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Title: Bede Griffiths collection
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Collector: Bede Griffiths Trust
Collection Size: 10 linear feet (30 boxes)
Repository: The Graduate Theological Union. Library.
Berkeley, CA 94709
Abstract: A British Benedictine monk, Bede Griffiths was a prominent figure at several ashrams in South India. The collection is the designated archive for the the Bede Griffiths Trust. Materials include original papers, correspondence, photocopies, publications, manuscripts, audiotapes, videotapes, photographs by and about him.
Physical location: 2/F/1, 2/F/3-2/F/6
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
The Bede Griffiths Trust, 1995. The Trust retains ownership of the collection. The GTU Archives is the designated depository.
Accruals
The first accrual was in 1996.
The second accrual was in 2002.
Materials continue to be donated to the Bede Griffiths Collection, and will therefore continue to be integrated in the most orderly way possible. Revised dates will not be added as this collection continues to receive additional items from various donors.
Biography
Bede Griffiths (Alan Richard Griffiths), 1906-1993, was born near London, England, December 17, fourth and last child of Walter Griffiths and Harriet Lilian Frampton-Day Griffiths. Because of reduced circumstances due to business losses, Alan was sent to Christ Hospital, a government school for poor boys, at which he ranked first in his exams, earning a scholarship to Oxford. Alan was at Oxford, 1925-29 studying English Literature and Philosophy. During his third year, C.S. Lewis became his tutor. The two became close, the friendship lasting until Lewis' death in 1963.

Soon after graduation, Alan and two friends, Martyn Skinner and Hugh Waterman, purchased a cottage in the Cotswolds and began "an experiment in Common Life," a life immersed in nature, a protest against contemporary life. Here they read the Bible together as literature. Though this lasted just short of a year, the experiment had a profound effect on Alan's life. He applied for ministry in the Church of England, and was sent to work in the London slums, an experience which left him crushed and confused. Returning to the Cotswolds to live with a farm family, he fasted, prayed, and read Cardinal Newman.

Alan visited Prinknash Abbey, a Benedictine monastery, in 1931, he was received into the Roman Catholic Church, and entered the Abbey a few weeks later. He was clothed as a Benedictine in 1932, receiving the name, Bede. He offered his Perpetual Vows in 1937, and was ordained 1940. He served as guestmaster until 1947 when he was sent to be prior first at Farnborough, then Pluscarden in Scotland. His first book, an autobiography, The Golden String, was published in 1954.

While at Farnborough, Bede met Fr. Benedict Alapatt, an Indian priest. They requested permission to start a Benedictine house in India, arriving there in 1955. They settled in Kengeri, Bangalore. In 1958, Fr. Bede joined Fr. Francis Acharya in Kurisumala, staying there until 1968 when he took over the Saccidananda Ashram. The ashram had been founded in 1950 by Fr. Jules Monchanin and Fr. Henri LeSaux. Fr. Bede immersed himself in the study of Indian thought and Hinduism, attempting to relate it to Christian theology. He continued to write and publish, give conferences and lectures, daily teachings on the Vedas, and homilies at Eucharist and Vespers, and maintain a voluminous correspondence.


(Taken from, Bede Griffiths: The Man, the Monk, the Mystic, by Sr. Pascaline Coff O.S.B., ca. 1994. See Box 10, ff 13. See also: A Sense of the Sacred: A Biography of Bede Griffiths, by Kathryn Spink, 1988 (Box 14); Beyond the Darkness: A Biography of Bede Griffiths, by Shirley du Boulay (Box 14); and A Human Search: Life of Father Bede Griffiths, 1993, Videotape 3).

Scope and Content of Collection
This collection contains both original material and photocopy material. The original donation came from a Trust consisting of several members, therefore from several sources having no original order. Some materials come from Bede Griffiths' Saccidananda Ashram in India, some from other sources around the world. Materials continue to be donated to the Bede Griffiths Collection, and will therefore continue to be integrated in the most orderly way possible.

Arrangement
The collection is arranged in nine series: 1. Correspondence; 2. Manuscripts; 3. Published Articles (by and about Bede Griffiths); 4. Subject Files; 5. Newsletters; 6. Photographs; 7. Published Books (by and about Bede Griffiths); 8. Audiotapes; and 9. Videotapes

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Christianity and other religions--Hinduism
East and west--History--20th century--Sources
Spirituality--Catholic church--History--20th century
Monastic and religious life--History--20th century
Monasticism and religious orders--India
Benedictines--England--History--20th century--Sources
Benedictines--India--History--20th century--Sources
Interfaith worship--India
Spirituality--Hinduism
Hinduism--Relations--Christianity
Spiritual life--Benedictines
Camaldolese--History--20th century--Sources
Lewis, C.S. (Clive Staples), 1898-1963
Books added to the general GTU Library Circulating collection:

- *Essays in Mysticism: Explorations into Contemplative Experience*, Wayne Teasdale, with an Afterword by Bede Griffiths (Sunday Publications, Inc.: Lake Worth, FL, 1982). BV5082.2 T43 1982 (The Afterword has been photocopied and placed in Box 7, ff 3.).
- *Yoga and the Jesus Prayer Tradition: An Experiment in Faith*, Thomas Matus, with a Preface by Bede Griffiths (Paulist Press: Ramsey, NJ, 1984). BR128.H5 M36 1984 (The Preface has been photocopied and placed in Box 7, ff 4.).

Books added to the GTU Library Storage collection for library use only:


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**Series 1 Correspondence 1937-1993**

Physical Description: 7 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series contains two sub-series: A. Correspondence incoming to Fr. Bede, and B. Correspondence outgoing from Fr. Bede.

**Subseries A Personal Correspondence - Incoming 1937-1993**

Physical Description: 3 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series contains incoming correspondence.

**NOTE:** Box 1 is Restricted. Correspondence will be open on a yearly basis. The undated correspondence in Box 1:11 will be open 25 years from 1995 (i.e., 2020).

- box:folder 1:1-9 From various individuals, arranged chronologically 1971-1973
- box:folder 1:10 Russill D'Silva and Asha Paul 1984-1993
- box:folder 1:11 Undated correspondence undated
- box:folder 2:1 From various individuals, arranged chronologically 1937-1970
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#### Series 1 Correspondence 1937-1993

**Subseries A Personal Correspondence - Incoming 1937-1993**

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Box:folder 5:9  The Mystery of the New Creation, Chps. 1-4, typed, version of 5:8 undated
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Box:folder 5:11  Dzogchen and Christian Contemplation, photocopy undated
Box:folder 5:12  The People of God and the New Humanity undated
Box:folder 24:4  The Mystical Dimension in Theology undated
Box:folder 24:5  The Mystical Tradition in an Indian Theology undated
Box:folder 24:6  Manachesimo Indo-Christiano, (in Italian) [1973]
Box:folder 24:7  La Vita Monastica in India Oggi, Monastic Studies, (in Italian) 1966
Box:folder 24:8  Il Significato dell'India per il Monachesimo Camaldolese, (in Italian) 1987
Box:folder 24:9  The Universal Wisdom n.d., ca. 1982-83
Box:folder 24:10-11  Retreat Conferences
Box:folder 24:10  The End and Purpose of Monastic Life, (handwritten) undated
Box:folder 24:11  What is the Purpose of the Monastic Life?, (handwritten) undated
Box:folder 24:12  Notebook with handwritten quotes from authors and books, Part 1 undated
Box:folder 24:12a  Transcript of a notebook with handwritten quotes from authors and books, Part 2 undated
Box:folder 24:12b  The Mystery of the Scriptures, photocopy transcript undated
box:folder 26:12  Untitled, begins "The Story of the Flood...", (may be fragment), typed, photocopy. undated
box:folder 26:14  Psalms for Christian Prayer, typed, photocopy March 1992
box:folder 26:17  Saccidananda Ashram, Shantivanam, handwritten, photocopy undated
box:folder 26:18  The Power of the Imagination, typed, photocopy, ca. 193?
box:folder 26:19  The Process of Knowledge, typed, photocopy undated
box:folder 26:20  The Power of Intuition, typed, photocopy undated
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box:folder 26:22  Pathways to the Supreme, typed, carbon undated
box:folder 26:23  The Mystery of the Eucharist, handwritten undated
box:folder 26:24  Schumacher's vision of a New Economic Order, handwritten undated
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Series 3 Published Articles, 1937-1993

Physical Description: 15 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series contains two sub-series: A. Articles written by Bede Griffiths; and B. Articles written about Bede Griffiths.

Series 3-A Articles written by Bede Griffiths, 1938-1993

Physical Description: 21 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Summary

The articles are arranged chronologically.

box:folder 6:2  "Integration", Pax: 28, 185-89: 1938

"The Platonic Tradition and the Liturgy", *The Eastern Churches Quarterly*: 4, 5-8: 1940


"Pluscarden: September 8th", *Pax*: 36, 111-113: 1946


"The Mystery of Sex and Marriage", *Pax*: 39, 77-80: 1949

"Catholicism To-day", *Pax*: 40, 11-16: 1950

"The Divine Office as a Method of Prayer", *Life of the Spirit*: 6, 77-85: 1951


"The Divine Office as a Method of Prayer", *Theology Digest*: 1, 42-44: 1952


"Liturgy and the Missions", *The Commonweal*: 12, 148-54: 1953

"The People of India", *Commonweal*: 71, 95-98: 1950


"Kerala", *Pax*: 47, 90-94: 1957

"Vinoba Bhave", *Blackfriars*: 38, 66-71: 1957


"Experiment in Monastic Life", *The Commonweal*: 68, 634-36: 1958


"Our Lady and the Church in the Scriptures", *Liturgy*: 99 (23), 87-92: 1954


"For a Hindu Catholicism", *The Tablet*: 205, 494-95: 1955

"Liturgy and the Missions", *Asia*: 12, 148-54: 1960


"Hinduism and Christianity in India", *Blackfriars*: 41, 364-72: 1960


"Paradise Lost", *Sponsa Regis*: 32, 210-19: 1961


"The Contemplative Life in India", *Pax*: 51, 105-11: 1961
"Three Roads to Unity", *Commonweal*: 73, 651-53: 1961
"Christianity in India", *Perspectives*: 6, 16-20: 1961
"Gandhi's India, Mao's China", *Commonweal*: 77, 309-12: 1962
"Meeting at Rajpur", *Clergy Monthly Supplement*: 6, 137-51: 1962
"The Challenge of India", *Good Work*: 25, 82-87: 1962
"Report from India", *Jubilee*: May, 2-3: 1963
"Christian Witness in India", *The Catholic Hour*: November 10, 1963
"The Church and Hinduism", *Jubilee*: 11, 30-35: 1963
"The Meeting of East and West", *Good Work*: 26, 100-103: 1963
"The Vatican Council", *Star of the East*: 25, 9-12: 1964
"Background to Bombay", *The Month*: 32, 313-18: 1964
"Indian Spirituality and the Eucharist", *India and the Eucharist* (Lumen Institute, 1964), 9-18: 1964
"The Ecumenical Approach in the Missions", *India*: 15, 64-67: 1964
"Liturgy and Culture: The Implications of the Vernacular in the East", *The Tablet*: 218, 602-03: 1964
"The Dialogue with Hinduism", *New Blackfriars*: 46, 404-10: 1965
"Dialogue with Hinduism", *Catholic Mind*: 63, 36-42: 1965
"India after the Pope", *Commonweal*: 81, 641-42: 1965
"The Church and Non-Christian Religions: Salvation Outside the Church", *The Tablet*: 219, 1409-10: 1965
"Light on C.S. Lewis", *The Month*: 35, 337-41: 1966
"The Sacred Cow", *Commonweal*: 85, 483-84: 1967
"The Meeting of Religions", *The Tablet*: 223, 856: 1969
"Man and God in India", *The Tablet*: 225, 5-6: 1971
"Salvation in India", *The Tablet*: 226, 1221: 1973
"Erroneous Beliefs and Unauthorised Rites", *The Tablet*: 227, 256: 1973
"Experience of God and External World in Asian Religions", *Cistercian Studies*: 9, 272-76: 1974
"The One Mystery", *The Tablet*: 228, 223: 1974
"Kurisumala Ashram and Indian Monasticism", No source, 1966
"The Future of Christian Monasticism in India", No source, 1973
"Shantivanam: A New Beginning", No source, 1972
"Swamy Paramarubyananda", No source, 1970
"The Universal Truth", *The Tablet*: 229, 101-02: 1975
"Shantivanam", *Spirit and Life*: 70, 24-27: 1975
"Jnana Marga" in Praying Seminar, ca. 1975-76
"Prayer in Christian Ashram" in Praying Seminar, ca. 1975-76
"Moksha in Christianity" in Interfaith Dialogue in [ ? ], Chirapalli (?), ca. 1970-79
"An Open Letter to Father Anastasius Gomes", Vaidriamitram (difficult to read the source): 9, 67-76: 1976
"Dialogue with Hinduism" in Impact, May 1976
"The Indian spiritual tradition and the Church in India", The Outlook: 15, 98-104: 1976
"'Dear Thomas' Again", The Tablet: 230, 879-90: 1976
"Indianisation or Hinduisation?", No source or date. undated
"In Filial Disobedience", New Blackfriars: 59, 463-?: 1979
"The Advaitic Experience and the Personal God in the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita", Indian Theological Studies: 15, 71-86: 1978
"The Birth in a Cave", The Tablet: 233, 1252: 1979
"Mystical Theology in the Indian Tradition", Jeevadhara: 9, 262-77: 1979
"Death into Life", The Tablet: April 12: 337-38: 1980
"The Two Theologies", The Tablet: 234, 520-21: 1980
"Saint Benedict: His Significance for India To-day", Vidyajyoti: Number unreadable, 432-36: 1980
"Quest for Truth and Authentic Living", Akashvani: 45, 13-14: 1980
"Foreword" for The Child and the Serpent, by Jyoti Sahi, 1980
"The Benedictines in India", Indian Theological Studies: 18, 346-353: 1981
"Indigenisation of Religious Life in India from the Benedictine Point of View", Word and Worship: 15, 149-53: 1982
"Afterword: On Essays in Mysticism", Essays in Mysticism: Explorations into Contemplative Experience (Sunday Publications: Lake Worth, FL, 1982), 177-78: 1982
"The Mystical Tradition in India Today", Indian Mystical Tradition: undated
"The Trinity and the Hologram" from a Conference in Shantivanam, Religion in the Light of the New Scientific View, 1983
"Benedictine Ashram", Laughing Man: 5, 34-37: 1984
"A New Vision of Reality: Western Science and Eastern Mysticism", Indian Institute of World Culture, Bangalore, 1984
"The Ashram and Monastic Life", No source, undated


Note
From a lecture given 5/1984 in Jerusalem at the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Research.

"A Meditation on the Mystery of the Trinity", No source, undated

"Dialogue and Inculturation", Examiner: 137, 777-78: 1986


"The Meaning and Purpose of an Ashram", No source, undated


"Radical Monastic Renewal in the Light of the East", Monastic Studies, December 1988


"Vatican Letter Disguises Wisdom of Eastern Religions", Response to Vatican Letter on Some Aspects of Meditation: no source, 1989


Note
Full book is in Box 4, ff 22.


"Varia: A Non-Dual Experience", June 1992

"For Those Without Sin", National Catholic Reporter, August 14: 20: 1992

"The Human Condition", Monos 4:8, September 1992

"Comments on Dzog Chen", Saccidananda Ashram, December 4, 1992

"Pathways to the Supreme", Saccidananda Ashram, December 10, 1992


"A Center of Contemplative Living", no source, 1992

"Afterword" in Sheer Joy by Matthew Fox, 1992


"The Ashram as a Way of Transcendence", in Christian Ashrams by Vandana Mataji, 1993

Examiner (India) - Articles and letters undated, 1960-1988

"The Ideal of an Indian Catholicism", 8/20/60

"Indian Catholicism", Letter to the Editor:
  Pierre Fallon, S.J. 9/17/60
  R.V. DeSmet, S.J. and BG 9/24/60
  P. Gisbert, S.J. and Th. Steltenpool 10/8/60
  Fr. Victor, O.C.D. 10/29/60
  Maria Galvani 12/3/60

"Indian Catholicism and Hindu Culture" 12/3/60

"The Birth of Christ in India", 12/16/61

"The Church of the Future", 12/21/63
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box:folder 8:4-6  Letter to the Editor, (Lewis Addison) 2/22/75
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box:folder 8:4-6  "Indian Jubilee", 1/10/76
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Note
'blueprint of an ecumenical church'

box:folder 8:4-6  Book Review: The Marriage of East and West, (Columba Cary-Elwes) 8/14/82
box:folder 8:4-6  Book Review by BG of A New Science of Life by Rupert Sheidrake, 4/12/86
box:folder 8:4-6  "The M-word", (magisterium) 8/11/90
box:folder 8:4-6  "Personal Faith and Propositions", Letter to the Editor, 10/27/90
box:folder 8:4-6  "In Jesus' Name", 4/25/92

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Series 3-B: Articles written about Bede Griffths, 1938-1993

Physical Description: 6 folders
Subseries Scope and Content Summary
This series includes interviews. The articles are arranged chronologically.

box:folder 8:8  1991 1993
box:folder 9:1  1994-95
box:folder 9:2  1996-
box:folder 9:3  Journey to the Cave of the Heart: Spiritual Direction and the Unfolding of the Self at Mid-Life, Douglas M. Conlan (M.A. Thesis) 1996

Note
Study of Bede Griffths' role as spiritual guide.

box:folder 9:4  "The Union of Opposites in the Life and Teaching of Bede Griffths" by Margaret Gorman 2002

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Series 4 Subject Files 1950-93

Sub-series 4-A1 Bede Griffiths' Personal Papers 1950-92

Physical Description: 92 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

The series contains seven sub-series: A - Personal Papers (A1, "Personal" File, and A2, Publications File); B - Prinknash Abbey Archives; C - Death of Bede Griffiths; D - Bede Griffiths Trust; E - Bede Griffiths' Australian Tours, 1985, 1992; E - General Subject Files (including material on Saccidananda Ashram and Fr. Jules Monchanin) and G - Gift from Judson Trapnell.

Sub-series 4-A1 Bede Griffiths' Personal Papers 1950-92

Physical Description: 11 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Summary

This was one thick file folder marked in Fr. Bede's handwriting. It is here separated into 11 file folders.

box:folder 4:2 Correspondence, outgoing : 17 letters, carbon copies or photocopies 1957-92
box:folder 4:3 Correspondence, incoming 1961 1970-90
box:folder 4:4 Latin Documents 1957-58 1964
box:folder 4:5 Agreement transferring Saccidananda Ashram from Fr. LeSaux to Fr. Mahieu 1968
   Note
   (See also, Box 22, ff 6-7)
box:folder 4:6 J. Monchanin to "Ma Mere", 2 letters 1951
box:folder 4:6a Reminiscences of Moncharin by Pierre Emanuel from The Universal Singular 1950
box:folder 4:7 Foundation of Kurisumalai Ashram 1957 1974
box:folder 4:8 Publications : reviews, agreements, royalties 1983-90
box:folder 4:9 BG Astological Chart 1990
box:folder 4:10 Articles 1975-92
box:folder 4:11 Miscellaneous papers undated
box:folder 30:1 Small Notebook, BG list of mass intentions (listing names) undated
box:folder 30:2 BG health evaluation, Osage, OK 7/16/92, and Prescription sheet and instructions, Shantivanam, 3/24/93 1992-93
box:folder 30:3 Short BG Biography and Vita 1983

Sub-series 4-A2 Personal - Publications File, 1973-1993

Physical Description: 6 folders

Subseries Scope and Content Summary

These materials concern Fr. Bede's publishing.

box:folder 5:1 Contracts/Agreements 1973-92
box:folder 5:2 Correspondence with Publishers, Incoming 1975-92
box:folder 5:3 Correspondence, Incoming, Personal expressions of appreciation to BG 1976-84 undated
box:folder 5:4 Reviews : the majority are of "Return to the Centre", 1976, and "Marriage of East and West", 1982 1972-93
Sub-series 4-B Prinknash Abbey Archives 1933-91

Physical Description: 12 folders
Subseries Scope and Content Summary
The materials are photocopies of Abbey records concerning Bede Griffiths. The originals remain in the Abbey. The Abbot of Prinknash has given permission for the materials to be used without restriction.

Correspondence 1954-90
BG to the Abbey 1954-91
Exclaustlation for BG and Benedict Alapatt 1954-55
Permission to change to Syro-Malankara Rite 1956-57
BG to Dom Michael Hanbury 1954-81
1 letter, Fr. Alban to Br. Hildebrand, remembering Bede at Prinknash 11/7/90
Photographs (photocopies) ca. 1943-49
Articles about BG
English 1959
French 1989
BG, Misc. writings undated
BG Baptismal record (photocopy of register page) 1932
BG, Final vows (photocopy) undated
Articles and Reviews by BG, in Pax [1933-36]
Photograph and Articles - Blessing the silk worms and mulberry trees, Farnborough 3/28/1950

Sub-series 4-C Death of Bede Griffiths, 1993
Physical Description: 4 folders
Subseries Scope and Content Summary

Obituaries 1993
Correspondence 1993
Press releases, messages, tributes 1993
Memorial service, Westminster Cathedral, England 6/15/93

Sub-series 4-D Bede Griffith’s Trust, 1993-2003,
Physical Description: 13 folders
Subseries Scope and Content Summary
Materials concerning the Bede Griffiths Trust, the incorporated body which donated the original collection. The Bede Griffiths Trust exists to propagate the teachings of Bede Griffiths.

Certificate of Incorporation and Correspondence 1992-93
Trust Directors List 1995
Posters for events 1993-95
Publications, "Universal Wisdom" brochures 1993-94
Publications, Correspondence, “Pathways to the Supreme”, “Psalms for Christian Prayer“ undated
Publications, Correspondence, BG biography 1995
Pamphlet/Brochures 1995 2003
Correspondence 1992-94
Letter with enclosures, Roper to directors 1/18/95
Ropers: list of items sent to BG Archives 1995
The Society for the Renewal of Contemplative Life, brochure ca. 1995
Correspondence, Papers undated
Sub-series 4-E Bede Griffiths' Australian Tours, 1985, 1992

Physical Description: 6 folders
Subseries Scope and Content Summary
The material included here was a gift from Fr. Douglas Conlan, Australia. It is all photocopies, no originals. (See also, Box 19, Audiocassettes of tours; Videotape 15; photographs, Box 21; and Box 28, ff 5.)

- box:folder 11:1 1985 Australian Tour 1985
- box:folder 11:2 Plans for tour, Correspondence 1992
- box:folder 11:3 Newspaper articles 1992
- box:folder 11:4 Copies of talks and presentations 1992
- box:folder 11:5 BG Correspondence to Conlan 1983-92
- box:folder 11:6 Card and insert for audio cassette case 1992

Sub-series 4-F General Subject Files, 1959-2004,

Physical Description: 31 folders
Subseries Scope and Content Summary
This Sub-Series contains papers and files obtained from the original donation and subsequent additions. There are various Bede Griffiths lectures, transcripts, and materials concerning Saccidananda Ashram, Shantivanam, Bede Griffiths' Ashram in South India and its founder, Fr. Jules Monchanin.

- box:folder 4:12 Bankok Meeting: Questionnaires, lectures, presentations, mass/liturgy booklet, summaries. This was the meeting, attended by Bede, at which Thomas Merton died. 1968
- box:folder 4:14 John Harriott Memorial Award: Acceptance speech 1993
- box:folder 4:15 Parliment of World’s Religions: In Memory of BG, poster 1993
- box:folder 4:16 Osage Monastery, Oklahoma undated
- box:folder 4:17 Benedict Alapatt, O.S.B., biography 1982
- box:folder 4:18 Poetry sent to BG undated
- box:folder 4:19 Brochures and pamphlets, various centers and places undated
- box:folder 4:20 Videotape order brochures undated
- box:folder 11:7 Book bag, cotton, n.d.; Saccidananda Ashram, Shantivanam (See also: Box 4 ff 22) ca. 1992
- box:folder 22:7-8 Saccidananda Ashram 1977-90
- box:folder 22:7 Correspondence and statements relating to status of the Ashram and the liturgy 1977-90
- box:folder 22:8 Register of persons entering the Ashram; and persons receiving Sannyasa Diksha from BG 1968-92
- box 23 Tibetan "Thanka" (white scarf) given by the Dalai Lama to BG, Perth, Australia (gift of Douglas Conlan) 1992
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<td>This is a memorial to Fr. Jules Monchanin (1895-1957), founder of the Ashram. The selections are photocopied from the volume held at the University of California, Santa Barbara Library Special Collections (call # BX4705 M626 S936 1959). Included are: Biography, &quot;Glimpses of His Life and Ideals&quot;, pg. 1-94; Selected Writings, &quot;Contemplation, the Essential Vocation of the Church and of India&quot; and &quot;The Quest of the Absolute&quot;; Photographs of Fr. Monchanin and the Ashram; and A tribute from Fr. Bede Griffiths, &quot;His True Vocation&quot;.</td>
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| Box:Folder 26:9 | There is no File Folder 9. |
| Box:Folder 26:10 | Table of Contents for Audiotape collection from Fr. Angelo Devananda Scolozzi. Tapes are in Box 27. The Table of Contents does not completely match the tapes in the box. Some are missing. The originals may have been reel-to-reel tapes copied onto the audiocassettes in the box. The copied tapes do not correspond directly with the Table of Contents. undated |
| Box:Folder 26:11 | Typed transcript for the tapes: "Modern Physics and the Eucharist". Tape is in Box 27. undated |
| Box:Folder 26:11a | Transcript: "Conversations with Fr. Bede - Abbey of Gethsemani, Trappist, KY"; with Judson Trapnell. There is no tape. 8/20-23/1999 |
| Box:Folder 28:5 | BG Trips to Australia (See also: Box 11) 1985 1992 |
| Box:Folder 28:6 | Saccidananda Ashram, Shantivanam (See also: Box 11, ff 7, book bag) (See also: Box 22, ff 6-7) undated |
| Box:Folder 28:7 | Saccidananda Ashram, *Garland of Letters* - (a booklet of essays and poems) undated |
| Box:Folder 28:8 | "List of Papers Stored in the Cupboards in Fr. Bede's Hermitage, Santivanam Ashram", compiled by Adrian Rance 2/2004 |
| Box:Folder 28:9 | Jeevan Jyothi Ashram: Benedictine Oblates (Sisters) Rule of Life 1980 |
| Box:Folder 28:10 | Miscellaneous papers undated |
| Box:Folder 28:11 | Videotape cover: The Heart of the Christian-Hindu Dialogue (see Videotape 16) undated |
| Box:Folder 30:4 | Information/announcements on various conferences 1978 1989-93 |
| Box:Folder 30:5 | Excerpts from "The Mystical Connection", BG, New Dimensions Tape transcript undated |

**Sub-series 4-G Gift from Judson Trapnell, 1969-2002**

*Physical Description:* 6 folders

*Subseries Scope and Content Summary*

One foot of material was donated by Rose Trapnell after Judson Trapnell passed away in 2002. Articles and books were integrated into the appropriate Series in the Collection. The remainder of the subject files are here.

| Box:Folder 29:1 | Correspondence, BG to Trapnell, 16 letters 5/1988 - 1/1993 |
| Box:Folder 29:2 | Transcripts of Conversations: Trapnell with BG 1989-90 1992 |
| Box:Folder 29:3 | Notes on recorded talks with and reading books by Bede Griffiths undated |
| Box:Folder 29:4 | Bede Griffiths Bibliography, working file on updates ca. 2002 |
| Box:Folder 29:5 | "Embracing the Limits of Dialogue", draft of an article by Trapnell with comments by Fr. Bruno Barnhart 2000 |
| Box:Folder 29:6 | "Hindu and Christian in Vrindaban" by Klaus Klostermaier (English photocopy). Includes a separate "Glossary of Terms". 1969 |

**Series 5 Newsletters 1994-98**

*Physical Description:* 4 folders

*Series Scope and Content Summary*

The series contains the Bede Griffiths Trust Bulletin and Bede Griffiths Sangha Newsletter.
Series 6  Photographs 1954-1998

Physical Description: 12 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series contains photographs of Griffiths childhood home, travel photos, retreats, postcards & Holy Cards, etc.

The numbers in parentheses in box 21 represent the number of photographs in the folder.
Series 7 Books 1961-2000

Physical Description: 5 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary

This Series consists of three Sub-Series: A - Books Published by Bede Griffiths; B - Books Published about Bede Griffiths; and C - Bede Griffiths' personal books.

Sub-series 7-A Books Published by Bede Griffiths 1966-95

Physical Description: 11 books

Subseries Scope and Content Summary

The books are in chronological order by original publication date. If the book is also found in the GTU Library general book collection, it will be so indicated by an LC call number.

box 12


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Return to the Centre, BV4832.2 .G66 (Collins: London, 1976)

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BR128 .H5 G74 1983 1983

box 12


box 12


box 12


box 12

The New Creation in Christ: Christian Meditation and Community, 1992

box 12


Sub-series 7-B Books Published about Bede Griffiths (and related subjects) 1977-2001

Physical Description: 15 books

Subseries Scope and Content Summary

There is no order. If the book is also found in the GTU Library general book collection, it will be so indicated by an LC call number.

box 13


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| Box 14 | **Swamy Bede Dayananda: Testimonies and Tributes**, ed. Xavier Irudayaraj (Shantivanam Publications: Thannirpalli, South India, 1994). 1994 |

**Sub-series 7-C Bede Griffiths' Personal Books 1878 1941-67**

**Physical Description:** 4 books

**Subseries Scope and Content Summary**

These books were Fr. Bede's own books that he used personally. They were brought from the Ashram and had been in his hut. They all have damage from moisture and humidity, and from insects and rodents which have eaten away parts of the pages. For the most part, the text is still intact.

| Box 13 | **Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung** (Foreign Languages Press: Peking, 1967). The book is inscribed to Fr. Bede from Lewis Mendel, dated October 1976. 1967 |
| Box 13 | **The Paradiso of Dante Alighieri** (J.M. Dent & Sons: London, 1941). The text has been partially eaten away by insects. 1941 |
| Box 13 | **The Imitation of Christ**, Thomas a Kempis (Henri Proost & Co.: Turnhout, Belgium, 1961). The cover has the name Michael Aranha stamped in gold. 1961 |
| Box 13 | **Rituale Romanum of Paul V and Benedict XIV**, ed. Society of St. John the Evangelist (Desclee: Tornaci, Belgium, 1878). The book has several handwritten pages tipped in. It is presumably Fr. Bede's writing. 1878 |
Series 8 Audiotapes 1982-93

Physical Description: 6 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary

This Series contains four Sub-Series: A - Bede Griffiths' Morning and Evening Talks at Saccidananda Ashram; B - Bede Griffiths' Australian Tours; C - General Audiotapes; and D - Gift from Fr. Angelo Devananda Scolozzi.

Sub-series 8-A Bede Griffiths' Morning and Evening Talks at Saccidananda Ashram 1983-89 undated

Physical Description: 138 cassettes

Subseries Scope and Content Summary

Cassettes arranged chronologically.

box 16 33 cassettes, 10/16/1985 - 1987

Note: The cassettes for 1987 come from Wayne Teasdale. Though the labels are undated, they have been identified by Teasdale as 1987. The cassettes labeled, "Talks on Paul's Letters", and "The Acts of the Apostles" are from early 1987. There are some duplicate copies.

box 17 35 cassettes, 1987 - 1/19/1988
box 18 26 cassettes, 1/16/1988 - 1/12/1989
box 18 9 cassettes, undated

Sub-series 8-B Bede Griffiths' Australia Tours 1985-92

Physical Description: 1 box

Subseries Scope and Content Summary

Gift of and recorded by Fr. Douglas Conlan. These are presentations, interviews, lectures, and discussions from Bede Griffiths' tours of Australia, 1985 and 1992. (For more material on the Australia tours, see also: Box 11; photographs, Box 21; Box 28, ff 5; and Videotape 15.)

box 19 Talks by Bede Griffiths; Perth, Australia, 1985: 1985

Note

"Marriage of East and West"
"Resurrection and the New Creations . . ."
"Introduction to Spirituality"
"Universal Man as Revealed in the Traditions"
"Transpersonal Psychiatry and the Religious Experience"

box 19 Interview on ABC Insights: Bede Griffiths 1987
Series 8 Audiotapes 1982-93
Sub-series 8-B Bede Griffiths’ Australia Tours 1985-92

box 19

**Australia Tour; Talks by Bede Griffiths: 1992**

Note
"Return to the Centre"
"New Vision in Light of Christian and Advaitic Mysticism", Perth
BG and Gehse Loden, Melbourne
Talk to Carmelite Nuns, 9/5/92, Adelaide
Dallas Brooks Hall, Melbourne (2 copies)
Gawler Foundation, Victoria
Questions and Answers
Questions and Answers, New So. Wales
Reflections of a visit with the Dalai Lama, Perth
Adelaide, S. Australia
BG and Baden Offord, Sydney

box 19

**Australia Tour; Interviews with Bede Griffiths: 1992**

Scope and Content Note
ABC Encounter
ABC Sacred Readings (8935 from Dom Bede)
ABC Radio Interviews
ABC Insights Program (2 copies)
BG and Paul Collins, ABC Victoria

Sub-series 8-C General Audiotapes 1982-92

Physical Description: 1 box, 24 cassettes
Subseries Scope and Content Summary
No arrangement

box 19

"Saturday Chapter with Fr. Thomas Matus" [1 cassette] 8/21/93
box 19
"Dom Bede ‘on John Main’" [1 cassette, 2 copies] undated
box 19
"Dom Bede: Homilies 1990" [1 cassette, 2 copies] 1990
box 19
Retreat, contribution of Bede Griffiths (Vivekanda, Fennville, MI) [1 cassette] 12/13/92
box 19
box 19
"Griffiths; The Universal Call to Contemplation", New Camaldoli, Big Sur, CA [1 cassette] 1992
box 19
Vision Tape, proof copy, Ojai Foundation [1 cassette - damaged] undated
box 19
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box 19
"Return to the Center," Ojai, CA [4 cassettes] 1983
box 19
"Christian Doctrine of New Creation," Bombay, India 1982

Sub-series 8-D Audiotapes - Gift from Fr. Angelo Devananda Scolozzi 1989-92

Physical Description: 1 box, 27 cassettes
Subseries Scope and Content Summary
These 27 audiocassettes are a gift from Fr. Angelo Devananda Scolozzi. See the Table of Contents in Box 26, File Folder 10. The tapes do not correspond directly with the Table of Contents. As close as can be determined, tapes from the Table of Contents include, #1, 3, 5-8, 10, 17, 20-22, 24-25, 27-29,31, 33-35. Tapes included in the Scolozzi gift, but not listed on the Table of Contents include the following:

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**Series 9 Videotapes 1979-93**

Physical Description: 17 videotapes

Series Scope and Content Summary

All the tapes are VHS, with sound and color. The tapes are located in the S.E. Corner, Library Basement Storage Room. Videotapes 1-14 are copied from videotapes held at the Osage Monastery, Sand Springs, Oklahoma, and sent by Sr. Pascaline Coff, O.S.B. Videotape 15 is a gift from Fr. Douglas Conlan, Australia. Videotape 16 is a gift from Wayne Teasdale. Videotape 17 is a gift from Hugh Burroughs.

1. *The Search for Spirituality*; 1992, 55 min.; plus other TV programs, Bede Griffiths at 49. (49 min.) 1992
2. *The History and Interpretation of the Bible*; 1993, 40 min.; Saccidananda Ashram shortly before his death. 1993
3. *A Human Search: Life of Father Bede Griffiths*; 1993, 59 min.; 2 copies. (For complete interview transcripts, see the book *A Human Search*, Box 14.) 1993
10. *Space in the Heart of the Lotus*; 1986, 60 min.; The life and 80th birthday of Bede Griffiths. Shantivanam, South India. 1986

Note

*Note:* Copy 1, the original is on the Australian television frequency which does not play on American television or VCR; Copy 2 is the show copy, a duplicate made for American showing. (See also Box 11, and Audiotapes, Box 19.)

**Note:** See videotape cover, Box 4 ff 25.