

Kopua Associates On-Line 2023 Online Book Study

Silence and Honey Cakes: the Wisdom of the Desert by Rowan Williams ©2003
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The book began as a transcription of talks given at the John Main Seminar in 2001 in Sydney but has been re-worked for publication. You can find the talks at the link below, along with their direct transcription.

<https://meditationtalks.wccm.org/cd/ku5W9wqFIKHKjX6IXADK>

You might be interested to know that there is a later revision of the book, with a different title (see below), which has some of the transcription errors corrected, and a little extra material woven through it.

Where God Happens: Discovering Christ in One Another and Other Lessons from the Desert Fathers by Rowan Williams © 2005 World Community for Christian Meditation

However this study is based on Silence and Honey Cakes, 2004 edition, which is available through Pleroma books. Page numbers will refer to this edition.

An outline of the study

May – Introduction, Preface and Chapter 1 ‘Life , Death and Neighbours’ pp8-40

June – Chapter 2 ‘Silence and Honey Cakes’ pp42-60

July – Chapter 3 ‘Fleeing’ pp62-80

August – Chapter 4 ‘Staying’ pp82-98

September – ‘Questions and Answers’ pp100-116 and any final comments

For each part, I will make a post in the Associate Life Member Page of the website under ‘Current On-Line Study’ with some key points from the text followed by a numbered list of prompts for discussion. You are invited to comment on the post, using the number of the prompt you are responding to for clarity. However your responses do not need to be confined to the prompts I have provided.

I will endeavour to provide sufficient substance that it can be the basis of a discussion so that those who do not have access to the book are also able to participate. It is hoped that the book study will be a springboard into rich conversation that builds our community.

Each ‘month’ of the study will have its own post on the website. You may comment on any part of the study at any time.

The Associates only area of the website is accessed here:

<https://kopuacistercianassociates.nz/members/>

The password is: christchurch2022

Once you are in the Associate Life Member Page click on the box that says ‘Current On-line Study’ The first part of the study will be loaded early May.

Looking forward to your participation, with every blessing, *Rosie*