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Benedictine Spirituality  
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St. Benedict's Rule has been shaping holy lives for over 1500 years.

One would hardly expect such an ancient spiritual practice to have much relevance today. Nevertheless, Benedictine spirituality seems uniquely suited for contemporary seekers. Why is that? Is it because our basic spiritual needs never really change? Is it because St. Benedict, a layman, designed his Rule (Regula) with regular people in mind? Is it because it's all about "living the ordinary life extraordinarily well?"

Is it because the issues that Benedict raises radically unmask the superficiality of contemporary culture? Is it because Benedict's pre-modern mind uncannily hit upon postmodern themes like the paradoxical nature of truth, the hiddenness of reality, and the call to community? Or is it all of the above? What is the real shape of a holy life? And why does the Benedictine Rule speak that eternal language so well?

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