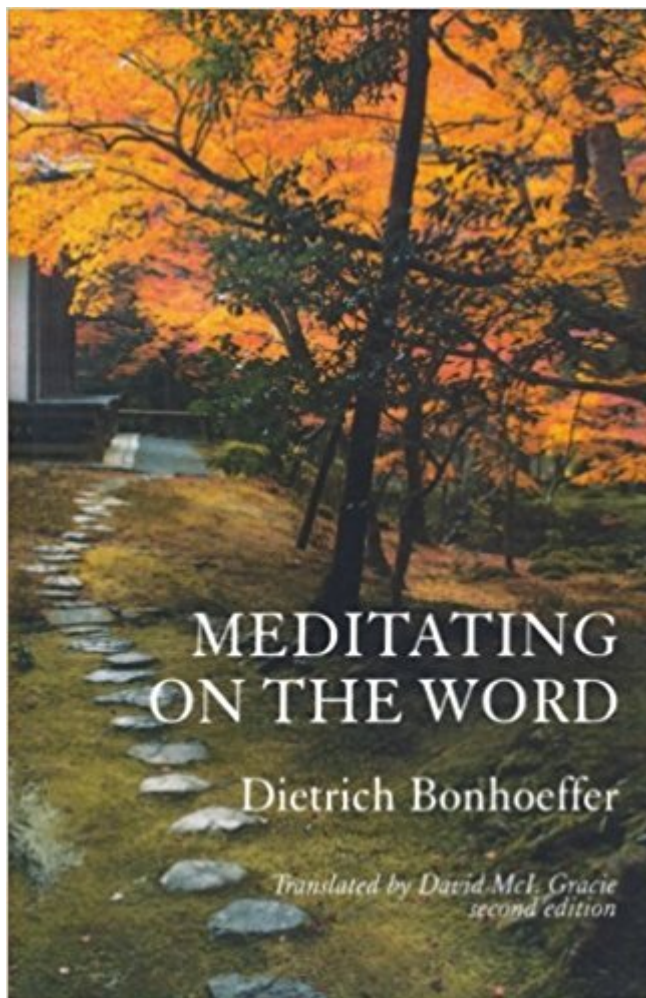


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# Meditating On The Word



## Synopsis

“Daily, quiet reflection on the Word of God as it applies to me becomes for me a point of crystallization for everything that gives interior and exterior order to my life,” wrote Dietrich Bonhoeffer to his colleagues at the warfront in the winter of 1942. Now back in print after a decade, this collection of Bonhoeffer’s writings, sermons, and letters on meditation—including his unfinished meditation on Psalm 119—reveals his deep love for the Bible as a focus for his prayer life and a support in his courageous political life. “Why do I meditate?” asks Bonhoeffer. “Because I am a Christian. Therefore, every day in which I do not penetrate more deeply into the knowledge of God’s Word in Holy Scripture is a lost day for me.”

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These meditations are for a time when the balance between social action and evangelical piety is in danger of being lost—which is to say, they are for always. (Currents In Theology and Mission) Bonhoeffer’s meditations . . . are of great value, for they disclose the workings of Bonhoeffer’s mind and spirit in regard to everyday activities such as sermon writing, letters to friends and students, and instructions to seminarians on meditation and how to read the Bible. (CHOICE) This new edition of *Meditating on the Word*, along with books like *Life Together* and *Discipleship*, makes the practice of biblical meditation, which was so important to Bonhoeffer, available for study by congregations in an attractive and modestly priced volume. (The Bonhoeffer Society Newsletter)

Text: English (translation) Original Language: German --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Despite what others have said, I'm pretty sure that Dietrich Bonhoeffer did write the materials in this book. It has been translated from German into English and edited by David Mcl. Gracie. The translation/editing has introduced some alterations to the text of Bonhoeffer's writings. Most noticeably Gracie takes on the often laudable task of inclusivity by changing Bonhoeffer's exclusively masculine pronouns through the introduction of feminine pronouns in an alternating pattern with the masculine ones. The way that this change was made, however, is questionable. Changing back and forth from masculine to feminine pronouns in a single reading is very distracting, even annoying. I would have found it more helpful if either masculine or feminine pronouns had been used in entire readings/sections of the text. This way of doing things would not eliminate all distraction (which draws the reader's attention away from Bonhoeffer's text and to the editorial changes), but it would have achieved both inclusivity and a coherence in each reading.

Bonhoeffer always thought provoking

Love it

Excellent. One of the most life changing books I've read outside of The Bible.

How can I add anything that could describe the words and works of this man of God

Outstanding author.

Classic Bonhoeffer although the translator took some liberties with mixing pronouns--this side tracks one's concentration.

I was disappointed at the selection of texts that seems to reflect the editors theology rather than Bonhoeffer's.

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