

DR. TAYLOR MARSHALL'S  
LIFE TIME READING PLAN  
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Dear Reader,

There are many great books on this list. Please don't feel overwhelmed. Try to read 10 of these books every year—one every 5 weeks. After 10 years, you'll be better read than most college professors. Before you get too zealous, make sure that you have read the Bible *at least* one time. There is only one book on the list with God as its author. Read Sacred Scripture 365 days per year. The other authors are secondary.

Godspeed,  
Taylor Marshall, PhD

## BIBLES

*Dr. Marshall only recommends two English Bibles for serious theology students: Douay Rheims-Challoner and RSV-CE with a preference for the Douay Rheims-Challoner in most cases:*

[Holy Bible Douay Rheims Translation](#)

[Holy Bible RSV- Catholic Edition](#)

[Biblia Sacra Vulgata Clementina \(English and Latin Edition\)](#) by Bishop Richard Challoner and Michele Tvvedale. There are three Vulgates out there for sale. You want what is called the “Clementine Vulgate.” This is the Vulgate version used in the Old Mass and resembles the version used by Saint Thomas Aquinas and all Catholic authors until the late 1970s. You can immediately tell which Vulgate you are holding by **turning to Genesis 3:20 and looking at the name of Adam's wife:**

- 1) If it's spelled *Heva*: Clementine Vulgate (1592) – the standard printed Latin Vulgate of the Catholic Church for Scripture and Liturgy until the Nova Vulgata (1979)
- 2) If it's spelled *Hava*: Stuttgart Vulgate (1969) – a scholarly critical edition of the Latin Vulgate from the German Bible Society, not used in the liturgies of the Catholic Church. This is an academic Vulgate with a critical apparatus – it often includes the Pslater iuxta Hebraeos.
- 3) If it's spelled *Eva*: Nova Vulgata (1979) – the official Catholic edition of the Latin Vulgate currently used in the ordinary liturgies of the Catholic Church (i.e. Missale Romanum 1969 & Liturgia Horarum)

[Greek-English New Testament](#) by Barbara Aland and Kurt Aland. This will allow you to look at the Greek next to the English.

[Septuaginta \(Greek translation of Old Testament\)](#) by Alfred Rahlfs and Robert Hanhart

[Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia Editio Secunda Emendata \(Hebrew Old Testament\)](#) by Rudolf Kittel, K. Elliger and W. Rudolph. This is the Hebrew Old Testament currently used by scholars. I personally prefer Septuagint reading to this Masoretic Hebrew text, as I believe that they are older and more original—something the Dead Sea Scrolls has taught us.

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## CATECHISMS

*Dr. Marshall recommends the study of three catechisms. All three are magisterial documents:*

[Roman Catechism \(1566\)](#) This is the Catechism issued after the Council of Trent.

[Catechism of Saint Pius X \(1908\)](#) This is the Catechism issued by Saint Pius X in 1908. It's fantastic and underappreciated.

[Catechism of the Catholic Church \(1992\)](#) This is the current Catechism endorsed by the Catholic Church.

## THOMAS AQUINAS AND THOMISM

*Dr. Marshall asks students at the New Saint Thomas Institute to invest in the English Dominican version of the Summa theologiae. He recommends the following two Summa versions, one in Latin/English (best) and one in English only (better).*

[Summa theologiae \(Latin and English\)](#) by Saint Thomas Aquinas

[Summa theologiae \(English only\)](#) by Saint Thomas Aquinas

*Helpful books on Saint Thomas Aquinas and Thomism:*

[Thomas Aquinas in 50 Pages](#) by Taylor Marshall

[St. Thomas Aquinas: The Dumb Ox](#) by G. K. Chesterton

[50 Questions on the Natural Law](#) by Charles E. Rice

[Reality: A Synthesis of Thomistic Thought](#) by Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange

[The One God, commentary on Summa Theologica I.1-26](#) by Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange

[The Trinity and God the Creator, commentary on Summa Theologica I.27-119](#) by Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange

[Beatitude \(1951\), commentary on Summa Theologica I-II.1-54](#) by Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange

[Grace \(1947\), commentary on Summa Theologica I-II.109-114.](#) by Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange

[The Theological Virtues - Vol. 1: Faith \(1948\), commentary on Summa Theologica II-II.1-16](#) by Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange

[Christ the Saviour \(1945\), commentary on Summa Theologica III.1-26, 31-59](#) by Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange

[The Sacred Monster of Thomism : an introduction to the life and legacy of Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange](#) by Richard Peddicord

## CATHOLICISM EXPLAINED

[The Spirit of Catholicism](#) by Karl Adams

[Spirit and Forms of Protestantism](#) by Louis Bouyer

[Christianity for Modern Pagans](#) by Peter Kreeft

[The Lord](#) by Romano Guardini

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[\*Essay on Development of Christian Doctrine\*](#) by Blessed John Henry Newman  
[\*Parochial and Plain Sermons\*](#) by Blessed John Henry Newman  
[\*End of the Modern World\*](#) by Romano Guardini  
[\*Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma\*](#) by Ludwig Ott  
[\*The Crucified Rabbi: Judaism and the Origins of Catholicism\*](#) by Taylor Marshall  
[\*The Catholic Perspective on Paul: Paul and the Origins of Catholicism\*](#) by Taylor Marshall  
[\*The Eternal City: Rome and the Origins of Catholicism\*](#) by Taylor Marshall

## HISTORY & HERESY

[\*The Great Heresies\*](#) by Hilaire Belloc  
[\*How The Reformation Happened\*](#) by Hilaire Belloc  
[\*Survivals and New Arrivals\*](#) by Hilaire Belloc  
[\*Christendom I: Founding of Christendom\*](#) by Warren Carroll  
[\*Christendom II: The Building of Christendom\*](#) by Warren Carroll  
[\*Christendom III: The Glory of Christendom\*](#) by Warren Carroll  
[\*Christendom IV: The Cleaving of Christendom\*](#) by Warren Carroll  
[\*Triumph : The Power and the Glory of the Catholic Church\*](#) by H. W. Crocker III  
[\*Enthusiasm\*](#) by Ronald Knox  
[\*Love of Learning and the Desire for God\*](#) by Jean Leclercq  
[\*Christianity and European Culture\*](#) by Christopher Dawson

## HOLY MEN AND WOMEN

[\*Apologia Pro Vita Sua\*](#) by Blessed John Henry Newman  
[\*Journal of a Soul\*](#) by Saint John XXIII  
[\*The Long Loneliness\*](#) by Dorothy Day  
[\*St. Francis of Assisi\*](#) by G. K. Chesterton  
[\*Cure of Ars\*](#) by F. Trochu  
[\*Thomas More: A Portrait of Courage\*](#) by Gerard B. Wegemer  
[\*The King's Good Servant but God's First\*](#) by James Monti  
[\*Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II\*](#) by George Weigel  
[\*Crossing the Threshold of Hope\*](#) by Pope John Paul II

## GREAT CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

[\*Lord of the World\*](#) by Robert Hugh Benson  
[\*The Diary of a Country Priest\*](#) by George Bernanos  
[\*Hopkins: Poetry and Prose\*](#) by George Manley Hopkins  
[\*Don Quixote\*](#) by Miguel de Cervantes  
[\*The Divine Comedy\*](#) by Dante Alighieri  
[\*Christianity and Culture\*](#) by T. S. Eliot  
[\*The Idea of a University\*](#) by Blessed John Henry Newman  
[\*Silence\*](#) by Shusaku Endo  
[\*Quo Vadis\*](#) by Henryk Sienkiewicz  
[\*Lost in the Cosmos : The Last Self-Help Book\*](#) by Walker Percy

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[\*Love in the Ruins\*](#) by Walker Percy  
[\*Flannery O'Connor: Complete Stories\*](#) by Flannery O'Connor  
[\*The Lord of the Rings\*](#) by J. R. R. Tolkien  
[\*Brideshead Revisited\*](#) by Evelyn Waugh  
[\*Helena\*](#) by Evelyn Waugh

## MARIOLOGY

[\*Our Lady of Fatima\*](#) by William T. Walsh  
[\*The Mother of the Saviour and our Interior Life\*](#) by Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange  
[\*Ineffabilis Deus Apostolic Constitution\*](#) by Pope Pius IX  
[\*Munificentissimus Deus Apostolic Constitution\*](#) by Pope Pius XII  
[\*33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat In Preparation for Marian Consecration\*](#) by Fr Michael Gaitley  
[\*All Generations Shall call me Blessed: Biblical Mariology\*](#) by Fr Stephano Manelli

## PHILOSOPHY (BOOKS NOT ALREADY UNDER THOMAS AQUINAS)

[\*Plato: Complete Works Hardcover\*](#), John M. Cooper (Editor), D. S. Hutchinson (Editor)  
[\*Complete Works of Aristotle, Vol. 1 \(Barnes Edition\)\*](#)  
[\*Complete Works of Aristotle, Vol. 2 \(Barnes Edition\)\*](#)  
[\*Meditations\*](#) by Marcus Aurelius, translated by Gregory Hays. *Not Christian, but Marcus Aurelius is the best introduction to Stoic philosophy. You need to understand Stoicism if you study Augustine or Thomas Aquinas.*  
[\*Socratic Logic\*](#) Edition 3.1 by Peter Kreeft. *This is the best introduction to Logic in print.*  
[\*Essays on Woman\*](#) by Edith Stein  
[\*The Four Cardinal Virtues\*](#) by Josef Pieper  
[\*The Intellectual Life\*](#) by A. G. Sertillanges  
[\*Between Heaven and Hell: A Dialog Somewhere Beyond Death with John F. Kennedy, C. S. Lewis & Aldous Huxley\*](#) by Peter Kreeft

## SPIRITUAL CLASSICS

[\*Confessions of St. Augustine\*](#) by Saint Augustine  
[\*Little Talks with God \(modernized version of "The Dialogues"\)\*](#) by Saint Catherine  
[\*City of God\*](#) by Saint Augustine  
[\*The Problem of Pain\*](#) by C. S. Lewis  
[\*Dark Night of the Soul\*](#) by Saint John of the Cross  
[\*Mere Christianity\*](#) by C. S. Lewis  
[\*The Screwtape Letters\*](#) by C. S. Lewis  
[\*The Everlasting Man\*](#) by G. K. Chesterton  
[\*Orthodoxy\*](#) by G. K. Chesterton  
[\*Meditations from a Simple Path\*](#) by Blessed Teresa of Calcutta  
[\*Interior Castle\*](#) by Saint Teresa of Avila  
[\*The Way of Perfection\*](#) by Saint Teresa of Avila

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[\*Story of a Soul\*](#) by Saint Therese of Lisieux

## SPIRITUAL READING

[\*The Great Means of Salvation and Perfection\*](#) by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

[\*Uniformity with God's Will\*](#) by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

[\*Spiritual Theology\*](#) by Jordan Aumann

[\*Frequent Confession\*](#) by Benedict Baur

[\*In Silence with God\*](#) by Benedict Baur

[\*Difficulties in Mental Prayer\*](#) by Eugene Boylan

[\*The Tremendous Lover\*](#) by Eugene Boylan

[\*Covenanted Happiness\*](#) by Cormac Burke

[\*The Soul of the Apostolate\*](#) by Jean-Baptiste Chautard

[\*Friends of God\*](#) by Saint Josemaria Escriva

[\*Christ is Passing By\*](#) by Saint Josemaria Escriva

[\*The Way, Furon, The Forge\*](#) by Saint Josemaria Escriva

[\*Way of the Cross\*](#) by Jose Maria Escriva

[\*All for Jesus\*](#) by Frederick W. Faber

[\*Abandonment to Divine Providence\*](#) by Jean-Pierre De Caussade

[\*Introduction to Devout Life\*](#) by Saint Francis de Sales

[\*Treatise on the Love of God\*](#) by Saint Francis de Sales

[\*Three Ages of Interior Life Volume I\*](#) by Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange

[\*Three Ages of Interior Life Volume II\*](#) by Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange

[\*Sinner's Guide\*](#) by Venerable Louis of Grenada

[\*The Imitation of Christ\*](#) by Thomas A. Kempis

[\*True Devotion to the Holy Spirit\*](#) by Luis M. Martinez

[\*True Devotions\*](#) by Saint Louis-Marie Grignon De Montfort

[\*The Hidden Power of Kindness\*](#) by Lawrence G. Lovasik

[\*The Betrothed\*](#) by Alessandro Manzoni

[\*The Sadness of Christ\*](#) by Saint Thomas More

[\*Conversation with Christ\*](#) by Peter T. Rohrbach

[\*Spiritual Combat\*](#) by Lorenzo Scupoli

[\*Theology and Sanity\*](#) by Francis J. Sheed

[\*Theology for Beginners\*](#) by Francis J. Sheed

[\*To Know Christ Jesus\*](#) by Francis J. Sheed

[\*Life of Christ\*](#) by Fulton J. Sheen

[\*Three to Get Married\*](#) by Fulton J. Sheen

[\*The Spiritual Life\*](#) by Adolphe Tanqueray

[\*Abba Father\*](#) by Bonaventure Perquin

[\*Transformation in Christ\*](#) by Dietrich von Hildebrand

[\*Searching for and Maintaining Peace: A Small Treatise on Peace of Heart\*](#) by Fr Jacques Phillipe