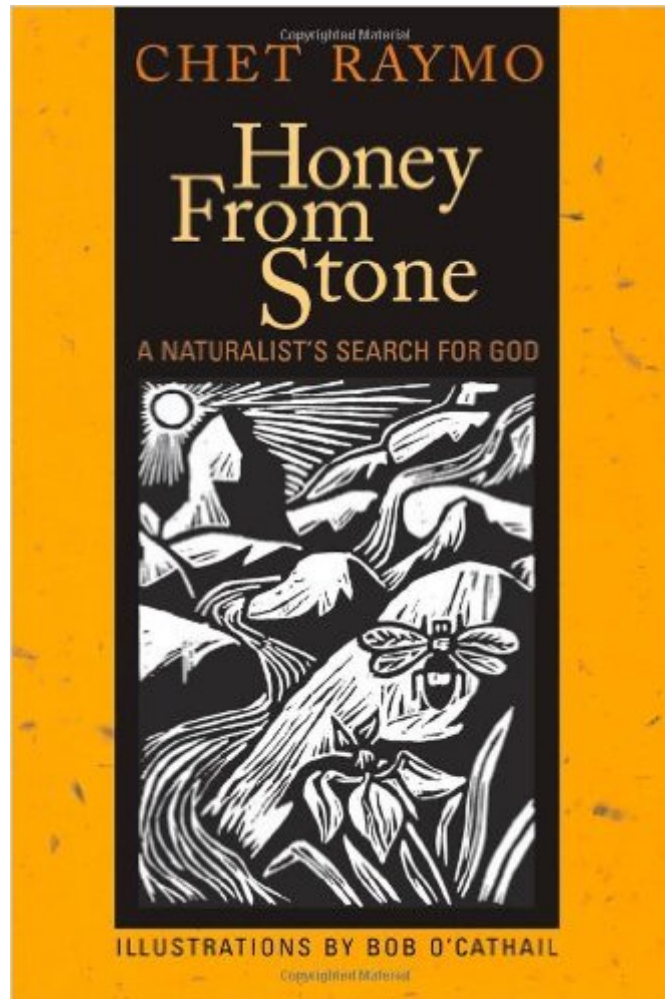


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# Honey From Stone: A Naturalist's Search For God



## Synopsis

“What is the relevance of traditional religion in the world described by contemporary science? Is scientific knowledge a satisfactory ground for the religious experience? Can the language of traditional religion constitute an appropriately modern language of praise?” —from Honey from Stone Framing his meditations as a Book of Hours, scientist Chet Raymo exercises the languages of theology and science to express the majesty of Ireland’s remote Dingle Peninsula. As he wanders the land year upon year, Raymo gathers the revelations embedded in the geological and cultural history of this wild and ancient place. “When I called out for the Absolute, I was answered by the wind,” Raymo writes. “If it was God’s voice in the wind, then I heard it.” In poetic prose grounded in a mind trained to discover fact, Honey from Stone enters the wonder of the material world in search of our deepest nature.

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## Customer Reviews

Honey From Stone is one of the finest books I have ever read. It engaged me at so many levels such as the ones the title of this review suggests. Raymo is a polymath with a mystical bent. His approach to the universe is one of awe, a response which is passed along to the reader with tremendous success. It makes no pretense at being the kind of mystical babble suggested by authors such as Castenada. Rather, it is a book marked by sharp and passionate involvement with the world in which the author, a scientist by profession, lives. I can’t praise it highly enough. I have passed my recommendations and enthusiasm (and copies) of the book to several friends. Their

response was one of joy and appreciation at being introduced to Raymo's world. Please buy this book and savor it for all that it has to offer on so many levels.

I thoroughly enjoy Chet Raymo's style. He begins with a place and what he notices, then uses his knowledge of the universe and biology to describe and quite poetically lead the reader through the place with him. He is enthralled with the micro details and the macro patterns...always writing with the enthusiasm of awe and the curiosity of a scientist. Love it along with other books he's written!

I enjoyed the book very much, but I think the subtitle is misleading. It seems to me that Raymo is less "searching for God" than wishing to answer St. Lawrence's question, "Whom should I adore, the Creator of the creature?" which Raymo does implicitly throughout the book and explicitly and profoundly in his final chapter, "Compline."

A wonderful and poetic book about the universe, the religion and the beautiful stones and hills of Kerry. Staying for a month as an artist in residency in an old historic stone cottage on the Atlantic coast in Kerry, this book by Chet Raymo, became my favorite book and kept inspiring me, was my daily nectar in this splendid spot in the universe.

Buy this book. Written in beautiful, meaningful prose it is full of learning and wisdom and you can't ask for more than that. There is no need to know the area Chet Raymo traverses as the wonders and insights he imparts are not tied to a locality. You can read this in a city street and it will feel as if you are there anyway. Wonderful.

This is possibly one of the most spiritual books on the planet and one I recommend to students who are on the advanced stages of discovering the Path to the Mysteries. Read it in one sitting and then keep it by the bed to dip into whenever you need a moment of calm regardless of your path, religion or tradition.

I have just become a Texas Master Naturalist. Therefore, the book was a great read. My search continues, but I am at peace without knowing answers.

Great!

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