

Monday digest

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- Todd Friesen [reviews Martin Laird's book](#) on contemplative prayer: "Drawing from his work with university students and other spiritual directees, Laird tells stories about people who are slowly learning how to detach themselves from the tyranny of their thoughts in order to open up more space for the quiet contemplation of God." (subscription required)
- Debra Dean Murphy [raises the issue](#) of 9/11 remembrance and voyeurism: "It strikes me that grieving-through-media does not serve us well, individually or collectively."
- Theodore Wardlaw [gets sermon-prep help](#) from an old friend: "All preachers need at least one trusted conversation partner whom we can call in the middle of the night, if necessary."

Links from elsewhere:

- [Rumor has it](#) that Rowan Williams might quit Lambeth Palace for academia.
- Fighting for LGBT equality [without fighting opponents' rights to go to court](#)