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Contributors

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Previous to his Friends University appointment, he had served simultaneously on the pastoral team of Newberg Friends Church and as Adjunct Professor of Bible and Theology at George Fox College from 1974 to 1979. This was preceded by twelve years of ministerial and counseling experience in California, at Garden Grove, Arcadia, and Canoga Park.

Richard and Carolynn Foster have two sons; Joel is 12 and Nathan is 9. Richard and the boys spend a lot of time playing soccer in their front yard.

Myron W. Weaver is a pastor at the small Baptist church in Wilton, Conn. A Knoxville native, he holds degrees from the universities of Tennessee and Arkansas, and from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His interest in matters of spirituality led to additional study at Yale, Fordham, and Pendle Hill. Books by Douglas Steere and Glenn Hinson join others by William Law, John Yungblut, and Shunryu Suzuki in his library.

In addition to implementing a deepening appreciation for devotional classics between endless cups of coffee, his hobbies include hiking, pistol marksmanship, and twice-daily Tai Chi Chuan exercises. Free evenings are often spent listening to classical music (with most of his recordings from the Renaissance era) in the company of his trusty cat, Symetra.

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Robert Leo Faricy, a native of St. Paul, Minn., has a B.S. (U.S. Naval Academy, 1949), an M.A. and Ph.L. (St. Louis University), S.T.L. (Seminaire des Missions-Etrangeres, in Quebec), S.T.D. (Catholic University of America). In 1971, following teaching at Catholic University, he was appointed to the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, where he is Professor of Theology.

An authority on his fellow Jesuit, the late Teilhard de Chardin, he is author of four books on the theology and spirituality of Chardin. Also published are *Building God's World* (Denville, N.J.: Dimension, 1976), *Christian Faith and My Everyday Life* (London: St. Paul Publications, 1981), and *Praying* (Minneapolis: Winston, 1979).

While in the U.S., he was a participant in the Faith and Order Colloquia of the National Council of Churches. Abroad he has served as a theological consultant for the Science and Technology Report of the World Council. His *Wind and Sea Obey Him: Approaches to a Theology of Nature* (London: SCM, 1982), reflects his long interest in the cosmic and ecological dimensions of salvation.

In addition to his writing and teaching, Father Faricy ministers as spiritual director for the Italian Charismatic Renewal, and is co-editor of a newsletter on spirituality for priests and nuns.

Arthur O. Roberts has been a contributor to *QRT* since 1961. He was a member of the first QTGD Steering Committee established in 1960. Although the pressure of other appointments prevents him from currently holding any position with QTGD, he is always ready to help when called on. His review was undertaken on short notice when Douglas Steere's book seemed particularly appropriate for this issue. It was completed during the busiest part of the academic year at George Fox College in Newberg, Oregon, where he has held a deanship, various chairs and professorships since 1957. A more complete biographical note appeared recently in *QRT* #47.