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— Letter from the Editor —

Dear Reader,

*“He who plants a tree,
Plants a hope.”*

The nineteenth-century religious writer and teacher Lucy Larcom opened one of her most often quoted poems with those words. And just in case you were in any doubt, she titled this poem with an imperative: “Plant a Tree.” Okay, we have our marching orders then! The poem is often misquoted as saying “plants hope,” but I like the specificity—the particularity—implied by the indefinite article there: it’s not hope in the abstract, it’s a hope, this hope right here. It’s a good hope that gets granular.

Larcom rings the changes on what else planting a tree does. In each stanza she pops in another good thing planted: not just a hope, but also a joy, peace, youth, and finally love.

My own thinking, however, runs to variations on the first term of the equation. What else (other than planting a tree) plants a hope? I hope you’ll forgive me for going straight to books. (I can’t help it, it’s a professional hazard.) Because I would offer that those who **read a book** plant a hope. Those who *write* a book definitely plant a hope. And I can testify that those of us who work to publish books are going after a hope.

As readers, authors, and publishers, when we put ourselves into books, we are making a small, oblique deposit that needs time and tending and tenderness, a deposit that might not make it—but it might! It might well bear great fruit somewhere down the line. Hope is hope because it’s aiming for something hard (which we don’t yet have in hand) but something nonetheless possible. The act of taking up a book—to write, publish, or read it—is a speculation in the future. Count us in.

Bless you all, faithful dreamers! Happy reading,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Boyd". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jon Boyd

Associate Publisher
& Academic Editorial Director

P.S. What got me thinking so much about hope was an energizing scholarly symposium, hosted this fall by the Lumen Research Institute and connected with our recent book *Habits of Hope*, an exploration of practices of hope in Christian higher education. I recommend it.

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THE UNDERWATER BASILICA OF NICAEA

ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE BIRTHPLACE OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

November 2024

RELIGION / Antiquities & Archaeology

978-1-5140-1067-9, 192 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$40.00

Archaeology

A Firsthand Look at a Groundbreaking Archaeological Discovery

In 2014, aerial photography revealed a submerged structure beneath the waters of Lake Iznik, near the ancient city of Nicaea. The structure appeared to be in the shape of an ancient basilica church, with a nave, aisles, and an apse pointing to the east. The discovery was named one of the top ten archaeological discoveries in 2014 by the Archaeological Institute of America. Earlier excavations in ancient Nicaea have revealed fourteen Byzantine churches in the city, but none of them can be dated as early as the fourth century.

Biblical scholar and archaeologist Mark Fairchild's work on the archaeological excavations in Turkey reveals what he argues is the likely location of the First Council of Nicaea. *The Underwater Basilica of Nicaea* includes:

- beautiful images from the excavation,
- helpful maps from the dig site, and
- fascinating insights for a location that could be the birthplace of Christian theology.



Mark R. Fairchild (PhD, Drew University) was professor of Bible and religion at Huntington University. He spent over twenty years doing research in ancient Anatolia and worked with Mustafa Sahin to direct the excavation of the submerged Basilica. He is author of *Christian Origins in Ephesus and Asia Minor* (Hendrickson).

"This book is a major contribution that sheds light on the early chapters of church history, and is written in an engaging style."

James K. Hoffmeier, professor emeritus of Near Eastern archaeology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

"Mark Fairchild invites readers not only to explore an important archaeological site but also to enter into the circumstances and challenges Christians faced in Nicaea and its environs for the centuries leading up to one of the most significant landmark moments in the articulation of Christian theology."

David A. deSilva, Trustees' Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Greek at Ashland Theological Seminary and author of *Honor, Patronage, Kinship, and Purity*

THE NEW TESTAMENT IN COLOR

A MULTIETHNIC BIBLE COMMENTARY

August 2024

RELIGION / Biblical Criticism & Interpretation / New Testament
978-0-8308-1409-1, 808 Pages, HCV, 7 x 10 inches, \$60.00

Biblical Studies

In a first-of-its-kind volume, *The New Testament in Color* offers biblical commentary that is:

- multiethnic
- diverse
- contextual
- informative
- reflective
- prophetic
- inspiring

The New Testament in Color is a one-volume commentary on the New Testament written by a multiethnic team of scholars holding orthodox Christian beliefs. Each scholar brings exegetical expertise coupled with a unique interpretive lens to illuminate the ways social location and biblical interpretation work together. Theologically orthodox and multiethnically contextual, *The New Testament in Color* fills a gap in biblical understanding for both the academy and the church. Who we are and where God placed us—it's all useful for better understanding his Word.



Esau McCaulley is associate professor of New Testament at Wheaton College. He is the author of many works including *Sharing in the Son's Inheritance* and *Reading While Black*. He is a contributing opinion writer for the *The New York Times*, and his writing has also appeared in places such as *The Atlantic* and *The Washington Post*.



Janette H. Ok is associate professor of New Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary. She is the author of *Constructing Ethnic Identity in 1 Peter* (T and T Clark). She is currently writing a commentary on the Letters of John (NICNT, Eerdmans) and *To Be and Be Seen*, coauthored with Jordan J. Cruz Ryan (Baker Academic).



Osvaldo Padilla is professor of New Testament and theology at Beeson Divinity School of Samford University, where he has taught for the last fifteen years. He has published on the Acts of the Apostles and Paul. He is a member of the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas.



Amy Peeler is Kenneth T. Wessner Chair of Biblical Studies at Wheaton College and an ordained priest in the Episcopal Church (USA). She is the author of *Women and the Gender of God* (Eerdmans) and a commentary on Hebrews (Commentaries for Christian Formation, Eerdmans).

"I wish someone had handed *The New Testament in Color* to me twenty-five years ago, and I hope many will read it now."

Nijay Gupta, bestselling author of *Tell Her Story: How Women Led, Taught, and Ministered in the Early Church*.

"The scope of this one-volume commentary provides a nearly kaleidoscopic vision of richly varied perspectives together with solid exegesis of the texts."

Kara Lyons-Pardue, professor of New Testament, Point Loma Nazarene University

"The commentaries interact with the essays in a manner that makes this book a required desk companion for anyone who wants to hear all the Word of God has to offer. A must-have for all Bible teachers and pastors."

Scot McKnight, author of *The Second Testament: A New Translation* and Julius R. Mantey Chair of New Testament at Northern Seminary

The New Testament in Color

INTERVIEW WITH THE EDITORS



RACHEL HASTINGS IVP assistant academic editorial director

Rachel Hastings: Tell me the background of how you conceptualized this project.

Esau McCaulley: We wanted to create a project that embodies the North American church at its best. We wanted to bring together a diversity of cultures united by a common desire to read, understand, obey, and apply God's word.

Socially located biblical interpretation is nothing less than the record of the Spirit's work through scriptural engagement among the different ethnicities and cultures of the world. Unfortunately, too often the sanctification of culture has been confused with the Westernization of culture. That lie has done tremendous damage to the church. God's transfiguring work is not done in comparison with the West. Ethnicities do not become more holy as they approach likeness to Europe but to God. We hope that it encourages believers to understand and learn from one another and by so doing grow in faith and knowledge.

RH: Tell me about the process of deciding to be part of the editorial team for this book.

Amy Peeler: Esau shared this vision for the project with me and I wholeheartedly agreed. I had recently been awakening to the distinctiveness of my own ethnic heritage and relished the opportunity to contribute to such a worthwhile project. It was a way to put into practice my conviction that my culture is one of many that make up the beauty of God's Kingdom.

Janette H. Ok: In November 2018, Amy introduced me to Esau, her new colleague at Wheaton, because he wanted to pitch the idea of working on a multi-ethnic single-volume commentary on the New Testament for IVP Academic. After meeting him for the first time and learning more about his vision for the project, I knew this book was going to be something special. I also felt drawn to the idea of being part of a diverse four-person editorial team.

RH: You have twenty-two contributors for this project. That is a massive undertaking for a team of editors. Tell me what your vision was with having such a variety of contributors on this project.

Esau McCaulley: The contributors were not tasked with representing all or speaking for all members of their ethnic group. Instead, they were called to bring the entirety of themselves to the interpretive project. We all bring our experiences to the text, and we thought that bringing together a variety of experiences and social locations would provide more opportunities for us to learn from each other. Our individual experiences do not define the meaning of texts but help or hinder us at different points. That is why we need each other to help each other discern the mind of Christ. This project is one exercise in mutual discernment.

RH: During the editorial process, what was something that surprised you as you engaged with the content/manuscript? What did you learn?

Janette H. Ok: Our collaborative editorial process embodied the joys, challenges, and fruits of bringing together scholars with different expertise, experiences, perspectives, and social locations that you see reflected in the work of our contributors. Creative processes of this magnitude are messy, but I have learned to embrace the messiness as a gift to the church. The ideas for this volume took shape over time and the contributors submitted and resubmitted their work in conversation with the editors while keeping true to their voice and vision. I am proud of this collective labor of love.

Oswaldo Padilla: In a project with these many contributors you are bound to encounter things that you expected and things and that you did not. I was surprised by the amount of scholars who already knew in some form and accepted the concept of biblical studies being put forward in NTIC. Specifically, I was surprised by how many evangelical scholars today not only accepted but also believed that it is a good thing.

I have often found myself wrestling with what it meant to engage my own ethnic identity. We all have the gift of contributing scholarly insights because of our social location, but we also run the risk of missing important insights because of our social location. My own Hispanic background, for example, that helped me (I think) get at some hidden aspect of the text could also be used to smuggle in some of the idolatrous baggage that is also part of my background. I was surprised how much I had to grapple with the danger of becoming just like the "colonizers" we passionately have criticized when forgetting that this is a two-way street.

RH: This book is going to be a conversation starter in many contexts, both in the academy and the church. What do you envision the future of the conversation will look like after this book? What other questions related to socially located biblical interpretation are you excited to explore now that this book is in the world?

Amy Peeler: I imagine that the conversation will play out along two trajectories. One group will have been looking for something just like this and will be thrilled by its existence. They will envision ways to build upon this project for future work. A second group will discover that they do need such a resource even though they hadn't thought about it before. They might have some questions about socially located exegesis, but hopefully as we converse about those, they will see the value of making one's location explicit (because it is always present!).

I hope I have more opportunities to participate in such important work, maybe more in depth in specific New Testament books which I know and love well.

Oswaldo Padilla: I sincerely hope that NTIC will be a catalyst for the importance and necessity of studying the Bible from the different perspectives represented in the book. Even more, I hope that church leaders will be persuaded that this approach is not somehow liberal; instead reading in color is just as legitimate because in Christ we are all different colors. I will give you a concrete example. This year I was elected to the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (SNTS). For those who do not know, this is a mostly European society that engages in the study of the NT. At the risk of exaggeration, exegesis at SNTS basically means the type of critical approach to the New Testament that was a result of rationalism, Kantian philosophy, historicism, and which in some ways was crystallized in the Biblical-Theology approach so carefully delineated by J. P. Gabler in the 19th century. For the majority of the members of SNTS what we are doing at NTIC is not scientific (*wissenschaftlich*) enough to be called exegesis. I hope that one day—I might be dead by then—the exegesis "in color" that we are doing will be just as normal at SNTS and other academic locations where the Bible is studied. ■

This version of the interview has been edited for length.

Scan the code to access *The New Testament in Color Sampler*, a PDF download which includes the full interview with the editors, the introduction from Esau McCaulley, and more!



COMFORT IN THE ASHES

EXPLORATIONS IN THE BOOK OF JOB TO SUPPORT TRAUMA SURVIVORS

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Biblical Studies

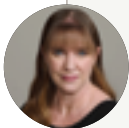
Navigating Trauma in the Church

It's time for church leaders and believers to stop offering prettily packaged responses from a safe distance. It's time for us to sit in the ashes with the hurting, our Sunday clothes covered in dirt and grime, our faces lined with tears. Trauma brings people to the ash heap, so that is where the church needs to go.

The church should serve as a refuge for people in pain. And yet, we often end up unintentionally causing more hurt to trauma survivors. Theological platitudes and positive thinking aren't simply dismissive to those who suffer, but they inevitably retraumatize the wounded. Does the Bible have anything practical to offer for church leaders as they engage the pain in their congregations?

Biblical scholar Michelle Keener shows us that the book of Job provides embodied and practical answers for the church today. In this incredible tool for ministry leaders and trauma survivors alike, Keener offers:

- deep wisdom at the intersection of trauma theory and the book of Job for Christian communities,
- reflection questions for ministry practitioners and those walking alongside those who have experienced trauma, and
- engagement with the idea of a shattered worldview and how to overcome the effects of that experience.



Michelle K. Keener (PhD, Liberty) is an associate research fellow with the Kirby-Laing Centre for Public Theology and the director of discipleship for a growing church in Las Vegas. She is an award-winning novelist and devotional author.

"Keener breaks new ground in biblical studies as she views Job's experiences through the lens of trauma theory. Keener's unflinching focus on hard questions and her multilayered research into trauma's impact make this book a must-read for pastors and scholars, as well as those impacted by trauma."

Lynn H. Cohick, distinguished professor of New Testament at Houston Christian University

"Michelle Keener has given us all a gift to be treasured—whether we have experienced trauma or want to walk well with those who have."

Carmen Joy Imes, associate professor of Old Testament at the Talbot School of Theology and author of *Bearing God's Name* and *Being God's Image*

Comfort in the Ashes

INTERVIEW WITH THE AUTHOR



RACHEL HASTINGS IVP assistant academic editorial director

Rachel Hastings: This book is adapted from your dissertation. Tell me a little bit about how you got into this topic and why you felt it was important to adapt this project for a broader audience?

Michelle Keener: This book started out as a research paper on the book of Job for an Old Testament Writings class, and I fell in love with the topic. I had never really enjoyed the book of Job prior to starting this research. It had always struck me as a repetitive and confusing text, but when I started looking at it from the perspective of trauma, it suddenly clicked for me. I was about halfway through my dissertation when I started seeing how understanding trauma can have a significant impact on how the church responds to and ministers to trauma survivors. So, once I finished the dissertation, I immediately started working on adapting it for pastors, church leaders, and believers, and I was so excited that you and IVP Academic saw the value in it.

RH: When we worked on developing your manuscript, we talked a lot about audience. You and I both felt like the message of the book was for ministry leaders who are working with those who have experienced trauma, but also for trauma survivors. How is this book beneficial both to those who are survivors of trauma and to those who are in a ministry context working with survivors of trauma?

MK: We did have lots of conversations about how to create a book that would appeal to both ministry leaders and survivors and how to offer each audience something relevant and helpful. I hope one of the ways this book does that is to offer an understanding of what trauma is and what makes it unique. Survivors can read this book and see some of their own experiences in the pages and hopefully discover that they are not alone, and they are not broken. Ministry leaders can read this book and gain some understanding of what trauma responses may look like and how they can support trauma survivors in their ministries in a healthy and biblical way.

RH: Some people may think that you're reading a modern concept onto an ancient body of text. You convinced me as your editor that the trauma lens was not just a compelling line of inquiry, but an incredibly helpful and hermeneutically responsible way of reading the text for the life of the church. What would you say to readers that might be skeptical of the intersection of trauma studies and OT studies?

MK: That's a fair question. The author of the book of Job, or any of the other biblical texts, didn't have access to modern trauma theory or mental health discussions. But the biblical authors were certainly familiar with trauma. War, famine, exile, rape, murder, and traumatic events are everywhere in the Bible. There can be great interpretive benefit in looking at the human experience of trauma and suffering in the biblical texts and working to understand how those experiences may have impacted the text and how that, in turn, impacts the church today.

RH: In your research, what did you find most surprising about the book of Job and what it tells us about trauma?

MK: I think I was most surprised by the rawness and realness of Job. When I started looking at the text through the lens of trauma, I was captivated by the resonances between the book of Job and the way we process traumatic events. The connections are amazing.

RH: What do you want ministry leaders and those who train pastors to take away from this book?

MK: I would like pastors and ministry leaders to see in this book an opportunity to learn how to better serve the people God has brought into their care. Instead of trying to rush people through their pain and get them back to "normal" as soon as possible, I would love to see pastors reach out to those who are suffering and meet them where they are. Trauma and suffering can be messy, and the church needs to be okay with that. If we can learn to embrace those who are hurting and sit with them in their pain, the church will truly be a place of healing and restoration. ■

THE IVP ATLAS OF BIBLE HISTORY

SECOND EDITION

February 2025

RELIGION / Biblical Reference / General

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Biblical Studies

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Paul Lawrence studied Akkadian, Hebrew, and Near Eastern archaeology at the University of Liverpool, where he earned his PhD for his work on the relationship of Assyrian generals to the king. In 1984 he worked in northern Iraq on an archaeological dig by the banks of the Tigris River just north of ancient Nineveh. He works for SIL International in checking Bible translations and is the author of *The Books of Moses Revisited*.

— Also from this Author —

THE IVP CONCISE ATLAS
OF BIBLE HISTORY

NUMBERS

AN INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTARY

Two Scholars Reengage with Numbers in this Tyndale Commentary. The book of Numbers has had something of a renaissance in scholarly engagement in recent years. This Tyndale Old Testament Commentary volume by Peter Altmann and Caio Peres distills that conversation with sensitivity and rigor. With input from two authors from different contexts, it helps to illuminate Numbers for the contemporary reader while seeking to make God's Word a source of blessing, nourishment, and hope for all.

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Caio Peres is an independent researcher and missionary in Brazil.

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March 2025

RELIGION / Biblical Commentary /
Old Testament / Pentateuch

978-0-8308-4290-2, 352 Pages,
PBK, 5.5 x 8.25 inches, \$30.00

1 PETER

AN INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTARY

Peter's short letter to the "exiles of the dispersion" addresses many topics: holiness, the sufferings of Christ, God's sovereignty in salvation and life, the grace of God, the work of the Holy Spirit, the church as the new people of God, the reality of the unseen spiritual world, and trusting in God in the midst of daily circumstances. What ties all these concepts together, Wayne Grudem suggests, is the theme of suffering. Most of all, suffering is a form of imitating Christ, who, by bearing our sins on the cross, gives meaning and comfort to Christians in every aspect of their daily lives.

Part of the **Tyndale New Testament** commentary Series, *1 Peter* offers a thorough understanding of the book's content and structure as well as its continued relevance for today. This edition has been revised and updated by Grudem from his original TNTC volume.

Wayne A. Grudem is professor of theology and biblical studies at Phoenix Seminary in Scottsdale, Arizona. He is the author of numerous books, including *Systematic Theology*, *The Gift of Prophecy in the New Testament and Today*, *Politics According to the Bible*, and *Christian Ethics*.

August 2024

RELIGION / Biblical Commentary /
New Testament / General Epistles

978-1-5140-0829-4, 288 Pages,
PBK, 5.5 x 8.25 inches, \$25.00

HOW TO READ THE PSALMS

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David Firth, tutor in Old Testament at Trinity College, Bristol

January 2025

RELIGION / Biblical Studies / Old Testament / Poetry & Wisdom Literature

978-1-5140-0281-0, 192 Pages,
PBK, 5.5 x 8.25 inches, \$22.00

HOW TO READ GENESIS

SECOND EDITION

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- delves into the cultural backgrounds that influenced Genesis, providing a fuller picture of its significance and teachings,
- uncovers the layers of history and authorship that contributed to the creation of Genesis,
- explains the background of the literary forms and structural elements that make Genesis unique, and
- offers an understanding of how Genesis fits into the broader context of the Bible, connecting its themes and messages to the entire Christian narrative.

Building upon historical, cultural, and literary context, *How to Read Genesis, 2nd Edition* will not only enhance your knowledge, but will also foster a deeper connection with the text and its timeless wisdom.

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PBK, 5.5 x 8.25 inches, \$22.00



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TRUSTWORTHY

THIRTEEN ARGUMENTS FOR THE RELIABILITY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

July 2024

RELIGION / Biblical Criticism & Interpretation / New Testament
978-1-5140-0758-7, 160 Pages, PBK, 5.5 x 8.5 inches, \$22.00

Biblical Studies

How do we know the New Testament is reliable?

It matters—but discussions on whether the New Testament is historically accurate can be tedious and overwhelming. We want to be confident that the reports in the New Testament are true and dependable, but scholarly discussions around the authenticity of the events recounted in Scripture can be challenging to navigate.

Dr. Ben Shaw provides the clear introduction we've needed for understanding the New Testament's historical reliability. In his book, *Trustworthy*, he systematically surveys key issues related to New Testament reliability and provides guidance for those setting out to explore the evidence. Concise, to-the-point chapters equip readers to answer the challenging questions one encounters when discussing the credibility of the New Testament. Addressing a wide variety of evidence including archaeology, authorship, text criticism, and non-Christian sources, Shaw leads readers through the key scholarly topics related to New Testament reliability.

Here's the truth: we *can* trust the New Testament not only for its historical accuracy but also as a guide to life.



Benjamin C. F. Shaw (PhD, Liberty) is president of Core Apologetics. He also serves as adjunct professor of theology at Liberty University and affiliate faculty member of Colorado Christian University. He has been working with Dr. Gary R. Habermas for over a decade to collaborate in philosophical, historical, and theological research and publishing.

"Benjamin Shaw's *Trustworthy* presents clearly and concisely the best arguments for the reliability of the New Testament. Although informed by the best of scholarship, Shaw communicates at a level that all readers can follow."

Craig A. Evans, John Bisagno Distinguished Professor of Christian origins at Houston Christian University

"Much of what we know about our final destiny depends on the accuracy of the New Testament documents. Are they trustworthy? This small but powerful book by Dr. Ben Shaw will show you, in an easy-to-understand manner, that the most important documents ever written are indeed trustworthy. That's good news for the ultimate Good News!"

Frank Turek, coauthor of *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist*

WONDERS FROM YOUR LAW

NEXUS PASSAGES AND THE PROMISE OF AN EXEGETICAL INTERTEXTUAL OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY

September 2024

RELIGION / Biblical Studies / Old Testament / General
978-1-5140-0320-6, 400 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$40.00

Biblical Studies

Finding internal coherence within the Old Testament is a challenging task.

Numerous scholars over the centuries have provided various, divergent frameworks to organize the content of the Hebrew Bible. Navigating both the Old Testament itself and the history of its interpretation can feel like a maze of complexity.

Biblical scholar Kevin Chen offers a way of understanding the Old Testament through the orienting lens of what he calls “nexus passages.” Such passages pull the material of the Old Testament together through their high connectivity to other Scripture passages. In his thorough textual analyses, Chen shows how these nexus passages serve as lexical, thematic, and theological hubs for understanding the Old Testament. Both exegetical and intertextual, *Wonders From your Law* gazes deeply into the text for a constructive, evangelical approach to Old Testament theology.

“Kevin Chen’s *Wonders from Your Law* is the result of taking Jesus’ hermeneutic seriously. It is an intensive study of the Scriptures, the result of a profound reflection on its content, and a conviction in their authority and claim to be divine revelation.”

Stephen Dempster, emeritus professor of religious studies at Crandall University, from the foreword



Kevin S. Chen is professor of Old Testament studies at Gateway Seminary in Ontario, CA. He previously taught at Christian Witness Theological Seminary in San Jose, CA, and Union University in Jackson, TN. He is the author of *The Messianic Vision of the Pentateuch* and is a contributor to the *Worldview Study Bible*.

“What Kevin Chen offers here may be described as a stargazer of the entire heavens (the text of the Old Testament) discovering among the vast array ten particularly bright-shining, powerfully gravitational ‘nexus’ passages. This constellation provides the framework for seeing how all the parts of the Old Testament cohere and connect together.”

Ray Lubeck, professor of Old Testament at Multnomah University

“If you treasure the Old Testament, biblical theology, or the Old Testament’s depiction of the Messiah, then you need to join Chen on this important journey through the Old Testament.”

Peter Link Jr., professor of Christian studies at Charleston Southern University

WALKING WITH GOD THROUGH THE VALLEY

RECOVERING THE PURPOSE OF BIBLICAL LAMENT

January 2025

RELIGION / Biblical Studies / Old Testament / Poetry & Wisdom Literature
978-1-5140-0396-1, 200 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$28.00

Biblical Studies

Recovering the Practice of Lament

The call for lament echoes throughout the pages of Scripture. This ever-present genre shaped the lives of ancient communities, and it should shape the practices of churches today. And yet contemporary Christian communities often don't know how to engage texts of lament in their contexts. In a world experiencing so much pain, a recovery of biblical lament is more necessary than ever.

In *Walking with God Through the Valley*, Old Testament scholar May Young offers a guide for readers to engage lament texts both in their church communities and in their personal lives. Drawing deeply from key passages in Scripture, including the Psalms, Habakkuk, and Lamentations, Young posits that true lament must come out of a deep understanding of the biblical text. Through practicing lament in our own lives, we can move through pain and suffering and experience God's renewed hope.



May Young (PhD, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) is associate professor of biblical studies and chairs the Department of Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Intercultural Studies, and Philosophy at Taylor University. She has contributed to several volumes focused on lament, including *Reading the Psalms Theologically* (Lexham) and *World Christianity and COVID-19: Discourses and Perspective* (Routledge).

"Dr. May Young has given us a rare book on lament in the Old Testament which is biblically grounded and pastorally wise. She writes not only as a scholar of the subject but also as a practitioner who shares movingly from her own experiences and those of fellow sufferers. Every spiritual leader should read this book to walk more closely with God in times of trouble!"

Jerry Hwang, associate professor of theology at Trinity Christian College

"This is the book on lament that we've been waiting for and need. Young guides us through an understanding of biblical lament as a way forward, a guide to process with God the injustices and sorrows of life. Her work is timely, honest, and accessible."

Ingrid Faro, professor of Old Testament
at Northern Seminary

"A fantastic book! Not only do we learn more about lament, but we are propelled through personal examples to practice lament individually and communally. May this book help the church recover lament as a central part of life with God."

Andrew Abernethy, professor of Old Testament
at Wheaton College

NEW EXPLORATIONS IN THE LOST WORLD OF GENESIS

ADVANCES IN THE ORIGINS DEBATE

April 2025

RELIGION / Biblical Studies / Old Testament / Pentateuch
978-1-5140-0491-3, 272 Pages, PBK, 5.5 x 8.25 inches, \$25.00

Biblical Studies

Updating and expanding upon his previous work on origins, this riveting volume from John H. Walton marks the eighth entry in his bestselling Lost World Series, which has sold more than 125,000 copies.

For over a decade, John Walton's books *The Lost World of Genesis One* and *The Lost World of Adam and Eve* have shaped readers' understanding of the ancient Near Eastern world and its implications for modern scientific origins debates. But more than simply engaging the creation/evolution debate, these works explored questions related to interpretation of Genesis through ancient eyes, the theological purpose of a seven-day creation account, the historicity of Adam and Eve, and the history of interpretation of the creative narratives.

In *New Explorations in the Lost World of Genesis*, Walton provides comprehensive and timely updates on the latest developments and research, including:

- a summary of positions addressed in his previous books on origins,
- new insights, clarifications, and illustrations based on current scholarship, and
- answers to frequently asked questions.



John H. Walton (PhD, Hebrew Union College) is professor of Old Testament, emeritus, at Wheaton College and Graduate School. His many books include *The Lost World of Genesis One* and *Wisdom for Faithful Reading*.

"We still need Walton's Lost World Series. In this latest volume of the series, Walton (with the help of son J. Harvey Walton) has once again shown himself to be a dependable guide to exploring the currents of thought that informed Israel's Scriptures. All readers today will benefit from this latest contribution from the Waltons."

Bill T. Arnold, Paul S. Amos Professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Asbury Theological Seminary

MARKUS BARTH

HIS LIFE AND LEGACY

December 2024

BIOGRAPHY & AUTOBIOGRAPHY / Religious

978-1-5142-0162-2, 296 Pages, HCV, 6 x 9 inches, \$38.00

Biography

A Definitive Biography of the Twentieth-Century Thinker

“Certainly, in all my work my dependence upon my father will be visible, and, so I hope, a testimony to his life’s work will be given. But on the whole, I have never attempted simply to represent or promote his work, but rather within the narrow frame of my competence in exegetical matters, to contribute to it.”

—Markus Barth, 1985

Though he has long been undervalued and remained in the shadow of his famous father, Markus Barth was a significant, groundbreaking thinker in his own right.

In this book, theologian Mark Lindsay provides the first biography of Markus Barth (1915–1994), eldest son of Karl Barth. Drawing from a hitherto unparalleled access to the extensive collection of Markus Barth’s private letters and papers, including those in the Special Collections at Princeton Theological Seminary, Lindsay puts Barth’s story and thought into historical context. He explores multiple aspects of Barth’s life, including family and early years, pastoral work, scholarship, and enduring legacy. Lindsay identifies three main areas of Barth’s contributions: his New Testament scholarship; his theology of the sacraments; and his pioneering, though not uncontroversial, work in Jewish-Christian relations.



Mark R. Lindsay is Joan F. W. Munro Professor of Historical Theology at Trinity College Theological School, the University of Divinity. He is the author of *Reading Auschwitz with Barth; Barth, Israel and Jesus*; and *Covenanted Solidarity*.

“Lindsay’s discussion of Barth’s often contentious engagement in Jewish-Christian relations is particularly thoughtful. This is a remarkable and rich study, with insights not just into Barth’s life and scholarship, but into the major theological and political discussions of his times.”

Victoria J. Barnett, former director of programs on ethics, religion, and the Holocaust at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and general editor of the *Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works Series, English edition*

“In this captivating and meticulous biography, Mark R. Lindsay offers a window into the life of a theologian who is often overlooked. I found this book eye-opening. It is beautifully written and accessible.”

Andrew B. Torrance, director of impact and senior lecturer in theology at the University of St Andrews

RELATIONAL SPIRITUALITY

A PSYCHOLOGICAL-THEOLOGICAL PARADIGM FOR TRANSFORMATION

MIDWC Book Award

As our society becomes more socially fragmented, many Christians feel disconnected and struggle to grow spiritually. Common models of spiritual transformation are proving inadequate to address “the sanctification gap.” In recent decades, however, a new paradigm of human and spiritual development has been emerging from multiple fields. It’s supported by a critical mass of evidence, all pointing to what psychologists Todd W. Hall and M. Elizabeth Lewis Hall call a relational revolution.

In *Relational Spirituality*, Hall and Hall present a definitive model of spiritual transformation based on a relational paradigm. At its heart is the truth that human beings are fundamentally relational—we develop, heal, and grow through relationships. While many sanctification models are fragmented, individualistic, and lack a clear process for change, the relational paradigm paints a coherent picture of both process and goal, supported by both ancient wisdom and cutting-edge research. Integrating insights from psychology and theology, this book lays out the basis for relational spiritual transformation and how it works practically in the context of relationships and community.

“With many years of psychotherapy practice under their belts and decades of experience in the classroom and the church, Todd Hall and Elizabeth Hall provide a theological and psychological GPS for the thoughtful reader’s journey for navigating the third decade of the twenty-first century.”

Everett L. Worthington Jr., Commonwealth Professor Emeritus, Virginia
Commonwealth University



Todd W. Hall (PhD, Rosemead School of Psychology) is professor of psychology at Rosemead School of Psychology at Biola University, where he teaches courses on the integration of psychology and theology, psychodynamic psychotherapy, and positive psychology.

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PSYCHOLOGY / Social Psychology
978-1-5140-1121-8, 312 Pages,
PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$40.00

THE UNBIASED SELF

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF OVERCOMING COGNITIVE BIAS

March 2025

PSYCHOLOGY / Social Psychology

978-1-5140-0976-5, 192 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$22.00

Psychology & Counseling

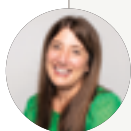
A Christian Perspective on Overcoming Cognitive Bias

So much human behavior can be explained by two motives: we want to be right, and we want to feel good about ourselves. But the tension between these two motives makes us especially vulnerable to bias—and bias distorts our view of the world and of ourselves and can keep us from doing even what we know is right.

To truly overcome cognitive bias, we need a vision of what an unbiased self could look like, stemming from a solid sense of identity—an identity available in Christian faith. Using current research and illuminating stories, this book

- describes how “fast” and “slow” thinking work together in everyday life,
- diagnoses when we’re most vulnerable to distorted thinking,
- considers how regarding every person as a child of God counteracts implicit bias,
- reveals psychological insights into spiritual formation, and
- recommends practices for slowing our thinking to seek God’s wisdom about our ourselves and others.

The social sciences offer rich resources for understanding how to reduce stereotyping and prejudice. By thoughtfully integrating them with biblical perspectives on human worth and sin, we gain hopeful, practical guidance on how to perceive the world more accurately and love others more generously.



Erin Devers (PhD, Indiana University) is professor of psychology at Indiana Wesleyan University. As a social psychologist and educator, she has focused on creative ways to nudge students, fellow educators, and parents toward good decision-making practices. Her work has been published in the *Journal for Personality and Social Psychology*, *Christian Scholar’s Review*, and the *Journal for Psychology and Christianity*.

“If you want to be right (as opposed to wrong) and you want to have valid reasons to feel good about yourself, *The Unbiased Self* can really help you.”

Brian D. McLaren, author of *Faith After Doubt* and *Do I Stay Christian?*

“The book is intellectually rigorous and spiritually enriching, and the result is a valuable resource for students, researchers, and practitioners interested in the intersection of faith and psychology.”

Joshua Clarkson, professor of marketing at the Lindner College of Business at the University of Cincinnati

THE CLIENT'S GUIDE TO THERAPY

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR COUNSELING EXPERIENCE

April 2025

PSYCHOLOGY / Psychotherapy / Counseling

978-1-5140-0882-9, 168 Pages, PBK, 5.5 x 8.5 inches, \$18.00

Psychology & Counseling

Get the most from your counseling experience with tips from an expert Christian counselor.

Some people are unsure how the therapy process works, some have had negative experiences, and some simply want to know they're benefiting as much as possible from the time and resources they invest.

In this accessible, information-packed guide, readers will find a wealth of wisdom, including:

- advice for looking into options for counseling,
- how to find a counselor who's a good fit,
- what to expect during and after counseling,
- how to get the most out of your sessions and the therapy process,
- expert tips on mental health care,
- insights on the role of faith, and
- common questions Christians ask.

For any Christian considering or receiving clinical mental health care, as well as mental health professionals and those who make referrals, *The Client's Guide to Therapy* is an encouraging and helpful companion.



Terri S. Watson (PsyD, ABPP) is a professor of psychology at Wheaton College. She is also a board-certified clinical psychologist, an approved clinical supervisor with the Center for Credentialing and Education, and an approved supervisor with the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. She maintains a private practice and provides supervision and clinical consultation for community and private organizations.

"Yes, this is a vital book for those considering counseling or psychotherapy, but it is also important that we therapists read it to remember who we are and why we do this work."

Mark R. McMinn, psychologist and coauthor of *An Invitation to Slow*

"Where do I even begin to try to find help? Do I need a Christian therapist? How do I know if I'm making progress? Dr. Watson tackles questions such as these with compassion, clarity, and a deep understanding of what potential or current clients need to know in order to find the best possible counselor for themselves as well as how to make the most of their therapeutic journey. A must-read!"

Heather Davediuk Gingrich, director of the MA counseling ministries degree at Toccoa Falls College, author of *Restoring the Shattered Self*, and coauthor of *Skills for Effective Counseling: A Christian Integration*

MINISTERING TO FAMILIES IN CRISIS

THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE FOR NURTURING MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH

October 2024

RELIGION / Christian Ministry / Counseling & Recovery
978-1-5140-0042-7, 368 Pages, CBD, 6 x 9 inches, \$55.00

Psychology & Counseling

A Guide for Ministry Leaders to Provide Mental Health First Aid

When people encounter a crisis, they often turn to ministry leaders, who may feel unprepared to guide them.

Ministering to Families in Crisis provides leaders with an essential shelf reference for supporting your community's mental and emotional health. In each chapter, Christian leaders with unique expertise address common ministry challenges, providing evidence-based insights and practical suggestions. The book covers a full range of topics affecting families, marriages, children, and teens—including mental illness, LGBTQ+ issues, divorce, disability, poverty, racial trauma, and technology use. Contributors guide leaders on how to provide care and when to offer referrals.

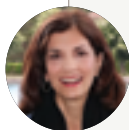
Whatever members' background or experience, the church is a spiritual family that God designed to contribute to their formation and sense of belonging. This book gives ministers the tools and encouragement they need to help family members find hope amid the storms of life.



Jennifer S. Ripley (PhD, Virginia Commonwealth University) is professor of psychology, shares the Hughes Professor of Christian Thought and Mental Health, and codirects the Charis Institute at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She is a licensed clinical psychologist and coauthor of *Couple Therapy: A New Hope-Focused Approach*.



James N. Sells (PhD, University of Southern California) is professor of counseling, shares the Rosemary S. Hughes Professor of Christian Thought and Mental Health, and codirects the Charis Institute at Regent University. He is a licensed psychologist, and his books include *Family Therapies* and *Beyond the Clinical Hour*.



Diane J. Chandler (PhD, Regent University) is associate professor of spiritual formation and leadership at the Regent University School of Divinity. She is the author of *Christian Spiritual Formation: An Integrated Approach to Personal and Relational Wholeness*.

"... a comprehensive, biblically based, well-written, and excellent guide for nurturing the mental and emotional health of families in churches who are experiencing crises of all kinds. The editors have assembled a great group of authors who provide substantial and practical help for those ministering to such families. Highly recommended!"

Siang-Yang Tan, senior professor of clinical psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary and author of *Counseling and Psychotherapy: A Christian Perspective*

"The family is the cornerstone of society and the bedrock of the Church. It matters more than we all know. This new resource is a welcome hands-on guide for ministry leaders to help our families navigate the complexities of the mental health disaster we are facing."

Tim Clinton, president of the American Association of Christian Counselors

SKILLS FOR SAFEGUARDING

A GUIDE TO PREVENTING ABUSE AND FOSTERING HEALING IN THE CHURCH

December 2024

RELIGION / Christian Ministry / Counseling & Recovery
978-1-5140-1073-0, 288 Pages, CBD, 6 x 9 inches, \$48.00

Psychology & Counseling

The Only Textbook on Safeguarding for Faith-Based Ministries and Seminaries

Christians are called to care for the vulnerable, but churches have not always led the way in becoming places safe from abuse. Increasingly, organizations and churches are recognizing the importance of the field of safeguarding: training and equipping people to prevent abuse, act when abuse happens, and promote healing for survivors.

In *Skills for Safeguarding*, experts from universities around the world have contributed on topics in their areas of expertise. This book

- provides an understanding of trauma and abuse from a Christian integration perspective,
- gives insight into perpetrator dynamics and systems that enable abuse,
- teaches skills necessary to interact with victims and their families,
- includes questions for self-reflection and discussion, and more.

Safeguarders can be individuals hired by the church in a vocational role, but they can also be pastors and other church leaders, laypeople, mental health professionals, and anyone who desires to promote a safe environment. Ideally, every adult in the church should recognize their responsibility to safeguard and seek to grow in skills to better serve abuse survivors and cultivate a culture that protects the vulnerable. This book provides the essential starting place.

"As someone deeply involved in safeguarding work, I find this resource both relevant and impactful. It is a comprehensive guide, blending best practices with compassionate care, making it a must-read for church leaders, mental health professionals, and laypersons committed to creating safe and healing environments."

Daniele Donnini, director of Align Safeguarding and regional expert for the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors



Lisa Compton is associate professor and assistant director of the doctoral program in counselor education and supervision at Regent University. She is a licensed social worker, certified trauma treatment specialist, and coauthor of the textbook *Preparing for Trauma Work in Clinical Mental Health*.



Taylor Patterson is a licensed professional counselor specializing in trauma, including survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. She has presented at local and national conferences and is published in peer-reviewed journals. She is currently a PhD candidate in Counselor Education and Supervision.



JON BOYD IVP associate publisher and academic editorial director

Lisa Compton and Taylor Patterson's *Skills for Safeguarding* is the first and the definitive textbook on safeguarding, bringing up-to-date research along with biblical insight to this important topic.

Jon Boyd: Safeguarding is such a new term (though not a new need). What's your "elevator version" of a definition?

Lisa Compton and Taylor Patterson: Safeguarding is the shared responsibility of every individual in the church to use their power and influence to protect vulnerable members from harm. It calls on us all to be proactive in understanding the impact of trauma, identifying signs of abuse, responding well to crises, and providing compassionate care to trauma survivors. In other words, work to prevent harm in the church; but if it happens, handle it with skillful compassion.

JB: Tell us a little about the state of safeguarding education in the US and around the world.

LC & TP: Safeguarding remains largely absent from the church's common vernacular and is not yet a mandated part of ministry leader formation. Safeguarding training is also severely underemphasized in the missions community, even though it is one of the most critical issues in cross-cultural ministry.

While much of the research and vocational efforts in this area have been concentrated within the Catholic Church, other organizations are emerging globally, such as GRACE in the US, offering essential guidance on policy development and crisis response. Despite this, most grassroots efforts to address church trauma remain largely disconnected.

Our aim with this text is to provide a unified training manual that equips individuals with key safeguarding skills while bridging gaps and fostering collaboration across organizations.

JB: Safeguarding is inherently multidisciplinary, isn't it? Which fields are most involved, and how did you two, as authors, go about incorporating expertise that fills out the full picture?

LC & TP: Yes, safeguarding spans many disciplines including ministry, mental health, and criminal justice. For this project, we brought together contributors from several countries, representing diverse disciplines and denominations. It was an honor to collaborate with so many leading trauma experts, but we faced the challenge of taking their vast expertise and multiple voices and shaping the individual chapters into a cohesive, accessible message. This was quite an undertaking, but doing so allowed us to create a well-rounded resource that can be used in the local church, academic settings, and parachurch ministries.

JB: What kind of resources are still most needed for the practice and teaching of safeguarding?

LC & TP: Our fields of counseling and psychology have grown exponentially in the understanding of trauma in the past several decades. This text seeks to integrate those scientific discoveries with the timeless biblical truths found in Scripture. Our goal was to create a resource that meets the rigorous standards of academic research while remaining accessible to everyone in the church community. We hope this book will inspire every believer to leverage their influence and take action, making a tangible difference in safeguarding efforts.

JB: Where have you found inspiration and encouragement for the journey of working on a book that tackles such a weighty need?

LC & TP: Absolutely, we felt the heavy responsibility of addressing the urgent need for safeguarding training in the church, deeply aware of the spiritual battle surrounding abuse. Each time a church leader was exposed in the media for abusing their power, it was gut-wrenching, especially when compounded by reports of cover-ups (while we also see this exposure as a critical opportunity for the church to confront these issues head-on).

We have had to remind ourselves of the character of God—that he is a God of justice who cares deeply for the vulnerable. We are called to participate in this work alongside him, and he has been faithful to equip and sustain us. As coauthors we were able to support and challenge one another throughout the process, and that partnership gave us the courage we needed. We think that courage fueled by collaboration is essential for anyone committed to making a real difference in safeguarding efforts. This is not a work you can do alone.

JB: What's next for you?

LC & TP: We aim to offer consultations for helping professionals such as counselors, missionaries, and ministry leaders that are focused on personal wellness and resilience, empowering them to lead from a place of health and strength. In addition, we are conducting research on the personal risks involved in providing trauma care, a concept termed absorption vulnerability, and are in the process of developing an assessment tool to measure helpers' risks and provide prevention tools. ■

SEXUALITY AND SEX THERAPY

A COMPREHENSIVE CHRISTIAN APPRAISAL

February 2025

RELIGION / Sexuality & Gender Studies

978-1-5140-1097-6, 384 Pages, CBD, 6 x 9 inches, \$60.00

Psychology & Counseling

A Comprehensive Survey of Human Sexuality from a Christian Perspective

The field of human sexuality is one of ever-increasing complexity, particularly for Christian therapists and psychologists seeking to be faithful to Scripture, informed by science, and sensitive to culture. In *Sexuality and Sex Therapy*, Mark Yarhouse and Erica Tan offer a survey and appraisal of this field from a Christian perspective, grounding sex therapy in the biblical affirmation of physicality and the redemptive purposes of human life. This second edition:

- integrates the latest research with a Christian worldview as the authors explore sexual dysfunctions as well as various clinical issues and treatments,
- updates key research findings in each chapter, and
- addresses more recent societal trends related to gender identity, non-normative sexualities, digital and social media, and other areas of interest.

Not only have Yarhouse and Tan written a standard resource for Christian therapists and counselors, but they also challenge the church to talk more honestly and openly about the blessing of human sexuality.

“Not just recommended, this book is mandatory for any serious Christian therapist.”

Joshua Matlack, psychologist and outpatient therapist at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services



Mark A. Yarhouse (PsyD, Wheaton College) is the Dr. Arthur P. Rech and Mrs. Jean May Rech Professor of Psychology at Wheaton College, where he directs the Sexual and Gender Identity Institute and serves as a core faculty member in the doctoral program in clinical psychology. His books include *Understanding Gender Dysphoria*, *Modern Psychopathologies*, and *Family Therapies*.



Erica Tan (PsyD, Regent University) is a licensed psychologist in Oregon and an adolescent and family team member at Portland DBT Institute. In addition, she provides training and consultation in DBT nationally with PDBTI.

“This resource is indispensable for professionals navigating the complexity between sexuality and faith. This edition integrates up-to-date research with Christian theology, addressing significant topics like non-normative sexualities, gender dysphoria, and societal trends, making it invaluable for clinicians, pastoral caregivers, and scholars.”

Danisa Suarez, certified sex therapist with CCI Counseling

“Their updated work provides us with a much-needed resource with a value-added component that is a tremendous enhancement to what is offered in the field today.”

C. Gary Barnes, professor of counseling at Dallas Theological Seminary and director of the Institute for Sexual Wholeness

FREEDOM TO HEAL

A CHRISTIAN CLINICIAN'S GUIDE TO TREATING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

March 2025

PSYCHOLOGY / Psychotherapy / Spiritually Integrated
978-1-5140-0751-8, 272 Pages, CBD, 6 x 9 inches, \$45.00

Psychology & Counseling

A Practitioner's Guide to Caring for Survivors of Sexual Abuse

For adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, there is no easy road to healing. Yet there is hope for true freedom—to thrive, to love others, and to love God.

Tammy Schultz, Hannah Estabrook, and Adam David Dell have written a go-to resource for faith-based practitioners caring for survivors of sexual abuse. Drawing from their personal experiences and work with survivors, the authors discuss the integration of theology and mental health practices and the healing pathways of the counseling journey. They also incorporate current research into each chapter, offering evidence-based, practical guidance. This book:

- reflects on biblical trauma narratives that show God's concern for survivors,
- helps counselors and caregivers compassionately comprehend survivors' experiences,
- suggests evidence-based therapeutic approaches and practices that address individualized needs,
- addresses vicarious traumatization and sustainable practices for clinicians and caregivers, and
- recommends interventions and resources to equip practitioners with next steps.



Tammy Schultz (PhD, Indiana State University) is professor of clinical mental health counseling and co-coordinator of the Trauma Certificate Program at Wheaton College. She is a licensed counselor and has coauthored numerous articles on trauma healing and other topics.



Hannah Estabrook (MA, Grace College) is a mental health clinician with a focus on supporting individuals who have transitioned from the sex trade. She is the cofounder of Sanctuary Night, a pioneering harm reduction drop-in center for marginalized women.



Adam David Dell (PsyD, Indiana State University) is board certified in clinical psychology, lectures nationwide, and provides therapy in hospitals and private practice. He is a veteran of the US Air Force, where he served as an active-duty psychologist, and previous director of emotional well-being services at the Notre Dame Wellness Center.

"The words on every page are pastorally sensitive, clinically wise, eminently researched, and brimming with survivor testimony. Too often, the topics of sexual abuse and trauma healing are either overlooked or sensationalized, rather than approached with God's kindness, bold care, and radical hope."

Preston McDaniel Hill, professor of integrative theology and co-chair of integration at Richmond Graduate University

WHY I AM ROMAN CATHOLIC

ECUMENICAL DIALOGUE SERIES

August 2024

RELIGION / Ecumenism & Interfaith

978-1-5140-0314-5, 176 Pages, PBK, 5.5 x 8.5 inches, \$18.00

Ecumenism

The Roman Catholic tradition in Christianity is breathtaking, complex, and rich in insight about what it means to follow God.

But what does it look like to claim this tradition as one's own? And how does this intersect with the reality of our daily and personal lives?

In this vulnerable and succinct volume, theologian Matthew Levering addresses the heart of these questions. Bringing together personal memoir and theology, he reflects on why he identifies as Roman Catholic and considers how this tradition addresses what it means to follow and participate in the life of the Triune God as a finite creature. Rather than shy away from the challenges this tradition presents, Levering presses into these challenges to offer an honest yet hopeful account of being Roman Catholic.

The **Ecumenical Dialogue Series** seeks to foster ecumenical dialogue across theological differences. In each volume, contributors explore what it means to be Christian, what it means to identify with a specific tradition in Christianity (Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox), the challenges and benefits of their tradition, and how they can create dialogue and unity across historically tense division.



Matthew Levering (PhD Boston College) is the James N. Jr. and Mary D. Perry Chair of Theology at University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois. He is the author or coauthor of over thirty-five books including *Scripture and Metaphysics*, *Participatory Biblical Exegesis*, and *Engaging the Doctrine of Israel*. He is also the director of the Center for Scriptural Exegesis, Philosophy, and Doctrine, and a longtime member of Evangelicals and Catholics Together.

"At its very core it is more than a work of ecumenism. It is an inspirational work of Christian devotion that conveys the sheer joy of drawing close to Christ."

Han-luen Kantzer Koline, DeWitt Professor of Theology and Church History at Western Theological Seminary

"Like Augustine's Confessions, Matthew Levering's *Why I Am Roman Catholic* is not just another testament to how someone with a great heart and a great mind found his way to the Catholic Church. It is a treasury of saintly wisdom, theological insight, and personal testimony, and as such, an invitation to consider anew the tradition Levering loves and from which he has learned so much."

John Betz, associate professor of systematic theology at the University of Notre Dame

"Rising above the noise of sensationalist apologetics is Matthew Levering's calm yet passionate apologia. Levering is a scholar's scholar, so his treatment of the question is both welcome and needed, and he is able to cut to the heart of the discussion in a nonconfrontational and engaging way."

Jim L. Papandrea, professor of church history and historical theology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Why I Am Roman Catholic

INTERVIEW WITH THE AUTHOR



ZACH GORDON *IVP associate managing editor*

Zach Gordon: In your opinion, what is missing from contemporary ecumenical dialogue? How do you hope your book will contribute to the conversation?

Matthew W. Levering: I think of ecumenism as a dialogue of friendship and fellowship. Not that this is missing from the contemporary ecumenical dialogue, but rather that more of it is always welcome! My book aims to reach Protestants and Catholics who are interested in deepening our ecumenical connections of friendship and fellowship, grounded in faith in Jesus Christ, hope in the Lord's power to save and renew, and charity as the bond of true communion. This book is an exercise in what St. John Henry Newman describes as "heart speaks to heart." Let me also say that in a time when culturally speaking it is difficult to pass on faith in Christ, all Christians need to help one another in sharing the gospel. It is not a time to form a circular firing squad! Christians easily feel under pressure and on the defensive, if they dare to stick up for core truths. So, let's lift each other up and rejoice in the good that we receive from other Christians.

ZG: If there is one thing you hope readers will take away from your book, what is it?

MWL: Testimony to living faith—not merely mine as an individual, but rather the communion of saints and teachers from the past 2,000 years. This is a book of personal testimony; it explains why I am a Christian and why I love being Catholic. But the core point of the book is not about why I as an individual am Catholic, and I wrote the book partly to show that the real testimonies come from the amazing saints and teachers on whom I rely as guides and friends in Christ. My faith in Christ is not something that I carry alone but rather it is rooted in the glorious cloud of witnesses whose teachings I introduce in this book.

ZG: What most surprised you as you were writing this book? Was there anything you discovered that you didn't expect?

MWL: The book was drafted during the first year after my beloved mother's death, which was also the Covid year! And while revising the book, I turned fifty and dealt with some other difficult situations. So, this is a part of the book for which I had not planned when I signed the contract! But even more surprising to me was how grateful I felt while learning from the saints and teachers who populate much of the book. Their trials and their Christ-centered and God-centered faith and love are such a huge inspiration.

ZG: This book was perhaps more personal than a typical academic monograph. What was that like for you?

MWL: Under the surface of all my monographs are deeply personal concerns, interests, and loves. I never write on anything unless I feel passionate about it. Fortunately, Christianity is filled with wonderful things, so I always have more to write about; there is never a shortage of opportunities. This book, however, has more directly personal testimony and when it was published, I did feel just a bit more

vulnerable, worried that I might have made a fool of myself. But it was a great opportunity to testify to Christ and to speak honestly about my life in Christ thus far. I suppose that the proof will be in the pudding; we will see what readers think about it! They may tell me to return to writing my academic monographs, and of course I love to do that.

ZG: What is your message to readers who may be picking up the book in a posture of questioning their tradition?

MWL: I hope that all readers will be comfortable and relaxed, inasmuch as I am not pressuring people to become Catholics. The book is not apologetics—although I like apologetics! My book is about Jesus Christ, about the excitement of coming to know him, about my life as a strongly committed Catholic follower of Jesus Christ who loves all committed Christians. I grew up without God, Jesus, or the Bible, and I believe that the reason I am Catholic is because God personally called me and my wife, for which I am profoundly grateful. What God is doing in other people's lives belongs to God's providence. The Catholic Church is a treasure trove because Jesus is there, enabling believers to share in him and inviting them upward in the spiritual life—not least through trials. Believe in Jesus and love God—that is my core message! ■

HABITS OF HOPE

EDUCATIONAL PRACTICES FOR A WEARY WORLD

November 2024

EDUCATION / Philosophy, Theory & Social Aspects
978-1-5140-1070-9, 160 Pages, CBD, 6 x 9 inches, \$26.00

Education

In the world of education, disorientation and uncertainty have been increasing for several decades, with the Covid-19 pandemic only exacerbating preexisting challenges.

Christians called to academic vocations need authentic hope to sustain them in their work—and they need to be able to share that hope with a weary world.

Habits of Hope explores a Christian understanding of hope and how it applies to the work of educators, administrators, scholars, and others in academia. Essays by master practitioners focus on six key educational practices and describe how these practices can cultivate hope within educators as well as among their students and everyone they serve:

- integration
- reading
- conversation
- writing
- diversity
- teaching

Contributors include Hans Boersma; Kimberly Battle-Walters Denu; Kevin G. Grove, CSC; Cherie Harder; Jon S. Kulaga; Philip Graham Ryken; David I. Smith; and Jessica Hooten Wilson.

Christian hope, these thinkers are convinced, has two fundamental characteristics: it's tied inextricably to the world to come, inaugurated by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; and it's active in its very nature. *Habits of Hope* combines theology and practical application to help educators find hope and infuse it throughout every area of their work.

"In a time of cultural collapse, this collection inspires hope as faithful obedience but also an antidote for a weary age. This hope is not a fleeting wish, but a purposeful, spiritual assurance that can be cultivated in practices for teaching, writing, learning, conversation, and considering the other. In these inspiring habits of hope, we see the vital contribution Christian education might offer the world."

Michael D. Hammond, president of Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts

"*Habits of Hope* offers a transformative road map for students and teachers navigating today's challenges. The essays in this book present a vision of education oriented toward the end of communion with God. A great, thought-provoking, and inspiring read for such a time as this."

Edgardo A. Colón-Emeric, Irene and William McCutcheon Professor of Reconciliation and Theology and dean of the Divinity School at Duke University



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PASSING THE TORCH

AN APOLOGY FOR CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

April 2025

RELIGION / Christian Education / Children & Youth
978-1-5140-1130-0, 240 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$30.00

Education

What is the purpose and meaning of classical education?

Imagine a world where education isn't just about information transfer but about shaping the soul, where students are nurtured to become virtuous, morally self-regulating citizens. *Passing the Torch* makes an energetic case for the critical role of classical Christian education in today's world. From the pre-Christian musings of Plato to the modern reflections of C. S. Lewis, *Passing the Torch* intertwines the wisdom of diverse epochs to argue for an educational renaissance grounded in classical Christian values.

Passing the Torch takes educators and parents on a literary and philosophical pilgrimage that includes:

- **Bibliographic Essays:** Each essay serves as a gateway to key texts and influential thinkers, making it an invaluable guide for educators and homeschooling parents alike.
- **Close Readings:** Delve into thoughtful examinations of pivotal figures such as Augustine, Rousseau, and Dorothy Sayers offering an intimate understanding of the moral and educational imperatives they championed.
- **Passionate Advocacy:** *Passing the Torch* ignites a fervor for the value and necessity of classical Christian education that is both infectious and inspiring.

In an era where educational paradigms often prioritize technological proficiency over moral formation, *Passing the Torch* is a call to return to the roots of classical Christian education.

"This book is a staggering achievement. Written by the foremost contemporary authority on the intersection of classicism and Christianity, this triumph of scholarship encompasses the best that has been thought and said about education and virtue in the entire Western tradition from Aristotle through C. S. Lewis. This book is a complete sourcebook for thinking Christianly about education today."

Leland Ryken, emeritus professor of English at Wheaton College and author of sixty-five books



Louis Markos (PhD, University of Michigan) is professor of English and scholar in residence at Houston Baptist University. He is the author of many books, including *The Myth Made Fact: Reading Greek and Roman Mythology through Christian Eyes*; *Ancient Voices: An Insider's Look at Classical Greece*; *From Achilles to Christ: Why Christians Should Read the Pagan Classics*; *Atheism on Trial: Refuting the Modern Arguments Against God*; *On the Shoulders of Hobbits: The Road to Virtue with Tolkien and Lewis*; and *Restoring Beauty: The Good, the True, and the Beautiful in the Writings of C. S. Lewis*.

MINISTERS OF A NEW MEDIUM

BROADCASTING THEOLOGY IN THE RADIO MINISTRIES OF FULTON J. SHEEN AND WALTER A. MAIER

September 2024 **NOW IN PAPERBACK**

HISTORY / United States / 20th Century

978-1-5140-1096-9, 368 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$38.00

History of Christianity

Named Best Major Publication by Concordia Historical Institute

During the anxiety-laden period from the Great Depression through World War II to the Cold War, Americans found a welcome escape in the new medium of radio. Throughout radio's "Golden Age" religious broadcasting in particular contributed significantly to American culture. Yet its historic role often has been overlooked.

In *Ministers of a New Medium*, Kirk D. Farney explores the work of two groundbreaking leaders in religious broadcasting: Fulton J. Sheen and Walter A. Maier. These clergymen and professors—one a Catholic priest, the other a Lutheran minister—each led the way in combining substantive theology and emerging technology to spread the gospel over the airwaves. Through weekly nationwide broadcasts, Maier's *The Lutheran Hour* and Sheen's *Catholic Hour* attracted listeners across a spectrum of denominational and religious affiliations, establishing their hosts—and Christian radio itself—as cultural and religious forces to be reckoned with.

Farney examines how Sheen and Maier used their exceptional erudition, their sensitivity to the times, their powerful communication skills, and their unwavering Christian conviction, all for the purpose of calling the souls of listeners and the soul of a nation to repentance and godliness. With careful attention to both the theological content and the cultural influence of these masters of a new medium, Farney's study sheds new light on the history of media and Christianity in the United States.

"... an edifying examination of mid-century American Christian radio"

Publishers Weekly Review



Kirk D. Farney (PhD, University of Notre Dame) is vice president for advancement, vocation, and alumni engagement and a member of the history faculty at Wheaton College (Illinois).

"In an age when many lament the corrosive effect of new media on faith and morals, the efforts of Sheen and Maier to harness emerging technologies in service of their respective faith traditions offer not only an interesting story about America's past but also a measure of hope for its future."

Kathleen Sprows Cummings, director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, and author of *A Saint of Our Own: How the Quest for a Holy Hero Helped Catholics Become American*

"Read this to be informed of an important era in Christian history and to be inspired to utilize technology in our time for Christ."

Ed Stetzer, executive director of the Wheaton College Billy Graham Center and dean of the School of Mission, Ministry, and Leadership

MOTHERS, CHILDREN, AND THE BODY POLITIC

ANCIENT CHRISTIANITY AND THE RECOVERY OF HUMAN DIGNITY

October 2024

RELIGION / Christianity / History

978-1-5140-0912-3, 240 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$26.00

History of Christianity

How we talk about human life matters.

In Western post-Christian society, humans are thought of less like precious image bearers and more like commodities. The canary in the coal mine of this ideological shift is often women and children, which manifests itself in the seemingly built-in disdain towards motherhood and children for their lack of production of economically valuable goods.

Classics scholar Nadya Williams draws from voices both ancient and modern to illuminate how Christians can value human life amidst an empire that seeks to dehumanize that which is most precious. Bringing insights from the beliefs and practices of the early church in Greco-Roman context about motherhood, raising children, and human life, Williams suggests there is a way to recapture a vision that affirms the imago Dei in each person over and above our economic contribution to society.



Nadya Williams (PhD, Princeton) walked away from academia after fifteen years as a professor of history and classics. She is now a homeschool mom, book review editor at *Current*, and a contributing editor at *Providence* magazine. She is the author of *Cultural Christians in the Early Church* (Zondervan Academic, 2023), and numerous articles and essays in *Current*, *Plough*, *Christianity Today*, *Front Porch Republic*, *Fairer Disputations*, *Law and Liberty*, *Church Life Journal*, and others.

"A scholarly yet conversational and timely examination of how Christianity transformed a casually cruel culture, how our society increasingly resembles its pagan past, and how we can better value mothers, children, and indeed all image bearers of God."

Bonnie Kristian, editorial director of ideas and books at Christianity Today and author of *Untrustworthy* and *A Flexible Faith*

"The author's deep knowledge of history and poetry of the pre-Christian Roman world makes her a perceptive guide through its brutalities too, some of which bear disturbing likeness to our own. Then Jesus came, and the soul felt its worth: the author reminds us that the gospel recognizes every soul as precious. Williams bids readers to transform pro-life concerns into commitment to full human flourishing."

Agnes Howard, author of *Showing: What Pregnancy Tells Us About Being Human*

"In this far-seeing, deeply personal book, Nadya Williams offers the gift of intelligent, alert, learned conviction—a beam of light aimed at dark corners of our lives and our world, past and present. She not only exposes us for who we're not, but she also shows us who we might yet become. It's a vision no Christian can afford to miss."

Eric Miller, professor of history and the humanities at Geneva College

SWING LOW, VOLUMES 1 & 2

A HISTORY & ANTHOLOGY OF BLACK CHRISTIANITY IN THE UNITED STATES

October 2024

RELIGION / Christian Church / History

History of Christianity

A Groundbreaking Portrait of African American Christianity

The dynamic witness of the Black church in the United States is an essential part of Christian history that must be heard and dependably retold.

In this groundbreaking two-volume work, Walter R. Strickland II has identified five theological anchors grounding African Americans in Christian orthodoxy:

- Big God
- Jesus
- Conversion and walking in the Spirit
- The Good Book
- Deliverance

VOLUME 1: A HISTORY OF BLACK CHRISTIANITY IN THE UNITED STATES

In volume 1, a narrative history, Strickland tells the story of these themes from the 1600s to the present. He explores the crucial ecclesiastical, social, and theological developments, including the rise of Black evangelicalism as well as broader contributions to politics and culture.

VOLUME 2: AN ANTHOLOGY OF BLACK CHRISTIANITY IN THE UNITED STATES

Volume 2, a companion anthology, covers the breadth of these historical developments by presenting primary-source documents so we can listen to Black Christianity in its own words.

From a 1776 sermon by pastor Lemuel Haynes to podcasts and interviews with people like Christina Edmondson and Lecrae, these selections illustrate the diversity, creativity, and resilience of the Black church throughout American history. The anthology features familiar names such as Phillis Wheatley, Gardner C. Taylor, and Martin Luther King Jr., as well as authors and leaders who are largely unknown, revealing insights from the church, academy, and beyond.

Casebound

978-1-5140-0936-9, 272 Pages,
CBD, 6 x 9 inches, \$45.00

Paperback

978-1-5140-0420-3, 272 Pages,
PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$28.00

Casebound

978-1-5140-0900-0, 520 Pages,
CBD, 6 x 9 inches, \$70.00

Paperback

978-1-5140-0422-7, 520 Pages,
PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$45.00



Walter R. Strickland II (PhD, University of Aberdeen) is associate professor of systematic and contextual theology at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has coauthored or contributed to several books, including *For God So Loved the World: A Blueprint for Kingdom Diversity*. He is a host of the White Horse Inn podcast and founder of Cultural Engagement and Aptree Learning.

"Walter Strickland's narrative of Black American Christianity provides a well-researched, carefully organized, and immensely informative history of an immensely important subject. The accompanying volume of well-chosen and well-introduced documents makes a valuable project even more useful. With its focus on Black Protestants, these books are landmarks for the exploration of the nation's past and its perennial struggles over race."

Mark Noll, author of *America's Book: The Rise and Decline of a Bible Civilization, 1794–1911* and *C. S. Lewis in America*.



JON BOYD IVP associate publisher and academic editorial director

Walter Strickland's *Swing Low* is a rich, in-depth project of historical understanding in two complementary volumes: a comprehensive narrative of the history of Black Christianity in America since colonial times alongside a full volume of historical documents enabling readers to hear the voices of the African American church for ourselves.

Jon Boyd: What a wide-ranging project! Were there surprises the material held for you as you researched and wrote?

Walter Strickland: One of the most profound discoveries I encountered was the remarkable depth of theological and pastoral engagement exhibited by African American Christian leaders in the 1890s, in particular ministers like Charles Octavius Boothe and the authors of *The Negro Baptist Pulpit*. These leaders thrived due to the post-Emancipation legalization of literacy for African Americans and access to a rich tapestry of Christian literature while remaining deeply rooted in the African American Christian tradition.

I was also struck by African Americans who deliberately adopted the term “evangelical” to affirm historic Christian doctrinal convictions while intentionally applying them to the lives of African Americans. Pastors and ministers such as William H. Bentley, Tom Skinner, and William Pannell insisted on applying Scripture to the Black experience, thereby providing a contrasting voice to Black liberationists. Despite their significant contributions, they remain relatively unknown because they focused on incarnational ministry rather than documenting their thoughts in journal articles and monographs.

JB: You identify five “anchors” crucial to the diverse tradition of Black Christianity. Are there any in particular that most need attention and understanding these days?

WS: The two anchors that need attention most are “The Good Book” and “Deliverance.” *Swing Low* demonstrates that African Americans are a Bible-centric people. Pre-Emancipation Black faith featured the telling and retelling of biblical narratives through story and song. During Reconstruction after the Civil War, this pattern intensified as Black literacy was largely driven by a desire to read Scripture for themselves—rather than having Scripture mediated by people whose misinterpretations were used to manipulate them. But now, among Christians and non-Christians alike, Bible literacy is plummeting. Tracing the history of “The Good Book” anchor drove me to reaffirm my commitment to God’s Word as a primary means of grace in my life—and I’m convinced *Swing Low* can do the same for others.

The “Deliverance” anchor also needs attention. Throughout Scripture God reveals himself as a deliverer. While liberation’s place in the biblical witness is nearly uncontested among African Americans, the methods employed to pursue liberation have been the locus of spirited debate—especially since the Civil Rights Movement. Throughout the

African American tradition, deliverance has consisted of a robust sense of salvific, social, and eschatological liberation

JB: If you could host a sit-down, time-travel dinner party, which people from *Swing Low* would you invite?

WS: It’s easy to answer this one! If I could turn back the hand of time, it would be to 1862, and I would host a dinner and invite Betsy Stockton (one of America’s earliest single female missionaries), evangelists Jarena Lee and Zilpah Elaw, abolitionist Sojourner Truth, and renowned educator Fannie Jackson Coppin.

Each of these remarkable women bore witness to the significance of their conversion and grounded their ministries in the power of the Holy Spirit. I would be eager to hear their stories of God’s power and grace in their lives and ministries. Initially, I’d be captivated by the differences in their ministry approaches due to the chronological gap from my own lifetime. However, I’d also love hearing how the gospel triumphed over racism and sexism. Moreover, I would seek their counsel on remaining faithful through life’s ups and downs, as I aspire to “finish the race and keep the faith” just as each of them did.

JB: What are the benefits of doing scholarly work in close collaboration and interdependence with others, as you have on various aspects of this project?

WS: African American Christianity is a communal expression of the faith, so it is fitting that the anthology volume was only possible because of a communal effort. The editorial team and I were encouraged by the broader community of faith as word about the anthology got out. To our surprise, we were met with more enthusiasm when people put their money where their mouth is by helping us to cover the copyright permissions from other publishers for literature included in the volume because of their desire to see the project come to fruition. This provided a deep resolve during the years of locating resources and seeking clearance to include them in the book. I was blessed to talk with the families of deceased brothers and sisters who offered wonderful firsthand stories about their loved ones and their contributions to the faith through their writing. This was an unexpected blessing beyond measure. ■

A PROPHET IN THE DARKNESS

EXPLORING THEOLOGY IN THE ART OF GEORGES ROUAULT

December 2024

RELIGION / Christianity / Literature & the Arts

978-1-5140-1105-8, 192 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$36.00

Literature & the Arts

Many consider Georges Rouault (1871–1958) to be one of the most important religious painters of the last few centuries.

Yet both the secular art world and the church have struggled to engage with his work, which is profoundly shaped by his Christian faith and also starkly explores the pain and darkness of human experience.

In this volume, a group of theologians, artists, and historians seek to bring Rouault out of the shadows. They offer a deeper understanding of the theological impulse of modern art and of Rouault's distinct contributions. Chapters explore how Rouault's unique work was influenced by his historical context, by personal suffering, and by biblical themes, especially the Passion of Christ. Essays are interspersed with original artistic responses to Rouault in the form of images and poetry, with contributions from Sandra Bowden, William A. Dyrness, Thomas Hibbs, Soo Kang, and others.



The **Studies in Theology and the Arts** Series encourages Christians to thoughtfully engage with the relationship between their faith and artistic expression, with contributions from both theologians and artists on a range of artistic media including visual art, music, poetry, literature, film, and more.



Wesley Vander Lugt (PhD, University of St Andrews) is adjunct professor of theology and acting director of the Leighton Ford Initiative for Theology, the Arts, and Gospel Witness at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte. His publications include *Living Theodrama: Reimagining Theological Ethics and Beauty Is Oxygen: Finding a Faith That Breathes*.

"In this volume, Wesley Vander Lugt gathers prescient insights from theologians, art historians, and artists to celebrate artist George Rouault's life and legacy. The popular notion is that modern art was entirely opposed to Christian belief. Rouault's studio practice powerfully upends that view. These essays bear witness to Rouault's faithful making and believing through two world wars and seasons of dark personal struggle."

Cameron J. Anderson, Distinguished Fellow for Art and Literature at The Lumen Center in Madison, Wisconsin

"Georges Rouault should be a household name for every believer who cares about the intersection of art and faith—and Wes Vander Lugt has assembled a deeply valuable resource to that end."

Bruce Herman, painter, writer, and educator

MAKERS BY NATURE

LETTERS FROM A MASTER PAINTER ON FAITH, HOPE, AND ART

January 2025

RELIGION / Christianity / Literature & the Arts

978-1-5140-0980-2, 240 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$28.00

Literature & the Arts

An Artist's Look at Theology, Art, and Philosophy

Dear Tom,

Thanks for writing again—and for this unusually philosophical response to my letter! In response: my theology of art is my theology. Period. I think of God as the Artist and all human artists as eternal apprentices. Consequently, all my thinking about God involves the centrality of beauty and the act of making. As I've said many times, we were made by a Maker to be makers. . . .

Bruce

In a series of fictional letters, respected artist and educator Bruce Herman passes on wisdom to a younger generation. He explores a wide array of practical, philosophical, and theological issues, such as:

- What is art versus craft? What is good art?
- What is the calling of an artist? Of a Christian artist?
- What do you do when you're stuck in your creative process?
- How should Christians relate to the contemporary art scene?
- What is beauty, and how is it relevant in our world?

Full of personal stories and behind-the-scenes looks at Herman's own artistic process, *Makers by Nature* also features full-color artwork by Herman and several of his former students. Artists and art lovers will find insight, wonder, and encouragement to consider the Maker's invitation to creativity, however it takes shape.

Bruce Herman (MFA, Boston University College of Fine Arts) is a painter, writer, and speaker. His art has been exhibited internationally and is in public and private collections worldwide. He taught studio art for nearly four decades at Gordon College, where he held the Lothlórien Distinguished Chair in Fine Arts.

"Bruce Herman has given us, and future generations of makers, an invaluable gift. Years of wisdom and advice given to countless young artists and those who care for culture have been compressed into this book. I am indebted to Bruce for what these letters teach me as an artist."

Makoto Fujimura, artist and author of *Art and Faith: A Theology of Making*

THE LAST ROMANTIC

C.S. LEWIS, ENGLISH LITERATURE, AND MODERN THEOLOGY

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RELIGION / Christianity / Literature & the Arts

978-1-5140-1051-8, 176 Pages, PBK, 5.5 x 8.5 inches, \$22.00

Literature & the Arts

Three Essays on C. S. Lewis and Romanticism

Many readers have heard C. S. Lewis's logical arguments for the Christian faith. Yet throughout his wide-ranging study and writing, Lewis often began with experience, intuition, and religious feeling rather than dogmatic assertions. The most profound questions of Lewis's own life, argues theologian and literary critic Jeffrey Barbeau, can be seen in his quest to understand the relationship between personal experience and the truth about the world around him.

In a series of three essays, Barbeau explores the influence of nineteenth-century Romanticism on the writings of C. S. Lewis. This theological and literary investigation reveals Lewis as a profoundly modern thinker and illuminates his ongoing relevance to contemporary debates about theology and culture. Essays and responses include:

- "C. S. Lewis and the 'Romantic Heresy,'" with response from professor Sarah Borden,
- "C. S. Lewis and the Anxiety of Memory," with response from professor Matthew Lundin, and
- "C. S. Lewis and the Sacramental Imagination," with response from professor Keith L. Johnson.

Based on the annual lecture series hosted at Wheaton College's Marion E. Wade Center, volumes in the Hansen Lectureship Series reflect on the imaginative work and lasting influence of seven British authors: Owen Barfield, G. K. Chesterton, C. S. Lewis, George MacDonald, Dorothy L. Sayers, J. R. R. Tolkien, and Charles Williams.



Jeffrey W. Barbeau (PhD, Marquette University) is professor of theology at Wheaton College. A theologian, literary critic, and historian, he is the author of numerous monographs, anthologies, and edited books, including *The Cambridge Companion to British Romanticism and Religion*, *The Spirit of Methodism: From the Wesleys to a Global Communion*, and *Religion in Romantic England: An Anthology of Primary Sources*.

"*The Last Romantic*—a bold claim about Lewis, yet one that Barbeau fully supports with fascinating detail—offers not only the best guide to Lewis's engagement with the Romantics, it is also a wonderful study of Lewis's thought and faith in general, as well as a wise meditation on connections between modern theology and the Romantic imagination. Enter this wardrobe and you will not come out the same."

James Engell, Gurney Research Professor of English
Literature at Harvard University

"There are so many books on Lewis that are simply a rehash of existing knowledge; by contrast, this is a work of fresh, detailed, illuminating scholarship. Barbeau's use of Lewis's personal annotations in the books in the Marion E. Wade Collection is a revelation and makes this book a permanent and important contribution to the study of Lewis's thought."

Malcolm Guite, Life Fellow at Girton College,
University of Cambridge

WHAT IS REALITY?

AN INTRODUCTION TO METAPHYSICS

October 2024

PHILOSOPHY / Metaphysics

978-1-5140-0680-1, 272 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$30.00

Philosophy

What is real? How do we determine what the fundamental structures of reality are?

In this **Questions in Christian Philosophy** volume, philosopher Ross Inman offers an introduction to metaphysics. He introduces us to the tradition of metaphysics in Western philosophy, explores what it means to do metaphysics as a Christian, and considers timeless and universal inquiries into the central topics of metaphysics: identity, necessity and possibility, properties, universals, substances, and parts and wholes.

With this academic but accessible primer, readers will be introduced to the key topics explored in contemporary metaphysics.



The **Questions in Christian Philosophy** Series features introductory textbooks that offer students a Christian perspective on the various branches of philosophy, enabling them as they seek to understand all facets of life including existence, knowledge, ethics, art, and more.



Ross D. Inman (PhD Trinity College Dublin) is associate professor of philosophy at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also teaches Great Books courses at the College at Southeastern and is the editor of the journal *Philosophia Christi*. He is a former research fellow at the University of Notre Dame's Center for Philosophy of Religion and at Saint Louis University. He is the author of *Christian Philosophy as a Way of Life: An Invitation to Wonder and Substance* and *the Fundamentality of the Familiar: A Neo-Aristotelian Mereology*.

"A fantastic work! Professor Inman's book is a brilliant exploration of fundamental concepts that shape our understanding of reality. With exceptional clarity and an engaging style, this work is indispensable for philosophy students who aspire to engage the best work in metaphysics."

Joshua Rasmussen, associate professor of philosophy at Azusa Pacific University and author of *Who Are You Really?*

"An inspiring achievement! Ross Inman ably demonstrates the vital role of metaphysics in clear thinking about God and all things in relation to God. Inman's *What Is Reality?* offers a rare and delightful blend of philosophical rigor and spiritual nourishment. This book is Christian philosophy at its best."

Paul M. Gould, associate professor of philosophy of religion and director of the master of arts in philosophy of religion program at Palm Beach Atlantic University

PREACHING IN A NEW KEY

CRAFTING EXPOSITORY SERMONS IN POST-CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

March 2025

RELIGION / Christian Ministry / Preaching

978-1-5140-1099-0, 240 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$28.00

Preaching & Homiletics

An Expository Preaching Guidebook for Post-Christian Communities

Preaching must connect with its hearers. As the perception of the pastor has changed in recent years, and as congregations battle with increasing doubt, preaching appealing solely to rationality doesn't resonate in the same way as it once did. Post-Christian generations find themselves looking less for a charismatic authority figure and more for healthy leaders who are relationally connected to their neighborhood.

Scholar and pastor Mark Glanville provides a fresh look into the art of crafting sermons for post-Christian contexts. In *Preaching in a New Key*, he teaches the craft of Christ-centered expository preaching from the ground up. Writing for both new and experienced pastors, Glanville recognizes that it is time for us to reset our compasses.

Bringing together elements that are too often apart, *Preaching in a New Key* teaches expository preaching integrated with creativity, cultural discernment, pastoral health, justice, missiology, and more. Filled with helpful resources for seminary students and pastors alike, this book includes:

- helpful visual aids to help prepare for writing a sermon,
- guides for how to structure a sermon, and
- examples that show how to implement preaching practices.

Preaching in a New Key offers a practical and refreshing vision for crafting sermons that are sustainable for the pastor and resonant with communities.



Mark R. Glanville (PhD, Bristol University) is associate professor of pastoral theology at Regent College, Vancouver, and an Old Testament scholar. He is the author of *Improvising Church, Refuge Reimagined, Adopting the Stranger as Kindred in Deuteronomy*, and *Freed to Be God's Family*.

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Joy E.A. Qualls, author of *God Forgive Us for Being Women: Rhetoric, Theology, and the Pentecostal Tradition*

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FAITHFUL POLITICS

TEN APPROACHES TO CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP AND WHY IT MATTERS

August 2024

RELIGION / Religion, Politics & State

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Political Science

Christians who seek to relate their faith to politics have always encountered tensions.

Instead of easy answers and simple checklists, we need tools to help us thoughtfully navigate the complexities of Christian faithfulness in an increasingly diverse and polarized society.

In this book, Miranda Zapor Cruz guides readers in forming a vision of citizenship that brings Christian convictions into political engagement while avoiding common pitfalls. Cruz provides a measured, nonpartisan overview of different ways Christians have approached political participation. These ten views represent a range of theological approaches to the relationship between the kingdom of God and the country, including Anabaptist, social gospel, principled pluralist, and Christian nationalist. Cruz describes strengths and weaknesses of each view, with a focus on Christian faithfulness.

In the United States, Cruz argues, Christians who share very similar faith convictions can arrive at different political conclusions. There are, however, principles from Scripture and theology that should inform our thinking and remind us that our ultimate citizenship is in the kingdom of God. *Faithful Politics* helps us learn from Christians of the past as we discern how to be salt and light in our own time and place.



Miranda Zapor Cruz is professor of historical theology at Indiana Wesleyan University. She holds a PhD in religion, politics, and society from Baylor University's J. M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies and an MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary.

"In an era dominated by clickbait headlines and disingenuous proof texts, Cruz's *Faithful Politics* is a breath of fresh air. This book is a trusty guide for any and all believers who are struggling to faithfully navigate the oft-bewildering and sometimes downright distressing landscape of American public life."

Heath W. Carter, associate professor of American Christianity and director of PhD studies at Princeton Theological Seminary

"The most comprehensive understanding of the role of the Christian believer in national politics from a biblical, theological, and historical perspective to date. A classic for generations. Research in *Faithful Politics* is extensive yet reads with ease. This is an essential book for leaders in all walks of life to have depth of understanding in public morals and social concerns impacting decision-making of the same."

Jo Anne Lyon, general superintendent emerita of The Wesleyan Church

THE RELIGION OF AMERICAN GREATNESS

WHAT'S WRONG WITH CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

October 2024

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RELIGION / Religion, Politics & State

978-1-5140-1207-9, 304 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$28.00

Political Science

Long before it featured dramatically in the 2016 presidential election, Christian nationalism had sunk deep roots in the United States.

From America's beginning, Christians have often merged their religious faith with national identity. But what is Christian nationalism? How is it different from patriotism? Is it an honest quirk, or something more threatening?

Paul D. Miller, a Christian scholar, political theorist, veteran, and former White House staffer, provides a detailed portrait of—and case against—Christian nationalism. Building on his practical expertise not only in the archives and classroom but also in public service, Miller unravels this ideology's historical importance, its key tenets, and its political, cultural, and spiritual implications.

Miller shows what's at stake if we misunderstand the relationship between Christianity and the American nation. Christian nationalism—the religion of American greatness—is an illiberal political theory, at odds with the genius of the American experiment, and could prove devastating to both church and state. Christians must relearn how to love our country without idolizing it and seek a healthier Christian political witness that respects our constitutional ideals and a biblical vision of justice.



Paul D. Miller (PhD, Georgetown University) is professor of the practice of international affairs at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and co-chair of the global politics and security concentration. He spent a decade in public service as director for Afghanistan and Pakistan on the National Security Council staff, an intelligence analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency, and a military intelligence officer in the US Army. Miller's writing has appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, *The Dispatch*, *The Washington Post*, *Providence Magazine*, *Mere Orthodoxy*, *The Gospel Coalition*, *Foreign Policy*, and elsewhere. He is the author of *Just War and Ordered Liberty*.

"I can think of no one more qualified to speak to the pressing issue of Christian nationalism than Paul Miller. Despite the bleak subject, this book is full of confidence, conviction, and hope. Liberal democracy matters. The kingdom of God matters more. Those who care about either or both should read this work."

Russell Moore, *Christianity Today*

"Paul D. Miller, a politically conservative, patriotic, old-style Republican, offers a thoughtful Christian critique of the most recent versions of Christian nationalism and its antecedents. Conservative Christians who suspect he may be wrong should at least give him a hearing. More progressive Christians can also learn from this balanced and constructive approach."

George Marsden, author of
Fundamentalism and American Culture

CITIZENSHIP WITHOUT ILLUSIONS

A CHRISTIAN GUIDE TO POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

November 2024

RELIGION / Religion, Politics & State

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Political Science

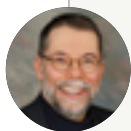
How can Christians live as citizens of God's kingdom while also fulfilling their responsibilities as citizens of political communities?

David Koyzis, author of *Political Visions and Illusions*, offers a brief, practical guide on political engagement and citizenship.

During numerous conversations with students and readers of his books in Canada, the United States, Brazil, Chile, the United Kingdom, and elsewhere, Koyzis has heard the same questions repeated. Can Christians participate in the public square without buying into political illusions—ideologies that become idolatrous? Is it better to avoid politics than risk ethical compromise or division among believers? In *Citizenship Without Illusions*, Koyzis presents a case for political engagement as a way to love our neighbors that doesn't require our full devotion to parties or ideologies. He explores key topics such as:

- the responsibilities of citizens
- how to vote
- mobilizing for political action
- citizenship under less-than-ideal circumstances
- the importance of both local and global engagement
- the role of the church in society

Using examples from various eras and places, Koyzis guides readers to make the best of their own political situations, make thoughtful decisions, and promote societal diversity while respecting those who disagree. With clear understanding and confidence in their ultimate allegiance, Christians can employ their citizenship for the greater good.



David T. Koyzis (is affiliated with Global Scholars Canada and is engaged in an international academic ministry of writing, researching, lecturing, and conversing with readers of his books. He is the author of *Political Visions and Illusions* and *We Answer to Another: Authority, Office, and the Image of God*.

"David Koyzis has done all Western Christians concerned with their civic, political, and social obligations a great service. Rather than accept faulty assumptions about the nature of citizenship, the nation-state, and the relationship between church and state that run rampant today, Koyzis engages with these ideas historically, philosophically, and theologically before ever turning to concrete guidance. This is an outstanding book worthy of serious consideration."

Trey Dimsdale, executive director of the Center for Religion, Culture, and Democracy at First Liberty Institute

HOPEFUL REALISM

EVANGELICAL NATURAL LAW AND DEMOCRATIC POLITICS

January 2025

PHILOSOPHY / Political

978-1-5140-0770-9, 264 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$26.00

Political Science

A Natural Law Framework for Evangelicals Today

During a time when political conversations are marked by deep polarization and difficult decision-making, what resources do evangelicals have to think critically and theologically about public life?

For political theorists Bryan T. McGraw, Jesse Covington, and Micah Watson, a crucial resource is to be found in natural law, a rich tradition of Christian political thought often neglected by evangelicals. Grounded in the hope and realism of the gospel, their evangelical natural law theory is deep in moral conviction yet oriented toward practical political decision-making. Relevant to all dimensions of political life, they show how an evangelical natural law framework can speak into debates about the economy, family life and marriage, violence and war, and religious freedom.

Hopeful Realism is a generous guide for evangelicals concerned with bringing their theological commitments to bear on their political judgments.



Jesse Covington (PhD, Notre Dame) is professor of political science and director of the Augustinian Scholars honors program at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California. He teaches and writes in the fields of political theory, political theology, and constitutional law, with particular interest in the interrelation of religion and government.



Bryan T. McGraw (PhD, Harvard University) is dean of social sciences and education and associate professor of politics at Wheaton College, where he also directs the Aequitas Fellows Program. He is the author of *Faith in Politics* and has published articles on pluralism, liberal democratic political thought, and the place of religion in public life.



Micah Watson (PhD, Princeton University) is the Paul Henry Chair for the Study of Christianity and Politics at Calvin University, where he also directs the politics, philosophy, and economics program.

"This sober, energizing work is a testament to the value of putting politics in its proper place for its own sake, and for the health of the Church."

Michael Wear, president and CEO of the Center for Christianity and Public Life and author of *The Spirit of Our Politics: Spiritual Formation and the Renovation of Public Life*

"This book isn't just abstract theorizing for fellow scholars; it's a serious resource for the evangelical church that could ground our political conversations in the unchanging wisdom of the Christian natural law tradition. It's desperately needed in one of American evangelicalism's most fraught moments."

Rachel Ferguson, director of the Free Enterprise Center at Concordia University Chicago and author of *Black Liberation Through the Marketplace: Hope, Heartbreak, and the Promise of America*

TO GAZE UPON GOD

THE BEATIFIC VISION IN DOCTRINE, TRADITION, AND PRACTICE

September 2024

RELIGION / Christian Theology / History

978-1-5140-0766-2, 248 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$30.00

Theology

Today, the doctrine of the beatific vision has been woefully forgotten within the church and its theology.

Yet, throughout history Christians have always held that the blessed hope of heaven lies in seeing and being in the presence of God, of beholding the beatific vision. With lucidity and breadth, Parkison reintroduces the beatific vision and affirms its centrality for the life of the church today. Parkison argues for the beatific vision's biblical foundations and reminds us—through close readings of theologians such as Anselm of Canterbury, Thomas Aquinas, Dante, Gregory Palamas, John Calvin, and Jonathan Edwards—of the doctrine's historical and contemporary significance. The beatific vision is about seeing God, and as Christians have acknowledged across the tradition, seeing God is our ultimate end.



Samuel G. Parkison (PhD, Midwestern Seminary) is associate professor of theological studies at Gulf Theological Seminary in the United Arab Emirates. He is the author of several books, including *Proclaiming the Triune God: The Doctrine of the Trinity in the Life of the Church* (coauthor), as well as *Thinking Christianly: Bringing Sundry Thoughts Captive to Christ*, and *Irresistible Beauty: Beholding Triune Glory in the Face of Jesus Christ*.

"This is easily the best primer on the beatific vision today. Samuel Parkison's scholarly yet wide-ranging treatment—Scripture, history, philosophy, theology—makes *To Gaze upon God* a valuable resource and accessible textbook. Grounded in a realist metaphysic, Parkison's moderate Reformed approach judiciously encourages evangelicals to take seriously the tradition's teaching on the transformative vision of God. Parkison effectively puts to rest the notion that the Reformation did away with belief in the beatific vision. Here is a book sure to rekindle our longing for happiness in God."

Hans Boersma, Nashotah House Theological Seminary, author of *Five Things Theologians Wish Biblical Scholars Knew*

"This book traces the full, long lines of the beatific vision from the Bible to today, with special attention to the near side, where the classic doctrine makes direct contact with evangelical Protestant commitments such as sola Scriptura and imputed righteousness. Late in the book, Parkison asks himself, 'Is it right for a Baptist to talk in this way?' It is a question worth pressing, and this is the book that answers it with a carefully considered, critical, and clear 'yes!'"

Fred Sanders, systematic theologian and professor at the Torrey Honors College at Biola University



Theology

KNOWING GOD THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

THREE VOLUMES IN ONE

Christopher J. H. Wright's Best Loved Books, Now in One Volume. This three-volume work will strengthen and deepen readers' personal relationships with the triune God by enabling them to know him through deep immersion and engagement with his Word, especially in the less familiar voices of the Old Testament. This is a voyage of biblical discovery, crossing many horizons and exploring especially the sources of our knowledge of God the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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Christopher J. H. Wright (PhD, Cambridge) is international ministries director of the Langham Partnership, providing literature, scholarships, and preaching training for pastors in Majority World churches and seminaries. He has written many books including commentaries on Deuteronomy, Jeremiah, Lamentations, and Ezekiel, *The Mission of God*, *Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit*, *Old Testament Ethics for the People of God*, and *Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament*.

THE JOURNEY OF MODERN THEOLOGY

FROM RECONSTRUCTION TO DECONSTRUCTION

Modernity has been an age of revolutions—political, scientific, industrial, and philosophical.

Consequently, it has also been an age of revolutions in theology, as Christians attempt to make sense of their faith in light of the cultural upheavals around them, what Walter Lippman once called the “acids of modernity.” Modern theology is the result of this struggle to think responsibly about God within the modern cultural ethos.

Now in paperback, *The Journey of Modern Theology* is vintage Olson: eminently readable, panoramic in scope, at once original and balanced, and marked throughout by a passionate concern for the church's faithfulness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. This will no doubt become another standard text in historical theology.



Roger E. Olson (PhD, Rice University) is professor of theology at George W. Truett Theological Seminary of Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He is the author of *The Story of Christian Theology: Twenty Centuries of Tradition Reform*, *The Mosaic of Christian Belief: Twenty Centuries of Unity Diversity*, and *Arminian Theology: Myths and Realities* (all InterVarsity Press).

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ON CLASSICAL TRINITARIANISM

RETRIEVING THE NICENE DOCTRINE OF THE TRIUNE GOD

October 2024

RELIGION / Christian Theology / Systematic
978-1-5140-0034-2, 832 Pages, HCV, 7 x 10 inches, \$70.00

Theology

Modern theology claimed that it ignited a renaissance in trinitarian theology. Really, it has been a renaissance in social trinitarianism.

Classical commitments like divine simplicity have been jettisoned, the three persons have been redefined as three centers of consciousness and will, and modern agendas in politics, gender, and ecclesiology determine the terms of the discussion. Contemporary trinitarian theology has followed the spirit of this trajectory, rejecting doctrines like eternal generation which were once a hallmark of Nicene orthodoxy and reintroducing subordinationism into the Trinity. With over forty contributions, this ecumenical volume resurrects the enduring legacy of Nicene orthodoxy, providing a theological introduction that listens with humility to the Great Tradition.

In *On Classical Trinitarianism*, you will find contributions from a wide range of scholars, including:

- Katherin Rogers
- Andrew Louth
- Gilles Emery
- Steven Duby
- Gavin Ortlund
- Adonis Vidu
- Carl Trueman
- Matthew Levering
- Fred Sanders
- Scott Swain
- Karen Kilby
- Amy Peeler
- Thomas Joseph White
- and more!

The distinct yet united voices of *On Classical Trinitarianism* summon the next generation to move past modern revisionism for the sake of renewing classical trinitarian theology today. Together, they demonstrate that Nicene orthodoxy can endure in the modern world and unite the church catholic.

"Matthew Barrett has compiled the perfect guest list of authors to celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. This is the perfect textbook for learning the biblical and trinitarian grammar of God—and for learning why retrieving classical trinitarianism matters more than ever."

Kevin J. Vanhooser, research professor of systematic theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School



Matthew Barrett is professor of Christian theology at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, the editor-in-chief of *Credo Magazine*, and director of the Center for Classical Theology. He is the author of the award-winning book *Simply Trinity: The Unmanipulated Father, Son, and Spirit* as well as the author of *The Reformation as Renewal: Retrieving the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church*.

THE PURSUIT OF SAFETY

A THEOLOGY OF DANGER, RISK, AND SECURITY

October 2024

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978-1-5140-0801-0, 312 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$40.00

Theology

What does it mean to pursue safety in the Christian life?

Safety is among the most important concerns of human life: we pursue it instinctively and go to great lengths to avoid danger or harm. However, the category of safety has received surprisingly little focused theological reflection. Important questions for the church have gone unanswered: How do secular understandings of safety shape our imaginations? How can Christians navigate the tension of pursuing safety as a creational good in light of the eschatological aims of discipleship?

In this volume in IVP Academic's Studies in Christian Doctrine and Scripture Series, theologian Jeremy Lundgren provides a constructive theological analysis of safety. After addressing the conceptual development of safety and risk through premodern, early modern, and late modern settings, he gives practical guidance to the contemporary church on how to faithfully engage with the pursuit of safety in the present day.

Studies in Christian Doctrine and Scripture, edited by Daniel J. Treier and Kevin J. Vanhoozer, promotes evangelical contributions to systematic theology, seeking fresh understanding of Christian doctrine through creatively faithful engagement with Scripture in dialogue with church tradition.

Jeremy Lundgren (PhD, Wheaton College) is director of Nicolet Bible Institute and coordinator of the MA in Biblical and Theological Studies program at Wheaton College.

"What difference does the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as well as Christians' conformation to this pattern of life play in our pursuit of safety? We often order our lives around the desire to maintain a sense of security, loading it with moral weight. In this book, Jeremy Lundgren deftly situates concepts of safety, risk, and harm within the redemptive narrative and the call to pursue a life ordered to the cross. Paying careful attention to the text of Holy Writ and offering numerous helpful conceptual distinctions along the way, this book is a theological masterclass well worth reading."

Daniel Lee Hill, assistant professor of Christian theology at Baylor University

"This is the book I didn't know I needed about a topic that proves to be immensely practical and applicable at the end of a global pandemic. It goes below the surface to help Christians seeking to figure out why people and governments reacted the way they did during those disorienting days. It's astonishing how easily Dr. Lundgren moves from a historical understanding of the theology of safety, through a biblical survey of risk, to why it is beneficial for leaders in the church to grasp these ideas today."

Jeff Brewer, executive director of WordPartners

TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE

CONSTRUCTIVE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE DOCTRINE OF DEIFICATION

October 2024

RELIGION / Christian Theology / Systematic

978-1-5140-0984-0, 368 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$40.00

Theology

The doctrine of deification or theosis has been gaining interest among scholars for some time.

Yet most publications on the topic have focused on Orthodox and Roman Catholic traditions and have subsumed the discussion under the category of soteriology. If “being transformed into the same image” (2 Corinthians 3:18) is truly essential to the Christian life, a fuller understanding of this biblical concept is needed for Christians of all traditions.

In this volume, biblical scholars and theologians offer a constructive account of deification that breaks new ground in key ways. First, several essays focus on the work of major Protestant thinkers and Protestant expressions of the doctrine—including Lutheran, Reformed, Baptist, Wesleyan, Pentecostal, and Evangelical. Second, contributors incorporate deification into arenas that have thus far remained largely unexplored, such as the relationship between justification and deification, applications for theological education, how deification compares with transhumanism, the impact of translation philosophy on the visibility of deification in Scripture, and perspectives on deification in global Christianity.

Contributors include both senior and younger scholars from a variety of backgrounds, including Alister McGrath, Ann Jervis, Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, Ben C. Blackwell, and Michael Gorman. *Transformed into the Same Image* invites readers to dive deeper into the doctrine of deification and continue the conversation.



Paul Copan (PhD, Marquette University) is the Pledger Family Chair of Philosophy and Ethics at Palm Beach Atlantic University. His books include *The Gospel in the Marketplace of Ideas*, *An Introduction to Biblical Ethics*, and *Creation Out of Nothing*.



Michael M. C. Reardon (PhD, University of Toronto) is academic dean and professor of New Testament and historical theology at Canada Christian College and School of Graduate Theological Studies.

“These excellent essays show that evangelical reflection on theosis, with its view of deification not just as salvation for the individual but as the return of the whole of creation to its divine fullness, is of much more than intra-confessional interest. This is a book of truly ecumenical significance.”

Norman Russell, honorary research fellow at the University of Oxford and author of *The Doctrine of Deification in the Greek Patristic Tradition*

“This collection of well-written and groundbreaking essays by a diverse array of fine scholars provides a number of fascinating perspectives on the doctrine of theosis. With a unique (but not exclusive) focus on a spectrum of Protestant viewpoints and ways of approaching deification, this work significantly advances the discussion and is sure to spark further research and dialogue on, among other things, what it means for Christians to be in Christ by faith and reflect the glory of God.”

John C. Peckham, research professor of theology and Christian philosophy at Andrews University in Berrian Springs, Michigan

LIGHT UNAPPROACHABLE

DIVINE INCOMPREHENSIBILITY AND THE TASK OF THEOLOGY

November 2024

RELIGION / Christian Theology / Systematic

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Theology

How can finite creatures know an infinite God? How does limited knowledge impact what we can say of God?

Retrieving and constructing important insight from Scripture and key patristic, medieval, early modern, and modern theologians, Ronni Kurtz presents a rich analysis of the doctrine of divine incomprehensibility. Our theological language, says Kurtz, cannot capture the full mystery of God. However, our inability to see God in his totality should not lead us to despair. Through God's gracious accommodation, we can learn to speak of God faithfully, truthfully, and prayerfully.

Kurtz's dialogue with varying traditions to unpack divine accommodation reminds us that theologians in all ages have wrestled with what we can and cannot say of God.



Ronni Kurtz (PhD, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary) is an assistant professor of theology at Cedarville University. He is also the author of *No Shadow of Turning: Divine Immutability and the Economy of Redemption* and *Fruitful Theology: How the Life of the Mind Leads to the Life of the Soul*.

"Ronni Kurtz has provided for us a masterful demonstration of how incomprehensibility must be accepted as a divine perfection and therefore as something extolling God's glory. This volume shows the implications of this attribute for the practice of theology itself, showing that the knowledge of God does not imply conceptual mastery."

Adonis Vidu, Andrew Mutch Distinguished Professor of Theology at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

"With the grace of an experienced teacher, Ronni Kurtz shows why the confession of God's ultimate incomprehensibility has formed the heart of Christian theology since at least the fourth century. His book draws the reader into the depths of the God revealed as mystery."

Andrew Radde-Gallwitz, professor in the program of liberal studies at the University of Notre Dame

"Kurtz's *Light Unapproachable* starts out with solid Christian common sense about how God accommodates revelation to us, then elaborates it with biblical analysis, fortifies it with historical witnesses, and applies it to a project in theological method with great promise for a wide range of readers."

Fred Sanders, systematic theologian and professor at the Torrey Honors College at Biola University

TRIUNE RELATIONALITY

A TRINITARIAN RESPONSE TO ISLAMIC MONOTHEISM

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Theology

For centuries, Christians and Muslims have engaged each other in debate and critique.

A key area of disagreement is the nature of God: Is God a Trinity or absolutely one? To promote interfaith dialogue, Christians must understand the history of the conversation and also articulate the doctrine of the Trinity in reasonable, compelling ways.

In this New Explorations in Theology volume, Sherene Nicholas Khouri offers both historical and constructive responses to Islamic objections to the doctrine of the Trinity. Khouri considers arguments from Arabic Christian theologians and philosophers in the eighth to tenth centuries, primarily John of Damascus, Theodore Abū Qurrah, and Yahyā Ibn cAdī. When Muslims expanded beyond the Arabic peninsula, Christians in occupied regions were spurred to defend the Trinity against the Islamic understanding of tawhid, the absolute oneness of Allah, and against misconceptions of Christian belief.

While Christians today debate models of the Trinity with each other and with Muslims, they can be confident that Christians throughout history have believed in triune relationality and found in the doctrine of the Trinity an invitation to personal relationship with the divine.



Featuring new monographs with cutting-edge research, **New Explorations in Theology** provides a platform for constructive, creative work in the areas of systematic, historical, philosophical, biblical, and practical theology.



Sherene Nicholas Khouri (PhD, Liberty University) is assistant professor of Arabic at Liberty University and also teaches courses on theology, apologetics, Arabic Christianity, and Islam in the John W. Rawlings School of Divinity. Born in Damascus, Syria, she served the Arabic church in the Middle East for thirteen years.

"Triune Relationality shares with readers the riches of Eastern Christian theological tradition. As Christians today reflect on dialogue with Islam, they will benefit immensely from Khouri's thoughtful presentation of three Christian theological masters who lived under early Muslim rule and defended not only the coherence but also the beauty of Christian doctrine on the Trinity and the incarnation."

Gabriel Said Reynolds, Crowley Professor of Islamic Studies and Theology at the University of Notre Dame

"This book on the oneness of God links the past and the present. It adds to the recent trend of drawing attention to Eastern writers of the past who can speak to Western and other readers in the present. Khouri introduces us to sometimes complex terrain, yet we emerge not only with ideas clarified but with a renewed sense of the importance of the topic."

Martin Whittingham, academic dean at the Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies Oxford

GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM

EXPLORING HISTORY, POLITICS, AND BELIEFS

February 2025

RELIGION / Comparative Religion

978-0-8308-5195-9, 352 Pages, PBK, 6 x 9 inches, \$40.00

World Religions

A Comprehensive Overview of Christianity and Islam

Together, the adherents of Christianity and Islam make up over half of the world's population, and their numbers are expected to keep growing. The influence of these two faiths—and their relations with each other—is seen in politics, economics, and social interactions. Religious identity and aspirations remain powerful and appealing to people around the world. Understanding global realities today requires understanding the histories and dynamics of the world's largest religions.

This book provides a comprehensive overview of Christianity and Islam, covering three interrelated areas:

- historical developments and encounters,
- the influence of religion on politics, and
- religious beliefs and worldviews.

Drawing from decades of experience teaching around the world, Wahba clarifies core beliefs that influence the actions of Muslims and Christians and their attitudes toward the other faith. This book demonstrates how learning from the past should help us avoid repeating mistakes in interactions between religious communities.



Wafik W. Wahba is professor of global Christianity at Tyndale University in Toronto, Canada. He has taught and lectured on global Christianity and Christian-Muslim relations in twenty-five countries, including in the United States, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and South America. He has contributed to several publications, including *Edinburgh Companion to Global Christianity*, *The Rowman and Littlefield Handbook of Christianity in the Middle East*, and Cascade's series *The Global Story of Christianity*.

"Dr. Wahba's invaluable service is in his laying out the basic factors, historically, the intertwining of faith and politics and in their respective core beliefs. This is a must-read for those seeking to understand these two major and global faiths."

Brian C. Stiller, global ambassador for the World Evangelical Alliance and president emeritus at Tyndale University

"It is a must-read for any scholar who needs an introductory work on Christian-Islamic comparative studies."

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