

## Biography: Matthew Fox

Matthew Fox (b. 1940) is an internationally acclaimed spiritual theologian, Episcopal priest, and activist who was a member of the Dominican Order for 34 years. He holds a doctorate, *summa cum laude*, in the History and Theology of Spirituality from the Institut Catholique de Paris and has devoted 50 years to developing and teaching the tradition of Creation Spirituality. This emergent spiritual discipline is rooted in ancient Judeo-Christian teaching, inclusive of today's science and world spiritual traditions; welcoming of the arts and artists; wisdom centered, prophetic, and committed to eco-justice, social and racial justice and gender justice.

Fox designed educational programs over forty years, including in the University of Creation Spirituality, which established a new pedagogy for teaching spirituality and reinventing work by bringing deep values to it. This landmark effort helped reawaken tens of thousands to the mystical traditions of such figures as Hildegard of Bingen, Meister Eckhart, Julian of Norwich, Thomas Aquinas, and Thomas Merton, among other premodern and post-modern spiritual pioneers.

He has authored 38 books on spirituality and contemporary culture, among them: *Original Blessing*, *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*, *The Reinvention of Work*, *A Spirituality Named Compassion* and *Meister Eckhart: A Mystic-Warrior for Our Times*. His books, celebrated around the world, have been translated into 76 languages. This work, along with countless lectures, retreats, and innovative education models, have ignited an international movement to awaken people to live as mystics, prophets, and contemplative activists who honor and defend the earth and work for justice.

Newly released is *Julian of Norwich: Wisdom in at Time of Pandemic—and Beyond*, a volume that draws out the insights that the remarkable mystic Julian (1342–ca.1429) shared while living through the Black Death that returned in waves throughout her lifetime. As Fox notes in the introduction, “Julian is a stunning thinker, a profound theologian and mystic, a fully awake woman, and a remarkable guide with a mighty vision to share for twenty-first-century seekers. She is a special chaperone for those navigating a time of pandemic...While others all about her were freaking out about nature gone awry, Julian kept her spiritual and intellectual composure, staying grounded and true to her belief in the goodness of life, creation, and humanity and, in no uncertain terms, inviting others to do the same.”

Matthew Fox's other recent book is *The Tao of Thomas Aquinas: Fierce Wisdom for Hard Times* (2020). Among his other books are *Original Blessing*, *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*, *A Spirituality Named Compassion*, *The Reinvention of Work*, *Christian Mystics*. He is widely known for *Order of the Sacred Earth* and *Daily Meditations* as well as the *Cosmic Mass*. For more information, visit [www.matthewfox.org](http://www.matthewfox.org) and [www.dailymeditationswithmatthewfox.org](http://www.dailymeditationswithmatthewfox.org)