

I Have Called You By Name

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1	Summary	‘I Have Called You By Name’ is an account of the lives and times of 16 Saints and Christian heroes. The book details their lives from birth through death, highlighting all important life events culminated by being included in this type of book. All life stories included in this book are virtuous tales of hard work, perseverance, dedication and eventual triumph. Adjectives describing character of the leaders capable of achieving their goals. After the life stories of each Saint or Hero there is an quote from some public form of communication that attempt to summarize the zest of each life.
1	About the Author	work that accompanies writing, speaking and living by example, the lives of those outlined become models for what constitutes a leader. Can be Leadership be nurtured? Is there some innate calling within a person for them to be able to excel and make the difference necessary to be considered worthy of the accolades that the people in this book have received?
2	Chapter 1 & 2 Summary and Interpretation	Not everyone can be a leader. According to many religions, Leaders are chosen through an internal, spiritual calling. Their needs to be a passion that exceeds all other reasons for life in order to lead at the levels talked about in these books.
3	Chapter 3 & 4 Summary and Interpretation	There must be extraordinary circumstance for certain levels of leadership to be attained.
4	Chapter 5 & 6 Summary and Interpretation	Not only is their a need for this internal calling to create necessary passion, there is also the need for the callings objectives to be something relevant to the times. If masses of people are not ready to listen or do not see the leadership message as valid to their current lives then it simply will not gain the momentum necessary to become something extraordinary.
5	Chapter 7 & 8 Summary and Interpretation	All people in this book had messages that people wanted to hear, all people in this book had, or in rare case made, the time to be able to make sure people heard their message, all people in this book lived and believed their message. They were all leaders.
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Holy Spirit allows all the ability to be able to lead noble and virtuous lives.

About The Publisher & Author

The publisher of this book is a company called The Word Among Us Press. They are a non-profit organization that has publish over 75 books and continues to publish 10 to 15 books per year.

Their mission is to help people witness the power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Saints and Christian heroes from the past and present in the process of promoting Christian-centered relationships within families, Christian communities and par-

ishes. It is hoped that this mission creates a unity among the people of God.

Patricia Mitchell’s book exemplifies this mission and inspires one to choose a dream and make it reality. If the life and times of a leader has the ability to inspire a person to change, real life contact with that person would surely have had a much greater effect. This possibility is cause for wonder and excitement!

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Late Have I loved You – St. Augustine of Hippo

Saint Augustine: “If he finds fault that I wept for my mother for a fraction of an hour, the mother who had died before my eyes and who had wept for me that I might live before your eyes, let him not mock me but rather, if a person of much charity, let him weep himself before you for my sins;....”

- if we all lived our lives with others well being at heart, the favor is somehow returned—luck, fait, carma



Saint Teresa: “Beginners must realize that in order to give delight to the Lord they are starting to cultivate a garden on very barren soil, full of abominable weeds.”

- lots of hard work go into the foundation of great things. Once that track has been laid and the infrastructure created, it will only take the regular upkeep to ensure that everything happens smoothly.

Saint Augustine was born to wealthy parents and was sent to upper level schools. During his education he would often involve himself in acts that lead to an inner feeling of shame. However, to be included with his peer group he continued to involve himself in such acts. He originally believed that sin was an evil entity within oneself.

He was easily lured by lust and fell accustomed to such situations, going for relationship to relationship. His original faith was Manichee which his mother did not approve of. He then found himself beginning to ques-

tion his chosen faith and eventually converted to Catholicism at the age of 32 leaving all his sinful ways behind.

This lead him to his lifes passion and his true calling, serving God and confessing all his sinful ways of his previous life. An inner desire was that others would understand his sins and be able to pray for him so that those sins may be forgiven.

Interpretation

I too have sinned and wish to be able to reach a stage in my life where everything I

do brings feeling of satisfaction and pride. I hope to reach a similar point in my life where I can give back all the love I have received. I dream of one day being one with the land and with my immediate and extended family so as to be able to support, listen and forgive while directing our lives towards ones of idealism.

I realize my ideal does not align with others. However, I would like to be an inspiration for others to dream of reaching some ideal leading to feelings of pride and satisfaction stemming from intrinsic causes.

Let Nothing disturb You – Saint Teresa of Avila

Saint Teresa came from a very rich family and at a very young age realized she was being called to the Lord. She made a very difficult personal decision to leave her widowed father for a convent. She began writing about spirituality and prayer, eventually turning the writings into a masterpiece entitled the Interior Castle. This interior Castle symbolized the different states of being, and different states of personal awareness that lead to a complete understanding of ones spiritual self.

Saint Teresa did not fully agree with state of the convent that she was part

of and eventually started her own. The original convents lifestyle did not align with how she wanted to live her life so she took it upon herself to create an environment that modeled such virtues. Being part of the original convent gave her the feeling that she was following her calling; however, she still felt as though she was following the vanities of the world due to the lack of honesty and discipline that seemed acceptable to other nuns and clergy at the original convent.

Saint Teresa took it upon herself to head in a direction different than others. She lead people in what

she thought to be a more truthful direction.

Interpretation

Making decisions that hurt the ones that are closest to us can be extremely difficult. However, making these decisions can often lead us to the path that has been created for us. We must make these decisions in order to be part of what our hearts tell us to be right. It will undoubtedly take lots of hard work to get to a state where things seem to be easy. If we are founding our decisions and paths upon truth and virtue then they will eventually lead to a simplification of things.

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Defiance can often lead to remarkable things. There will be many that create opposition to its possibility; however, with the right dynamics in place allowing a lead to be taken, the impossible can be accomplished.

Defiance for Leadership
VS
Defiance of Leadership

Saint Therese Lisieux—
“It is better to leave each one in his own opinion rather than to enter into arguments.”
- confronting ideals can contrarily create defiance. This can lead one in a direction that will not allow for their potential to be reached. One must inspire individuals to question their ideals and choose a direction that will lead them to intrinsic reward and motivation.

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The Under Cover Priest—Miguel Augustin Pro

During Miguel’s lifetime there was unrest in his home country of Mexico. The President of the time outlawed the Catholic religion and all priest became outlaws. As a result Miguel went into hiding so he could continue to practice his religion and calling. He held mass and confessions in private homes and became a master of disguise but was eventually caught and executed because of his beliefs and actions.

Miguel was born the son of an engineer in a small mining town. The idea of charity was instilled in him early in his life as his mother would often visit

the mines bringing food, water, medicine and clothing to the underprivileged miners. Miguel began his spiritual studies in Mexico but due the political unrest he fled to Europe to continue his studies. He was eventually ordained in Belgium. His health deteriorated and he was sent back to Mexico just as many antireligious laws were passed. Luckily he made it into the country without his religious education being detected.

Miguel practiced the Catholic faith in hiding until there was an attempted assassination of the President from a car that was formerly owned

by a family member. He was arrested and without trial publicly executed. Just before he was executed he said a prayer and shouted long live Christ.

Interpretation

Doing right can often be in opposition to those in power and control. Defiance can often be a tool that leads to many rights being done in the world. Leadership can often lead to persecution and negative consequence. One must be strong to their conviction in order to ensure the survival of their beliefs.

The “Little Way” To God—Saint Therese Lisieux

Saint Therese felt as though there were a way of spiritual childhood, a way of trust and absolute surrender. She had a difficult childhood in which she lost her mother at a very young age causing her many emotional problems that eventually culminated in a breakdown. Saint Therese finally began to get well after she saw a smile on her statue of the Virgin Mary.

She entered a convent at a very young age. She believed that it was her calling to serve God in order for her to be able to achieve the eternal life in heaven. She

believed in love above all else. Giving yourself to others was the key. Giving yourself to those that you would normally want to avoid, love for such people would ensure that they had the opportunity to do the same for others. She felt that we all need to give of ourselves as though we were giving to our one true love. We should view all people as though they were equal to our one true love.

Interpretation

In order to be able to inspire all students equally we need

to treat them as if they were our favorite. All students have the capacity and desire to become more than they already are, we simply have to be the inspiration that takes them there. There are some students that try to push you away but we need to persevere and show them that we care and that they are capable of more if they let us help them achieve.

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Preacher To The Skeptics—Henri Lacordaire

Henri Lacordaire—“Let us, then, again conclude, that since there exists a mystic certainty—that is to say, a conviction, unlearned, transluminous, and which excludes doubt, there necessarily exists also a mystic power, or light which is capable of producing that conviction.”

- What is the light that gives each of us the conviction to set goals that we believe to be achievable and desirable? We all need to find the root of that light, the power source that enables us to become all we can.

Without a strong set of communication skills, leadership will flounder in a wake of confusion.

There was a French revolution during the time of Henri Lacordaire. The church and religion were deemed to be irrelevant in a time where logic and reason were common practice for worldly interpretations. Priests and nuns that stayed true to the church were martyred.

Henri was one of four boys to a mother that lead them down a spiritual path but not to levels of servitude. Henri was a gifted student and went on to study law. After graduation he found himself being pulled in the direction of prayer. He likened his situation to one of someone walking with a blindfold. Everyone once in a while one catches a glimpse of light until one day the blindfold falls off and one finds themselves in broad day-

light. This was analogous to his personal situation and prayer. Through prayer he realized that his country needed the church to guide it towards equality, fraternity and liberty. Through prayer and service one can see the light.

Mr. Lacordaire wished to create a church that served the disbelievers. Through the strength of his intellect he was accepted into the church in spite of this non traditional belief. He and another priest started a paper column that attacked the shortcomings of both the church and of the political world. This column was discontinued after one year, however, they had created names for themselves. He began to get his message across through preaching

and established sizable following. He realized that a society devoid of a common set of values and beliefs could never really consider themselves to be free. Through preaching and further study he set out to create such a situation.

Interpretation

We need to create schools and classrooms in which students value and share a common set of beliefs and principles. If all accept and follow a common set of values then we all have the feeling that we are able to act as free people. Teacher and educational organizations need to empower students with the personal control that a strong set of values equips them with.

Portrait of a Martyr—Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Saint Ignatius new that his life was destined for martyrdom. All that lived their lives in service of Christianity during this time were doomed to horrible deaths. His road to Martyrdom was remember because of seven letters that he wrote while in transport to

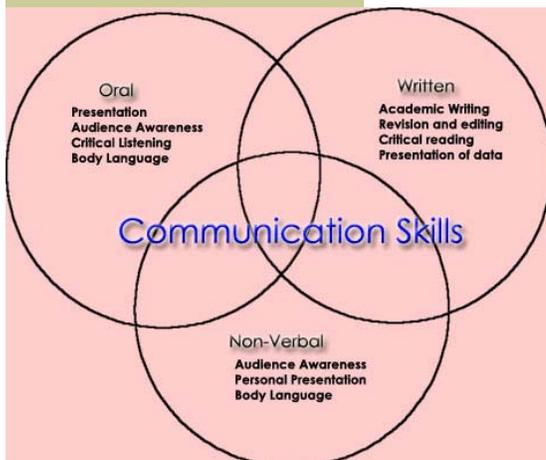
his death in Rome. He was not masochistic but rather believed whole heartedly in eternal life after death.

If someone were charged with Christian worship they could defend the accusations by offering prayer to the roman gods of the times. Complaints arose about Ignatius and his following. The Roman emperor summoned for him. Ignatius wanted to die as the eternal life was much more appealing than the current vanities of life at that time and he

had no problem facing his certain death as a Martyr.

Interpretation

Ignatius could have been seen much differently if he did not communicate his true beliefs and feeling about what was going to happen. Communication of ideas is key when ensuring people have the opportunity to follow your lead. The reasoning behind your action must be clearly identified in order to create an informed following.



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God's Gracious Warrior—Saint Joan of Arc

Saint Joan of Arc—“For the clothes as for the other things I have done, I expect no other recompense other than the salvation of my soul.”

- nothing out of the ordinary was expected in payment for extra ordinary actions. We all should be happy doing what we do not expecting more than what we have.



No matter how bad things can get, there is always a situation that is far worse! Even when it is bad it is still pretty good.

Blessed Mary MacKillop—“This is a lovely day, everything looks bright and beautiful.”
- there is always good in the things around us and the beauty of life. One does not need to look far.

Saint Joan of Arc started to hear voices at the age of thirteen and continued to hear them until her death at the age of nineteen. She believed that they were from the Lord and would allow her to be able to accomplish her mission. When these voices eventually changed to visions she knew it was time to embark on her mission.

Saint Joan traveled to the powers of the time and demanded a royal audience. For some reason two knights believed in her and decided to help her in her quest.

She dressed as a man headed out on her quest to

Tested By Fire—Blessed Mary MacKillop

Mary was born into a difficult home as her father often made impulsive business decisions which were cause of many family moves. They often had to borrow money off of relatives to make ends meet. Mary had to work to help serve the family as they were poor. This situation manifested itself into a desire to help the poor by creating Catholic schools.

Mary was the founder of twenty one schools yet still had the time to sub-

ultimately speak with the king. Upon speaking with the king he sent her to speak with theologians of the time in an attempt to determine the possibility of her claims. She passed as she knew things that could not be known without divine intervention.

Her mission was to ensure that King Edwards was crowned in Rheims a city in occupied by England but rightfully belonging to France. Once this was done she realized through visions that this would be the beginning of her end.

Saint Joan of Arc knew that as “frail as we are if we allow ourselves to be used

for God’s purpose we can accomplish the impossible.” She did just that, she accomplished the impossible. A peasant girl leading an army of France to victory over England. She truly believed in her convictions despite the nature of their being.

Interpretation

Saint Joan of Arc stood by what she believed in and claimed nothing less to be true. All leaders must stand behind what they profess to be true. Change and new ideas can be difficult to sell, they must be lived in order to take root.

merge herself in prayer in the evenings. Mary and her accomplices lived as those they served. They found themselves without electricity and lived off of a very poor diet that often consisted only of raw cabbage. Mary lived this lifestyle of service until she died. There are now 1300 people working in schools throughout New Zealand, Australia and Peru that were founded as a result of Mary’s work.

Despite all the hardships, hard work and life without

vanity, Mary and her following prevailed with strength and conviction. They were proof that you needed only a little to have a lot.

Interpretation

Mary’s life is proof that if you stick with your convictions that good things will take on a life of their own. With the right leadership, once a seed is planted it will grow long beyond the days of your last concern.

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Spiritual Exercise choice: To stand under the banner of Christ and, like their savior, to seek poverty, contempt, and humility, or to stand under the banner of Satan and seek riches, honor and pride.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola—
“We can not give much importance to insults in this life when they are only words.....If our desire is to possess the unconditional honor and esteem of our neighbors, we will never be solidly rooted in God our Lord, or remain unscathed when we meet with affronts.”
- we must be motivated by ourselves in order to be able to sustain our capacities. If how others view us is our motivation we will inevitable be let down .



Documentation means your life work lives on after your gone.

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For The Glory Of God—Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Saint Ignatius was an officer in an army and fought in many battles. One battle saw him sustain a very serious, non life threatening leg injury. While on his recovery bed he took to reading biographies of Saints. The stories of the Saints inspired him with the desire to serve God.

He was born into a life of nobility which was the reason for his first life as a soldier. His second life saw him discard all his possessions for a life without vanity. After he was on this new chosen path he began to write spiritual exercises that would allow one to discern between two decisions as to which one was for the glory of God. His writings begot

God's Faithful Messenger—Saint Bridgette of Sweden

She was the fifth of eight children born to wealthy and noble parents, was married to another from a nearby noble family and lived the life of nobility hosting a parties and wearing the finest clothing. However, the couple served the poor as well building a hospital on their estate and caring for those that could not afford care for themselves.

Saint Bridgette and her husband went on many

followers and his religious lifestyle saw him eventually ordained.

Due to health issues resulting from fasting exercises he returned home and began to preach to his previous followers that were under his military command. They loved what he had to say and begged him to stay even after he became well.

Through the processes of leading many through his spiritual exercises including some very prominent citizens, he hoped to make God's glory visible on Earth. This was the beginning of the Jesuits. They all vowed to a life of poverty and chastity and by adding obedience they

became an order of the church. John Paul III began to dispatch them around the world on missions. Ignatius stayed in Italy and wrote the constitutions of the Jesuit order as the Father General.

Interpretation

Everyone can change and has the ability to chose how they live their lives. It is not always as easy as Ignatius makes it seem, however, it can be done. If you live your life in a noble fashion you eventually have followers that add to your momentum for change, and change then becomes easier as there are numbers advocating for the same ends.

pilgrimages and eventually decided that they would enter a religious house and serve the Lord. Her husband died a short time later, to the surprise of many, she subsequently took off her wedding ring and decided to become a servant to God.

She had endless visions and prophecies that proved to come true. She documented all. She lived her life for God and documented it all so as to be

able to share her experiences with others.

Interpretation

Records are the pathway to understanding. Through writing and recording, the events of your time live on. Teachings can continue after your gone if the events that you taught and professed are recorded in policy and testimony.

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A Passion For Souls—Saint Anthony Mary Claret

Saint Anthony was born into a family of weavers and put his whole self into learning the industry; learning about the fabrics and the machinery that can manipulate it.

Saint Mary had always been devout and the idea of eternity resonated within him. One day walking along the beach a rogue wave came out of nowhere and swept him out to sea, unable to swim and out of reach of his friends he cried out to the Virgin Mary and found himself suddenly on the beach. From then on his life mission changed from textiles to a life servitude and saving souls.

Saint Anthony went to Rome to offer his services as a missionary and found himself serving in a small town where

there were no physicians. Civil unrest was for them to flee. He began to practice medicine as he had read a few books on the subject. The word of his healing powers spread and people were soon coming from all over to be healed by his hand. He started simply making the sign of the cross and laying his hands on the sick and they would be healed. Saint Anthony felt that they healed because they had confessed their sins and the Lord captivated their hearts as a result.

Saint Anthony rarely slept more than a few hours a night. When he wasn't preaching or healing he was writing sermons and religious books. He was eventually sent to Cuba on a mission and he dove whole heartedly into helping

and serving the people of the area.

Interpretation

Saint Mary was a strange looking man having the gift of speech and language. People will follow something that seems to be right regardless of the situations appearance. Claret was a tireless servant and this tireless service did not go unnoticed. People read and listened to what he professed and carried on his works even when he was summoned by another calling.

If you establish the foundation of truth and reason it will continue after your departure. A true leader will enter into these situations with no worldly goals but rather a virtuous goal of helping and bettering the situation.

Making Disciples of All Nations—Saints Cyril and Methodius

The brothers were born into a wealthy family of nobility and were well educated. Both entered into a life of service and prayer on Mt. Olympus and were sent on various missions. One mission that would end up leading to their stake in the world was to the area presently known as the Czech Republic. At that time they did not have an alphabet or a written language. The two worked tirelessly for two years creating a written language and translate the gospel into the newly created written Slavonic language. They preached and prayed there for four years at which time they headed for Rome with Slavonic disciples to meet with

the Pope. The Pope blessed the translated Gospel, ordained the disciples and created a new religious hierarchy that would be separate to that of Germany. Soon after Cyril fell ill and died. Before passing he made Methodius promise that he would continue their works. He agreed and set out to do so but on his trip back the Germans captured him and imprisoned him for 2.5 years until the Pope heard of the situation and demanded that he be set free. Methodius continued to be amidst turmoil due to the Germans displeasure. Methodius eventually finished translating the Old Testament from Greek in Slavonic. The Slavs loved

him for this accomplishment. During all of this the brothers never gave the impression that their culture was superior or better to that of the developing Slavs.

Interpretation

The two brothers accomplished a task that a laymen could never. Their status and education enabled them to do what other men could not. They created a written language for a culture that had none, giving that culture the voice to create change and be part of change. They empowered a whole culture of people through hard work dedication and a modest nature.

One must always be careful not to judge a situation by how it appears. There can be more to understanding something that goes beyond the surface.

Saints Cyril & Methodius

- "They did without any spirit of superiority or domination, but out of love of justice and with clear apostolic zeal for peoples then developing....."

- one must never believe themselves to be superior to anyone. Modestly and humility are cornerstone characteristics of someone that people will be willing to listen to and follow.

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Saint Francis de Sales - "...Lot who was chaste while living in the city was defiled while living in the desert. No matter where we are, we can and should seek a life of perfection."

- depending on the influence of our surrounding we can become very different people with the ability to become more or less than our full potential. We need to be the agents that allow people to become more than they ever imagined.



If we are prepared for the situations of the world we have the ability to control chance, we can then stand on the border of what is perceived to be right and wrong.

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A Magnet For Christ—Saint Francis de Sales

Saint Francis was the oldest child of a retired soldier that had high hopes resting on his son becoming a lawyer. To counter his fathers disappointment his cousins got him a position of rank within the church after he was ordained.

Saint Francis volunteered to go on a mission to an area that was taken over more than sixty years earlier and was rid of any Catholic practitioners. His first plan of attack was to go door to door but it did not work so he resorted to distributing pamphlets which started to work and his writing truly began.

Saint Francis had a vision that he would start a new

religious order with a woman and at the same time a woman had a vision that she would meet a bishop and would follow his lead. The two met and instantly new who the other was and began their work on the foundation of one of the strongest religious friendships ever known. The book has been translated into 17 languages and has reached many and is still attracting people to take the narrow path that leads to Christ.

His book states that all need to find their balance between devotion to God and life. Not all will be able to live up to the same levels of devotion depending on life circumstance. No matter where

we are in the world we should seek a life of perfection however it makes sense on the individual basis.

Interpretation

A new and revolutionary idea as to what devout means attracted a whole new following willing to take part in traveling the road to devotion. Parents need new way to perceive what life-long learning and education mean. Many people say that education is not for them, if this is the case they are not inspired to look in the right direction as everyone has the opportunity to learn something that is applicable to their lives. Educators need to lead learners to this reali-

Go To The Poor—Dorothy Day

Dorothy was born into an upper middle class family in Chicago and would often travel into poor neighborhoods feeling drawn to people less fortunate than herself. At the same time she began attending church services with a neighbor. She excelled in her studies and was awarded a scholarship to the University of Illinois. There she met many others that shared similar social concerns. Upon graduation she began writing for a social paper in New York as her family had moved there.

Dorothy went through many broken relationships until she met a man with revolutionary ideas like 'one needs

to live with less in order to have more'. Together the two began writing the Catholic Worker and published 25000 copies to start and due to its success were able to eventually publish over 150000 copies.

Together they started to establish houses to aid the poor. Others heard of their commitment and joined in the venture, over forty houses and a few small farming communities were established. It was thankless work as they lived in terrible conditions. Run down houses, little privacy and situation where the poor were mentally ill and sometimes even dangerous.

Dorothy was a radical and often ended up in jail because of her position on certain social issues. Dorothy combined the practice of Christianity with the struggle for social justice.

Interpretation

Writing is very often the key to making a difference. In order to make a vast difference one not only has to write but live what they write. Sometimes the side we stand on is unlawful, dangerous and thankless, but in order to create change we need to take these types of chances.

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Guardians of His Flock—Saint Thomas Becket

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A friend like you is a gift of joy,
treasured beyond words....



If your friend has beliefs that do not align with yours then you must re-evaluate that friendship. Can you associate with those that do not live their lives with the same sense of right and wrong? It is one thing to tolerate and yet another to respect.

Ecumenical—the belief that spirit is cause for movement in all that is being, it is in the foundation and the extremities.

Saint Thomas was born the son of a merchant and spent his summers on the estate of a baron learning the ways of nobility and was educated in a monastery. His life started out very lavish as he was the high chancellor

to the king and held many parties to which invites to which were sought after more than parties of the King. The church began to gain more power and the state had less control. The King then appointed Thomas as the archbishop hoping that he would perform duties of both a bishop and a chancellor leading to the states regaining power within the church. However, Thomas resigned as chancellor which surprised and

offended the King. King Henry believed Thomas to be profoundly ungrateful as he had previously lead Thomas to a position in which he was the second most powerful man in England.

King Henry eventually trumped up some charges against Thomas which he began to defend himself against but eventually decided to flee as he felt there was no chance of winning. He submersed himself in prayer for six years returning to England under a fragile agreement. Once again, due to his loyalty to the church rather than the state he infuriated the King and some knights leading to his murder.

As the archbishop of Canterbury, he did things that infuriated the King and his barons such as excommunicating several bishops

for siding with the King over the church to which they had swore service to. He also excommunicated several barons for holding church lands unlawfully, all of which eventually lead to his death by sword. King Henry took responsibility and renounced all constitutions that were to give control of the church to the state. In death, Thomas accomplished tasks that aligned with his loyalties to the church.

Interpretation

Thomas' only loyalty was to the lord and what he thought aligned with that loyalty. He did not remain loyal to friends (the King) that had been an integral part of his life because of differences in fundamental beliefs. One must stay strong to their beliefs even if it means the loss of a long time friend and ally.

That All May Be one—Saint Paul Courtier

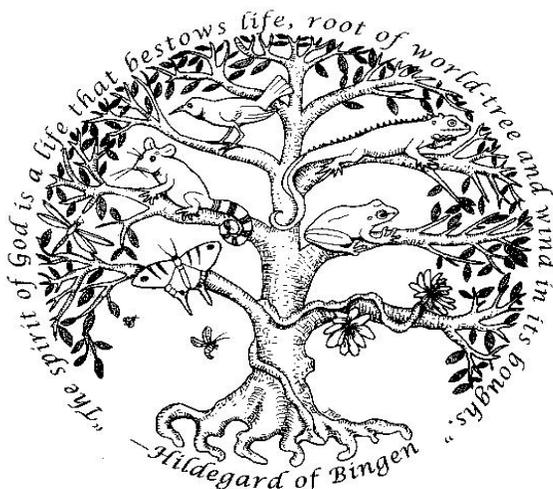
Saint Paul lived his life with the belief that all Christians should unite and pray for one another. His home was littered with crucifixes from varying denominations. His life was dedicated to Christian unity. Courier created ecumenism bearing the

present spiritual hope of the world.

Interpretation

We all have to work together with the common spirit of lifelong learning. We must aspire to foster children that engage themselves in learn-

ing. Professionally, we have to strive to become better in ourselves so as to enlist a variety of others in the same visions.



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My Final Thought

What is the correlation between status and successful leaders?

How do question of character and motive change relative to a persons social, cultural, and economic status?

Do people chose themselves to be leaders or are they chosen by a greater power?

Can a leader exist without a follower?

Leadership: Innate or learned?

This book encompasses 16 stories of leadership that are all a creation of lifelong learning in pursuit of goals that are extrinsically and intrinsically motivated. The tales of Saints and Christian heroes encompass, at the very least, impressive exemplars of style. Under the umbrella of Christianity there are stories that are from one extreme of possible witchery, to another, where lives are lived in unimaginable conditions, where both extremes are in pursuit of enlightenment.

There is only one story in which the hero is of the modest class of a peasant. All other stories of leadership stem from families of middle class status up to one aligning with nobility, wealth or education. One cannot argue, that times of the Christ were very different and cause for this

commonality, as some of the stories are from the 20th century. One can argue that leadership is related to how others perceive your place in society. If you have a place in society that has history of leadership, the public calculates there to be a high probability for a person of said position to have leadership qualities before there has been proof. Anything close to proof will aid in the positional momentum. Not to say that these mini biographies are not virtuous tales of amazing accomplishments, I merely wonder if the same would have resulted if only the variable of status were changed? Love, goals, service, modesty, humility, sacrifice, virtue, selfless are all adjectives that anyone should be able to recognize in a leader by knowing them for a very short

period of time. A true leader is not afraid to express having such qualities. The sooner that someone knows that you have these qualities, the sooner you will have influence in their life. Leadership is about being able to motivate people with common goals. If you have the ability to influence, you have the ability to motivate masses in directive capacities.

There are many responsibilities that can only be undertaken through the hands of many. If they are considerable, then they are worthy of an accolade such as Saint or Hero. It is only on very rare instances, if ever, where individuals are assigned such accolades based on successes that do not affect the masses. Without the ability to motivate, one is not a leader.

One becomes a leader as soon as there is one other that has been influenced to have extra motivation for a specific goal. The measure of the leaders ability is the affect of those motivated and the responsibilities they have collectively been empowered to assume.