

Thursday digest

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New today (and yesterday) from the *Century*:

- Amy Frykholm on the [spiritual direction movement](#)'s quick growth: "In philosophy and practice, spiritual direction suggests that the individual self is insufficient as a locus of meaning. No one can 'do' spiritual direction alone."
- Two companion pieces to Frykholm's:
 - Daniel Schrock's [review of Angela Reed](#)'s book: "Reed maintains that congregations provide the best greenhouses for authentic spiritual guidance. However, she contends, maturity does not simply grow from ordinary congregational life."
 - Ruth Workman's on [why she became a spiritual director](#): "Until I encountered spiritual direction, my prayer life was filled almost entirely with words."
- Steve Thorngate on [Tony Perkins, parable explainer](#): "A lot of people didn't like Tony Perkins' CNN Belief Blog post last week, and rightly so. Jesus was a free marketer, long before the concept was developed? Sure, if you say so."

In the news:

- [Clinton hosts summit on religious intolerance](#)

- [2011: A year of taking it to the streets](#)