

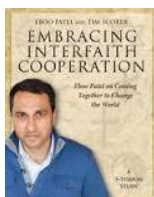
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Embracing Forgiveness

Barbara Cawthorne Craffton with Tim Scorer
Barbara leads a group of adults in a revealing and helpful exploration of what forgiveness is not, and then, what it is and how to find it in our lives, on both the personal and communal level. Embracing Forgiveness offers tonic for troubled souls - yours and mine.

1. Seventy Times Seven: Really
2. You Have Heard It Said
3. Chipping Away
4. How to Start
5. Why Forgive?



Embracing Interfaith Cooperation

Eboo Patel with Tim Scorer
Eboo leads a small group of adults from diverse religious backgrounds (including Jewish, Muslim, Christian and Hindu) in a fascinating exploration of both the challenge and necessity of Interfaith Cooperation.
Five Sessions

1. Interfaith Cooperation in American History
2. Interfaith Literacy
3. The Science of Interfaith Cooperation
4. The Art of Interfaith Leadership
5. The Role of Colleges, Seminaries and Houses of Worship

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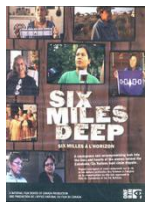
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Six Miles Deep

February 28, 2006. Members of the Iroquois Confederacy (also known as the Haudenosaunee or People of the Longhouse) blockade a highway near Caledonia, Ontario, to prevent a housing development on land that falls within their traditional territories. Their actions are led and supported by the Haudenosaunee clan mothers. Acting with grace and honour, they rally their community, demand recognition on their own terms, and lead a cultural reawakening in their traditionally matriarchal society.



We Were Children

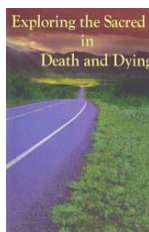
As young children, Lyna and Glen were taken from their homes and placed in church-run boarding schools. The trauma of this experience was made worse by years of untold physical, sexual and emotional abuse, the effects of which persist in the adult lives. In this emotional film, the profound impact of the Canadian government's residential school system is conveyed unflinchingly through the eyes of two children who were forced to face hardships beyond their years. We Were Children gives voice to a national tragedy and demonstrates the incredible resilience of the human spirit.

Truth and Reconciliation



Listen to your Sadness

Designed as gentle support for life's troubling times, this video introduces a four-step process for dealing with despair: experience the present, review the past, visualize the future, and return to the present anew. Images from nature support the message in a creative way. A life-giving affirmation serves as a fitting conclusion.



Exploring the Sacred in Death and Dying

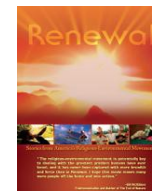
This six-part series is for those who have to deal with the death of a loved one, or for those who relate to someone whose loved one is dying. Led by Ron DelBene, people tell their stories of experiencing the death of loved ones, and reflect on what they have learned. Each of the first 5 videos deals with 2 topics, and at the end of each part there are questions for reflection and/or discussion.

The 6th video is the DelBene family story.

Session Titles

1. Saying goodbye
2. Living Through Grief
3. Telling the Stories
4. Recognizing the Sacred
5. Communicating
6. One Family's Story

Pastoral Care



Renewal

This documentary is inspired by many Americans who are answering a spiritual call to confront the enormous challenges of environmental degradation. From within their Christian, Jewish, Buddhist and Muslim traditions, these men, women and children are finding ways to become caretakers of the Earth. With great courage, they are re-examining what it means to be human and how we choose to live on this planet. The religious-environmental movement grows as people from diverse traditions work to build a sustainable future. Renewal is their story.



The Journey of the Universe

We have discovered what no previous generation knew - the ways in which our galaxies and stars, planets and living organisms emerged within the vast drama of the universe. Journey of the Universe guides us through an elegant telling of this epic story, from the origins of life to our present challenges. Today, the survival of species and entire ecosystems depend upon the choices humans make. Journey of the Universe explores cosmic and Earth evolution as a profound process of creativity, connection and interdependence, and offers an opportunity to respond to the ecological and social challenges of our times.

Environment