



# WISDOM FROM THE TOP OF THE WORLD

### SPRING SPEAKER SERIES



James Finley

March 4-5



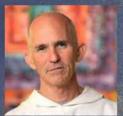
Christian Dillo

March 18-19



Bill Redfield

April 22-23



Cyprian Consiglio

May 13-14

MEET THE MODERN MYSTICS

# THOMAS MERTON'S PUPIL JAMES FINLEY

March 4-5<sup>th</sup>

### "AWAKING MYSTICAL AWARENESS"



James Finley entered the Trappist
Monastery of the Abbey of Our Lady of
Gethsemani in 1961. He then spent 6 years
with Thomas Merton (below left) who acted
as his Spiritual Director, giving him a unique
insight into the life of the man who has
defined the practice of Meditation and
Contemplation for many people today.



After being released from the order he has become a renowned spiritual teacher in his own right, writing books and conducting retreats all over the world. A faculty member at the Center for Action and Contemplation, he is the author of Merton's Palace of

Nowhere and The Contemplative Heart, and the host of CAC's podcast Turning to the Mystics. He is commonly acknowledged as an enlightened master and a day spent in his presence is a taste of heaven.

In this day, he will be leading us into a place where we can awaken mystical awareness.

"The great and perennial tradition is now being presented with freshness, freedom and universality. James Finley is a master teacher!"



Richard Rohr

# OPTIONAL ZOOM EVENTS TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM



With each of these events we will be offering two, one-hour, zoom sessions before each event and one after. The purpose of these meetings (which will be available to all who have registered for the event, whether attending in person or via the live-stream) is to orient

ourselves to the arrival of the speaker and then to debrief what happened on the day. In the first instance we might discuss books that the principal has written, or aspects of their teachings. After the event we might look at other resources that are available.

The events for James Finley and Bill Redfield will be moderated by Heather Vesey. The events for Christian Dillo and Cyprian Consiglio will be moderated by Nicholas Vesey. When you register you will be given the link for these Zoom Sessions.

#### STAYING IN ASPEN

Staying in Aspen is expensive, however there are towns slightly further afield that offer less expensive accommodation. Basalt and Willits are 25 minutes from Aspen, Carbondale is 40 minutes, and Glenwood Springs is 50 minutes.

#### LUNCH

It is possible to buy lunch at the Aspen Valley Hospital which is 5 minutes from the chapel, however we suggest that you bring a sack lunch. We will provide tea and coffee.

#### PARKING

There is ample free parking at the Chapel.

#### HOW TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS

All events are Saturday 10-4, with the speaker preaching in the Chapel on the following Sunday morning. Each event costs \$60 to attend live, or if you book for all four \$160, a saving of \$80.

The events will be live-streamed. The cost of a live-streaming pass is \$50 per event, or \$140 for all four. A saving of \$60. You can book online at www.aspenchapel.org, or you can fill in the order form on the back of this brochure.

The live-streamed recording will be available for 6 months and will also be accessible to all those who buy an in-person ticket.

We will provide teas and coffees. Please bring a sack lunch.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON THE AVERAGE SATURDAY?

## ON THE SUNDAY

10am Introductions 10.15 am Meditation 10.30 Talk 1 11.30 Q&A 12.15 Lunch 1.15 Meditation 1.30 Talk 2 2.30 Q&A 3.15 Tea and Coffee 3.30 Conclusions 4.00 Close Free to all to attend

9.30 Start 9.45 Talk 10.30 Close

There will be music and meditation. Childcare will also be provided.



#### ZEN MASTER

### CHRISTIAN DILLO

March 18-19 th

### "FELT SENSE AND THE ZEN MIND"



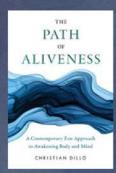
Zenki Christian Dillo is a Zen teacher in the lineage of Shunryu Suzuki Roshi and a teacher of Hua Shan Taoist Qigong. He is the author of the book, The Path of Aliveness: A Contemporary Zen Approach to Awakening Body and Mind (Shambala Publications, May 2022).

Zenki began his Zen practice in 1996 at the San Francisco Zen Center. For 20 years, he practiced

monastically at the Crestone Mountain Zen Center. In 2013, he received dharma transmission from Zentatsu Baker Roshi. Since then, he has been Boulder Zen Center's Guiding Teacher. In 2020, he moved to Boulder full-time and now lives at the center with a group of resident practitioners.

Zenki teaches Zen as a craft, based on his understanding of Buddhism as a "transformative phenomenology" - an embodied investigation of human experience with the intention of realizing liberation from suffering, wisdom, and compassion.

He is currently developing a series of practice courses to actively support lay practitioners in their daily lives.



"Christian Dillo brings the energy of Zen into the daily lives in an accessible and practical way."



Koshin Paley Ellison

### CONTEMPLATIVE MASTER

### BILL REDFIELD

April 22-23 rd

### "DEVELOPING WISDOM"

"Wisdom is one of the primary means by which real human transformation takes place."



Bill's interest and expertise lies in the intersection between spirituality and psychology. Over the years he has worked as both an Episcopal Priest and psychotherapist, specializing in group development, dynamics and leadership. His work now is a synthesis of many different streams. He works with both groups and individuals

His specialty is 'Wisdom Mentoring'. This is a process he has developed based upon an amalgamation of Spiritual Direction, Coaching and Psychotherapy.

"Bill's first language is Love. His incisive and generous way of seeing and loving people, and helping them live in to their own Wisdom voice and authority is his deepest passion."



Heather Vesey

# MONK, MUSICIAN, COMPOSER, WRITER AND TEACHER

### CYPRIAN CONSIGLIO

May 13-14 th

# "THE TRANSFORMATION OF CONSCIOUSNESS"



Cyprian is a Christian monk, musician, composer, writer and teacher. He is currently the Prior of the New Camaldoli Hermitage, Big Sur, CA. He is a student of the writings of Bede Griffiths with a great love for comparative religion.

Cyprian regularly leads conferences on meditation, and we are delighted that he will be coming to Aspen in May. He has written numerous articles and four books

including "Spirit, Soul, Body," which will form the basis of this workshop. This echoes the 'Mind, Body, Spirit' idea that is embedded in the Aspen ideal.

Much of his music and his teaching revolve around the universal call to contemplation through spirituality and the arts. He is a highly gifted performer and recording artist. This event will include periods of teaching, music and meditation.



"Cyprian Consiglio believes that the call to contemplation is universal. His approach must be greeted with delight, particularly as he brings with him the words of such as Origen, Bede Griffiths, and Simone Weil. He brings a cornucopia of richness and delight."



Shirley du Boulay Biographer of Bede Griffiths

### **ORDER TICKETS**

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Please circle the events you want to p and mail it, with a check made out to " envelope provided. <b>Or book online at a</b>	Aspen Chapel"	, in the
QR code below.	IN PERSON	LIVE STREAM
James Finley (3/4)	\$60	\$50
Christian Dillo (3/18)	\$60	\$50
Bill Redfield (4/22)	\$60	\$50
Cyprian Consiglio (5/13)	\$60	\$50
All Four Events	\$160	\$140
Total		

Please note: If cancelled more than 30 days before the event, \$25 will be forfeited. If cancelled less than 30 days from the event, the full fee will be forfeited. There are no refunds for multi-event tickets after the first event.

Please tick here if you do **not** want to be on our mailing list

For more information contact Nicholas Vesey on 970 355 4243 or nicholas@aspenchapel.org

#### Book online now!

