

Study Questions for Dominican Laity Candidates

3. One roadblock to Lectio Divina is thinking you need a 'eureka moment' or a new insight every time you pray with Scripture. What do you think are some other roadblocks to reading Scripture prayerfully? Literature buffs may want try to think of how Screwtape would advise Wormwood to tempt his patient with regard to Lectio Divina.

4. Dominicans "contemplare et contemplata aliis tradere". Why do you think Dominicans say *contemplatio* and not *lectio*, *meditatio* or *oratio*?

Questions from *Time for God* Chapters 4 and 5

5. In order to achieve a clear understanding of the juxtaposition of body and spirit in mental prayer, reconcile these two truths: "The first, basic truth, without which we will not get very far, is that the life of prayer... is not the result of a technique, but a gift we receive" and, secondly, "Still, we are not pure spirit but creatures of spirit and body, and we need to learn how to use space and time in the service of the spirit." (Ch 4 p 82)

6. Describe the time, place, and physical attitudes in mental prayer. (Ch 4 pp 83-86)

