

Steele Hartmann, OSCO, has done us all an immense favour.

He has written *Seeking GOD in Scripture*.

It is precise. Perfect. It numbers 50 pages.

It is practical. Perfect.

It is pertinent. Perfect.

Who is Hartmann?

He is the Abbot of Tarrawarra Abbey in Victoria, a member of *Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance*, otherwise known as *Trappists*, tracing their origin back to 1098.

Thomas Merton was one of them. He used to say,

*'The reason people don't become saints is because they refuse to be themselves.'*

Question without notice for Hartmann,

*Q. How might I be myself?*

*A. Listen to God.*

Don't just read about God. Listen to him.

Let the Lord do the talking,

*We can then think and feel a little.*

*We can then respond and pray a little.*

*We might even rest in Him a little.*

Availability to God.

That's all it takes and we shall become ourselves.

Father Anthony Percy STD

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