

## Inauguration and presentation of Editorial Espacio Ronda and the book "The raft is not the shore"

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he Editorial project of Espacio Ronda is officially inaugurated together with the presentation of the first title: "The raft is not the shore – conversations towards a Buddhist-Christian consciousness" by the Vietnamese Zen master Thich Nhat Hanh, the Jesuit priest Daniel Berrigan and with a prologue by the feminist activist bell hooks.

The project of the Espacio Ronda publishing house begins to take shape in 2021 through the work of Daniel Badosa Moriyama and promoted by the Tongil company. Along with the initiative of the publishing house "Cuadernos para la paz," the editorial project of Espacio Ronda was in parallel, more focused on publishing works focused on a sincere, direct spirituality and without artifice that could bring its readers closer to a spirit of understanding , interreligiousness, culture and art.

After years of work and organization, the rights to this first work were purchased and published for the first time in 1975 by the Catholic publisher Orbis Books. A title that the editors believed to be very representative and symbolic of what they want to achieve with the publishing house: an authentic dialogue about the different spiritual confessions under the same common denominator.

Summary of the book:

Paris, 1974. Meeting for long hours at midnight, two poets, pacifists and prophets explore from the confines of their own tradition a truth that transcends; Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese Zen monk, and Daniel Berrigan, a Jesuit priest.

East and West come together in this extraordinary book that transcribes his profound reflections on a wide range of topics ranging from government and religion, prison and exile, Jesus and Buddha, war and peace, life and death. death.

An illuminating conversation that reminds us of the vital importance of interreligious dialogue in our times.

In March 2023, the publisher obtains a nationwide distributor: Alfaomega, which will ensure that our editorial's books reach all possible readers in the country and soon in Latin America.

On June 7, Espacio Ronda welcomed more than 80 people, many of them summoned in a joint effort of the sangha (Buddhist community of Thich Nhant Hahn) in Madrid, the Catholic Jesuit community, the community of Rafa Millán and Mardía Herrero (from the channel Psicologia y espiritualidad) and many of the friends and acquaintances of Espacio Ronda.

The main speakers of the event were the following:

·Carlos Badosa: co-editor of Editorial Espacio Ronda and general manager.

•Luis del Val Martinez is a Dharma Teacher in the tradition of Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh June 2018. Facilitator of Mindfulness courses and workshops since 2008. Instructor of the Wake up Schools educational program in Spain, a project promoted by Thich Nhat Hanh and Plum Village. Diploma in Elementary Education. Musician and guitarist.

•Macarena Ubeda Red. Coordinator of the Reception and Social Area of the San Juan del Castillo Foundation in the Pueblos Unidos center in Madrid and head of the Interreligious Space of the Jesuit Service for Migrants -SJM in the Ventilla neighborhood in Madrid. He has completed numerous spirituality formations and three years of Theology.

•Mardía Herrero is a writer and teacher. He has published numerous books of a spiritual nature and interreligious dialogue, such as "How Santa Teresa accompanied me to Sufism" (Fragmenta, 2018) and "Peregrina" (Fragmenta, 2021). Participate in conferences and meetings to talk about Sufism, Christian mysticism, theories of the imaginary and sacred motherhood. Co-creator, together with her husband Rafa Millán, of the YouTube channel «Psychology and spirituality».

The general atmosphere of the event was one of celebration and solemnity. The speakers shared how much they liked the book and how they connected it to the interfaith theme and to their own spirituality. There was a fraternal atmosphere, where it was breathed that a very special moment was being lived not only among the speakers but also in the public.

At the end of the event, the publisher's books were sold and there was ample time for everyone to share time.

This is the first title of many that we hope to publish, always with the idea of maintaining this interreligious spirit in each publication, both by foreign and national authors.

Thank you very much and we hope to give you more news from the editorial very soon.

## VIDEO LINK

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