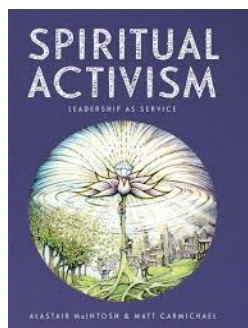


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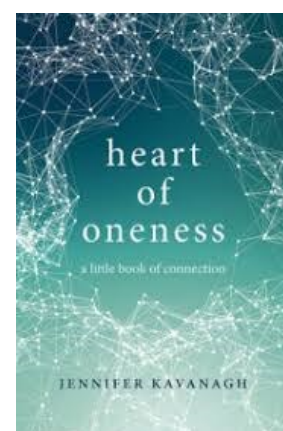


SPIRITUAL ACTIVISM: Leadership as Service **Alastair McIntosh & Matt Carmichael £11.99**

The issues facing activists have changed and spiritual philosophy is rising up the agenda because it offers distinct, tried and tested approaches to deep questions: Where did it all go wrong? What does it mean to be human? What is leadership? In this book, the authors draw on their extensive work as activists to explore spirituality for a modern audience of all faiths and beliefs, and go on to consider what powers up true leadership. It is both a guide and an inspiration for people working towards social or environmental justice.

HEART OF ONENESS: a little book of connection **Jennifer Kavanagh £6.99**

Our screens and newsfeeds are full of violent images; our world is full of poverty, inequality and injustice. We find it hard to live together, in our families, communities and the world at large. At the same time, we are surrounded by the beauty of the natural world, and daily life is full of acts of compassion, kindness, friendship and love. How do we reconcile these differences? What does the universe, with its countless examples of mutuality, have to teach us? Science, religion and our own experience teach us that the whole of creation is a web of interconnectedness. This book explores the oneness at the heart of existence, and what this means for how we act in the world.



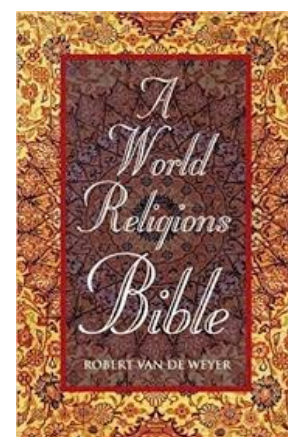
THE LANGUAGE OF LEADINGS: a reflection on faith, action and concern

Jane Pearn £8.00

Have you ever wondered what Quakers mean when they talk about a 'concern'? While each personal experience is unique, this book outlines some general principles. It follows the course of a concern from initial promptings to testing, developing and acting on it, and eventually perhaps laying it down. The author also explores other ways in which Quakers might share their experience of living out their faith in their daily lives. Jane Pearn draws on her interest in language and her 30 years as a Quaker to consider the meaning of concern in her own life and in the lives of others. A Woodbrooke Eva Koch Scholarship in 2016 enabled her to spend time reflecting on past Quaker writings and listening to Friends' experience of being led by the Spirit today.

A WORLD RELIGIONS BIBLE **Robert van de Weyer £19.99**

From as far back in time as history records, human beings have sought the truth. Sometimes these truths have been codified in certain writings approved as scripture, other less centralised traditions have collections of sayings and stories, still others have passed on their wisdom orally. This collection contains all three types of tradition, providing a unique overall view of the collective spiritual wisdom of humanity. Despite the variety of form and style, the common insights shine brilliantly through, and the introductions to each tradition provide a succinct summary of how we can relate this wisdom to our own lives today. The volume contains twelve chapters of thirty-one readings each, so it can be read with ease through the year as a means of education, reference or inspiration.





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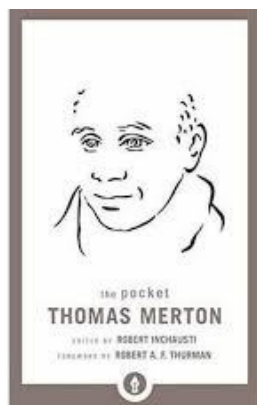
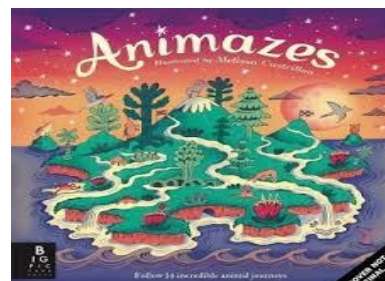
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THE POCKET THOMAS MERTON

Robert Inchausti (ed) £8.99

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