

Press Release

Initiation is From Within: The Poetry of Doug Spitz

Edited by William Jordan

Third Coast Press, the publishing arm of the Gurdjieff Foundation of Texas, is pleased to announce the publication and release of a new book, *Initiation is From Within: The Poetry of Doug Spitz*, edited by William Jordan. Information about ordering the new book is attached. We hope you can contact your group members to find out how many of these new books will be ordered.

Doug's life-long search for truth and quest for being was grounded in the ideas of G.I. Gurdjieff. He was directly influenced by the work of Madame Jeanne DeSalzmann, Lord John Pentland, William Segal, and the Gurdjieff Foundation of New York, among others. For nearly 20 years, Doug Spitz worked with our group, the Gurdjieff Foundation of Texas. He gave us a copy of Mr. Gurdjieff's first series, *Beelzebub's Tales to His Grandson*, with the following inscription:

"The work together
always shows me something,
both outer and inner,
about myself."

Many fellow seekers were touched by Doug Spitz in the way he brought his understanding and questions to his search for presence and being. Now, nine years after his untimely death, Third Coast Press, with the guidance of his wife, Linda Daniel Spitz, his friend and Editor William Jordan, and the Gurdjieff Foundation of Texas, is able to publish this touching collection of Doug's poems.

Doug encouraged those he worked with to find an expression for one's work. This collection of Doug's writings is a reflection of his inner work, spoken through his unique voice: "The purpose of search must be in living the search as a preparation for grace." These writings capture this expression and touch the heart.

Through his deep inner questioning, humor, and sincerity, Doug shares his journey toward awakening. This collection of poems will touch seekers from all traditions.