Ten Christian Mystics and What They Tell Us of God by Fr. Murray Bodo, O.F.M., Ph.D.

Some mysteries of our faith can only be experienced. God has touched some people in a special way so they are able to tell us deeper and more holy things about God and ourselves. We call them mystics. Mystics experience God’s presence in very tangible and sometimes graphic ways. Their experiences confirm Christians’ belief that we truly are temples of the living God. Through these remarkable 12 lectures by leading Franciscan intellectual and poet Fr. Murray Bodo, you will unlock the mysteries of mysticism. Through the original words of 10 mystics, Fr. Murray shows you the nature of the mystical experience and demonstrates the relevance of mystical words and experiences to our Faith.

God chose to reveal himself through a variety of people. Intellectuals, poets, hermits, radicals, and even the unwed teenage Mary, were touched by God in a mystical way. You will learn the legacy of these five men and five women mystics. These souls all have God’s revelation in common. His intimate presence to the mystics prove his ongoing communication with us in every age.

Mary, the First Christian Mystic
Francis of Assisi, The Mirror of Christ
Julian of Norwich, Anchoress and Visionary of God's Goodness
Jacopone da Todi, Poet of the Madness of God
St. Catherine of Siena, The Body as the Cell of God
St. John of the Cross, Mystic of the Dark Night
St. Therese of Lisieux, Anti-Mystic of the Little Way
Gerard Manley Hopkins, The Mysticism of Words
Simone Weil, Affliction and the Mystical Way
Robert Lax, Hermit and Mystic of Patient Waiting
25 Minutes per Topic (plus one introductory and one concluding lecture)