

## The God Filled Life: Tracking Final Maturity

These books represent a small sample of contemplative writings of the church which have wielded important influence over the development of Christian doctrine. Many of these authors have written several books which have been valuable to my pursuit of intimacy with God and the development of my devotional contact and experience of God. My teaching on the Unitive Life is derived from these works.

Prayer	Hans Urs von Balthasar
Practical Mysticism	Evelyn Underhill
Radical Optimism	Beatrice Bruteau
A Testament of Devotion	Thomas Kelly
The Ascent to Truth	Thomas Merton
The Inner Christ	John Main
The Seeking Heart	Francios de Fenelon
Mysticism	Evelyn Underhill
The Big Book of Christian Mysticism	Carl McColman
The Final Stages of Christian Maturity	Jeanne Guyon
The Interior Castle	St. Teresa of Avila
The Divine Milieu	Pierre Teilhard de Chardin
Final Steps in Christian Maturity	Jeanne Guyon
Self-Abandonment to Divine Providence	Jean-Pierre De Caussade
An Anthology of Devotional Literature	Thomas S. Kepler
Deification in Christ	Panayiotis Nellas
The Spiritual Guide	Michael Molinos
Institutes	John Cassian
On Loving Goal	Bernard of Clairvaux
The Book of Divine Works	Hildegard of Bingen
The Fire of Love	Richard Rolle
The Cloud of Unknowing	(Unknown author)
The Imitation of Christ	Thomas a' Kempis
Revelation of Love	Julian of Norwich
The Dark Night of the Soul	John of the Cross

## Abiding Intimacy

- a. Relationship with God moves from personal to intimate to organic
- b. John 15:5 (Message) I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you are joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant.
- c. Organic life with God is characterized by:
  - Rest
  - Trust
  - Surrender
  - Awareness
  - Simplicity
  - Lack of striving
  - Seeing, not trying to believe
  - Praying, not trying to pray

## United will

- a. You want what God wants

## Seeing deeply and clearly

- a. Life becomes more transparent. Awareness of God is continual. Depth of insight into self and others increases

## A source of divine life to others

- a. All of your life becomes a revelation. The fruit of the Spirit are produced in bumper crop

## Procreative power

- a. In your divine assignments others are impregnated with the Holy Seed