



The Threshing Floor

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Guild Mission: Guild seminars offer a way of psychological and spiritual transformation that inspires individuals to live their purpose, expand consciousness, and discover and create meaning in their lives and community.

What are the Records? Interlude

By Hal Childs

The following questions are rhetorical and meant for personal reflection. This is not a survey. There is no right or wrong way to interpret the questions. Maybe you have had one Records experience, maybe you have had many—see what the questions stir up.

When you had your first Records seminar experience, what was the most important realization that had a profound impact on you?

What changed for you as a result of your Records experience?

Have you known yourself as held or contained by the Records experience?

What has happened to that container? How have you grown into it, or how have you outgrown it?

How was your image of Jesus changed by your Records experience?

In terms of what changed, what has been more important to you, the change of your Jesus image or how you changed?

Was your image of God affected, and if so, how?

How would you describe your relationship today with your original Records experience?

How many times have you been to a Records seminar?

Would you describe your overall experience with the Records in Christian terms or psychological terms?

Why? And what is the difference?

Why is the Guild called the Guild for *Psychological* Studies?

Has the idea of what is *psychological* changed since the Guild was formulating itself in the 1950s?

November Birthdays

Lela Noble	Nov 1
Judith Collins	Nov 3
Irene Scholtens	Nov 7
Sally Blackburn	Nov 11
Shirley Fritchhoff	Nov 11
Marilyn Watson	Nov 14
Helen Saul	Nov 16
Ray Flachmeier	Nov 19
Eleanore Stanton	Nov 21
Louise Miller	Nov 22
Deborah Bowes	Nov 23
Dian Greenwood	Nov 26
Gene Sandretto	Nov 26

To be or not to be a Solituder

By Hal Childs

Solituder: one who solitudes.

The one who solitudes goes against the natural order of things. Human persons are social beings first, and only secondarily find their solus, their individuality.

Individuation requires community and loneliness.

Solitude contains its own hard won truth.

In 1818 (197 years ago) Arthur Schopenhauer said (in *The World as Will and Idea*), "A man can be himself only so long as he is alone; ... if he does not love solitude, he will not love freedom; for it is only when he is alone that he is really free." Is this still true today?



Keeping Watch Over Solitude:

A winter solstice weekend for reflection, stillness and deepening

December 4-6, 2015

**What truth might conceive
itself in the clearing of
solitude?**

Silent branches, crunch of frozen ground, mist-softened sound, winter cocoons us in its long nights. Summer's quickened pace withdraws, the cold season longs for reflection and rest. Numerous outer and inner distractions cause us to draw back from the edge of the truth buried in solitude, the truth we most need to hear.

Solitude: oasis of silence and stillness, a time for opening and listening. Group discussion, expressive arts, body awareness, nature, good food and good company will help us work together as we open to solitude's own voice.



Leader: Jennie Larson and the Casting Seeds Leadership Group

Fee: \$350 (scholarships are available), plus a nonrefundable deposit of \$50

Place: Four Springs, Middletown, CA

Time: 7PM Friday until 1PM Sunday

To register, contact the Guild for Psychological Studies, PO Box 29385, San Francisco CA 94129-0385

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