

Reaching Out: A Guide to the Life and Work of Henri Nouwen

Henri Nouwen was a Dutch Catholic priest, professor, and writer. He was a leading figure in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and a prolific author on spirituality and the Christian life. His work has been translated into more than 30 languages and has sold more than 10 million copies worldwide.

Nouwen was born in Nijkerk, Netherlands, in 1932. He was the youngest of six children. His father was a doctor and his mother was a nurse. Nouwen attended a Catholic boarding school for boys and then studied philosophy and theology at the University of Nijmegen. He was ordained a priest in 1957.



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After his ordination, Nouwen served as a chaplain to Dutch students in Paris and then as a professor of pastoral theology at the University of Notre Dame. In 1968, he moved to the United States to become the director of the Daybreak Community, a Catholic community for people with intellectual

disabilities. He remained at Daybreak until 1985, when he moved to the L'Arche community in Toronto, Canada.

Nouwen wrote more than 40 books and numerous articles on spirituality and the Christian life. His work is characterized by its honesty, vulnerability, and compassion. He wrote about his own struggles with faith, doubt, and loneliness. He also wrote about the importance of love, community, and service to others.

Nouwen died in 1996 at the age of 64. He is buried at the L'Arche community in Toronto. His work continues to inspire and challenge Christians around the world.

Nouwen's Theology

Nouwen's theology was rooted in the belief that God is love. He believed that God is present in all things, especially in the poor and the marginalized. He also believed that the Christian life is a journey of love and compassion.

Nouwen's theology was influenced by a number of sources, including his own experiences with the poor and the marginalized, the work of Karl Rahner, and the writings of the Desert Fathers.

Nouwen's theology has been criticized by some for being too sentimental and for not taking into account the reality of sin and evil. However, his work continues to inspire and challenge Christians around the world.

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Nouwen's Legacy

Henri Nouwen is considered one of the most important spiritual writers of the 20th century. His work has been translated into more than 30 languages and has sold more than 10 million copies worldwide. He continues to inspire and challenge Christians around the world.

Nouwen's legacy is a reminder that the Christian life is a journey of love and compassion. He taught us that God is present in all things, especially in the poor and the marginalized. He also taught us that the Christian life is a journey of community and service to others.

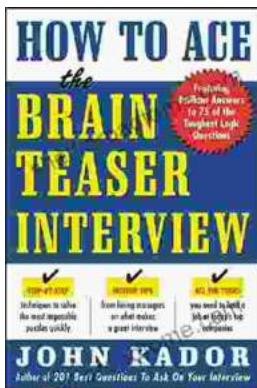
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