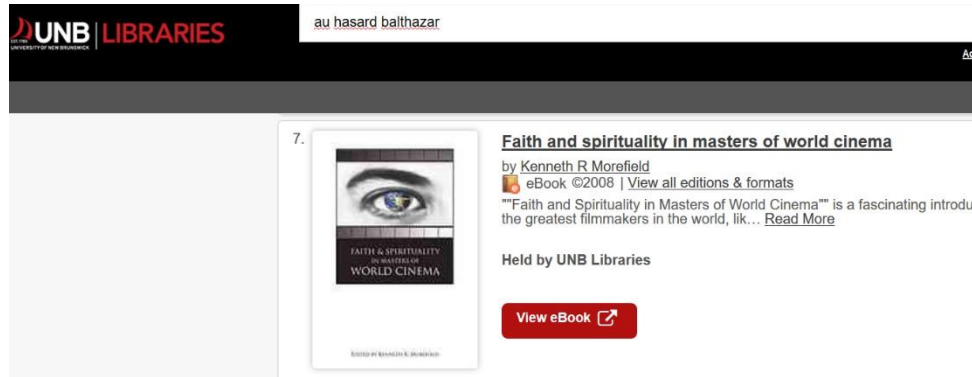


# From a question to a search to a better question: Au hasard Balthazar by Robert Bresson

- 1) Initial question: How has such a frustratingly inert film exerted any impact on cinema (and me)?
- 2) Searching UNB WorldCat ([www.lib.unb.ca](http://www.lib.unb.ca)) for: Au hasard Balthazar



## CHAPTER FOUR

### SACRED IN BRESSON: *AU HASARD BALTHAZAR*

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It should be kept in mind that Bresson is never trying to advocate a theological position or edify the unchurched. His sense of the sacred is primarily communicated in terms of a pared-down style; his rejection of what he called “photographed theater” also meant an avoidance of cheap emotional effects. As Paul Schrader has written,

- 3) Searching Google Scholar ([www.lib.unb.ca](http://www.lib.unb.ca) or via D2L) for: Bresson minimalism

[PDF] **Minimalism** in Art and Design: Concept, influences, implications and perspectives

C VanEenoo - Journal of Fine and Studio Art, 2011 - designmester.com

... The term **Minimalist** is often applied colloquially to designate or suggest anything which is spare ... plays by authors such as Samuel Beckett, films by director Robert **Bresson** (the narratives ... The principle of **Minimalism** is proposed as being a useful theoretical tool which supports a ...

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- 4) **Revised question:** How, in technique and philosophy, did Bresson’s uncompromising, “minimalist” approach to filmmaking as illustrated in a film Goddard once called “the world in an hour and a half” break with cinematic conventions in post-war France, and where (if anywhere) do we see echoes of the Bressonian approach to filmmaking today?

[HTML] Kelly **Reichardt**: Working Against the Grain

WW Dixon - Quarterly Review of Film and Video, 2016 - Taylor & Francis

... Almost immediately, **Reichardt** was struck by the meditative tone of the **films** and filmmakers whom she really admired, especially Robert **Bresson**. From the start, **Reichardt** wanted to strip **film** down to its essentials, to make **films** that were designed to please herself alone ...

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