

**STEPHEN HATCH
TO PRESENT FALL MINI-RETREAT**

**Saturday, October 14, 2017
9:00 AM—3:30 PM**

**Registration: 8:00—9:00 AM
Center for Contemplative Living
3650 Yates St. Denver, CO 80212**



**Cost: \$60, includes continental breakfast, beverages and a light lunch.
Payment must accompany registration.**

PROTESTANT MYSTICISM

Join us for this day of prayer, silence and spiritual enrichment in which Stephen Hatch will share his depth of knowledge and wisdom on the topic of "*Protestant Mysticism*".

During the sixteenth century, consciousness in the West was beginning to turn back on itself in an intensely heightened way. People had a sense of the individual self that resembled a pressure-cooker, often to the point of feeling completely alienated from God. Individuals worried excessively about their eternal destiny and desperately needed to find assurance and escape from the oppressive claustrophobia of the separate self. The development of Protestant mysticism was the result. In this mini-retreat, we will explore various ways in which union with God was practiced in the new context of ultra-individuality. We'll examine the mystical side of Martin Luther, the Calvinist turn toward Nature as a place to find God, the Quaker path of silent meetings and spiritual social work as sources for divine union (with special attention given to the teachings of Black mystic Howard Thurman), and the Shaker ability to find God in exquisite craftsmanship. Special attention will be given to the "Invisible Church" experience of the mystical wing of the Anabaptists and the spiritual theology of Lutheran mystic Jacob Boehme.

For the past three decades, Stephen Hatch has experimented with living as a "Worldly Monk," with a family, a business, and a daily rule of silence, solitude, meditation and hiking in nearby wild places. He has a B.A. in Philosophy and Religion from Colorado State University and an M.A. from Iliff School of Theology, where he specialized in Medieval Mysticism. Stephen is an adjunct professor at Naropa University, where he teaches Contemplative Christianity. He taught at The Center for Contemplative Living during the mid-90s, and trained with Father Thomas Keating in Centering Prayer in the mid-80s. Currently, he spends a lot of time doing landscape photography, linking it to his work in Wilderness Mysticism. He is author of the book: "The Contemplative John Muir." Stephen grew up as an evangelical Christian. His mother's family members were prominent Pennsylvania Quakers.

Since we are holding this event at our Center, space is limited to 150 participants. **We encourage you to register early** and to plan on carpooling. We recommend registering online with your credit card at www.contemplativeoutreach-co.org or mail your registration form and check to Contemplative Outreach of Colorado, 3650 Yates St., Denver, CO 80212. For information or assistance call 303-698-7729.



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