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## AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY



Richard J. Foster

Gayle D. Beebe first encountered Richard J. Foster as a freshman in one of his classes at George Fox College in Newberg, Oregon. Foster shared a heavily inked manuscript in mimeograph form with his students. Beebe recalls, “I had been in Christian circles all my life and yet I had never read nor experienced such a thorough ordering of how we could understand and make progress in our life with God.” That manuscript was titled *Celebration of Discipline: Recovering the Disciplines and the Path to Christian Devotion*. Since then more than two million copies have sold worldwide.

In the intervening years the paths taken by the teacher and his one-time student continued to cross through writing, speaking and instructing. Foster went on to found RENOVARÉ in Denver, Colorado. He also published a number of significant works in spiritual formation, including the Gold Medallion Award–Winning *Streams of Living Water and Prayer: Finding the Heart’s True Home*. His other books include *Freedom of Simplicity*, *The Challenge of the Disciplined Life: Christian Reflections on Money, Sex, and Power* and *Prayers from the Heart*, all published by HarperSanFrancisco. He coauthored with Kathryn Halmers *Life with God: Reading the Bible for Spiritual Transformation*.



Gayle D. Beebe

In addition to his own writing and editing, Beebe is now president at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California. Beebe also served as one of the general editors for *The Renovaré Spiritual Formation Bible*. He has published several books, including *The Interpretive Role of the Religious Community in Friedrich Schleiermacher and Josiah Royce*, *Religion and Its Relevance in Post-Modernism*, *A Concept to Keep*, *Keeping the Concept in the Social and Natural Sciences* and *Keeping the Concept in the Philosophical, Practical and Productive Arts*.

In 1992, Foster and Beebe began teaching a class together at a university in Southern California. During that time they developed a course titled “The History and Practice of Christian Spirituality.” It is the interaction around the ideas and sessions from this course that formed the foundation for their new book, *Longing for God: Seven Paths of Christian Devotion*.