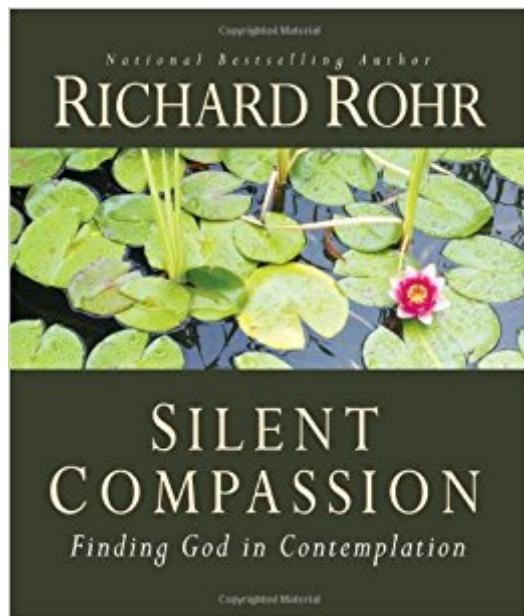


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# Silent Compassion: Finding God In Contemplation



## **Synopsis**

Richard Rohr was selected as one of a small group of world renowned experts on contemplative practice and compassion to speak at the Sacred Silence: Pathway to Compassion event in Louisville, Ky., in mid-May 2013, that featured His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The Franciscan friar served as the principle Christian presence "others represented Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism" to speak on the search for God in contemplation, which leads to action that benefits humanity. His role as the founding director of the Center for Action and Contemplation made him a fitting and powerful speaker on the subject. In Silent Compassion: Finding God in Contemplation, Rohr focuses on finding God in the depths of silence, and shares that the divine silence is more than the absence of noise. That silence has a life of its own, in which we are invited into its living presence, wholeness of being, and peace it brings. This silence can absorb paradoxes, contradictions, and the challenges of life, he says, connecting us with the great chain of being. Rohr adds that while different faiths use different languages and different words, all major religions have come at the mystery of God as a dynamic flow "God as communion, God as relationships. Silence then becomes that common place for all. This book will inspire you and show that the peace of contemplation is not something just for monks, mystics, and those divorced from the worries of the world, but rather for all people who can quiet their own mind to listen in the silence.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I am hardly qualified to critique such a book--a booklet actually-- but it comes to me as thoughtful

and thought provoking by a Franciscan in the model of Thomas Merton. There are provocative observations on organized religion and how St. Francis of Assisi stepped outside the structure--the box-- of his time. Fr. Rohr compares contemplation, he describes it as non-dual thinking, with dual thinking, which is sort of "choosing up sides" in all of your thinking. After reading this book, and now attempting contemplation, I try to deal with my dual-thinking this way: when I realize my mind is busy arguing and fussing about something or some things--especially things I can't really do anything about (think of the Serenity Prayer)--I try to visualize my mind as a beach with footprints all over it and then the waves come in and wash them all away and the beach is empty and I try to make it stay empty for a while. For those of us who recognize what is being said therein, this booklet will be read and re-read.

Rohr has taught me more about the bible ,my Catholic religion, God's love than anyone in my life. I will be 80 in August.I have read most of his books and Silent Compassion is another one that I could not put down, how he teaches we are "ALL" brothers and sisters and we are in this life TOGETHER fills you up and makes you see that God's love is in all of us Christians, Buddhist, Muslims,Jews,Hindus and yes Atheist.....God Bless him

When I finished this book, I immediately started reading it again. I have been listening to and reading Richards sharings for over 30 years now,, and this book shows how each time he shares its from a deeper place in himself. From this book I know that he is walking the walk, and as he does so, he is dragging fellows like me along with him, and for that I am very grateful- to him, and to the Spirit that iis anointing him.

I have read many of Richard Rohr's books and this one was equally as good as the others.I like the way the author uses other masters and then provides his own "take" on issues. This is a book that all spiritually interested readers will enjoy.

This beautiful book by Fr. Richard Rohr has the answers we areall searching for. It is small, but filled to the brim with wisdom.

Once again I find Father Richard inspiring. His thoughtful challenge of conventional ideas about faith leads one to pray harder, listen more intently and to act on our call to serve. We all have the opportunity to go deeper into our connection with God.

I love Rohr's books, and this one is so true to the mark. Great love and also great suffering can often lead one to deep compassion and contemplation everything he says certainly rings true.

There is religion and there is spirituality. They could be related or not, it depends on each one of us what we value or what we are looking for. Reading Richard Rohr you start to understand the difference between the two. At this point it is clear that religion means, administration, politics, power plays, money, etc. and spirituality has nothing to do with that, and not only, but you don't even need to go to a church to practice it, understand it or learn to develop. It is your personal path and your personal achievement and no one is at the level to tell you that you have reached or not. We have been misled for centuries on the wrong believe that we need church and religion for achieving spirituality. What will it take to change this situation to go back to the original message from Jesus? The answer is many, many Richards Rohrs. I read a comment from somebody that is 80 years old, catholic, that said that He has learned more from Richard Rohr that in his entire life as a catholic. That said it all.

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