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Fresh Expressions of committed Christianity

By Ray Simpson

This book explores the incoming tide of new monasticism, and how it can become the heart of our global village.

It surveys five waves of new monasticism, unearths forgotten treasures-for-today from old monasticism, addresses hard questions for new monastics and explores the idea of 'the universal monk' in everyone. The final chapter looks at fresh expressions of church, and how villages of God can evolve. It gives examples of little experiments around the world and provides a conceptual plan of a village of God. It then explores how the parts can embrace a sustainable spirituality and link with the greater whole.

It moves into lateral thinking and makes proposals for villages of God around cathedrals and in capital cities. Could a village of God in London embrace Holy Trinity Brompton, Brompton Oratory and the Russian Orthodox Cathedral? Simon Reed writes a brilliant appendix on 'Followers of the Way: Biblical Foundations for Monastic Living.' Over one hundred notes on sources are included.

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