



Desmond Tutu: Spirituality, Social Justice and Leadership Bibliography for Colloquium, 6 April 2022

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Books about Desmond Tutu

Allen, John, *Rabble-rouser for Peace: The Authorized Biography of Desmond Tutu*, New York: Free Press, 2006
Excellent overview and analysis of the life and work of Desmond Tutu up to the time of publication.

Battle, Michael, *Reconciliation: The Ubuntu Theology of Desmond Tutu*, Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2009
(Revised edition)

Thorough examination of Tutu's theology by US African-American theologian who worked for a time as Tutu's chaplain.

Battle, Michael, *Desmond Tutu: A Spiritual Biography of South Africa's Confessor*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2021

An acclaimed book looking at the spiritual influences and out workings of the spirituality of Desmond Tutu. See also the excellent review by Rowan Williams of Battle's book *The Courage of Desmond Tutu* in *New Statesman* 21.07.2021 <https://www.newstatesman.com/culture/2021/07/courage-desmond-tutu> (accessed 03.02.2022)

Sparks, Allister and Mpho A. Tutu, *Tutu: The Authorised Portrait*, Johannesburg: Pan Macmillan, 2011

A magnificent "coffee table" book with great photos – but more than that. An excellent text compiled by a leading South African political journalist and one of Tutu's daughters for The Arch's 80th birthday.

Nadar, Sarojini et al (eds), *Ecumenical Encounters with Desmond Mpilo Tutu; Visions for Justice, Dignity and Peace*, Oxford: Regnum Press & Cape Town; UWC Press, 2021

Over 70 contributors recount their meetings with Desmond Tutu. Compiled for and presented to The Arch for his 90th birthday, this collection gives a multifaceted portrait of Tutu's spirituality and work for social justice. Contains contributions, among others, from Sarojini Nadar (main editor), Michael Battle, Vicentia Kgabe (co-editor), Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, René August, and Sa'diyya Shaikh who have been invited to address this seminar.

Books by Desmond Tutu

Tutu, Desmond Mpilo (compiled by Mthobi Mutloatse), *Hope and Suffering: Sermons and Speeches*, Johannesburg: Skotaville, 1983

An early compilation of the addresses by Desmond Tutu. Also contains a telling profile of "Desmond Tutu: priest, elder and prophet", by Buti Tlagale, former priest of Regina Mundi Roman Catholic Church in Soweto, subsequently Archbishop: pp. x-xvi.



- Tutu, Desmond (ed. John Allen), *The Rainbow People of God*, London: Doubleday, 1994
Compilation of Tutu's main addresses from 1976 (the time of the Soweto uprising) until 1994 (democratic election). With a foreword by Nelson Mandela. Invaluable collection.
- Tutu, Desmond, *No Future without Forgiveness*, London: Rider 1999
Tutu's reflections on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, its achievements and limitations.
- Tutu, Desmond (with Douglas Abrams), *God has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for our Time*, London: Rider, 2004
More popular and readable account of Tutu's understanding of what the gospel really means. Eminently quotable.
- Tutu, Desmond (ed. John Allen ed), *God is not a Christian*, London: Rider 2011
Edited extracts of Tutu's public statements on such issues as interfaith relations, ubuntu and human community, forgiveness, justice, human diversity, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Black Theology, political involvement based on faith, civil disobedience, post-apartheid South Africa. Excellent documentation well compiled by John Allen.
- Tutu, Desmond, *In God's Hands: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2015*, London: Bloomsbury, 2014
A popular book on Christian hope and human destiny. Easy to read.

Books and Articles Relevant to the Seminar by Speakers

- Pityana, Nyameko, "What is Black Consciousness?" in *Black Theology*, edited by Basil Moore, London: C Hurst, 1973
One of the earliest programmatic formulations of Black Consciousness. This seminal book of essays contains contributions by Steve Biko, Pityana and others of the first generation of South African proponents of Black Theology.
- Pityana, N. Barney et al (eds), *Bounds of Possibility: The Legacy of Steve Biko & Black Consciousness*, Cape Town: David Philip & London & New Jersey; Zed Books, 1991
Assessment of the legacy of Steve Biko and the Black Consciousness Movement. Contains essays by Biko, Mamphela Ramphele, Pityana and others. Pityana's three contributions are of particular relevance to the seminar.
- Yousafzai, Malala and Christina Lamb, *I am Malala: The Girl who Stood up for Education and was shot by the Taliban*, London: Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 2013
The biography of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize winner. Tells her story and the challenges to girls' education in Pakistan and elsewhere in the world.



Relevant websites

Desmond Tutu Centre for Religion and Social Justice, University of the Western Cape

<https://www.uwc.ac.za/study/all-areas-of-study/centres/desmond-tutu-centre-for-religion-and-social-justice/overview>

The only academic institution with a professorship and centre approved to bear the name of Desmond Tutu in South Africa. Sarojini Nadar is the current professor. For advanced study in the tradition of Tutu's reflection and activism.

King's College London <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/>

High ranking university where Tutu did his BD and MTh, and was a Fellow.

The Desmond and Leah Tutu Heritage Foundation <https://www.tutu.org.za/>

The South African Foundation established to continue the legacy of Tutu in South Africa

The Elders <https://theelders.org/>

Founded by Nelson Mandela in 2007, Desmond Tutu was the first chair. It is an independent group of world leaders and former heads of state working for justice, peace and human rights.

Girls Not Brides <https://www.girlsnotbrides.org/>

Desmond Tutu was co-founder and champion of this work, which grew out of the work of The Elders. It is now a network of 150 organisations in 100 countries working on the issue of child brides.

Malala Fund <https://malala.org/>

The Malala Fund is "working for a world where every girl can learn and lead" – continuing the work of the 2014 Nobel Peace laureate on girls' education.

Nobel Peace Prize <https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/peace/>

Official website, containing information on and speeches by the Nobel Peace Prize laureates, including Desmond Tutu 1984 and Malala 2014.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report (<https://www.justice.gov.za/trc/report/finalreport>, although unavailable at time of writing)

The official report of the TRC, a massive work of over 2,500 pages containing harrowing details of atrocities committed during the time of the apartheid regime

Tutu Foundation (UK) <https://tutufoundationuk.org/>

Established to apply the vision and inspiration of Desmond Tutu to the UK context, in such issues as community cohesion and conflict mediation.