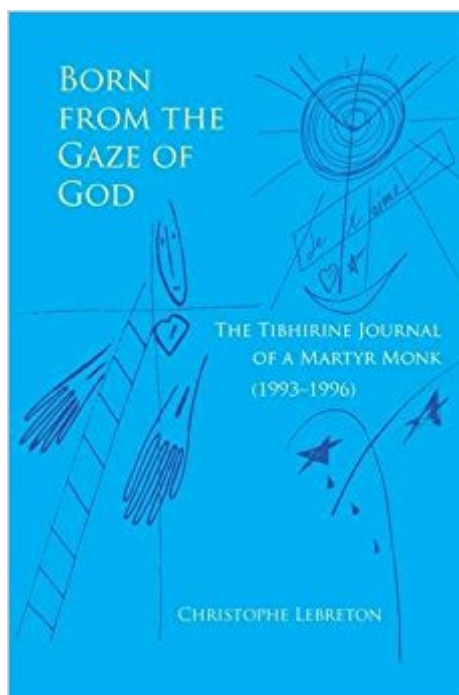




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Synopsis

Christophe Lebreton, aged forty-six, was the youngest of the seven Trappist monks assassinated in Algeria by terrorists in 1996. He was also the poet of the group. Anyone who was enthralled by the recent film *Of Gods and Men* should find in Brother Christophe's Journal ample and deeply moving material for meditation on both the light and the darkness inherent in the human condition. The Journal begins in 1993, four months before the terrorists' first visit to the monastery at Tibhirine, and it ends on March 19, 1996, just seven days before the monks' abduction. Entry after entry touches readers both by its vivid sincerity and by the fresh and inventive quality of its poetic expression. Through these pages readers become privy to the daily events in the soul of a generous searcher after God under very trying conditions. His style is highly personal, playful, ardent, full of color and whimsy.

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Sister Edith Scholl studied piano and composition at the University of Michigan, where she earned a bachelor of music degree. She entered Mount Saint Mary's Abbey in 1956. She is currently the prioress, teaches liturgy and Christian spirituality, and has written music for her community's liturgy. She has contributed articles to *Hidden Springs* and *Peaceweavers*, and an anthology of early Cistercian texts, *In the School of Love* (all published by Cistercian Publications).

This journal was written by one of the monks of Tibhirine, a Trappist monastery in Algeria. He, along with six others of his community, were taken hostage and beheaded. This journal shows the power of unconditional love. Its author struggled just like all of us, but he kept returning to love, both of God and neighbor. This book is very much needed in this time when we so often ostracize those we don't understand. It holds out hope in the most trying of circumstances.

Beautiful and poetic, this translation of Bro. Christopher's journal shares a deep spirituality of interfaith love and life. I highly recommend it to anyone who is interested in the spirituality of shared religious experience.

Father Christophe, the Abbot of the Monastery of Tibhirine in Algeria, shares his spiritual journey from 1993-1996. I use the book as a book of prayer. I stop when I read some passages, and just close my eyes and meditate.

Not what I expected. Would have appreciated a biography, not random thoughts.

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