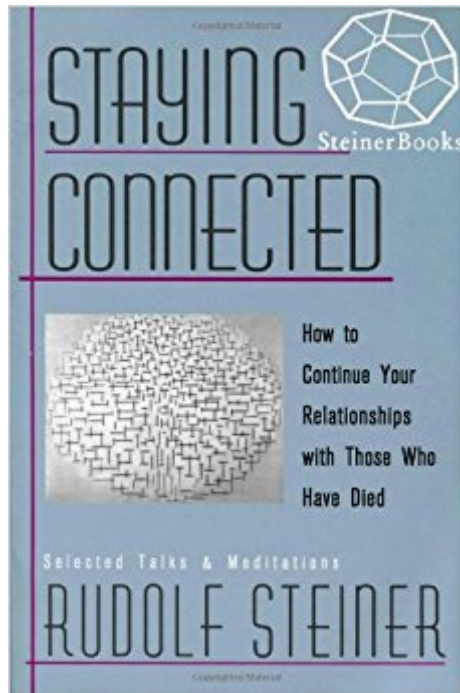


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Staying Connected: How To Continue Your Relationships With Those Who Have Died



Synopsis

“This is what it comes down to: that we learn to experience that those who have passed through the gate of death have only assumed another form. Having died, they stand before our feelings like those who, through life experiences, have traveled to distant lands, whither we can follow them only later. We have therefore nothing to fear but a time of separation. Spiritual science must help us learn to feel and experience this in the most living way we can.”

• Rudolf Steiner “Living and working with the concepts and exercises in these talks and meditations has changed my life. This is a most practical book. Do what it recommends and you will experience the presence of the dead in your lives. You will know that the community of human beings on both sides of the threshold is not theory, but reality.”

• Christopher Bamford (from the introduction) The idea of “working with the dead” – maintaining, continuing, and enhancing one’s relationships with those who have died – was fundamental to Steiner’s work. This volume collects a rich harvest of his thoughts on the subject, gathered over many years. Steiner spoke directly from his own experience and formulated various meditation practices and verses that worked for him. We learn the usefulness of reading to the dead; the use of verbs (instead of nouns) when we speak with them; the importance of the sacred moments when falling asleep and awakening for asking questions and receiving answers; how our memories of the dead are like “art” to them; and of key moods we must cultivate – community with the world, gratitude, confidence in the current of life. We learn, too, of the many ways discarnate souls can help us in our earthly work, and of the many ways we can help them. Also included are many of the mantras Steiner gave to his students for connecting with those who have died. This important volume will help those who want to deepen their relationships to the living, to those who have died, or to the spiritual world itself.

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Having gone through some painful losses of family and dear friends, I have found this book by Rudolf Steiner to be the best. It is probably his easiest book to read and for those who find themselves around the death portal, Steiner really has the territory mapped out. The dead have much to teach us and Steiner gives detailed ways to develop our capacities to stay connected to the dead. Profound and helpful for those in grief.

I found this book a helpful guide to the physical and spiritual reality of death, both for the soul that passes and the souls of those that remain on earth. I used this guide years ago when my son died and am now rereading it as my mother prepares to leave this life.

What a book. Anyone who is serious about their life should read this book. A total masterpiece.

I have been in a reading group that has used this text over and over again for the last 7 years. I have recommended it to dozens of individuals who have suffered the loss of a loved one- it is an inexhaustible resource.

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