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*Amazon.com has paired  
the new Be Still DVD  
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Frequently,  
Amazon.com pairs  
together titles of books  
or DVDs with those of  
similar content or  
nature. The Be Still DVD  
is no exception, except  
that instead of pairing it  
with a Christian film  
Amazon has paired it  
with a pro-New Age,  
interspiritual film called

**What the Bleep Do We know?** (connected with Global Peace activists **Marianne Williamson** and Walter Cronkite).

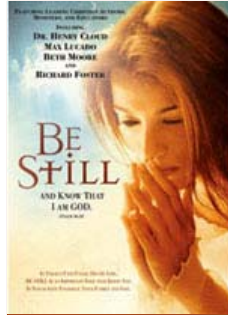
It looks like Amazon has the jump on many Christians in this case - they figured out the nature of the Be Still DVD before Christian leaders and many Christians have.

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## Be Still DVD

by Fox Home Entertainment:  
**Advertising for Contemplative Prayer**  
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The DVD was released in April 2006 and presenters include Beth Moore, Max Lucado, Richard Foster, Dallas Willard and many others. Don't be fooled. This DVD is an advertising campaign for mystical contemplative prayer.

### ABOUT THE DVD

The Be Still DVD, released April 2006 by Fox Home Entertainment, and featuring Richard Foster, Dallas Willard, Calvin Miller and Beth Moore has one main message:

You cannot know God if you do not practice the art of going into the silence.

That silence the DVD refers to is a special state of mind, different than normal prayer, and the DVD introduces an array of meditators, from a number of religious persuasions, to tell viewers about this state of silence. From those who promote guided imagery (Katherine-Brown Sultzman) to those who promote interspirituality, the DVD should not be classified as Christian. Jesus Christ is rarely mentioned, nor is the gospel presented. What is presented is a deceptive collection of dangerous commentaries, and there should be a warning label on the cover - NSFA - Not Safe For Anyone.

I think Richard Foster spelled it out clearly when in the DVD he said, "The wonderful thing about contemplative prayer is that it can be found everywhere, anywhere, anytime for anyone." In other words, you can practice this meditative tool, have peace and reach divinity, have peace and know God ... regardless of where you are with Jesus Christ.

This very deep-rooted heresy called contemplative spirituality (i.e., spiritual formation) negates the Cross, demeans the sacrifice of Jesus, and nullifies the only way for man to be saved.

### Quotes About the DVD

"You can engage in contemplative prayer anywhere at any time, either by yourself or with others. Essentially, 'Be Still' mentions, you become a portable sanctuary as you do."—**Whitney Hopley, "Be Still" Invites Viewers to Discover Contemplative Prayer**

**Note:** This portable sanctuary that Hopley refers to is mentioned in the DVD by Richard Foster who says we can become portable sanctuaries if we engage in this mystical prayer practice. And he says anyone can practice this and get results. In other words, it has nothing to do with being born again and accepting Jesus Christ as Lord that makes us "portable sanctuaries." In fact, that isn't even a prerequisite.

"My husband and I wanted to find a way to introduce others in the modern church to this beautiful early church practice."—**Amy Reinhold, Producer and Director of DVD**

"The modern Christian leaders interviewed on 'Be Still' also discuss some Christians throughout history—such as Francis of Assisi, C.S. Lewis, Evelyn Underhill, **Madame Guyon**, and **Brother Lawrence**—whose practice of contemplative prayer inspires them."—**Whitney Hopley, "Be Still" Invites Viewers to Discover Contemplative Prayer**

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### Quotes *from* those on the DVD

"The wonderful thing about contemplative prayer is that it can be found everywhere, anywhere, any time for anyone. We become a portable sanctuary, so that we are living our life, wherever it is, aware of the goodness of God, the presence of God." **Richard Foster**

"One of the great things silence does, it gives us a new concept of God."—**Calvin Miller**

"[I]f we are not still before Him [God], we will never truly know to the depths of the marrow of our bones that He is God. There's got to be a stillness."—**Beth Moore**

"Contemplation is different from other types of Christian prayer."  
**DVD Narrator**

"O Divine Master, teach me this mute language which says so much."  
**Richard Foster**, quoting Jesuit Priest (18th century) **Jean Nicholas Grou**

"It [contemplative prayer] is somewhat like the story of electricity with Benjamin Franklin. And actually, we know now that electricity's everywhere...." **Dallas Willard**

"**Kierkegaard**, probably the greatest Protestant Christian mind of all time, said ... "If I could prescribe only one remedy for all the ills of the modern world, I would prescribe silence." **Peter Kreeft**

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### **Richard Foster and the BE STILL DVD** by Ray Yungen

"Richard Foster, one of the speakers in the new Fox Home Entertainment **Be Still DVD**, is highly regarded and well respected in much of the evangelical community. His book, *Celebration of Discipline*, has had a massive influence on Christendom for many years. And yet, Foster has a long history of drawing from spiritual wells that reflect eastern mystical beliefs. But with names such as Beth Moore (see **statement by Moore**) and Max Lucado on the Be Still DVD label, most people will automatically trust the content of this program. This means that tens of thousands of people will be introduced to Richard Foster's spirituality with a sense of security that what they are watching is biblically sound, relevant for their lives and accepted by those whom they have long trusted and looked up to." **For rest of article, click here.**

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### Information about those on the DVD

**Dr. Peter Kreeft on Be Still DVD--Meeting Buddha in Heaven?**

**From a book review of Peter Kreeft's book, *Ecumenical Jihad*:**

"Mr. Kreeft claims to have had an out of body experience while surfing in Hawaii. During this experience, he 'soul-surfed' and landed on a 'Heavenly beach.' [p. 86] There, he met and spoke with Confucius, Buddha, Mohammed, and Moses. In the afterlife, all have become pious Roman Catholics. Nonetheless, Mohammed still teaches (and Kreeft appears to agree) that the Koran is 'divine revelation.' See **rest of review and more information** about this book.

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### **Beth Moore and the Be Still DVD**

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#### Quotes by Those on the BE STILL DVD

**Note: Quotes listed are not on Be Still DVD but in various writings of these authors.**

"[W]e began experiencing that 'sweet sinking into Deity' **Madame Guyon** speaks of. It, very honestly, had much the same 'feel' and 'smell' as the experiences I had been reading about in the Devotional Masters"—**Richard Foster**, from *Renovare Perspective*, 01/ 1998

"What an inviting picture of movement and work in harmony with the divine Center of the universe"—**Richard Foster**, *Inward Simplicity: The Divine Center*

"Can we live in virtually constant communion with the divine Center of the universe?"—**Richard Foster**, *Inward Simplicity: The Divine Center*

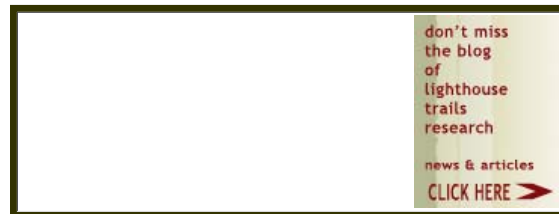
"Simplicity, then, is getting in touch with the divine center"  
—**Richard Foster**, *Simplicity*

"Contemplative prayer, in its simplest form, is a prayer in which you still your thoughts and emotions and focus on God Himself. This puts you in a better state to be aware of God's presence, and it makes you better able to hear God's voice, correcting, guiding, and directing you.... In the beginning, it is usual to feel nothing but a cloud of unknowing.... If you're a person who has relied on yourself a great deal to know what's going on, this unknowing will be unnerving.—**Jan Johnson**, *When the Soul Listens*, taken from *A Time of Departing*, 2nd ed., p. 82

"A form of contemplative prayer that has brought deep and lasting transformation to parishes and individuals that have initiated it is Eucharistic adoration.... Contemplative prayer is not an 'elitist' form of prayer for monks and mystics. Everyone can do it, and everyone should." —**Peter Kreeft**, *Catholic Christianity*, pp. 386-388

Also see **Dallas Willard's Recommended Reading List** on Contemplative Prayer and Spiritual Disciplines

**Priscilla Shirer's Recommended List** of Contemplative Authors. **Her comments about the DVD.**



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**Contemplative Spirituality:** A belief system that uses ancient mystical practices to induce altered states of consciousness (the silence) and is rooted in mysticism and the occult but often wrapped in Christian terminology. The premise of contemplative spirituality is pantheistic (God is all) and panentheistic (God is in all). Common terms used for this movement are "spiritual formation," "the silence," "the stillness," "ancient-wisdom," "spiritual disciplines," and many others.

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name [Jesus Christ] under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4: 12

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