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*Thoughtful Christians in search of mature faith*

## WINTER 2011 PRESENTATION SERIES

Featuring a Study of Richard Rohr's Book

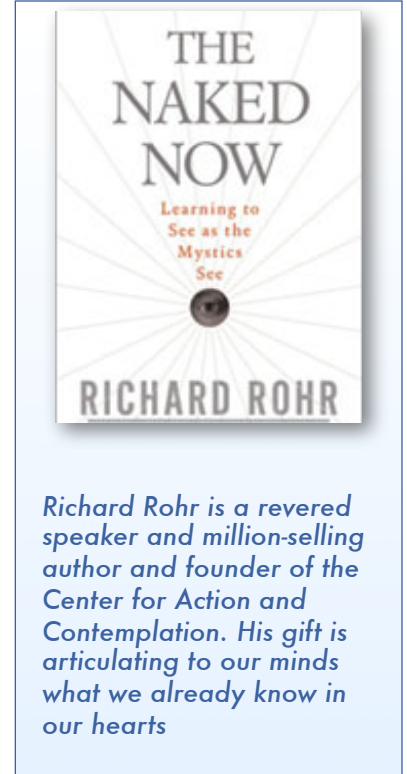
10 Thursdays  
Starting Jan 27

### The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See



Our culture of dualistic, either/or thinking can get us only so far; all religions at the more mature levels have discovered another way to process the really big questions, like death, love, infinity, suffering, and God. Many of us call this access “contemplation”. It is a nondualistic way of seeing the moment. It is living in the naked now, the “sacrament of the present moment”, that will

teach us how to appreciate our experiences, whether good, bad, or ugly and how to let them transform us.



*Richard Rohr is a revered speaker and million-selling author and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation. His gift is articulating to our minds what we already know in our hearts*

### Our speakers ...

| DATE & CHAPTERS     | SPEAKER  | AFFILIATION             |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Jan 27, Chap.1,2,3  | Richard Rohr video clips and discussion focused on “Nondualistic Thinking”   | Steering Committee      |
| Feb 3, Chap. 4,5    | Richard Rohr video clips and discussion focused on “Unitive Consciousness”   | Steering Committee      |
| Feb10, Chap. 6-9    | Dawn George, Ph.D. will help us understand Nonduality  | Psychotherapist         |
| Feb 17, Chap.10     | VideoClips featuring Fr. Thomas Keating on Centering Prayer followed by Timothy Conway discussing the Three Levels of Reality  | mystic teacher          |
| Feb 24, Chap.11,12  | Fr James Finley, a mystic mentored by the great Thomas Merton gives us real insight  | Former Trappist Monk    |
| Mar 3, Chap. 13,14  | Sam Young, a retreat leader talks about the 3rd eye the Lost Tradition of Contemplation  | Irish spiritual leader  |
| Mar 10, Chap. 15-16 | Michael Fish, OSB relates his own experiences of contemplation and transformation  | Camaldolese monk        |
| Mar 17, Chap. 17-19 | Pravrajika Vrajaprana speaks on Nondual Awareness for everyone   | Vedanta Temple          |
| Mar 24, Chap. 20    | Anne and Tom Heck ponder on non-verbal representations of “The Annunciation in Art and Music”                                  | Steering Committee      |
| Mar 31, Chap. 21,22 | Summary: Video Clips and discussion facilitated by Alice MacDonald Followed by a Final Liturgy with Keith Forster & John Hydar | Retired W&L Coordinator |

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#### Event Details

- Thursdays 10am-noon
- Holy Cross Parish Hall
- 1740 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93109
- \$50 registration at the door includes a copy of the book and all presentations and materials

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