



# Global Spirituality

Book Series Discussions

led by

Rev. Marty Rienstra

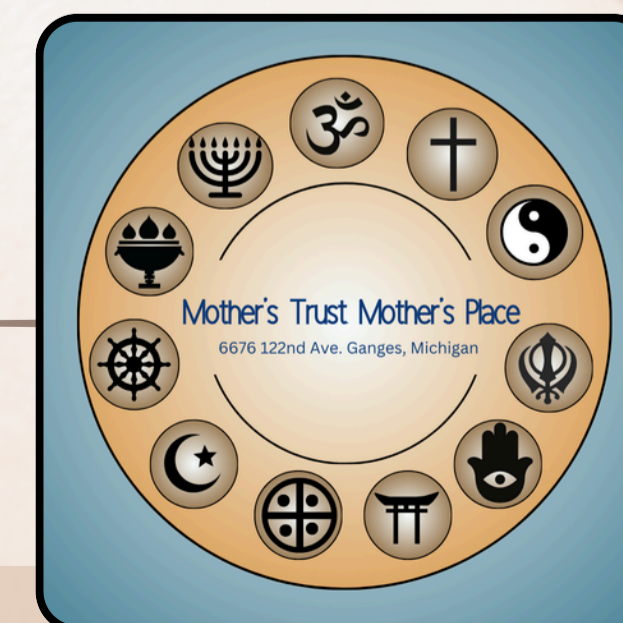
Our increasingly connected world community is moving from being separated by various religious traditions into an interwoven global spirituality which connects us in a deeper and broader way than ever before.

On the first Friday of each month, we will be meeting to share our insights and questions with each other in response to a different book. Each of these books offer, in various ways, what it is that the wisdom traditions of the world share at the profound level of the heart.

If you would like to explore what we all share, as described in unique ways of understanding our oneness in Spirit, you are welcome to join us. We will also share tea and whatever treats you might wish to bring to sweeten our sharing! If you cannot carefully read the book chosen for each month's discussion, it is enough if you browse in it and bring with you a short passage or quote which you found especially valuable.

**When:** First Friday of the Month May-November  
4:00-5:30 PM

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**May 2, 2025**  
4:00-5:30 pm

## **GOD MAKES THE RIVERS TO FLOW:** by Eknath Eswaran

Short, positive, practical selections from the world's great scriptures and mystics—Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim, Native American—chosen by one of the most respected teachers of meditation in the world today. This book will be a good introduction to all the rest.

**Jun 6, 2025**  
4:00-5:30 pm

## **ONE RIVER, MANY WELLS:** by Matthew Fox

This wise, brave, and profound book will help seekers of all kinds develop the deep ecumenism—the openness to all spiritual truth—and the practice of active compassion that alone can create unity among human beings....This book forges a clear path ahead for all of us into a livable and exuberantly creative future.” (Adapted from an Andrew Harvey quote.)

**Jul 4, 2025**  
4:00-5:30 pm

## **THE MYSTIC HEART:** by Wayne Teasedale

This rare and wonderful book awakens its readers to their own mystic nature. We discover how previously divided and distinguished spiritual traditions are converging into a new river of holiness, an inter-spirituality. What is unique in this work is the luminous guidance the author gives us for deepening our personal faith while exploring the mystical genius of other traditions. Once the province of the few, the mystic path may now be the requirement of the many; a unique developmental path for self and world,” (Adapted from a Jean Houston quote.)

**Aug 1, 2025**  
4:00-5:30 pm

## **COMING HOME:** by Lex Hixon

This book's purpose is to point to similar patterns of thought and experience across the world's great mystical traditions. Lex Hixon warmly guides the reader through an intriguing array of traditional teachings to the essential truth of all the world's great religions, which is simply to come home. Invoking the essence and texture of different sacred paths, he presents enlightenment as the full flowering of human nature, accessible to everyone.



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**Sep 5, 2025**  
4:00-5:30 pm

## **THE DIRECT PATH:** by Andrew Harvey

This book's practical spirituality can turn our species around and tame our violence. In this way our reptilian brains can learn to develop the peace and energy we so desperately need to celebrate and heal our planet and its children. It captures the rigor, creativity, and essence of the mystic path and opens the ears, eyes, and heart of the One Spirit that unites humanity.

**Oct 3, 2025**  
4:00-5:30 pm

## **EMERGING HEART: GLOBAL SPIRITUALITY AND THE SACRED:**

by Beverly Lanzetta

In our own time, is there a new vision, a revelation, a truth so compelling, so vast that it will become a founding moment of a new type of human consciousness and community? Is there a breaking-in of the sacred for us today? Who are its prophets? Who are its saints? How can we learn to live and practice it? As a human community, we are in the birth pangs of a global spiritual experiment. This book shows us how this is happening and how we can be a part of it.

**Nov 7, 2025**  
4:00-5:30 pm

## **Group Celebration**

We will meet to celebrate our months of exploration, share what was most helpful to us, and consider the path ahead. This will be an opportunity to review the books we have read, and share what we found most valuable and important for our lives and the life of the planet.

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