



## Quotes & Connections



“Christianity is NOT a religion; it is the proclamation of the end of religion. Religion is a human activity dedicated to the job of reconciling God to humanity and humanity to itself. The gospel however, the Good News of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is the astonishing announcement that God has done the whole work of reconciliation without a scrap of human assistance. It is the bizarre proclamation that religion is over—period.”  
—Robert Farrar Capon

“Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul—and sings the tunes without the words—and never stops at all.”—Emily Dickinson

“To sacrifice something is to make it holy by giving it away for love.”  
—Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*

“The power of God does not reside in buildings, specific geographical locations, special architectural styles, peculiar rituals or ceremonies or special holy days.” —Greg Albrecht

“Religion has accepted the monstrous heresy that noise, size, activity and bluster make a man dear to God. But we may take heart... God says ‘be still, and know that I am God’ (Psalm 46:10). And still he says it as if he means to tell us that our strength and safety lie not in noise but in silence.”—A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*

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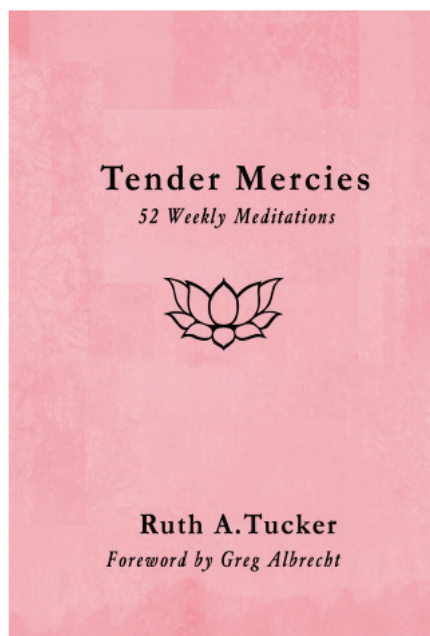
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