published in 1926 at the request of some who heard the talks. The talks are (1) The heart of personal religion (2) The goals of inner life and (3) Contemplative and creative life. The author believes that the first duty of the parish priest is not social work but to be "real men of prayer." She offers encouragement and inspiration by quoting western Christian mystics in the practice of the interior life. The English is beautiful and the talks must be read in their entirety to receive the author’s nuanced message. Can be read over and over again because it is written with style and grace.

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