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**Teilhard de Chardin - Seven Stages of Suffering:
A Spiritual Path for Transformation,**

by L. M. Savary and P. H. Berne. New York: Paulist Press, 2015.
115pp. \$15.95. ISBN 9780809149407

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Seven Stages of Suffering: A Spiritual Path for Transformation, is based on the writings of Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955), a French Jesuit Priest. His teachings “integrating modern science and evolutionary theory into Christian theology” (p. 8) did not agree with his superiors in Rome and he spent most of his life in China, then, after World War II, in America. The seven stages of suffering developed by the authors include: 1) Outer Resistance, 2) Inner Resistance, 3) Prayer, 4) Patience, 5) Choice, 6) Communion, and 7) Fidelity. For each stage they list thought exercises, mantras, and prayers; the idea being to project the energy of your suffering into the evolutionary good of the world, to help man evolve and mature as a species. Teilhard’s theology is a mystic evolutionary cosmic theology, and this book is meant to be a practical application of his writings in the realm of suffering.

Transplantation Ethics,

by Robert M. Veatch and Lainie F. Ross, second edition. Washington, DC:
Georgetown University Press, 2015. 451 pp. \$39.95. ISBN 9781626161672

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It has been 14 years since the initial publication of *Transplantation Ethics*, a work that has become the standard text on the subject. This revised and expanded edition offers up-to-date discussion of the ethical challenges in the ever-expanding field of medical research and work in organ transplantation, including new chapters on elective transplants, vascular composite allografts (transplants of face and hands), and markets in organs.