

Chapter 1 : Spiritual Pathways Assessment - North Point

Spiritual pathway is an opportunity for "being" in spirit, a way to connect to the peace that is you. Why did we create Spiritual Pathway? It is our belief that that small changes in perspective can make a major difference in life.

A world-wide network of prayer and service attentive to the needs of humanity I have loved you with everlasting love! Jeremiah Though she may forget, I will not forget you! This is what he is continuously saying to us and what we fathom in all he does for us each day: LOVE is the way in which the Lord looks at us always, regardless of the course our life has taken--even if we have strayed away from him because of our sin. His love is unconditional and notwithstanding. It is the principle and the foundation of our spiritual way. Our life starts by his love, is sustained by it, and one day will be received by that love. To acknowledge his love gives us the chance to love him in return. God, you are my God, I pine for you; my heart thirsts for you, as a land parched, dreary and waterless. Saint Augustine, Confessions We yearn for happiness and seek it in a multitude of ways. God gave us the capacity to love and to live generously. But many times we feel poor and lost, burdened with frustrations and deep desires, unable to solve our personal crisis and find inner peace. A pathway of faith, prayer and life for seekers, for those in spiritual need and for all who desire to receive Jesus Christ in their hearts is proposed here. It is the way of the humble, where our weakness of heart will not be a hindrance, but rather, our greatest asset, for the encounter with a God who leans toward the poor. Why are you asleep? Do not abandon us for good. Why do you turn your face away, forgetting that we are poor and harassed? But the world we share is wounded by painful contradictions that cause death and suffering. Life and love are often suffocated by violence and selfishness. The weak and vulnerable are crushed by the boots of the powerful. Natural resources are depleted. There is too much sadness and loneliness. We have walked away from the paths of the Lord and from his project for humanity. See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? He has spoken of his love many times and in various ways through the prophets, and now, in these final times he has spoken to us by his Son made man, Jesus, the Christ cf. In Him, the Father has joined our history to his own history in order to restore creation and heal our wounded humanity. In Him, who gave his life for us and whom the Father rose from the dead, he has forgiven our sins. With Him we learn to recognize the Spirit of God working in this world, bringing forth something new, even in the midst of suffering and difficulties. I have called you by your name, you are mine. Do not be afraid! since I regard you as precious, since you are honored and I love you. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper! John So too each one must labor with me during the day, and keep watch in the night! Saint Ignatius, Spiritual Exercises 93 Jesus Christ calls us his friends and invites us to a personal and intimate covenant of love with him. He is alive to intercede for us, actively drawing us to him. He sees us as a precious treasure of his heart. Friendship with him will make us see the world with his eyes, we will be one with his joys and sufferings, and we will offer ourselves to work with him for our brothers and sisters. He is always with us and shall be until the end of age. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Remain in my love. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. Jesus left this surprising promise to his disciples before his death. He wants to dwell in each one of us. Saint Paul gives witness to this by saying it is no longer he, but Christ living in him. This is the ultimate horizon towards which the Spirit leads us in our life of faith. He seeks to conform the Christian to Christ in body, soul and spirit. We long for this, and we ask for this with a humble heart, knowing we will never accomplish it through our own efforts. We believe this conformation with Christ is given to us in a privileged way through the Eucharist. Christ gives himself to us through his Body and his Blood, molding our hearts to his own Heart, so we can be and act as Him. The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. You have given all to me, to you oh Lord I return it. All is yours, dispose of it wholly, according to your will. Give me your love and your grace, for this is sufficient for me. We learn that in spite of our weakness and limitations, our life is useful to others. Knowing ourselves loved, chosen, and inhabited by Him dignifies us, fills us with gratitude, and enables us to respond to so much good received by offering our own life in apostolic readiness. He invites us to comply

generously to his call, as did Mary of Nazareth. He does not want to save us or change the world without us. Even if I may consider my offering meaningless, it will be made useful to others because the Father joins it to the life and Heart of his Son, who laid down his life for us on the cross. We tell the Father our readiness to collaborate with his Son through a prayer of self offering. We are at the same time humbly praying to the Holy Spirit that we may cease to obstruct his work in us. Through the Eucharist we are inspired and nourished in a special way, for there we find the perfect offering of Christ to the Father and a model for our own life-offering. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted Isaiah. We are sent out to the margins of human life in different ways, together with his Son. We are sent to the places where men and women are suffering injustice, to help heal and support the brokenhearted. It is our way of giving love in return to his love for us reparation. We go beyond the boundaries of the Church, for the Spirit of Jesus is where compassion is. Through both prayer and concrete actions, we can join people from different cultures and religious traditions, people open to this Spirit, and work to relieve the suffering of those most in need. And give him no peace either until saving justice dawns like a bright light, and salvation like a blazing torch. What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? As the Father sent me, so am I sending you. We want them to orient our action and our prayer during that month. The call to the mission is the fire that makes us apostles sent from the heart of the Father to the heart of the world. Among those first invited to be part of this network are Catholics from different countries and cultures, and from diverse spiritual families. The AP puts the richness of its diversity at the service of Church unity. Others are also invited to be in this network in different ways:

Chapter 2 : Spiritual Pathway - A Spiritual Journey

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From what I can see, I am the only living soul around. I have been walking for a while without any clear direction. I have no idea where I am at or where I am heading. I just keep walking. As I journey through this valley of nothingness, I feel extremely lonely and fearful. I cannot contain the tears that are continuously rolling down my face. I call out to God for help, but nothing happens. I pray until I am lost for words. However, there is no sign of God nearby. I sense He has abandoned me. The day seems eternal. The sun continues to pound relentlessly upon my body. There is no place to take shelter. Night has not come, and it seems it will not. I continue to walk aimlessly. My body wants to collapse and give up this endless journey. How long will I bear this agony? Why am I here? Why has God abandoned me? Still, I receive no answer. Although my hopes and faith are slowly fading away, I continue to pray. After walking endlessly, I realize I am still where I started from. Suddenly, I see an obscure image. The closer I get, I see the figure of an old man sitting on the side of the road. No, it is not a mirage. It is a man; and he appears to be meditating. He appears to be in deep thought. Slowly, he lifts his head and smiles at me. He signals me to sit and offers me water. It leads you nowhere. If you want, I can help you. Although something inside me is telling me not to go, I ignore the feeling, and follow him faithfully. We go through an opening on the side of the road. After traveling a short distance, we arrive at the place he spoke of. It is exactly as he said. The place is absolutely stunning. The people are extremely friendly and helpful. There is plenty of everything- food, people, laughter, etc. The streets are paved with gold. The sun is shining; and there is not one cloud across the sky. The sun is no longer pounding on me. Instead, it is bathing me with its light. A warm and gentle breeze has dried the tears from my face. The place is truly paradise. As the old man said, this is the land of plenty. The old man smiles and bids me farewell. Before leaving, he tells me to enjoy myself. Yes, I have finally arrived at my destination. My aimless walking has ended. For days, I indulge in the various pleasures made available to me. I become addicted to all. I crave for more. I have become a pleasure seeker. The more I get, the more I want. I am out of control. In search for more, I roam to another part of this so-called paradise. I have gone from one extreme to another. This place is so gloomy and dark. Here, the streets are not covered with gold, rather cheap dark metal. They walk around like zombies, or lost souls. There are great destruction and misery all around. Abandoned babies crying and slowly dying of hunger; young children selling their bodies in order to eat; people killing each other senselessly, little children dirty and hungry roaming the streets; women suffering from physical and emotional abuse; youngsters with numerous needle marks desperately looking for another fix; elderly abandoned and living in cardboard boxes; people riddled with diseases; and the list goes on. Yes, the old man was right about this place. It is a place of plenty. There are enough misery, tears, hate, anguish, hunger, pain, despair, illness and darkness for everyone. The streets are no longer beautiful; and the sun no longer shines. Oh, my God, what have I done? I made a terrible mistake. I selected a path that was short and less burdensome without realizing the heavy penalty attached. I allowed myself to be enticed by the trappings of a world with a dark hidden agenda. Is this what people refer to as, "Hell on earth? He was the devil disguised as a benevolent human being feeding on my weaknesses and imperfections. For it is written: Although Jesus was a great teacher, undoubtedly, I am a poor student. Wanting immediate gratification, I never considered the ramifications of my actions. I allowed myself to be pulled in by the negative energies that wait patiently for its prey. Now, I am a prisoner of this Sodom and Gomorrah situation without an escape plan. My only option is prayer. I pray, however, I feel that God has abandoned me. I sit alone in total darkness. I have no sense of time. It seems I have been here forever. I sense movement around me, but I cannot see who it is. The energy seems sinister. Even though the noise around me is maddening, I pray ceaselessly. Suddenly, a luminous light appears. The light transforms into an angel. He smiles and takes my hand. My heart is pounding. He guides me out of the darkness and into the light. I am back where I started. He has vanished without saying good-bye.

I know now that you were always by my side. I was foolish and selfish. Instead of accepting my earthly trials and tribulations, I took the easy way out. I know that we are here to learn and purify our souls; and the only road to you is the one you have set in front of us. Forgive me and give me strength so that I will not deviate from my true spiritual journey. I try to enjoy and take in all I see. I no longer feel lonely or question where I am going.

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7. A beautiful sunset can give me a spiritual high that temporarily blocks out everything bothering me. 8. It makes me feel better about myself to hang out with.

I seek a spiritual pathway that recognizes human limitations and weaknesses and accepts me as I am. The Path I seek is not one of power and control, having no need of those. Along this path I seek, there is nothing to fight, suppress, condemn, or reject as Everything Belongs. Nothing is secular; Everything is Sacred. I realize that this path goes against everything that traditional religions teach. While they wish to suppress my passions, this path requires that I use my passions for Enlightenment. On this Path, instead of having to fight my passions, I will be able to harness them for Self-Discovery. Journeying this path is extremely radical. It requires the transformation of my vision. It changes what I once viewed as unsatisfactory into an experience of Wisdom. This path is criticized by religious people because it requires the death of Ego which like institutional religionists strives to dominate, control, and achieve. This path on which I wish to embark is a gentle path, but not one for weaklings, indeed one for warriors. I seek to be that warrior, holistic in vision, determined to accept reality, as it is, with an uncompromising commitment to Truth, having the courage to simply Be. As a gentle warrior, I admit my personal limitations, with my gentleness a sign of Strength. I vow an unwavering commitment to be gentle to be tough and tough to be gentle. Despite the scorn and derision of the religionists, this Path I do seek. Blessing The majestic sphere of Creation is celebrated in the intimacy of Oneness. To recognize that each and every part and particle is representative of the whole is to stand in the light of universal wisdom. To know, that even genetically, I am the essence of All. I am the element of ordained God thought enveloped as human nature. I use universal law of cause and effect to reveal the Spirit of this Living Source within. I know each moment of awareness I gain uplifts the populace of earth, so I remain steadfast as I bring the essence, the nuance, the oxygen of God into my body, into all details, circumstances, agendas, happenings, and enfoldments of this earthly domain. I live the Truth of my authenticity Now! There is nothing to gain, no more to seek on this soul path. I commit to consciously being the spiritual ideals I hold so dearly. To begin each day in a place of peace, to see the labyrinth of Self-Soul, and of heart as clear to walk through. This peaceful frequency ripples out to everyone in my soul family, in my soul group, and to all those that are affected by the dynamics of my Presence. I will do everything in my heart to bring forth this God agenda for the highest global soul patterns to live in their light vibrations. I am the seed source within the heart of man. And so, it is. Thank you for visiting WitchBeMe. I do hope that the information within my website has been helpful to you.

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The Path of Transformation is an article about the 3 major stages of the spiritual path: transmutation, transformation and transfiguration. It explains how the true spiritual Self is revealed through growth from aspirant to disciple and beyond.

Would you like to find out what your spiritual pathway is? I have included a simple assessment questionnaire at the end of this post. A spiritual pathway is a way that you commune with God most effectively and naturally. Utilising your spiritual pathway is a great tool for spiritual renewal. Worship Pathway Fresh new worship gives voice to what is on my heart and helps me experience intimacy with Jesus. It is a means of being personally refilled with the Holy Spirit. I enjoy spending time alone, praying and reflecting with my Bible and journalâ€”accompanied, of course, by my current favourite worship music. Creation Pathway Give me wide, open spaces where I can appreciate the beauty of creation, and I am refuelled beyond measure. The Hunk , not surprisingly, is completely different from me in the way he connects best with God. The Activist My hubby has to be on a mission, fired up for a cause and spreading the fire. Relational Pathway No lone silent retreats for himâ€”The Hunk takes his big strides forward when sharing and praying with other people. Yes, we do both share this pathwayâ€”and are blessed by times spent alone and together in the Great Outdoors! Serving Caregiving Pathway I have a friend who has a serving pathwayâ€”feeling fulfilled and connected to God best when she is busy serving. Others are Different Discovering the concept of spiritual pathways has helped me to get closer to God. It has also helped me to appreciate that others do not connect to God the same way that I do. I have learned not to place expectations on my husband, for example. I have also learned that my spiritual pathway or that of others is NOT a sign of spirituality or Christian maturity. How to use Your Spiritual Pathway to be Refilled with the Holy Spirit Identifying my spiritual pathways helped me experience renewal when I was suffering from ministry burnout. Like other efforts related to my Christian life, devotional times had become a labour and a duty. I simply had nothing left to give to any task. When I realised I needed to take deliberate action to be refuelled, I reviewed my spiritual pathways. Recognising the value of my creation pathway, I began to schedule whole days to go out in the wilds, where I would pray and worship. I would return from these days feeling revitalised and refilled. This simple exercise contributed to my recovery. However, I did find their emphasis on the corporate church context rather than personal devotional lifeâ€”especially in the worship pathwayâ€”a little disappointing. Add up your scores and see which pathways you score highest in. These may be your preferred spiritual pathways. Note that like me, you may have more than one. I thrive on the discussion that comes out of these times together. Intellectual I feel closest to God when my mind is fully engaged Give me an intellectually stimulating book any time! Activist I feel close to God when I am engaged in ministry at a fast pace I am a person of action!

Chapter 5 : Gary Thomas | Sacred Pathways Sacred Pathways | Gary Thomas

Pathways Spiritual Sanctuary is a quiet, safe, sacred place where visitors can spend time walking, sitting, contemplating, reading, writing, reflecting or healing in the natural landscape of the sacred Black Hills of South Dakota.

Pathway Spiritual Growth Your spiritual growth, which begins with your personal time with the Lord, should always be your highest priority in life. Scripture is clear that a private time with the Lord is vital. We encourage you to find a quiet place to be alone with the Lord, whether in your room or in the residence hall prayer rooms. In keeping with the reverent spirit of church services, Sunday morning Bible studies, and chapel, remember to bring your Bible and be attentive. Keep your cell phone on silent and out of sight once the service begins. Talking, sleeping, studying, or bringing food or beverages is not appropriate. Campus Church Campus Church provides a church home for you to worship and serve the Lord. Students attend Campus Church meetings including Sunday school and Sun. Sunday school classes are divided by academic classification and gender until junior and senior years, when students may choose a coed class to attend. Permanent residents of the Pensacola area who previous to enrollment are already established in another church may request an exemption through the Student Life Office. Guests are welcome to join us in chapel services every Mon. Seating for chapel is assigned. Ushers will direct you and your guests to the guest row on the main floor or the balcony. If you are assigned to work or class during chapel, you must allow time in your schedule 12 noon, 4 p. **Christian Service** You may volunteer to minister through various Christian Service ministries, including Bible clubs, juvenile detention, personal evangelism, nursing homes, and special needs outreach. The Christian Service Expo at the beginning of each semester showcases each Christian service and encourages you to be involved. **Missions** Mission Prayer Band is a voluntary student group that meets weekly to pray for and learn more about mission fields. Visiting missionaries and mission board representatives encourage students to consider mission work, summer mission trips, and prayer needs of missionaries. **Prayer Group** Brief prayer times with three or four rooms in your residence hall are set aside on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at Occasionally, hall meetings will take the place of prayer group. Students will be notified of these changes on Campus Connection. **Student Care Counselors** If you would like to speak with someone confidentially, student care counselors are available to assist you from a biblical perspective.

Chapter 6 : Our Spiritual Pathway

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Chapter 7 : Pathways Spiritual Sanctuary |

Experienced spiritual directors recognize that all of us pray differently; if your devotional times have hit a snag, perhaps it is because you're trying to follow someone else's path. This book explodes the barriers that keep Christians locked into rigid methods of worship and praise.

Chapter 8 : The Path of Transformation

A Questionnaire To Help You Discover Your Spiritual Pathway Following is a simple checklist that can help identify your spiritual pathway, using the 7 pathways described in Bill Hybel's book, Courageous Leadership [1].

Chapter 9 : Spiritual Pathway – Remembrance Church

- Spiritual formation is a process that morphs as we grow and change. There is no one singular correct path this type of journey takes because each journey is as individual as the person who is experiencing it.