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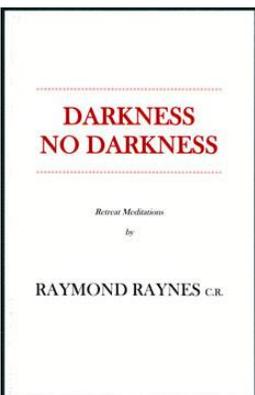
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Drawing Closer to God this Lent - In this issue we present reviews of two books appropriate for Lenten reading: Darkness No Darkness and I Was There.

Darkness No Darkness

By Fr. Raymond Raynes - Reviewed by Christine Sunderland

Father Raymond Raynes (1903-1958), late Superior of the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield, England, writes in the preface to *Darkness No Darkness*, "This small book is written in the hope that it may help some people in the way of meditative prayer to a deeper devotion and union with our Lord. It can be used for making a private retreat or for daily meditation..." In fifteen short accessible chapters, Father Raynes pulls us out of darkness and into the light, into the heart of God, into love.



We live in a dark and violent world. So did Father Raynes, who experienced two world wars. We long for the light, for love, for sanity in our lives and in the lives of our family and friends. Lent is a time to pause, to reflect, to simplify, to fast and pray. It is a time to consider drawing closer to God so that our wills conform to his. This little book does just that. In a gentle conversational style, Father Raynes touches our hearts and minds. He leads us on a sure path, into the heart of God, the home of Christ. On such a journey we know we are in safe hands.

"I am to be the home of Christ," Father Raynes writes, "Christ is to be the life of my soul... The moment we realize this, the tension begins – the pressure on our conscience." And so we are molded and reformed into new creatures as we turn toward the light of Easter morning.

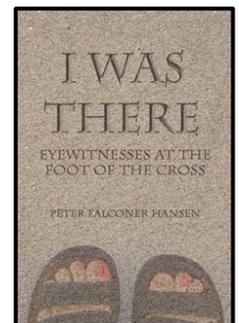
Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day; the darkness and light to thee are both alike. (Psalm 139:11)

Darkness No Darkness is available from the Province's publishing house, the American Church Union, <http://americanchurchunion.com/books-for-adults/darkness-no-darkness/> ✠

I Was There - Eyewitnesses at the Foot of the Cross

By Canon Peter Hansen – Reviewed by N. L. Brumbaugh

With insightful perception and careful precision, Peter Hansen takes us on a journey back to the day of all days—the most important day in Church history—the twenty-four hour time frame of events—*preceding, during, and after*—the crucifixion of Christ by taking what is known—from the historical biblical account and adding what is perceived—through character analysis and cultural references. A blend of fact with fiction, one by one the personalities of nineteen eyewitnesses are explored. Through the use of scripture quotations along with a gentle dramatization, each person's part is described in a thought-provoking, emotion-rich, dialogue-drama. The narrative is rich in clarity and construction and employs



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internal with external language. The reader is taken “there,” as they become another bystander viewing the unsettling, vibrant collision, the confrontation of man with Christ. They face first-hand the claims of the Messiah man.

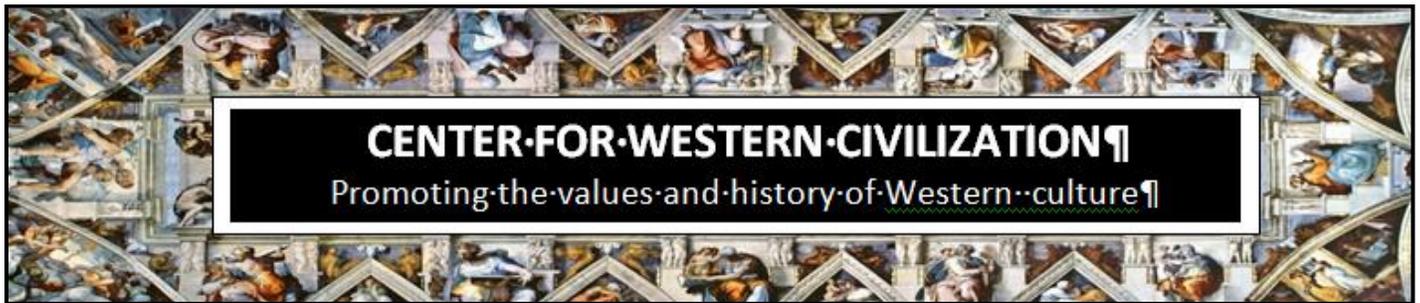
I began reading this book on Good Friday. As a person who has great reverence for things of spiritual origin, I was both pleased and moved by Hansen’s treatment of this subject. His perspective forms a book written with skill and understanding of its subject. It is obvious that Hansen has an affinity for the person of Christ Jesus and a sensitivity toward the message that played out in Christ’s story. Through its implications, spiritual concepts are provided and maintained which are far-reaching and accessible for those who wish to ponder them. I find its portrayal to be interesting and informative, touching and reflective. *I Was There* is a book I will reread during future Easter observances.

This review is reprinted with the kind permission of N. L. Brumbaugh, Teacher and Author of The Meeting Place: Moments with God at Lookout Point.

I Was There is available in both softcover and hardcover from Westbow Press.:

<http://bookstore.westbowpress.com/Products/SKU-000606703/I-Was-There.aspx> ✕

Center for Western Civilization



Archbishop Robert Sherwood Morse announces a new Center for Western Civilization, stating:



“We live today in the midst of great cultural change and confusion. The ideas and values that have produced the advantages of our modern society are being lost. Departments of liberal arts are shrinking in our major universities. Courses in the Western Tradition, history, literature, art, poetry, philosophy, and ethics are no longer required. Few students have enough understanding of the origins and principles of Western Civilization to maintain or advance our democratic institutions. The absence of this critical knowledge threatens the future of our personal freedoms.

“Located near the University of California, Berkeley, the Center will host symposiums, retreats, lectures, meetings, and provide housing for interested students from home and abroad. It will be a place to research, discuss, and further our understanding of the institutions and moral values of Western Civilization.

“We look forward to our first event, to be held in April 23rd, when David Theroux, President and Founder of the C. S. Lewis Society, will speak on C. S. Lewis in our St. Joseph of Arimathea Chapel in Berkeley. Visit our website as we post new information: www.WesternCivCenter.org.” ✕

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church Blessed with Eight New Members

Eight adults were received into the church family of St. Mary's, La Mesa, California, on January 18th by Diocesan Ordinary Abp. James Provence who celebrated the Mass with Vicar Fr. Ron White, Fr. Daniel McGrath, and Fr. Oliver Barrios in attendance. On Feb. 7th, Fr. White welcomed another new member as he performed a baptism. ✠

Archbishop Visits St. Charles King and Martyr Anglican Church, Huntsville, Alabama



On Septuagesima Sunday The Most Reverend James E. Provence visited St. Charles. He came to celebrate the mass, to confirm two new Anglicans and to chair the annual Parish meeting.

Pictured here is Archbishop Provence with the newly confirmed adults, Gina and Victor Paschal. Also pictured are their daughters Natika (on the right) and Ada. The Paschal children hope to be confirmed during the Archbishop's next visit in May. ✠

2015 APCK Summer Youth Camp

The Province is happy to announce that the Saint David's Summer Youth Camp will take place from Sunday evening, July 5th to Friday morning, July 10th, at Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood, Washington, about an hour north of Seattle. This annual event provides an individual and communal spiritual retreat and fosters a sense of community among participants. Youth from throughout the Province are encouraged to attend.

A typical day consists of Morning Prayer and the Holy Eucharist at 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast at 7:30. Around nine, everyone assembles with the clergy for religious instruction and discussion, so please bring those 1928 Prayer Books. Lunch is at 11:30 after which there is some free time followed by sports and games such as miniature golf, canoeing in Puget Sound (very cool), possibly swimming and horseback riding and the perennial favorites: basketball, capture the flag and the leadership tower. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. followed by Evening Prayer and organized evening activities such as more sports, movies, campfires (with S'mores, of course) and more. Additional information will be forthcoming in the next few months and campers from all our dioceses are encouraged to attend. So mark those dates and plan to come to camp this year! ✠

Diocesan Synods Scheduled

- The Diocese of the Atlantic States will hold its annual Synod **April 23rd – 25th** with the business meeting at 2:00 pm on Friday, April 24th at the Church of the Holy Comforter, Montevallo, Alabama.
- The Diocese of the Southwestern States will hold its annual Synod **June 16th – 18th** at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel and Convention Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- The Diocese of the Western States will hold its annual Synod **May 7th - 9th** with the business meeting at 2:00 pm on Friday, May 8th at the Lafayette Park Hotel, Lafayette, California.

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