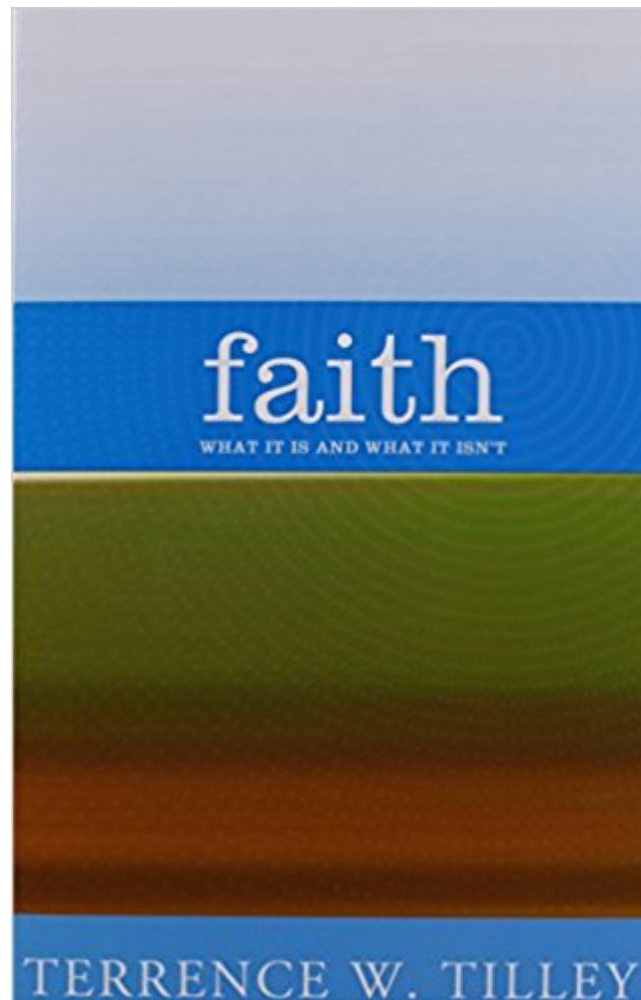




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Terrence W. Tilley is the Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J. Professor of Catholic Theology and chair of the Department of Theology at Fordham University. A former president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, he is the author of several books, including the award-winning *Inventing Catholic Tradition* and *The Disciples of Jesus*.

Faith by Terrence W. Tilley Faith is a relationship with God, and Terrence Tilley says its a commitment, gift, and worship with meaning and value. Some of the components of faith are beliefs, courage, trust, intellectualism and emotionalism. Universalism is a faith of unlimited meaning and

value. It includes the object of our faith which is happiness, joy, and suffering. But God is the main object of our faith and we are the subject. We live our faith through our actions, attitudes, choices, myths, sagas, and stories. These symbols can be spoken or visual. We also practice our faith through morality and rituals. The morality is with the community, the environment, family, and friends. The rituals are with God. Faith is also seeking truth. Tilley says faith is also Henotheism and Polytheism. He said Henotheism is faith through an ethnic, national, or tribal group, and it can also be a person who has faith in one idea. Polytheism is having faith in love, power, and wealth. Tilley develops the meaning and understanding of faith very well. What's lacking is faith experiences of real people. This would have given the book more flavor. But the book will enhance anyone's knowledge of faith.

Interesting and thought provoking. Having been raised Catholic in the South I've often rejected the concept of religion, of faith. I refer to myself as a Buddhist and meditate regularly. I do believe and have faith in an existence beyond what we can normally experience, I just don't believe in a god or supreme being that judges us. Nor do I believe that we are born in need of redemption. What do I have faith in? I guess I'm searching for words that express the concept of faith, as I see it, Tilley helps that search.

Bought for college. I can't complain

A good read for the 'spiritual but not religious' folks, seems to me...food for thought even for the skeptical.

Wish that all Catholics would read this book.

Not bad book at all, a definite good read for those interested in the true definition of faith and its usage.

Terrence W. Tilley's FAITH; WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT ISN'T provides a slim but pointed study on the essentials of faith. The dual coverage of its definition and what it does not embrace offers much food for thought and makes this a fine recommendation for any spirituality collection.

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