

## ADDITIONAL REVIEWS

*"This wonderful book draws deeply from the well of Celtic wisdom across the centuries to help us to recognize the sacred both around us and in us, calling us to wake up and see that there's no going back to small, limited notions of God and the sacred."*

-- Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, author of *Love is the Way*

*"This powerful, insightful, and refreshing book takes us back to where our tradition took some bad turns in the past and then sends us forward into the future with exactly the treasures we need. I love this book. I learned from it. I recommend it with highest enthusiasm!"* -- Brian D. McLaren, author of *A New Kind of Christianity*

*"In this wonderful book, Newell dives deeply into the life-affirming wisdom of Celtic tradition to deliver a powerful message of hope to our frightened and disoriented world. With the help of venerable exemplars, he lays before us a path of reconnection: with our earth and with our own deepest humanity."* -- Cynthia Bourgeault, author of *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene*

*"An inspiring, informative, timely, and beautifully written book—it will help not only Christian readers but readers at large who wish to re-evaluate our relationship with the earth."*

-- Satish Kumar, Editor Emeritus, *Resurgence & Ecologist Magazine*

*"A roll call of great teachers, sources and subjects that awaken us to the sacred that we already know deep down and that might still save us, laid out with a clarity and beauty that leaves us inspired--this book is a gem."* -- Larry Rasmussen, Reinhold Niebuhr Professor Emeritus of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary

*"Shows how imperial and Celtic Christianity clashed over the centuries and how vital it is that this time Celtic thinking carries the day. Such a spirituality is needed for a time of eco-crisis by re-awakening our love of the sacred Earth before it is too late."* -- Matthew Fox, author of *Original Blessing*

*"What a rare luminous gift! Reading this is like drinking from the well of renewal after being parched in the desert. Newell invites us into an ever-deepening earth-based spirituality."*

*This book has the power to transform the way we participate in the community of life.*  
-- Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim, Co-directors, Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology

*"Newell paints compelling portraits of those who kept the Celtic spirit alive over the centuries. Most were considered heretics in their day by the religiously orthodox. Newell's courageous and soulful writings will insure his place in that sacred, historical gallery."*  
-- Jerry Wright, author of *Reimagining God & Religion*

*"John Philip Newell's writings always bring me 'home'. In a world of increasing isolation, he powerfully transports us back to what we have forgotten: that all things and all beings are sacred and interrelated. This is gritty spirituality at its best – earthy, liminal, connecting!"*  
-- Roy Barsness, Seattle School of Theology & Psychology

*"This reminds us why Newell remains one of our world's most important theologians, indeed a global phenomenon. I am a better person, and a better Christian, because of his work."* -- Joel N. Lohr, President of Hartford Seminary

*"As we face times of global crisis, pandemic, and climate change, this book shares the prophetic insights of iconic forebears to guide us to new ways of living and acting."*  
-- Pat Cane, Founder of Capacitar: Healing Ourselves Healing Our World

*"Through the lives of an array of spiritual pioneers—an excommunicated monk, legendary nun, wandering scholar, dissident theologian, trailblazing environmentalist, paleontologist-priest, soldier-clergyman, and a poet-prophet—Newell invites us on an enlightening pilgrimage. Taking this journey with him is a profoundly sacred experience."*  
-- Paul-Gordon Chandler, Episcopal Bishop of Wyoming

*"Through the lives of Celtic visionaries, Newell guides us to embrace our shared humanity, earthly home, and the sacred nature of our bodies. This Celtic vision holds the key to a life-sustaining future for our planet."* -- Lauren Artress, author of *The Path of the Holy Fool*

*"In this elegant and important work, Newell gathers the life-giving Celtic wisdom and luminous insights of spiritual masters. Richly conceived, skillfully rendered, this book reveals Newell as the most recent voice of a living tradition gaining momentum in a world longing for its beauty and sanity."* -- Kathleen N. Deignan, CND, founding director of the Deignan Institute for Earth and Spirit, Iona College

*"Presents us with a truth that at a deep level we already know and will want to immediately share and I found so helpful. He makes a compelling case that this is a moment of truth that will have powerful implications for the future of Christianity and the world."* -- Malcolm Young, Dean of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco

*"Awe-inspiring and transformative! Every page is fragrant with beauty, wisdom, and holiness. It stirs our soul. We feel deeply moved to take action to resolve the issues of our time."* -- Imam Jamal Rahman, author of *Spiritual Gems of Islam*

*"Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul is both a feast and a powerful medicine for the human soul. I loved every page of this book. Beautifully written, this book nurtures the reader's sensitivity to the sacredness of the earth and the human soul."* -- Rabbi Nahum Ward-Lev, author of *The Liberating Path of the Hebrew Prophets*

*"In Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul you'll rediscover the deep truth of the Celtic Christian tradition. Grounded in history, replete with poetry and song, Newell's book us into deeper awareness. There is much to savor here."* -- Mary C. Earle, author of *Celtic Christian Spirituality: Essential Writings*

*"Every page conveyed a healing truth that made my heart beat fast. Newell's words clarified my life's vocation for care of self, care of all others, and care of the earth. This book shimmers with the tonic of redemptive truth."* -- Ed Bacon, author of *8 Habits of Love*

*"Newell takes the reader on a journey of healing, wholeness, and ecological integrity, illustrated through the lives of great teachers from the past. What could be more urgent today than to pause, reset, and find the truths and insights to become a soulful and healing presence?"* -- Heather Eaton, author of *The Intellectual Journey of Thomas Berry*