

Resources: Print and Film

Literature Resources and Excerpts on the Virtue of Justice

1. In *The Silent Cry: Mysticism and Resistance*, Dorothee Soelle, a theologian who is active in peace and ecological movements, asserts that mysticism — the path of union with God, ecstasy, yearning, wonderment, and silence— serves as a spur to ethical action on behalf of justice and the well-being of the entire planet.

2. A Planetary Spirituality of Heart and Fire

James Conlon

ISBN: 0-8245-1865-9

James Conlon is the Director of the Sophia Center in Culture and Spirituality at Holy Names College in Oakland, California. He is the author of *Ponderings from the Precipice* and *Earth Story, Sacred Story*. Conlon sets out to describe the lineaments of a spirituality that is evolutionary, holistic, and mystical. At the end of each chapter there are exercises and probes designed to help the reader do integral practice by seeing, judging, and acting.

3. War Talk

Arundhati Roy

Six vituperative political essays against unbridled corporate globalization, the War Against Terrorism, and nuclear nationalism.

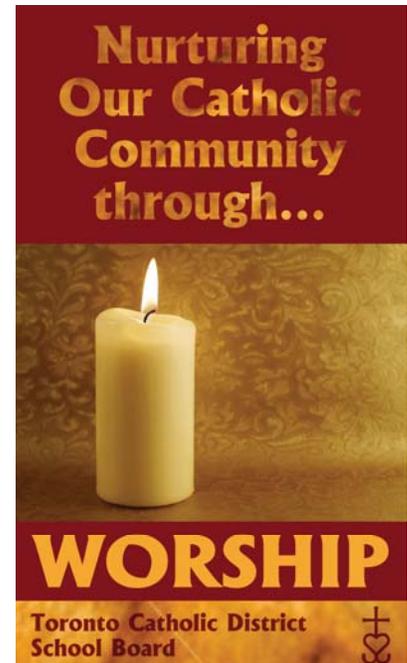
4. One Hundred Wisdom Stories From Around the World

by: Margaret Silf

The Pilgrim Press ISBN: 0829815627

Here is an amusing retelling of a West African fable to ignite your interest:

"One day, God took a walk across the earth, disguised as an old tramp. He made his way through the fields, where a group of friends were working, and decided to have a little joke with them. He put on a hat that was red on one side, white on the other, green on the front and black at the back.



"As the friends walked home to their village that night, they talked about the old tramp:

“Did you see that old man in the white hat walking through the fields?” asked the first.

"The second replied, 'No, it was a red hat!'

“Don’t tell me that,’ retorted the first. ’It was definitely white!’

“No, it wasn’t,’ argued the second. ’I saw it with my own two eyes, and it was red!’

“You must be blind!’ said the first.

“There’s nothing wrong with my eyes,’ snapped the second. ’It’s you! You must be drunk!’

“You’re both blind,’ chimed in a third. ’That fellow’s hat was green!’

“What’s the matter with you all?’ rejoined a fourth. ’It was a black hat. Anyone could see that! You were obviously half asleep when he walked past. What fools you all are!’

"And so the argument continued, and before they knew what was happening to them, the group of friends had become a band of enemies.

"And the strife continues. To this day, the descendants of those former friends still go on arguing. The White Hatters versus the Red Hatters, the Green Hatters versus the Black Hatters-- each party believing that it knows, beyond any doubt, the colour of God’s Hat.

"As for God, he still walks the fields in disguise, saddened now. But the Mad Hatters are too fiercely embroiled in their arguments to notice."

Film Resources

1. The Contender

A female senator is the target of character assassination in a compelling drama set in Washington.

2. The Big One

An irreverent documentary by Michael Moore says America's richest are widening the gap between the haves and the have-nots.

3. Milk

Gus Van Sant

A superlative biopic about the gay activist who spoke truth to power and worked around the clock for the rights of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender individuals.

4. Changeling

Clint Eastwood

Delves into the excruciating anguish of parents of missing children and the continuing terrible mistreatment of women by men in positions of power and authority.

5. Slingshot Hip Hop

Jackie Reem Salloum

Profiles of Palestinian hip hop groups who are using their music as a creative protest against the injustices heaped upon them by the Israeli occupation.

6. Gone Baby Gone

Ben Affleck

An absorbing and gritty drama that compels us to think seriously about the complicated moral dimensions of what serves the best interests of children in America.

7. Persepolis

Marjane Satrapi, Vincent Paronnaud

A French animated autobiographical masterpiece about one Iranian woman's intense quest for the holy grail of freedom.

8. Sicko

Michael Moore

A blistering documentary designed to spur reform for a new system of universal health care.

9. Good Night, and Good Luck

George Clooney

A stirring tribute to television journalist Edward R. Murrow's courage and conviction in a dark period of American history.

10. Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price

Robert Greenwald

A searing expose of the greed and systemic poor treatment of its workers by the largest corporation in the world.

11. Braveheart

Mel Gibson

The adventures of a legendary 13th century freedom fighter.

12. Malcolm X

Spike Lee

Diligently and respectfully tracks both the highs and the lows in the spiritual journey of one of America's most important black leaders.

13. Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves

Kevin Reynolds

A high-spirited adventure starring Kevin Costner as the valiant and principled outlaw.

14. The Verdict

Sidney Lumet

A hard look at the human havoc wrought by institutional incompetence and corruption.

15. SlumDog Millionaire

This is the story of Jamal Malik, an 18 year-old orphan from the slums of Mumbai, who is about to experience the biggest day of his life. With the whole nation watching, he is just one question away from winning a staggering 20 million rupees on India's "Kaun Banega Crorepati?" (2000) (Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?) But when the show breaks for the night, police arrest him on suspicion of cheating; how could a street kid know so much? Desperate to prove his innocence, Jamal tells the story of his life in the slum where he and his brother grew up, of their adventures together on the road, of vicious encounters with local gangs, and of Latika, the girl he loved and lost. Each chapter of his story reveals the key to the answer to one of the game show's questions.