

BOOKS WORTH READING



Reassuring Words Of Common Sense

(NAPSA)—Although many people may advise others to “use common sense,” few people may be able to define exactly what common sense means.

The definition of common sense and the ways its use can change lives is found in an illuminating new book, *Words of Common Sense for Mind, Body, and Soul* (Templeton Foundation Press, \$12.95).

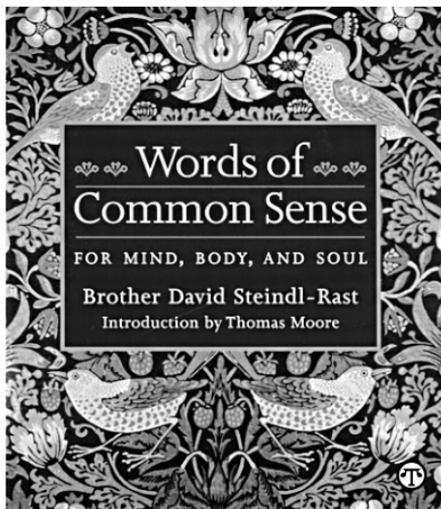
In this book, Brother David Steindl-Rast, a Benedictine monk, offers his reflections on common sense: the inner guidance we all have in common and that alone enables us to act in ways that make sense.

According to Brother David, men and women who listen to and act on common sense seem “to breathe more easily. They radiate a sense of being at home in the universe and everybody feels at home with them.”

Through the centuries, from country to country, in every language, common sense has been expressed in and through proverbs.

“Proverbs do not philosophize or moralize,” says Brother David. “They simply hold up one image, as if to say ‘Look!’ And the more we look, the more we see.”

The parables of Jesus also spark common sense insights. Indeed, the message of Jesus is that common sense is the ultimate expression of Divine wisdom. The Gospel parables offer messages about and guidance toward a common-sense world



A new book says it is possible to cultivate common sense and with it a healing awareness.

inspired by the power of love.

What draws people away from common sense? And how can they help themselves pay more attention to common sense? People’s longing to belong may get in the way of their own sense of importance, warns Brother David.

However, “we can cultivate common sense so that the changes for which we and our society are responsible will be in tune with the creative force of the universe—call it the *Tao*, the *Logos*, or Dante’s ‘love that moves the sun and all the stars.’”

Words of Common Sense is available at bookstores, or by calling 1-800-621-2736. It can also be ordered through the Templeton Foundation Press Web site: www.templetonpress.org.