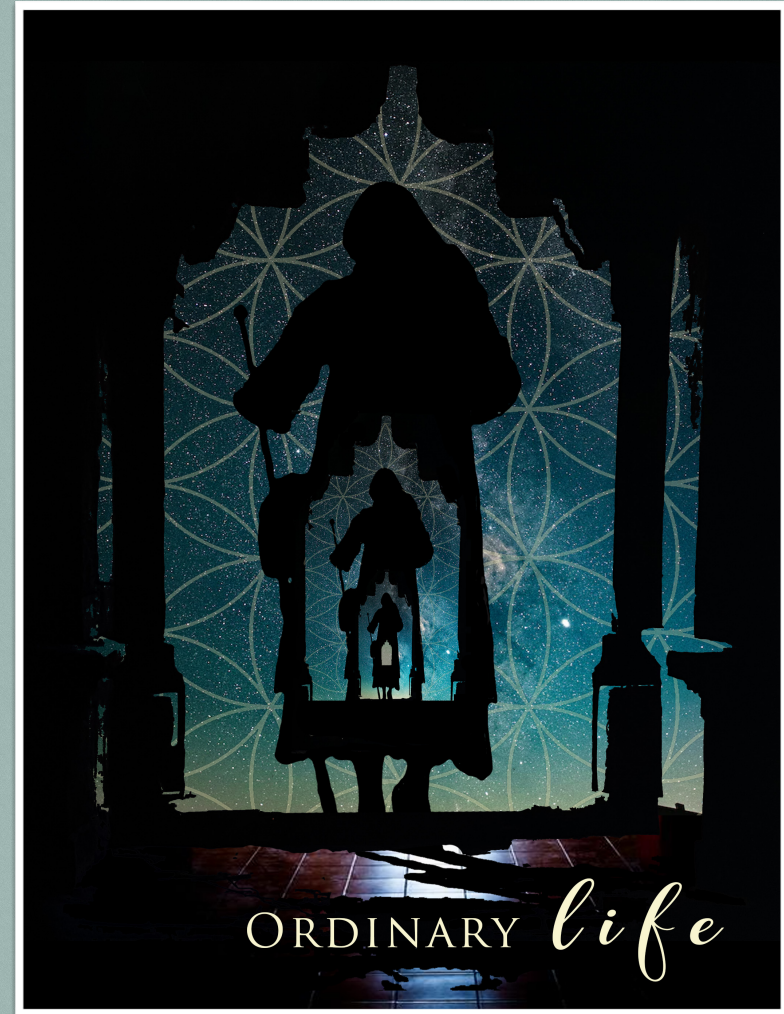


*Living in the
Sacred Stream*



Ordinary LIFE

*No matter who you are, no
matter where you are in
your spiritual journey, you
are **celebrated** here.*

*We suffer from depth deprivation.
These times are intended to help us break
through whatever habits of mind and heart
we have that keep us from a deep experience
with the Sacred and with life itself.
Be open to the possibility that being here can
change your life.
We seek to penetrate the illusions that keep
us from touching and being touched by
Reality.*

SILENCE

Be Present

Be Open

Be Awake

*Grace be in our heads, and in our thinking.
Grace be in our eyes, and in our seeing.
Grace be in our ears, and in our hearing.
Grace be in our mouths, and in our speaking.
Grace be in our hearts, and in our
understanding.
Grace be in our end, and at our departing.*

Being here can feel hazardous
because what we are seeking to
accomplish here is not easy, simple,
or quick.



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Wisdom teachings for ordinary mystics in ordinary life

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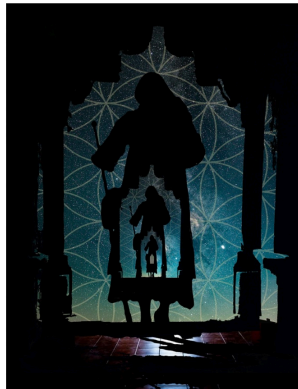
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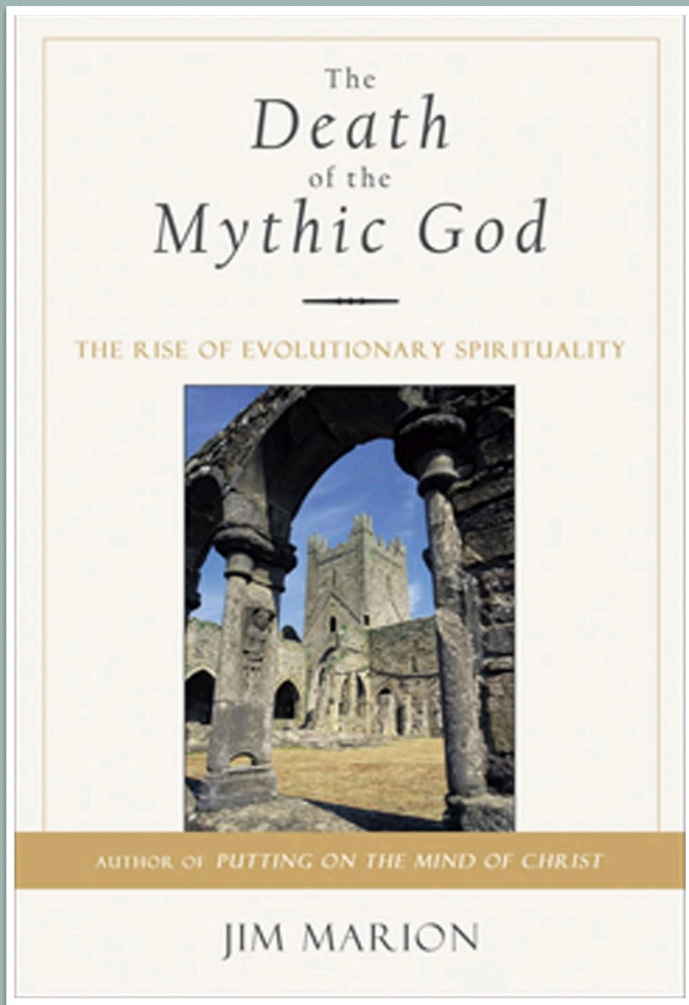
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A Model of Conscious Development

Archaic Consciousness

Magical Consciousness

Mythic Consciousness

Rational Consciousness

Vision-Logic Consciousness

Psychic Consciousness

Christ Consciousness

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How Do We Live Beyond the Mythic Level in a Culture that Doesn't

Do our own work in not contributing to fragmentation,
numbing, withdrawal
learn the skills of patience and endurance
work for the “gift” of grace

Chapter I

I walk down the street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I fall in.
I am lost... I am hopeless.
It isn't my fault.
It takes forever to find a way out.

Chapter II

I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I pretend I don't see it.
I fall in again.
I can't believe I am in this same place.
But it isn't my fault.
It still takes a long time to get out.

Chapter III

I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I see it there.
I still fall in... it's a habit... but,
my eyes are open.
I know where I am.
It is my fault.
I get out immediately.

Chapter IV

I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I walk around it.

Chapter V

I walk down another street.

Some Other Suggestions for Living in the World As It Is

Reflect and correct how we have contributed to the situation

become “mindful” humans

(become aware of the emotional wake we leave in the lives of

others)

become aware of the projections we make

we can stop “othering” others

we can vote

we can become Schindlers

live as if you were in training to
be the next Dali Lama

No matter where you go this week, no matter what happens, remember this: You carry precious cargo. So, watch your step.