

From a Recent Book by the American Franciscan Friar, Richard Rohr

(via last week's Portobello and Joppa Parish Church E-Newsletter!)

'Quaker pastor Philip Gulley superbly summarizes how we must rebuild spirituality from the bottom up in his book, If the Church Were Christian. Here I take the liberty of using my own words to restate his message, which offers a rather excellent description of what is emerging in Christianity today.'

1. Jesus is a model for living more than an object of worship.
2. Affirming people's potential is more important than reminding them of their brokenness.
3. The work of reconciliation should be valued over making judgments.
4. Gracious behaviour is more important than right belief.
5. Inviting questions is more valuable than supplying answers.
6. Encouraging the personal search is more important than group uniformity.
7. Meeting actual needs is more important than maintaining institutions.
8. Peacemaking is more important than power.
9. We should care more about love and less about sex.
10. Life in this world is more important than the afterlife (Eternity is God's work anyway).