

Phyllis Tickle book group

This year, Phyllis Tickle, one of the giants in spiritual writing died. She was a prolific author, lecturer, founding religion editor for Publishers Weekly, and commentator on religious matters, whose writing has appealed to readers for six decades. She was especially known for her series, *The Divine Hours*, popularizing the observance of fixed-hour prayer, and for her analysis of Emergence Christianity, its precedents, history, and challenges. At every stage of her career - reflected here in essays and poems, sermons, lectures, reflections on the words of Jesus and the future of faith - her vocation has been to assist in the human struggle to come to terms with what it means to live a life with and for God. The collection of her "essential spiritual writings" are a revelation to her newer readers, a treasury for those who have long admired and followed her work. Starting January 27, the Wednesday book group that meets at my house will discuss a collection of her essays, Phyllis Tickle's Spiritual Writings as we honor her memory among us. Let me know if any others would like to join this wonderful group.

I have included our schedule.

Phyllis Tickle's Spiritual Writings

Recommended Phyllis Tickle Essays Reading two a week

1. The Day of Slaughter January 27
2. To My Pear Trees
3. Name this Child February 3
4. Pagans and Patriarchs
5. The Story of Two Johns February 10
6. The Sign of the Eagle
7. Patron Saints and a Story of Grief February 17
8. My Childhood Gods
9. Religion is my Passion February 24
10. Dusty, Brooding Days of Early Lent
11. Final Sanity March 2
12. Commencement Address, Sanford University December 15,
2001
13. Six Essentials for Passing on the Faith March 9
14. Bible Stories Your Mother Never Told You

15. When Answers Wither the Elegance of a Mystery March 16

16. How Beautiful upon the Mountains

Off Holy week March 23

17. Today's Church in America March 30

18. Leaving Grandma in the Rearview Mirror

19. On Just Such a Morning April 6

20. The Necropolis at our House

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