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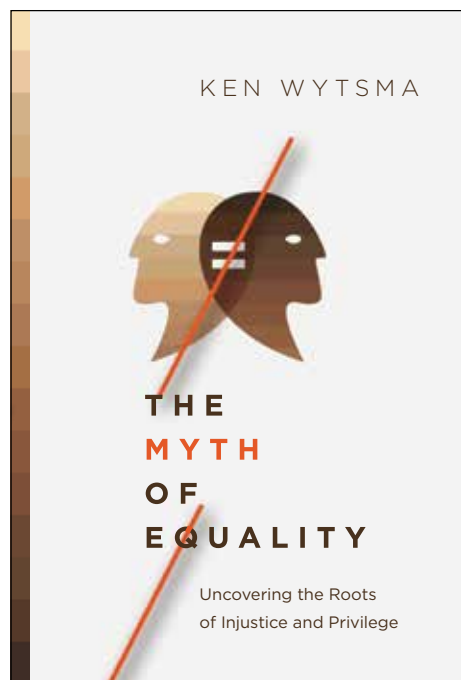
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The Myth of Equality: Uncovering the Roots of Injustice and Privilege

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Privilege Isn't Just a Headline

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

"I'm hoping that this book can serve as an introduction for people who feel that something is wrong, are looking for a way to understand the roots of racism in America, or are looking for language to make sense of their experience," says Ken Wytsma about his new book, *The Myth of Equality*.

In this timely, insightful book, Wytsma unpacks what we need to know to be grounded in conversations about today's race-related issues. And he helps us come to a deeper understanding of both the origins of these issues and the reconciliation work that still needs to be done.

He answers questions such as:

- You say that privilege isn't just an interesting topic or hotly debated issue, but a deeply religious subject. How does this issue tie in with faith?
- Why is it important to understand our history when we talk about privilege and race relations in our country?
- How do you respond to those who view racism as a past issue that no longer affects us today?
- Why is it important for white leaders to engage with the topic of race and privilege? What unique perspective do you have to offer on this issue as a white man?

Author Biography



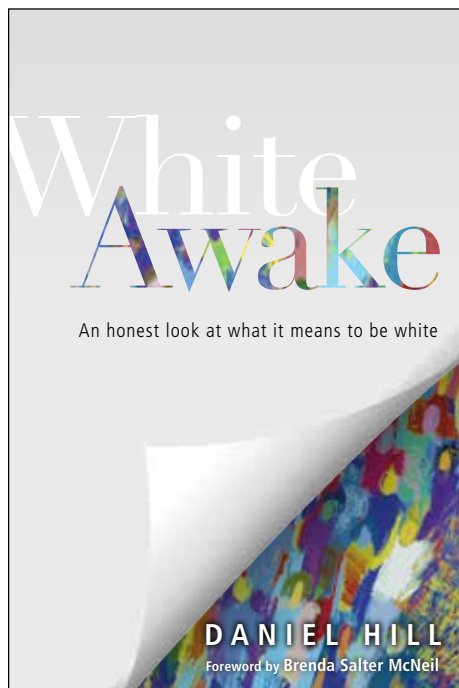
KEN WYTSMA is a leader, communicator, and social entrepreneur. He is the author of *Pursuing Justice*, *The Grand Paradox*, and *Create vs. Copy*. *Publishers Weekly* has called him "one of the new breed of evangelical Christians returning to scripture to redeem justice as a central tenet of faith." Wytsma is the founder of The Justice Conference, an annual international conference that introduces people to a wide range of organizations and conversations related to biblical justice, which has reached over twenty thousand people at conferences across five continents.

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"I've witnessed Ken's journey toward deeper understanding of the construct of race, its impact on individuals and communities of color, and what redemption requires. . . . Through The Myth of Equality, Wytsma offers a peek at his homework. But this is no cheat sheet. It's a journal of discoveries shared with humility, grace, and unrelenting commitment to truth."

—LISA SHARON HARPER, chief church engagement officer, *Sojourners*



White Awake: An Honest Look at What It Means to Be White

September 2017

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Chicago Pastor Explores White Cultural Identity and Its Impact on Reconciliation

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Daniel Hill, the author of *White Awake*, has spent decades working and investing in the city of Chicago. As a part of his work as the founding pastor of River City Community Church, Hill has been engaging in reconciliation efforts in the city as well as contributing to the broader conversation concerning race and injustice.

In the last two years, Hill has emerged as a national thought leader in the arena of racial reconciliation, with interviews on CNN, Fox News, and *Jet Magazine* as the most recent examples. *White Awake* chronicles the stages of his own journey into understanding and embracing his white cultural identity.

- Unpacks the concept of cultural identity
- Shows how this understanding of identity is important to current events
- Explores how racial identity is a social construct and identifies its central immorality
- Identifies the phrase “narrative of racial difference” as underlying many of the issues impeding reconciliation efforts
- Shares a theology of identity outlined in seven stages

Author Biography



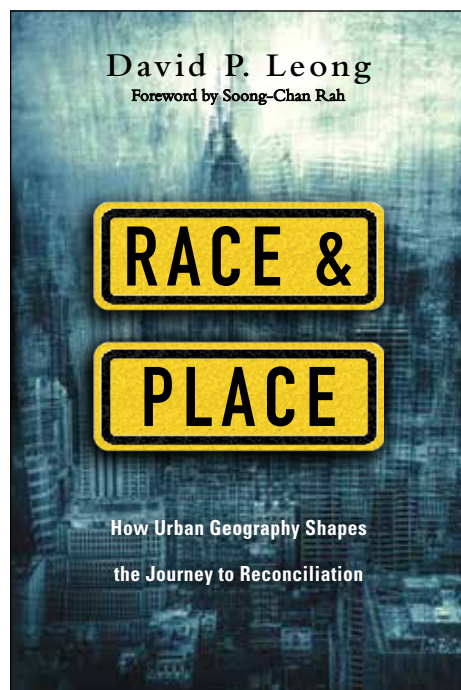
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“For about two decades, Daniel Hill has been wrestling with what it means to be a white man in America and a white pastor in the city of Chicago. He is fearlessly curious and inquisitive. When things get uncomfortable, he leans in. This book is Daniel’s invitation to lean in to the current moment and join the movement for racial justice—lest we discover a generation from now that we slept through a revolution.”

—SHANE CLAIBORNE, author and activist



Race and Place: How Urban Geography Shapes the Journey to Reconciliation

February 2017

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The Future of Racial Reconciliation Is Geographic

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In the foreword to David Leong's *Race and Place*, Soong-Chan Rah writes: "To change the social imagination of a community, a church, a denomination, and even a nation requires hard work. For those who are just beginning their journey toward biblical racial justice, this book offers an important primer. For those who have grown weary of trying to explain the reality of injustice in the world, this book offers markers and guideposts to persevere in that conversation. I am so grateful for David Leong's fresh and unique look at race in America. I will 'never look at another freeway, public school, or suburban home the same way again.'"

Throughout this critical book—amid conversations about walls, division, and barriers—Leong looks at questions such as:

- How do geographic structures hinder the work of reconciliation? Why were those structures created in the first place?
- Where does the term *ghetto* come from, and why is it important to understand in twenty-first-century America?
- Why is racial unrest so prevalent now and primarily in urban areas?
- Why does focusing on individual morality amid community building and healing not result in full reconciliation?

Author Biography



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"Joining God's dream for our neighborhoods compels us to answer the clarion call of racial justice and reconciliation. But for way too long, conversations about race haven't included place, and vice versa. With the insight of a scholar and wisdom that only comes from putting ideas into practice, Dr. Leong offers an invitation to the belonging, solidarity, and hope we so desperately need today. If you believe we need each other, you need this book. If you don't believe we need each other, you need this book. I'm so grateful for this timely contribution."

—TIM SOERENS, cofounding director, The Parish Collective, coauthor of *The New Parish*



Beyond Colorblind: Redeeming Our Ethnic Journey

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Trainer in Ethnicity Calls Christians to Engage Racial Injustice in America

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Though it's easy to claim "colorblindness," the persistent problems of racism and prejudice in America show we are far from a post-racial society. In *Beyond Colorblind*, Sarah Shin leads readers into a deeper awareness of their own ethnicities, addressing the beauty and brokenness of our ethnic stories to reveal the real issues of injustice, racial tension, and disunity that exist in our world. Shin then introduces ethnicity-awareness skills that help to rebuild trust and relationships with people from all backgrounds.

"We don't live in a world that is in need of colorblind diversity, because diversity that rests on colorblindness seems to lead to chaos," Shin writes. "We need something beyond colorblindness, something that both values beauty in our cultures and also addresses real problems that still exist in our society decades after the civil rights movement."

- What harm does colorblindness cause by denying persistent race-related problems in America as well as negating the beauty found in ethnic differences?
- How has Christians' lack of understanding of ethnic identity and avoidance of race-related questions caused distrust and pushed people away from Jesus?
- How can Christians approach the topic of race with hope, love, and sincerity instead of addressing it out of fear, shame, or anxiety?
- Why is it important to take the time to understand our own ethnic identities?
- Why should Christian voices be the ones calling for change and reform in our culture to build a just and ethnically aware society?

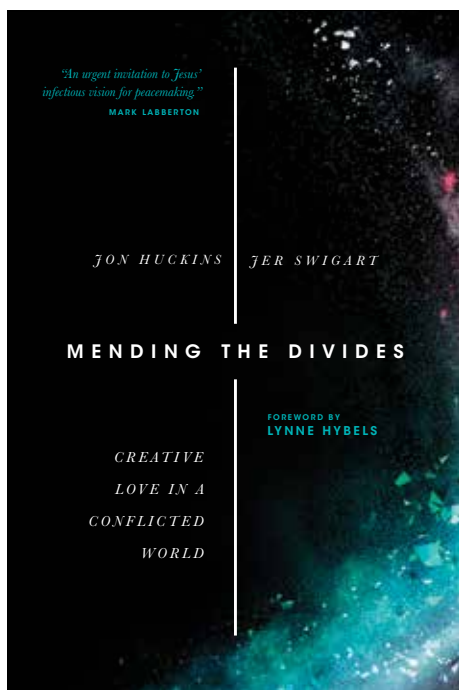
Author Biography



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"Sarah Shin does what no one else has been able to do—connect a clear gospel summary with our stories of ethnic identity and reconciliation. I hope that not only every staff, but also every student leader in the country will read this book. I can't remember the last time I was so expectant for a book."

—DOUG SCHAUPP, associate national director of evangelism, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship



Mending the Divides: Creative Love in a Conflicted World

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Be a Peacemaker in a World of Conflict

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Jon Huckins and Jer Swigart, cofounders of the peacemaking training organization The Global Immersion Project, lead Christians into the hope-filled and intentional work of peacemaking in *Mending the Divides*. Both authors are deeply committed to peacemaking—in their local communities, in our nation, and in the Middle East. *Mending the Divides* collects their wisdom and experience in a book filled with practices that Christians can follow to wage peace against the endless interpersonal, local, and international conflicts facing our world. Inspiring stories from Christians who are living out these peacemaking practices reveal how we can all become everyday peacemakers.

- Is peace an unrealistic ideal to work toward in a world where conflict, hatred, and injustice seem to be the norm rather than the exception?
- How can Christians be peacemakers in large international conflicts, such as the ongoing refugee crisis?
- How can Christians be peacemakers in their neighborhoods and personal lives?
- How can Christians uncover biases and prejudices ingrained through upbringing, brand of church, and preferred media sources that prevent peacemaking?

Author Biographies



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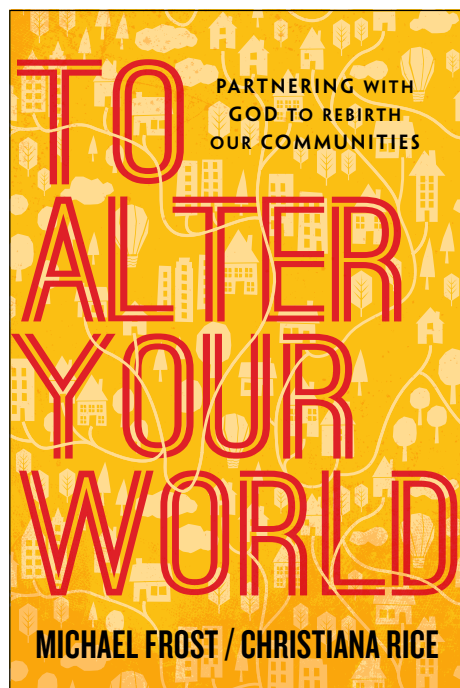
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To Alter Your World: Partnering with God to Rebirth Our Communities

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Rebirthing Our Communities

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Renowned missional leaders Michael Frost and Christiana Rice introduce the bold metaphor of a midwife to depict us as God's birthing attendants as the kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. With groundbreaking ideas and practical illustrations from all corners of the globe, *To Alter Your World* will change the way you see how your church can partner in God's world-altering mission.

Frost and Rice write, "This book is about satisfying the desire to see the church altering the trajectory of culture in the way God envisions. To do so will involve new ways of thinking about community, politics, business, education, health care, art, religion, and society itself. It will involve everyone, not just the clergy. It will involve not merely asking what kind of church the world needs, but what kind of a world God is giving birth to."

Author Biographies



MICHAEL FROST is an internationally recognized Australian missiologist and one of the leading voices in the missional church movement. He is the vice principal of Morling College in Sydney, Australia, and the founding director of the Tinsley Institute, a mission study center located at Morling College. A popular speaker around the world, he has written more than a dozen books, including *The Shaping of Things to Come*, *Exiles*, *The Road to Missional*, and *Incarnate*.

An expert in church planting, Frost cofounded the Forge Mission Training Network with Alan Hirsch. He remains an international director of that movement, which is now based in the United States.

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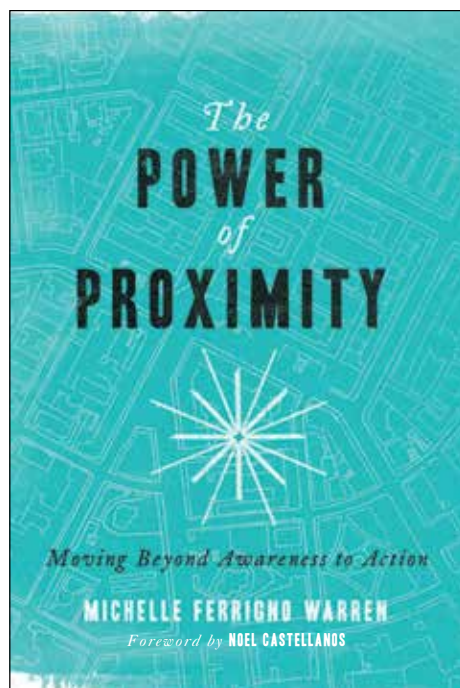
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The Power of Proximity: Moving Beyond Awareness to Action
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Proximate to the Pain of the Poor

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

We can see evidence of injustice all around us, whether in continuing incidents of racial inequality or in the systemic forces that disenfranchise people and perpetuate poverty. But in an age of hashtag and armchair activism, merely raising awareness about injustice is not enough. Michelle Warren and her family have chosen to live in communities where they are “proximate to the pain of the poor.” She says, “To be a Christian and to be aware of injustice is not enough; as Christ-followers we are compelled to engage at a deeply personal and inconvenient level. You cannot eradicate injustice in your spare time. The church needs to get serious about injustice and engage it in an active way. Talking about injustice—even good theologically based discussion—is not enough to do anything of substance. You cannot fix a problem you don’t understand. You will never understand it from a distance.”

- Proximity to the poor changes those who become proximate.
- Proximity to the poor compels an active response from the person who becomes proximate.
- Proximity to the poor is an active engagement of the injustice of the poor because it moves you toward a shared action to eradicate it.

Author Biography

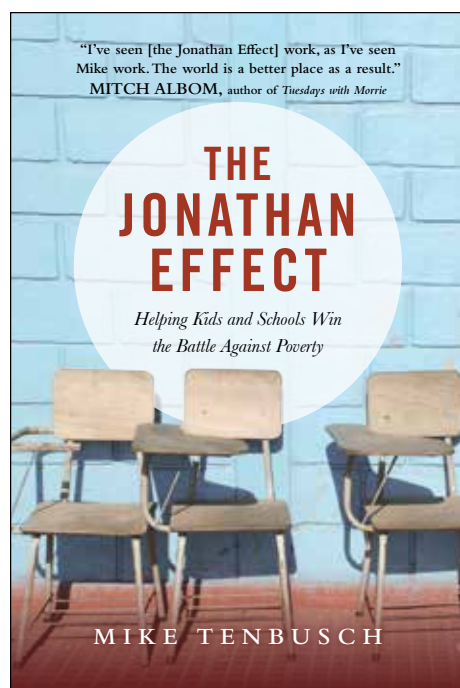


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“The great Holocaust writer and survivor Elie Wiesel says that we are most universal when we are most particular. Michelle Warren takes us through her individual and particular journey in a way that powerfully reveals the core of the call to all of us, wherever we come from, to love mercy and do justice.”

—ALEXIA SALVATIERRA, coauthor of *Faith-Rooted Organizing*



The Jonathan Effect: Helping Kids and Schools Win the Battle Against Poverty

November 2016

\$16, 191 pages, paperback

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Turning Around America's Toughest Schools

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Detroit native and longtime advocate for youth education Mike Tenbusch brings readers into the classrooms of the toughest schools in America through *The Jonathan Effect*, providing firsthand accounts of the hardships faced by children living in extreme poverty. Combining his passion and experience, Tenbusch calls churches to be part of the solution to poverty in America by coming alongside schools to build loving, long-term relationships with students in a way that no other institution can. These unique relationships help students be successful, meeting their needs and allowing them to achieve their destinies while making church members' lives more meaningful too. "There are 300,000 churches and only 100,000 schools," Tenbusch writes. "This is a battle we can win."

Author Biography



MIKE TENBUSCH is the CEO of Uncommon Solutions, LLC, a consulting firm helping urban schools, churches, and impact organizations create strategies to improve conditions and outcomes for kids. Born and raised in Detroit, he has had a lifelong calling to make Detroit a better place to be a kid and to raise a family, and he served as chief impact officer for United Way in Southeastern Michigan as part of his twenty years of leading change in the city.

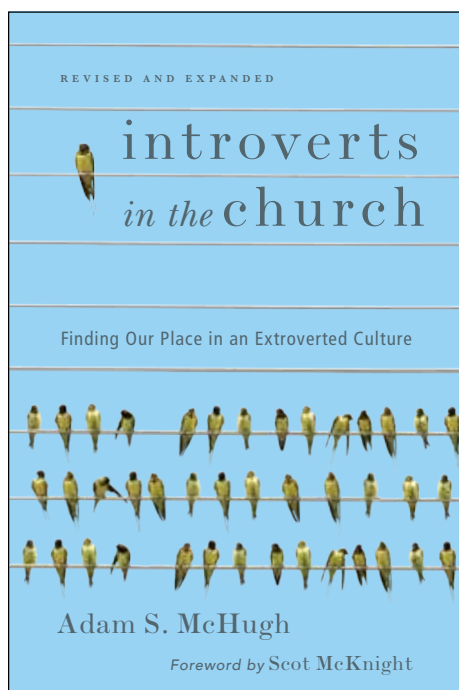
A graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, Tenbusch cofounded Think Detroit (now Detroit PAL), an organization that serves fourteen thousand children each year. He also served on the Board for Detroit Public Schools, helped a charter school district graduate more than 90 percent of its first high school class, and created a plan and led the effort to turn around the city's most challenged high schools. Named one of Crain's 40 Under 40 in 2008, he launched a training center for young people in partnership with bestselling author Mitch Albom. He and his wife, Maritza, live with their three children outside Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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"The Jonathan Effect is not only a blueprint for social action, it is a reflection of an author who does more than write: he lives his philosophies and employs his own call to action. With this book, Mike Tenbusch dismantles a current crisis with an age-old approach—begin with caring, trust your beliefs, get out to where the problem is, and never give up on children. I've seen it work, as I've seen Mike work. The world is a better place as a result."

—MITCH ALBOM, author of *Tuesdays with Morrie*



Introverts in the Church: Finding Our Place in an Extroverted Culture

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Can Introverts Thrive in the Church?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Introverts in the Church is essential reading for any introvert who has ever felt out of place as well as for church leaders who want to make their churches more welcoming to introverts. Adam McHugh shows how introverts can live and minister in ways consistent with their personalities. He explains how introverts and extroverts process information and approach relationships differently and how introverts can practice Christian spirituality in ways that fit who they are. This expanded edition includes the following:

- More information about the struggles of introverted parents and ministering to introverted children
- New research that has been conducted in the last few years about introversion, neurology, and sensitivity to stimuli
- Recent studies on the effectiveness of introverted leaders
- A new introduction and revised chapters

Author Biography



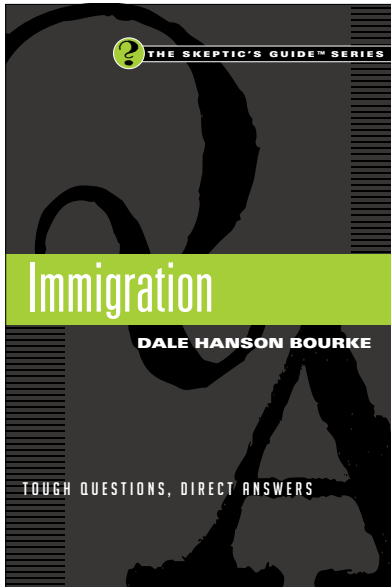
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"As an author and consultant, I have seen firsthand the struggles that introverts face in a society built for extroverts. But I have also seen how powerful introverts can be once they embrace the gifts of a quiet and thoughtful temperament. In this deeply felt and beautifully reasoned guide for introverts in the church, pastor Adam McHugh shows the way for introverted Christians to find peace within themselves and their community."

—SUSAN CAIN, author of *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*



Immigration: Tough Questions, Direct Answers
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Making Sense of Immigration

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

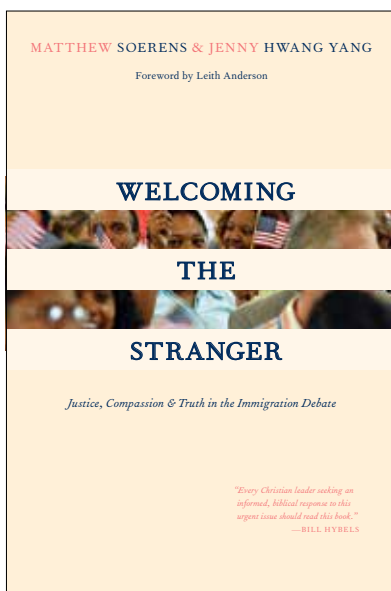
How can we be sure terrorists aren't entering our country? Do immigrants help or hurt the economy? What's wrong with calling someone an illegal immigrant? In this Skeptic's Guide respected journalist Dale Hanson Bourke sheds light on key terms and concepts, historical events, and current concerns that drive the immigration debate.



DALE HANSON BOURKE currently serves on the board of MAP International and the Center for Interfaith Action on Global Poverty (CIGA). She has been a nationally syndicated columnist and was publisher of Religion News Service and editor of *Today's Christian Woman*.

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Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion and Truth in the Immigration Debate
 January 2009
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ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

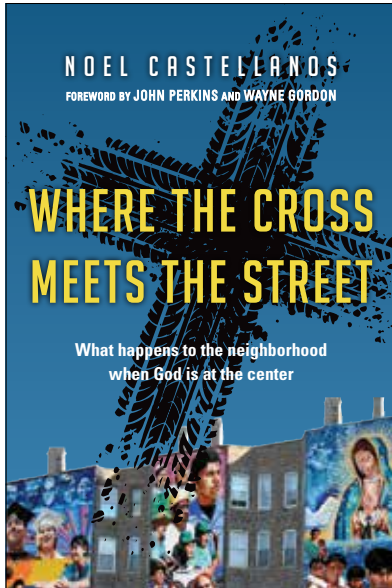
World Relief staffers Matthew Soerens and Jenny Hwang Yang move beyond the rhetoric to offer a Christian response to immigration, putting a human face on the issue and telling stories of immigrants' experiences in and out of the system. They debunk myths and misconceptions about immigration and point toward immigration reform that is compassionate, sensible, and just. Activist Shane Claiborne said, "Here is a reminder that as a people of rebirth our love does not stop at the borders of nations."



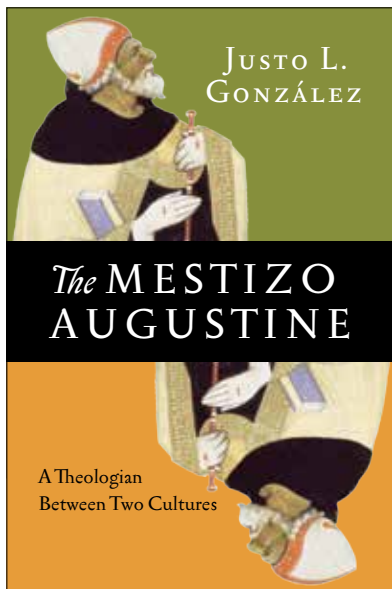
MATTHEW SOERENS serves as the US church training specialist for World Relief, the humanitarian arm of the National Association of Evangelicals. Previously, Soerens served as a Board of Immigration Appeals-accredited legal counselor with World Relief's office in Wheaton, Illinois.



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Where the Cross Meets the Street: What Happens to the Neighborhood When God Is at the Center
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The Mestizo Augustine: A Theologian Between Two Cultures
November 2016
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Voices for a Culturally Diverse World

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Noel Castellanos, Christian Community Development Association CEO, writes, “We must expand our current paradigm of gospel-centered ministry to make certain that it puts the millions of people surviving on the fringes of our world at the center of our concern, because the margins are at the center of God’s concern.” Castellanos shows the strengths and limitations of a narrowly focused church and broadens our imaginations to embrace a gospel that proclaims Christ and forms disciples. This life-giving gospel also demonstrates compassion, confronts injustice, and restores individuals and communities to wholeness.



NOEL CASTELLANOS was appointed to serve on President Obama’s Council for Faith and Neighborhood Partnerships and has served as the chaplain for the Chicago Cubs. He has worked in full-time ministry in Latino urban communities since 1982 and now serves as chief executive officer of Christian Community Development Association (CCDA).

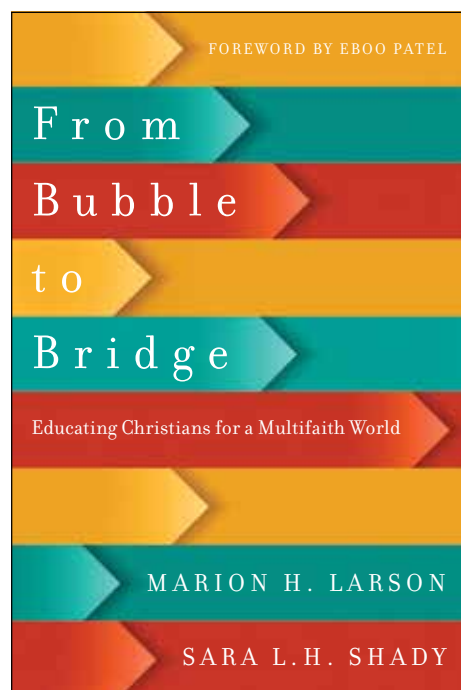
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ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Augustine experienced what Latino/a theology calls *mestizaje*, which means being of a mixed background. Cuban American historian and theologian Justo González looks at the life and legacy of Augustine from the perspective of his own Latino heritage and finds in the bishop of Hippo a remarkable resource for the church today. *The Mestizo Augustine* can serve as a lens by which to see afresh not only the history of Christianity but also our own culturally diverse world.



JUSTO L. GONZÁLEZ (PhD, Yale University) is an ordained United Methodist minister, a retired professor of historical theology, and author of the highly praised three-volume *History of Christian Thought* and the two-volume *The Story of Christianity*. He previously taught at the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico and the Candler School of Theology of Emory University. Besides his continued research and publication, he spends most of his energy promoting the theological education of Latino and Latina leaders.



From Bubble to Bridge: Educating Christians for a Multifaith World

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How to Engage with a Multifaith World

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

“Too often when it comes to forging meaningful and ongoing relationships with people of different faith traditions, Christians retreat to the more comfortable ‘bubbles’ of Christian college campuses and campus organizations,” write Marion Larson and Sara Shady. “But, in order to address the challenges facing our world today, we must learn how to engage and partner with people from different religious traditions.”

Together Larson and Shady not only make the case that we can love our religious neighbors without diluting our commitment, but also offer practical wisdom and ideas for turning our faith bubbles into bridges of religious inclusion and interfaith engagement.

Author Biographies



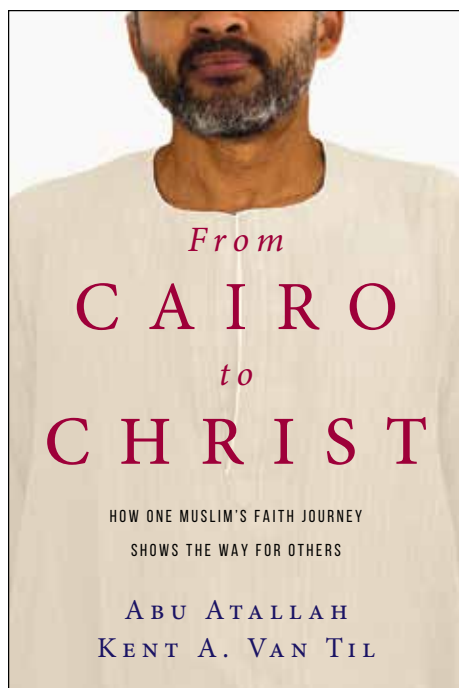
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“From Bubble to Bridge arrives just in time. When fear and mistrust have grown in our national politics, we need to develop our understandings of each other in Christian love. Through these personal, thoughtful, and well-written essays, Larson and Shady have given us just what we need to grow our ethic of love across religious boundaries.”

—BRIAN HOWELL, professor of anthropology, Wheaton College, author of *Short Term Mission*



From Cairo to Christ: How One Muslim's Faith Journey Shows the Way for Others

July 2017

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An Egyptian Muslim's Encounter with Christ

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

From Cairo to Christ is the remarkable story of how one Muslim man was drawn to the Christian faith and how he later became an ambassador for Christ with a ministry in the Muslim world. Abu Atallah's story sheds light on Islamic cultural dynamics and helps Westerners understand the struggles of Muslim-background believers. This compelling narrative of Atallah's faith journey broadens Westerners' perspectives on Muslims and demonstrates how God is bringing surprising numbers of Muslims to Christ.

Author Biographies

ABU ATALLAH is the founder and CEO of European Training Centre and a pastor, professor, and missionary with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. He was born and raised in Egypt, and after his conversion he was involved with Campus Crusade at Cairo University. In 1979 he came to the United States, where he attended the Urbana missions conference and heard God's call to minister to his people.

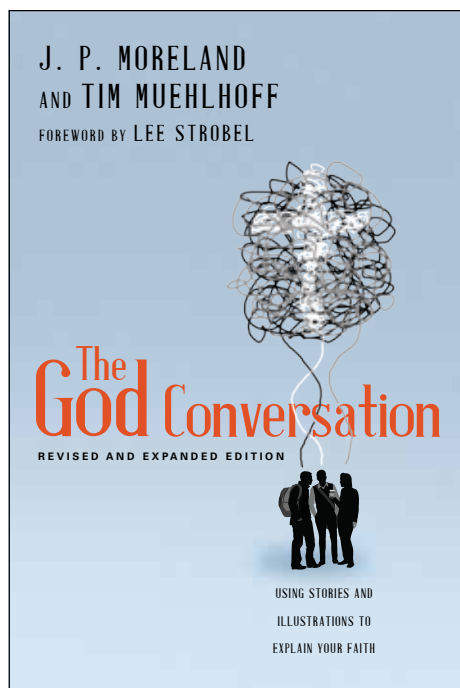
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"From Cairo to Christ is both a compelling first-person narrative of one Egyptian Muslim's journey to Christ and into fruitful Christian ministry among Muslims globally and a helpful analysis of Islam and Muslims in our twenty-first-century world. Abu Atallah doesn't downplay profoundly disturbing aspects of Islam, nor does he hesitate in critiquing some embarrassing negative Christian attitudes toward Muslims. . . . I warmly commend it to those who desire to better understand and befriend both their Muslim neighbor and their Christian friend who was once a Muslim."

—DON LITTLE, missiologist, *Pioneers*, director, The Lilia Trotter Center, author of *Effective Discipling in Muslim Communities*



The God Conversation: Using Stories and Illustrations to Explain Your Faith

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Expanded Tenth Anniversary Edition of *The God Conversation*

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Veteran apologists and communicators J. P. Moreland and Tim Muehlhoff say that the best way to win over others is with a good story. Stories have the ability to get behind our preconceptions and defenses. This expanded edition of *The God Conversation* includes new chapters and updated stories and illustrations throughout. Moreland and Muehlhoff describe how to answer tough questions such as:

- Can God be good if terrorists exist?
- Who's right? Jesus, Buddha, or Muhammad?
- Is the resurrection a conspiracy theory or a fact?
- Are we an accident?

Author Biographies



J. P. MORELAND (PhD, University of Southern California) is distinguished professor of philosophy at Talbot School of Theology at Biola University in La Mirada, California. He is the author, coauthor, or contributor to over ninety-five books, including *Does God Exist?*, *In Search of a Confident Faith*, *The God Question*, and *Debating Christian Theism*.

In his distinguished career, Moreland has coplanted three churches, spoken, and debated on over one hundred and seventy-five college campuses around the country, and served with Campus Crusade for Christ for ten years. Moreland's ideas have been covered by both popular religious and nonreligious outlets, including the *New Scientist*, *Christianity Today*, PBS's "Closer to Truth," and *WORLD* magazine. In 2016, Moreland was selected by the Best Schools as one of the "fifty most influential living philosophers."

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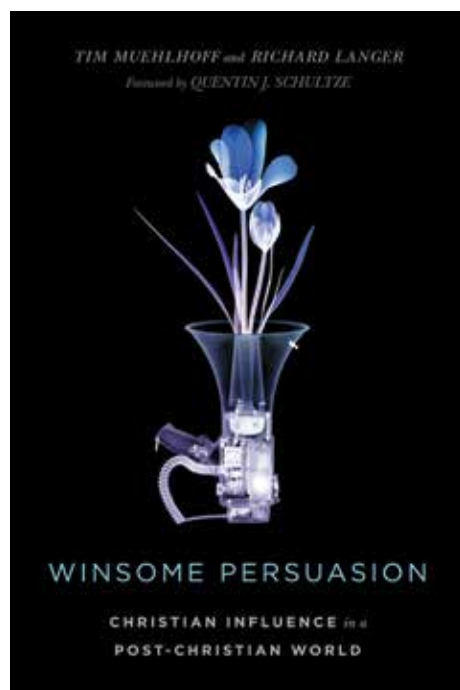
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Winsome Persuasion: Christian Influence in a Post-Christian World

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How Are Christians Viewed Today?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Brainwashed fanatics? Out-of-touch dogmatists? Buffoons?

The task of bearing faithful witness to Jesus is complicated by persistent—and not altogether baseless—cultural stereotypes. In our post-Christian society, thoughtful Christians are considering again how to engage the dominant culture as a minority—a counterpublic—amid varying perceptions and misperceptions.

In this timely book, Tim Muehlhoff and Richard Langer present a model for cultural engagement that integrates communication theory, theology, and Scripture as they probe questions about what our interactions with the dominant cultural ethos should look like.

- How might we be persuasive and civil at the same time?
- How should we respond to those who ridicule and caricature us?
- How can we challenge the beliefs of other communities with love and respect?

Author Biographies



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"The American public square is now more cantankerous and less civil than perhaps any time in the modern era. How should a Christian live and speak hope without merely adding more noise? Muehlhoff and Langer's book Winsome Persuasion casts a positive vision for a way forward and indeed models it. This is a book whose time has come."

—JONATHAN MERRITT, contributing writer for the *Atlantic*, author of *Jesus Is Better*



Paradoxology: Why Christianity Was Never Meant to Be Simple

February 2017

\$17, x + 308 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4504-0

Finding Faith in a God of Paradoxes

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

It seems that the God of the Christian faith is full of paradoxes that ought to undermine Christian belief. How can a God who is compassionate sanction genocide? Or be all-powerful, yet allow horrific suffering? In his new book, *Paradoxology*, Krish Kandiah makes a bold claim: these paradoxes are actually the heart of vibrant faith, for it is in the most difficult parts of the Bible that we come to a clearer understanding of who God really is. To help readers engage with the tough questions of faith, Kandiah addresses paradoxes in the lives of biblical characters from Abraham to Judas, from Job to Jesus.

- Are the paradoxes of the Christian faith really defensible?
- Has the ancient faith we call Christianity survived so long not in spite of but because of its apparent contradictions?
- Have Christians settled for neatly packaged, simplistic answers instead of seeking out the deep and rich realities of our faith?
- How can Christians develop a confidence in the gospel that means we are not afraid to stand up for our faith?
- How can Christians understand genocide, suffering, and free will? The fact that Jesus is both God and human? Or the fact that God often feels so distant when he promises to be close?

Author Biography



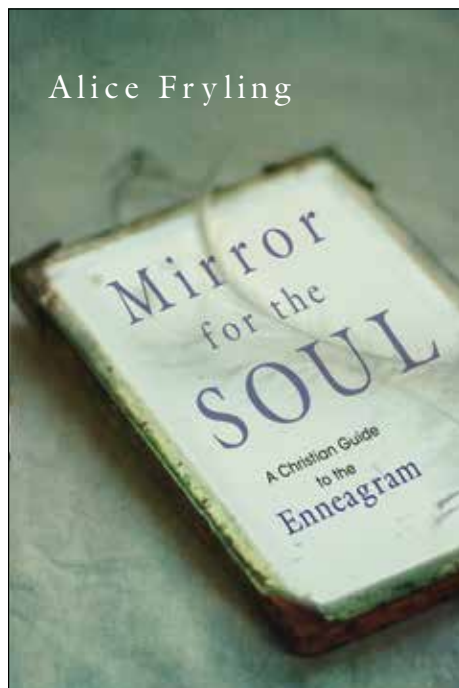
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"Apologetics in a postmodern world is looking less for historical proof, scientific demonstration, and systematic omniscience. Rather, it is looking for honest, open, and genuine probings that have less certitude while holding firm to belief in a good God who loves us but who has not created a world where everything ends up with happy emojis. Krish Kandiah explores here the genuine paradoxes of the Bible in an open and honest manner. Paradoxology will bless a new generation with a new kind of apologetics."

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Mirror for the Soul: A Christian Guide to the Enneagram
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Spiritual Director Takes the Enneagram to the Next Level of Transformation

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In her new book, *Mirror for the Soul*, spiritual director and Enneagram expert Alice Fryling takes readers on a journey of spiritual growth through the ancient tool of the Enneagram. Showing how the Enneagram is like a mirror, Fryling describes how the Enneagram reflects dimensions of ourselves that are sometimes hard to see. More than just helping us discern our number, this book relates the Enneagram to our spiritual journey as a way to identify our gifts as well as our blind spots.

- How does the Enneagram give us words for self-awareness?
- What is the difference between “false self” and “true self”?
- How are our gifts both a positive and also potentially detrimental?
- In what ways can our gifts become pathways toward criticism of ourselves and others?
- How does the Enneagram show us God’s grace?

Author Biography



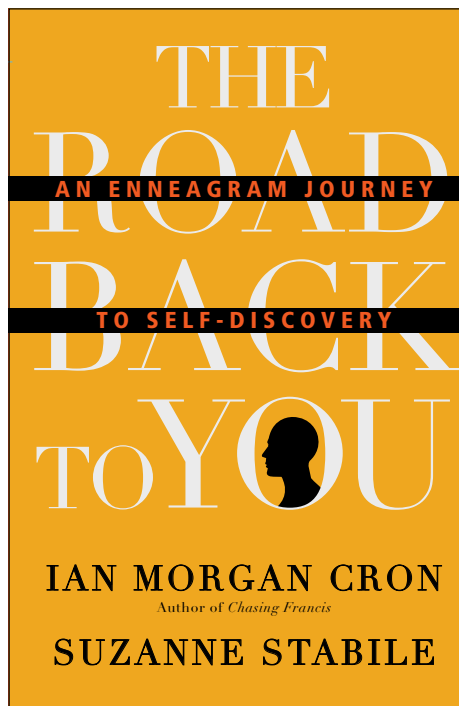
ALICE FRYLING is a spiritual director and the author of nine books, including *Seeking God Together: An Introduction to Group Spiritual Direction*. She has been giving Enneagram workshops for fifteen years, teaching participants how to use the Enneagram to know God and themselves more deeply.

“The Enneagram points out where we are in need of grace; Christianity and Scripture point us in the direction where grace can be found. Alice Fryling’s book is at the crossroads where the Enneagram and Christianity meet. Fryling brings understanding and transformation together in a very readable and practical way.”

—JEROME WAGNER, author of *Enneagram Spectrum of Personality Styles* and *Nine Lenses on the World*

“This will be a most helpful resource for all who are seeking deeper levels of transformation through the narrow gate of self-knowledge and self-examination. Having worked with the Enneagram as a tool for transformation for many years, I love everything about this book—the concise descriptions of the history and theory of the Enneagram, the penetrating commentary on the spaces themselves, and the wise and gentle encouragement for how you can move from the bondage of the false self to the freedom of living as your true self in Christ. The personal meditations, discussion questions, and guidance for utilizing the Enneagram in spiritual direction make this enormously beneficial for personal and ministry use.”

—RUTH HALEY BARTON, founder, Transforming Center, author of *Sacred Rhythms*



The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery

October 2016

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What's Your Number?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

What you don't know about yourself can hurt you and your relationships. To lead us out of the spiritual and relational shallows, bestselling author Ian Morgan Cron and Enneagram master teacher Suzanne Stabile partner in their new book, *The Road Back to You*, breaking the complex spirituality of the Enneagram down for new learners. The Enneagram, a personality typing system known for its uncanny accuracy in describing how human beings are wired, has seen a spike in popularity in recent years. They offer a unique, narrative-based approach to the Enneagram that is specifically designed to help readers do the work of growth and spiritual formation.

- How have we as a society lost the desire and ability to be self-aware?
- How can knowing and understanding the Enneagram save your marriage? Make management easier? Help understand politics and diplomacy?
- How much does our upbringing affect our Enneagram number?
- How does the Enneagram stack up against other personality typing systems?

Author Biographies



IAN MORGAN CRON is a bestselling author, speaker, Enneagram teacher, counselor, Dove Award-winning songwriter, and Episcopal priest. His books include the novel *Chasing Francis* and a spiritual memoir, *Jesus, My Father, the CIA, and Me*. Cron draws on an array of disciplines—from psychology to the arts to Christian spirituality and theology—to help people enter more deeply into conversation with God and the mystery of their own lives.

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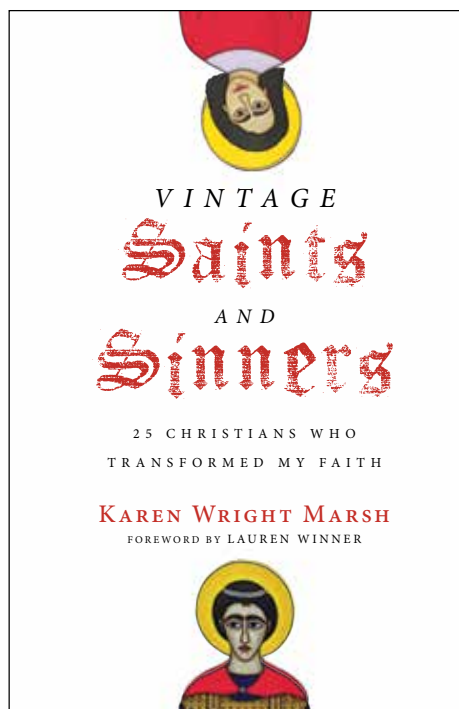
SUZANNE STABILE is a highly sought-after speaker, teacher, and internationally recognized Enneagram master. Sharing the wisdom of the Enneagram through witty, engaging stories and heartfelt compassion for humanity, Stabile has conducted more than five hundred Enneagram workshops at renowned universities, churches, and organizations. Along with her husband, Rev. Joseph Stabile, she is cofounder of Life in the Trinity Ministry.

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"Cron brings his witty, energetic voice to this collaboration with Stabile, a retreat director and expert on the Enneagram—a system of personality typology with roots in Christian and Islamic mysticism. The beauty of the Enneagram is its charity: the system clearly names the flaws as well as the virtues of each personality type. The Enneagram also counsels humility and acknowledges its own limits ('[The Enneagram] is not infallible or inerrant,' writes Cron and Stabile)—a welcome modesty in religious understanding today."

— Publishers Weekly STARRED REVIEW, August 8, 2016



Vintage Saints and Sinners: 25 Christians Who Transformed My Faith

September 2017

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Spiritual Memoir Ties the Saints of the Past to Insights for the Present

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

"*Vintage Saints and Sinners* comes out of more than thirteen years teaching university students each week. Every Friday I host a Vintage lunch and introduce the story of an older brother or sister in the faith. Together we read a primary text or their words on a theme," writes Karen Wright Marsh of her new book. Narrating her own winding pilgrimage through faith, Marsh reveals surprising lessons in everyday spirituality from these "saints"—folks who lived and breathed, failed, and followed God. Told with humor and vulnerability, *Vintage Saints and Sinners* introduces us afresh to twenty-five brothers and sisters who challenge and inspire us with their honest faith. Some of the saints explored include:

- Søren Kierkegaard
- Flannery O'Connor
- Thomas Merton
- Fannie Lou Hamer
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Dorothy Day

Author Biography



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"Sit down and pour yourself a glass of Karen Wright Marsh's Vintage Saints and Sinners. At first sip, you are transported into delightful stories of Christians past. As you drink more deeply, Vintage Saints and Sinners engages difficult issues of faith, doubts and loves, wisdom, and the practice of justice in the world. This is a gracious book full of charming prose and profound truths with just the right complexity of spiritual insight for everyday life. Taste and see!"

—DIANA BUTLER BASS, author of *Grounded: Finding God in the World—A Spiritual Revolution*



Culture Care: Reconnecting with Beauty for Our Common Life

February 2017

\$17, 160 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4503-3

Culture Is a Garden to Be Cultivated

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Many bemoan the decay of culture. But we all have a responsibility to care for culture, to nurture it in ways that help people thrive. In *Culture Care*, artist Makoto Fujimura issues a call to cultural stewardship in which we become generative and feed our culture's soul with beauty, creativity, and generosity. A book for artists of any form, this book shows the way to become future custodians of cultural care.

Author Biography



MAKOTO FUJIMURA is an internationally renowned artist, writer, and speaker who serves as the director of Fuller Theological Seminary's Brehm Center for Worship, Theology, and the Arts. He is also the founder of the International Arts Movement and served as a presidential appointee to the National Council on the Arts from 2003 to 2009. His books include *Silence and Beauty*, *Culture Care*, and *Refractions: A Journey of Faith, Art and Culture*.

Recognized worldwide as a cultural shaper, Fujimura's work has been exhibited at galleries including Dillon Gallery in New York, Sato Museum in Tokyo, the Contemporary Museum of Tokyo, Tokyo National University of Fine Arts Museum, Bentley Gallery in Arizona, Taikoo Place in Hong Kong, and Vienna's Belvedere Museum. In 2011, the Fujimura Institute was established and launched the *Qu4rtets*, a collaboration between Fujimura, painter Bruce Herman, Duke theologian/pianist Jeremy Begbie, and Yale composer Christopher Theofanidis based on T. S. Eliot's *Four Quartets*.

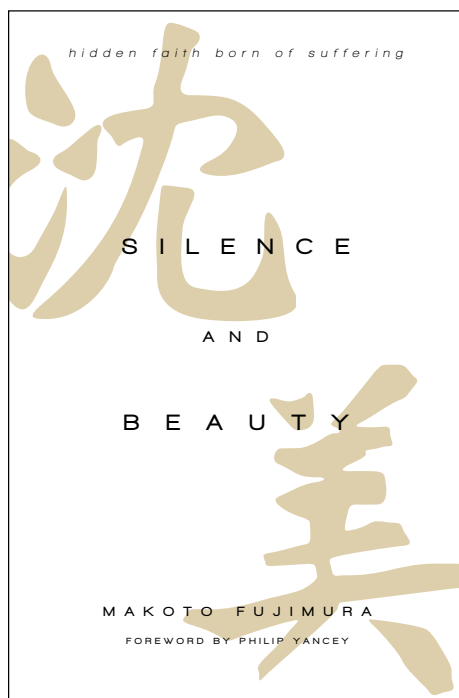
A popular speaker, Fujimura has lectured at numerous conferences, universities, and museums all around the world. Among many awards and recognitions, Bucknell University honored him with the Outstanding Alumni Award in 2012, and the American Academy of Religion named him as its 2014 Religion and the Arts award recipient. He has received honorary doctorates from Belhaven University, Biola University, Cairn University, and Roanoke College.

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"Culture is broken, and New York artist Makoto Fujimura wants to fix it as only an artist can. He's putting forward a framework to reconnect culture with beauty: 'culture care.' But this isn't just about artists or even art. It's ultimately about faith. . . . Throughout Culture Care: Reconnecting with Beauty for Our Common Life, Fujimura fleshes out these profound ideas, making it a must-read."

—*Relevant Magazine*, March/April 2017



Silence and Beauty: Hidden Faith Born of Suffering

May 2016

\$26, 263 pages, hardcover

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Artist Reveals the Beauty Amid Silence

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Shusaku Endo's novel *Silence*, first published in 1966, endures as one of the greatest works of twentieth-century Japanese literature. Its narrative of the persecution of Christians in seventeenth-century Japan raises uncomfortable questions about God and the ambiguity of faith in the midst of suffering and hostility.

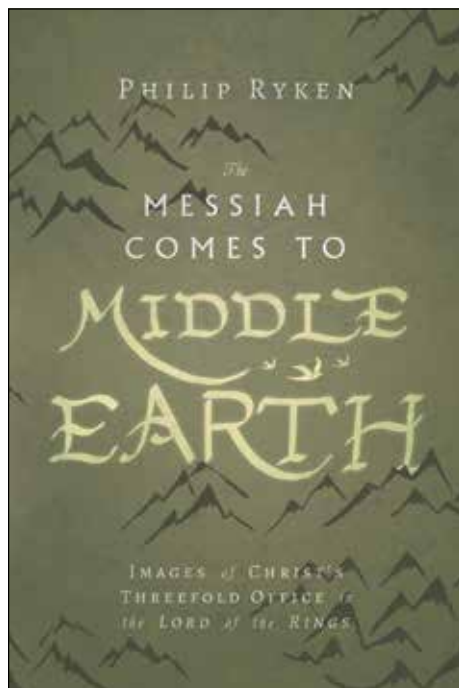
Endo's *Silence* took internationally renowned visual artist Makoto Fujimura on a pilgrimage of grappling with the nature of art, the significance of pain, and his own cultural heritage. His artistic faith journey overlaps with Endo's as he uncovers deep layers of meaning in Japanese history and literature, expressed in art both past and present. He finds connections to how faith is lived in contemporary contexts of trauma and glimpses of how the gospel is conveyed in Christ-hidden cultures.

In this world of pain and suffering, God often seems silent. Fujimura's reflections show that light is yet present in darkness and that silence speaks with hidden beauty and truth.

- *Silence* by Shusaku Endo is a postwar story of a Jesuit missionary sent to seventeenth-century Japan, who endures persecution in the time of Kakure Kirishitan ("Hidden Christians") that followed the defeat of the Shimabara Rebellion. The recipient of the 1966 Tanizaki Prize, *Silence* has been called "Endo's supreme achievement" and "one of the twentieth century's finest novels." When did you first encounter his work?
- You write that Shusaku Endo is known for his "shockingly honest depictions of pain, torture, and comical failures." Likewise, Martin Scorsese, director of the film based on the novel, is also known for honest depictions of pain. Yet your book is titled *Silence and Beauty*. How did the beauty component of this work come into play for you?
- As an artist, how does the image and meaning of the *fumi-e* come into play in your grappling with the trauma outlined in Endo's novel?
- How do you hope readers and viewers can engage with both your book and Scorsese's 2016 film?

"Fujimura . . . unearths universal implications about faith, suffering, and art in this focused literary study of one novel, Shusaku Endo's Silence. . . . Fujimura analyzes Japan's fumi-e culture, calling it 'a culture of lament,' and asserts that 'faith can include our failures, even multiple failures.' Stories of historical figures on which Endo based Silence, scriptural analysis, and a wide range of literary and artistic references from both Japanese and Western culture (including Martin Scorsese's 2016 film adaptation of Silence) add rich, refracted layers to this carefully crafted, masterful book."

—Publishers Weekly STARRED REVIEW, March 11, 2016



The Messiah Comes to Middle-Earth: Images of Christ's Threefold Office in The Lord of the Rings

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How Gandalf, Frodo, and Aragorn Reveal the Work of Christ

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In *The Messiah Comes to Middle-Earth*, Philip Graham Ryken considers the Christological themes present in J. R. R. Tolkien's beloved work *The Lord of the Rings*. Ryken considers how Gandalf, Frodo, and Aragorn embody the threefold office of Christ as prophet, priest, and king. Ryken uses literary, theological, and practical methodologies to survey the history of Christian thought on the threefold office and to consider how reading Tolkien can help Christians live out the prophetic, sacerdotal, and regal dimensions of their own calling.

- The first book emerging from the inaugural Hansen Lectureship Series delivered at the Marion E. Wade Center at Wheaton College
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- Provides a new understanding of themes in Tolkien's classic work
- Helps Christians grasp the significance of the gospel narrative of Christ's life, death, and resurrection through considering literature
- Includes responses to each of Ryken's essays from Wheaton College faculty

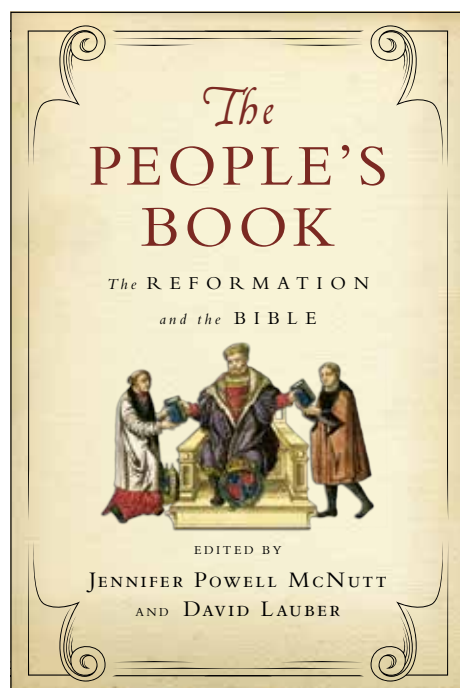
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"Phil Ryken not only draws upon a wealth of Tolkien scholarship, he adds some marvelous insights of his own into the spiritual and theological dynamics at play in Middle-Earth. And then he uses all of this to provide us with much wisdom about the kind of leadership that can honor the prophetic, priestly, and kingly work of Jesus Christ."

—RICHARD J. MOUW, president emeritus, professor of faith and public life, Fuller Theological Seminary



The People's Book: The Reformation and the Bible

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Wheaton College Commemorates the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther's *Ninety-Five Theses* initiated the Reformation, which fundamentally transformed both the church and society. Now, as a part of a twenty-five year partnership, InterVarsity Press and the Wheaton Theology Conference have published *The People's Book: The Reformation and the Bible*.

This edited volume focuses on the events surrounding the beginning of the Reformation five hundred years ago—the proliferation of Martin Luther's *Ninety-Five Theses*, the publication of his German Bible, and the complex role this “people’s book” had in the Reformation as a central element of both unity and division within Christianity. Topics and contributors include the following:

- “John Calvin’s Commentary on the Council of Trent” by Michael Horton
- “Perspicuity and the People’s Book” by Mark Labberton
- “The Gordian Knot of Reformation Worship” by Jennifer Powell McNutt

Editor Biographies



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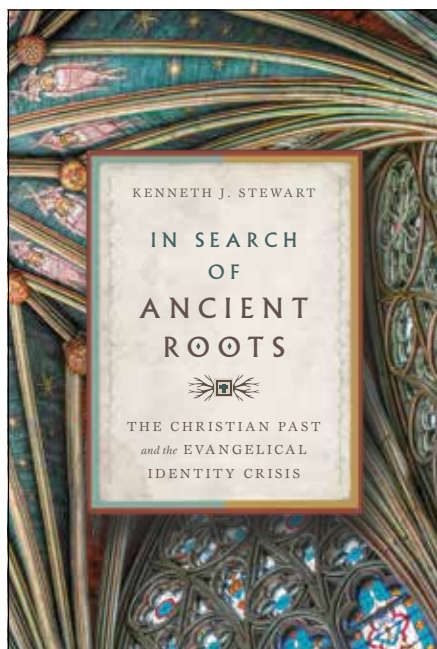


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wheaton.edu/theologyconference

“The Wheaton Theology Conference commemorates the Reformation’s 500th anniversary with these collected essays, which explore ‘the centrality of the Bible to the emergence and diffusion of the Reformation’ in sections titled ‘Access and Readership,’ ‘Transmission and Worship,’ ‘Protestant–Catholic Dialogue,’ and ‘The People’s Book Yesterday and Today.’ . . . The essays brim with intriguing insights, such as Read Mercer Schuchardt’s assertion that the printing press not only produced Reformation products (indulgences and Bibles) but also made ineffective the practice of ‘censorship by burning at the stake.’ Students of the Reformation will welcome this scholarly, diverse collection.”

—*Publishers Weekly*, March 6, 2017



In Search of Ancient Roots: The Christian Past and the Evangelical Identity Crisis

October 2017

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Is Protestant Evangelicalism in Crisis?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Kenneth Stewart, noted scholar and author, unpacks the where, why, and next steps for the current climate Protestant evangelicalism finds itself in. Recently, it has become increasingly difficult for Protestants to identify what is Protestant, much less what counts as evangelical. As evangelicals increasingly lose contact with the churches and traditions descending from the Reformation and as relations with Roman Catholicism continue to thaw, it becomes harder to explain why one should remain committed to the Reformation in the face of perceived deficits and theological challenges with the Protestant tradition.

In Search of Ancient Roots examines this phenomenon and places it within a wider historical context. Stewart examines subjects such as:

- Protestant evangelicalism's apparent disconnect from its ancient roots
- Younger Protestants turning to more liturgical traditions in recent years, searching for depth
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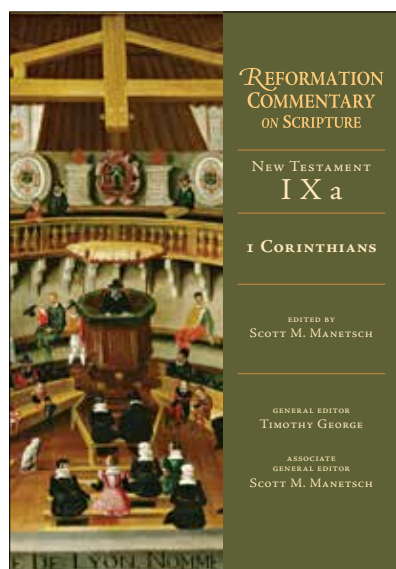
Author Biography



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"If evangelicalism is to have a coherent future, it needs to understand not only its own past but also the past of the church catholic. In this collection of essays, Ken Stewart brings his typical combination of insight, conviction, charity, and catholicity to bear on evangelicalism's relationship to history. You do not have to agree with all of his conclusions to agree with his basic thesis—we need history—and to be challenged by the range of interlocutors he chooses—from the ancient church fathers to Cardinal Newman and beyond. This collection should provide professors and pastors with much food for thought."

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Reformation Commentary on Scripture
\$500.00, 11 volumes, hardcover
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New Angles on the Reformers

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

The Reformation Commentary on Scripture (RCS) makes the biblical insights and rhetorical power of the Reformation tradition available to the twenty-first century church. Organized according to the books of the Bible, each RCS volume contains the biblical text in English alongside the insights of Reformation leaders. Each volume is designed to facilitate a rich research experience for preachers and teachers and contains a unique introduction written by the volume editor, providing a reliable guide to the history of the period, the unique reception of the canon of Scripture, and an orientation to the thinkers featured in the volume.

- Puts the words of the Reformers into the hands of the contemporary church
- Brings together a team of world-class Reformation scholars who present many of these texts in English for the first time

Editor Biography



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ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In light of recent interest in whether the Protestant Reformers interpreted Paul correctly, each chapter in this edited volume pairs a Reformer with a Pauline letter and then brings together historical theologians and biblical scholars to examine these Reformation-era readings of Paul. In doing so, this volume seeks a better understanding of the Reformers and the true meaning of the biblical text.

- Did the Protestant Reformers understand Paul correctly?
- Have we understood the Reformers' exegesis of Pauline texts correctly?

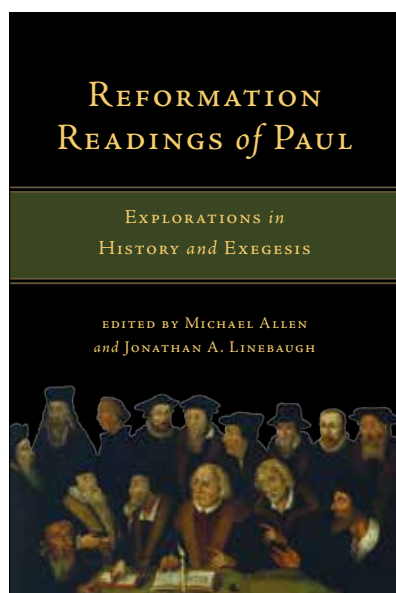
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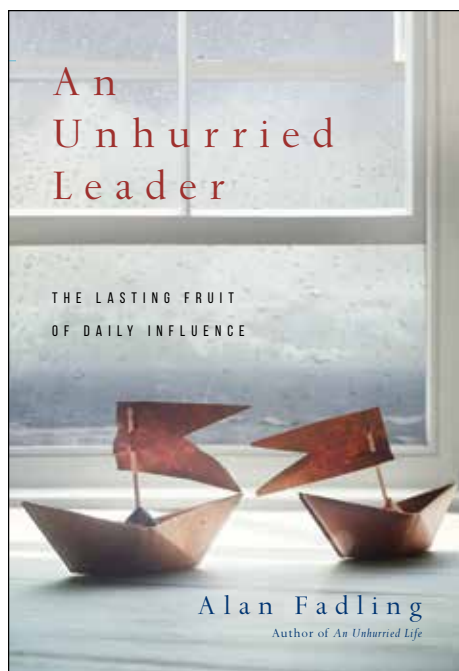
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Reformation Readings of Paul: Explorations in History and Exegesis
October 2015
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An Unhurried Leader: The Lasting Fruit of Daily Influence
June 2017
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When Leaders Slow Down

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Alan Fadling, author of *An Unhurried Life*, unfolds what it means for leaders to let Jesus set the pace. He said, “I wanted to deal with the dynamics in my outer life of relationships, work, and leadership where I find it most challenging to follow Jesus’ unhurried way. I’m tempted to make things happen fast when fruit that lasts nearly always takes time to produce. I am addressing a reality in culture—even Christian culture—that sees hurry as an apparent virtue but a costly one.” Through biblical illustrations, personal examples, and on-the-ground leadership wisdom, this book guides leaders into a new view of kingdom leadership. Chapters include the following:

- Leading from Abundance
- Questions That Unhurry Leaders
- Unhurried Influence
- Unhurrying Our Thoughts
- Prayer as Primary Influence

Author Biography



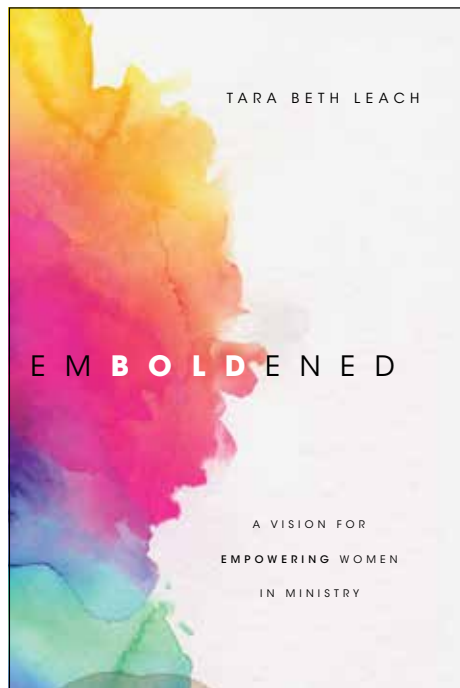
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“In An Unhurried Leader, Alan Fadling points the way out of hurried leadership that kills the souls of leaders. He reveals leadership steeped in spiritual abundance and joy. This is not a how-to book. This book lays out a path to becoming a better sort of person, who is then naturally a better kind of leader.”

—TODD HUNTER, Anglican bishop, author of *Christianity Beyond Belief*



Emboldened: A Vision for Empowering Women in Ministry

November 2017

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What It Looks Like When Women Lead

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Though many individuals and churches affirm women in ministry, they have no idea how to encourage women to step into ministry roles. In *Emboldened*, Tara Beth Leach shows what it will look like for a new generation of women to teach, preach, shepherd, and lead. Leach narrates her own call to ministry, includes stories from other women in ministry, and uses examples from Scripture and church history.

“Many women sitting in the pews on Sunday morning have lost the kingdom imagination for their role in the body of Christ,” Leach writes. “When all they’ve ever seen or known is men leading the church, it’s no wonder that women aren’t able to see themselves in such a role.” *Emboldened* inspires women to use their gifts in the church, and men will walk away with practical steps on how to include women in all levels of leadership in the church.

- Inspires women to use their gifts for the edification of the kingdom and the glory of God
- Offers men practical steps on how to embolden women in the church
- Paints a vision for women in the church by unearthing incredible stories of women in the story of God
- Addresses the challenges women in ministry face on a regular basis
- Sketches what it looks like when there is a fully emboldened church of men and women ministering alongside each another

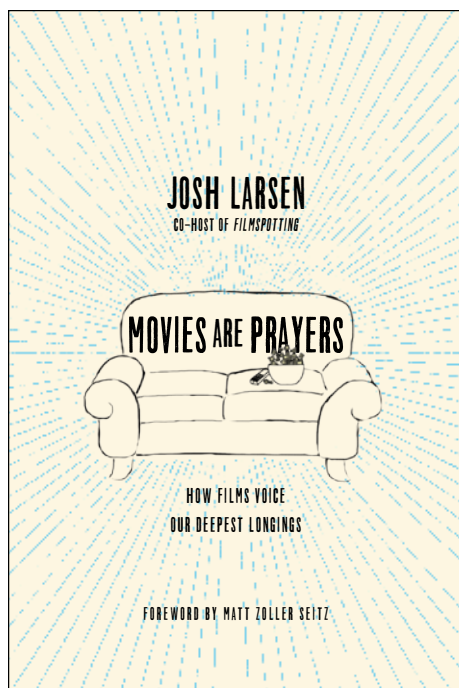
Author Biography



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Movies Are Prayers: How Films Voice Our Deepest Longings
June 2017
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Film Critic Exposes the Prayers of Cinema

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Josh Larsen, co-host of the WBEZ/NPR podcast *Filmspotting*, brings his cinematic expertise to a new book with InterVarsity Press titled *Movies Are Prayers*. In his role with *Filmspotting* and as editor of *Think Christian*, a digital magazine on faith and culture, Larsen has influenced the minds of moviegoers on the applicability of stories to real life, spirituality, and faith for years.

“Films and faith have been intertwined in my head since childhood,” Larsen said. “As a practicing film critic, I hope to encourage other Christians in a nuanced, aesthetically focused, and theologically rooted exploration of the art of cinema.”

Movies Are Prayers explores how modes of prayer—praise, confession, lament—are modeled by all types of films. In this fashion, the book illuminates the richness of both cinema and prayer. Edwin Keith put it this way: “Prayer is exhaling the spirit of man and inhaling the spirit of God.” This book examines the ways movies exhale.

- How does *Star Wars* breathe a prayer of obedience?
- How does *Avatar* portray a prayer of praise?
- How does *12 Years a Slave* “exhale” a prayer of lament?
- Where do we see the prayer of anger in *Rebel Without a Cause*?
- How do films like *Do the Right Thing*, *The Interrupters*, and *Brave* stir up yearnings for reconciliation?

Author Biography



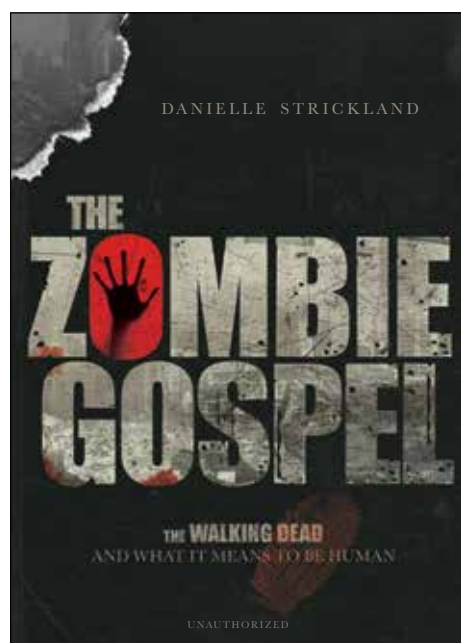
JOSH LARSEN is the co-host of the radio show and podcast *Filmspotting* as well as editor and film critic at *Think Christian*, a faith and culture website. Larsen’s career began in the mainstream newspaper business over two decades ago, when he started out as a beat reporter for a weekly community newspaper and then went on to become the film critic for the Chicago-based *Sun-Times Media* for more than ten years. In 2011 he joined the Christian media landscape as editor of *Think Christian*, and in 2012 he joined the long-running weekly podcast *Filmspotting*, aired on WBEZ in Chicago. A veteran of the Sundance, Toronto, and Chicago International Film Festivals, Larsen has given talks on film and faith at various Christian colleges.

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“[Larsen] can read a film as if it were a sacred text or admire it like a cathedral; other times he seems to have moved into it and lived inside it long enough to absorb its sounds and smells, and memorize the way the sunlight hits the bedroom floorboards. The result is an essential book for anyone who thinks of cinema as a place of introspection as well as escapism, and believes that you can find signs and miracles anywhere if you know how to look for them.”

—MATT ZOLLER SEITZ, editor in chief of *RogerEbert.com*, TV critic for *New York* magazine



The Zombie Gospel: The Walking Dead and What It Means to Be Human

October 2017

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Live Your Best Life Now—Don't Wait for the Apocalypse

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Can zombies teach us about the gospel? A hesitant first-time viewer of the hit television series *The Walking Dead*, Danielle Strickland found that the show's themes help us learn to be human by asking key questions about the things that really matter. In *The Zombie Gospel*, Strickland guides fans of and newcomers to the show in thinking through the themes of survival, community, consumerism, social justice, the resurrection life of Jesus, and what it means to be human.

"*The Zombie Gospel* is about discovering the possibilities of a new way of living through exploring the apocalyptic reality of our world," Strickland writes. Can the world be saved? Explore *The Zombie Gospel* and find out.

Strickland outlines several lessons learned from *The Walking Dead*:

- Embrace your own humanity.
- Stop pretending everything in the world is okay.
- Find the remedy to our human brokenness in Jesus.
- Join a community that is bringing change to make a better world.
- The zombie gospel is urgent. Live your best life now.
- Discuss lessons learned from *The Walking Dead* with others to evaluate your own values and the reality of life today.

Author Biography



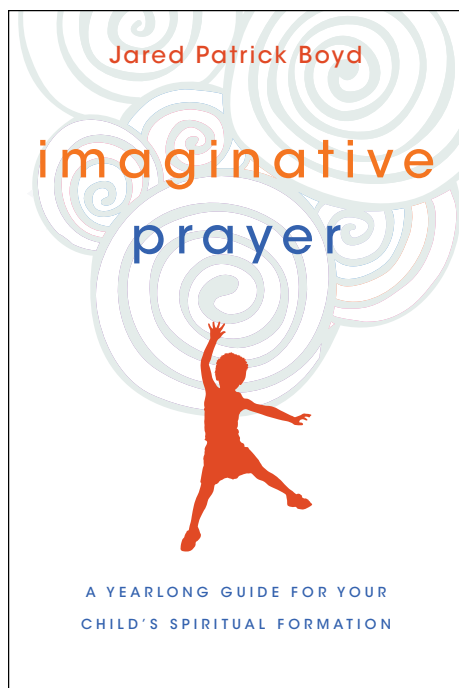
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"In *The Zombie Gospel*, Danielle Strickland does a masterful job of drawing out deep lessons on what it means to be human from the popular TV series *The Walking Dead*. Avoiding the pitfalls of sensationalism and overspiritualization, Danielle's treatment of the messiness of life, the consumptive nature of modern society, and the hope of the Christian message as themes emerging from this series is superb. It will make you want to watch *The Walking Dead* a second time so you can understand it for the first time. This is the best spiritual analysis of a television show or movie I know of."

—KEN WYTSMA, founder of The Justice Conference, author of *The Myth of Equality* and *Create vs. Copy*



Imaginative Prayer: A Yearlong Guide for Your Child's Spiritual Formation

July 2017

\$19, 304 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4625-2

Spiritual Formation for Children

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Jared Patrick Boyd discovered that children's spiritual formation is rooted in the imagination. "Your child and the children in your church have a built-in and often underutilized tool for spiritual formation: the imagination," Boyd says. *Imaginative Prayer*, rooted in Ignatian practices, leans on the imagination and playfulness of a child to help them form real experiences of connection with God. And, when good conversation follows, it can also create meaningful connections between a parent and a child. This book is meant to be a guide toward helping parents become their child's first spiritual director."

- Parents are the most important people in the spiritual formation of their children.
- The contemplative stream of the Christian faith doesn't need to be something we only reach for later in life. Children hold mystery much better than we do, and it seems we should introduce them to it earlier.
- Children need a deep connection with a spiritual guide in order to learn how to make sense of what it means to live our lives in the way of Jesus.
- A parent can journey alongside their child in formative ways. Real connections can be formed when parents are willing to be vulnerable about their own desire to connect with God and their own journeys of faith or doubt.

Author Biography



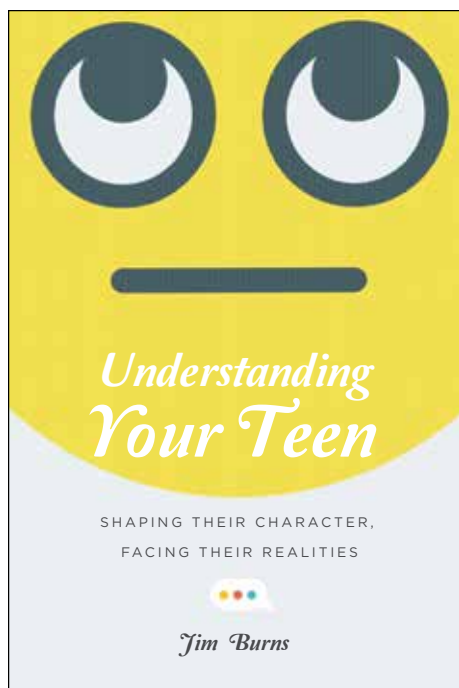
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"As a mother, I have struggled to find language and resources to transcend my own awkward efforts to help my daughter know right things about God and instead establish a real, lived relationship with God. Jared Boyd's work in Imaginative Prayer is a gift to my mother's heart and, I believe, a gift to the body of Christ as a whole."

—TARA M. OWENS, president and spiritual director, Anam Cara Ministries, instructor, Benedictine Benet Pines Monastery, former senior editor of *Conversations Journal*



Understanding Your Teen: Shaping Their Character, Facing Their Realities

November 2017

\$16, 224 pages, paperback

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Family Expert Jim Burns on How to Parent Teens Today

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Parenting teenagers is one of the most challenging seasons parents face. New realities make becoming independent more difficult. Teens are now traveling a different road and are moving at a different pace than previous generations. Today's cultural environment is more complicated and confusing than ever.

But fear not! Family expert Jim Burns provides a handy guide for parenting teens. To raise teens to become responsible adults, parents need to help their teens grow through developmental changes to develop a healthy self-identity, establish good relationships, make wise decisions, and grow in their relationship with God. Burns shows how parents can shape behavior and character, navigate social media challenges, and have healthy communication and conflict resolution. He also tackles the realities of our day, including topics such as:

- Cyberbullying
- Dating violence
- Self-injury
- Depression

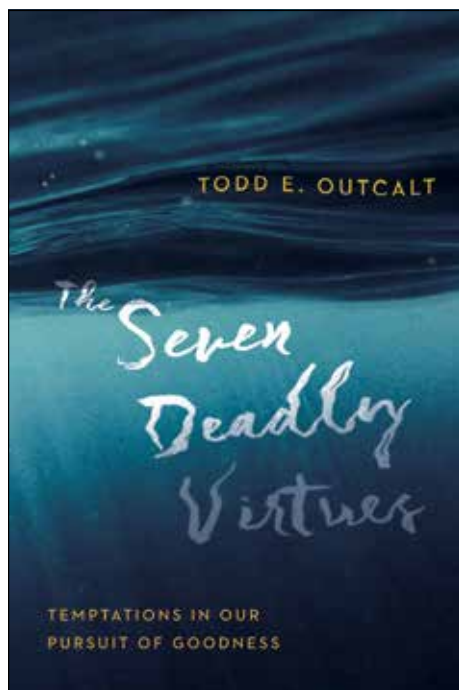
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The Seven Deadly Virtues: Temptations in Our Pursuit of Goodness

March 2017

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Pastor and Author Turns Deadly Sins on Their Head

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

You've heard of the seven deadly sins, but what about the deadliness of virtues? Todd Outcalt reveals in his book *The Seven Deadly Virtues: Temptations in Our Pursuit of Goodness* that Jesus more often addressed those aspects of faith that people believed made them more pious. He explores the fine line between virtues and vices, and he helps us to discern the difference between the two. He asks questions such as:

- How can the attempt to keep faith destroy others?
- How can focusing on family distract us from focusing on God?
- Why is grace more important than success?
- Why does trying to do it alone create a potential to turn away from faith?

Author Biography



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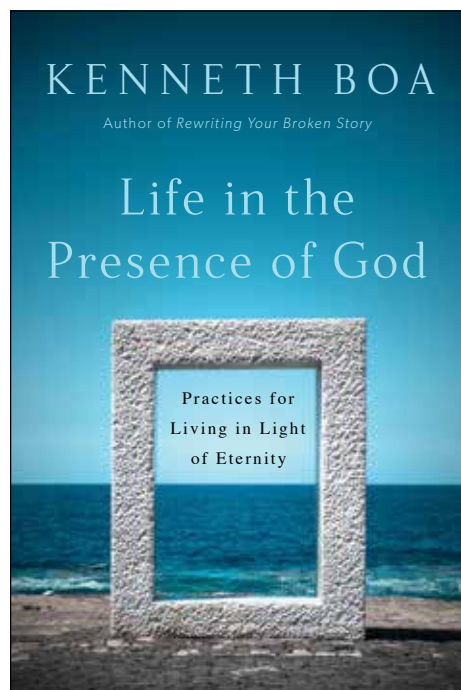
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"Todd immediately turns the reader upside down. Don't expect old clichés and language of faith. This is about, in his words, 'living out faith instead of sharing a set of beliefs'—yes, a warning about virtues! It is compelling in style, rich in personal examples, informative in research, and creates desire to become more like Jesus in the twenty-first century."

—JO ANNE LYON, ambassador, general superintendent emerita, the Wesleyan Church

*"Is it possible some of the virtues we seek as followers of Jesus are actually hindering our relationship with him and our witness to the world? In *The Seven Deadly Virtues*, Todd Outcalt answers with a resounding yes! This book is a must-read for all of us comfortable Christians who need to be made a little less so."*

—KURT JOHNSTON, pastor to students, Saddleback Church



Life in the Presence of God: Practices for Living in Light of Eternity

November 2017

\$17, 256 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4516-3

If Brother Lawrence Were Writing Today

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Distractions and obstacles to communion with God have always existed but are now available in untold numbers through visual imagery and nonstop connection to the world via technology. Too many Christians find themselves pulled into a downstream current with the culture—worn out, hurried, discouraged, and yet thirsty for that place of rest and peace that Jesus promised his followers.

Over the years, authors such as Brother Lawrence and Frank Laubach have written of their experiences seeking to live with a continual awareness of the presence of God in the midst of distractions. They inspired generations of believers to converse with their heavenly Father as they went about their daily tasks, whether at home, in an office, on the mission field (Laubach), washing dishes in a monastery (Lawrence), or any number of contexts. Now Kenneth Boa delivers “Brother Lawrence for the twenty-first century,” a practical guide on why and how to walk in God’s presence daily in today’s distracted world.

- Addresses neuroscience issues and what new knowledge in this field tells us about how God has hardwired our brains, allowing us to partner with him in his mission to transform us by the renewing of our minds
- Provides practical steps and suggestions for practicing God’s presence in the current day
- Emphasizes the small, daily acts of obedience and faith that enabled real people from history to seek and live in God’s presence—from Jesus (our prime exemplar), to Bible characters such as Moses and King David, to others from modern history

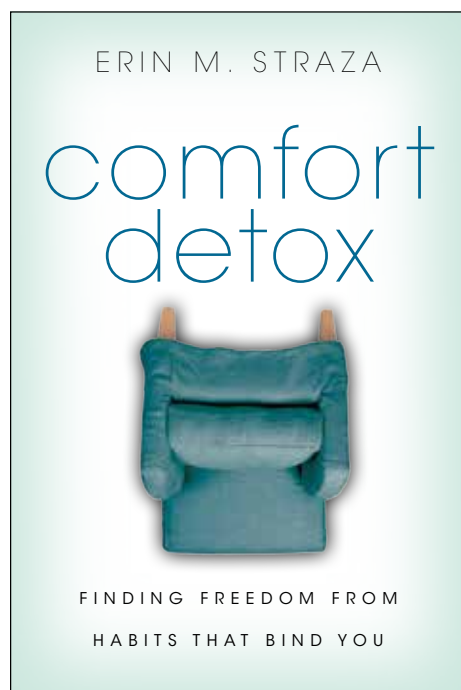
Author Biography



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Comfort Detox: Finding Freedom from Habits that Bind You

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Are You Addicted to Comfortable?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Whether we're aware of it or not, our minds, bodies, and souls often seek out what's comfortable. Erin Straza has gone on a journey of self-discovery, awakening to her own inherent drive for a comfort that cannot truly fulfill or satisfy. Straza says, "*Comfort Detox* explores the ways we live to maintain and expand our personal comfort relationally, emotionally, and culturally. Faulty sources of comfort lock us into self-focused and self-defeating patterns. When we seek true comfort from God, he fills us full so we can then be a comfort to others."

Comfort Detox helps you:

- Awaken to the ways false comfort has lured you from living as God's comfort agents
- Discover how comfort addiction is dictating your daily life, relationships, and life goals
- Learn effective ways of detoxing from pseudo comforts to revive your desire for the true comfort that comes from God alone
- Find freedom from the habits that bind you to false comfort and steal away your ability to be God's comfort agents

Author Biography



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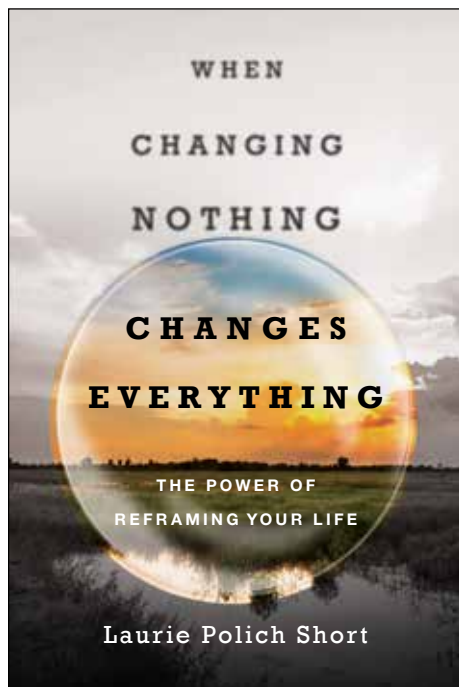
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"Filled with clear steps and encouragements, Straza's robust program will bring readers freedom and a renewed zest for life."

—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, December 12, 2016

"Comfort Detox exposes the way our everyday complacencies keep us from seeing and responding to the needs of those both near and far. With compassion and conviction, Erin Straza shows us how we can and why we must break the habits that serve self rather than others."

—KAREN SWALLOW PRIOR, author of *Booked* and *Fierce Connections*



When Changing Nothing Changes Everything: The Power of Reframing Your Life

May 2017

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Take a Different Look at Your Life

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Laurie Short offers a simple but revolutionary idea: “You can change nothing that is around you and still change everything by the way you *see* what is around you!”

With the help of four different lenses, Short shows how the way you see can have an impact on how you live.

- The big view helps you pull back and see the power and impact of your life.
- The present view helps you tune in and see all that is happening now.
- The rear view reveals how your past has affected you, and how to find hope for what’s ahead.
- The higher view expands your vision to see the greater story and the uniqueness of your part in it.

If you put on the right lenses, you can reframe whatever comes your way and embrace both the good and the bad, recognizing that every detail of your life is fully in God’s sovereign hands.

Author Biography



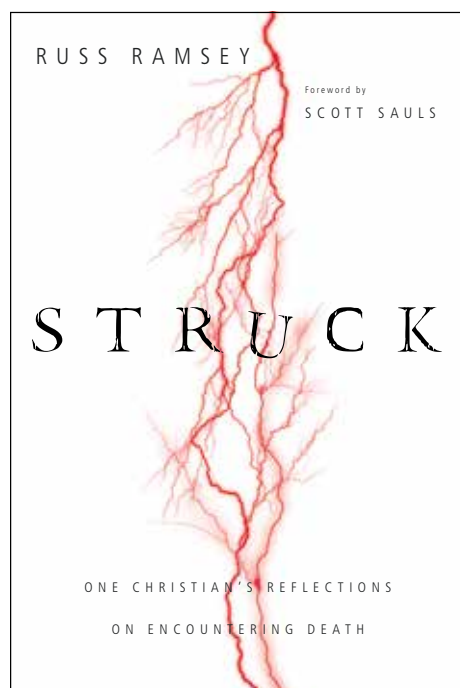
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“Laurie Short has written a powerful and empowering book. She’s proven why perspective matters, but even deeper, she’s shown us we have control over the aperture of our lives. And who doesn’t need a new lens on life?”

—NICOLE JOHNSON, author of *Creating Calm in the Center of Crazy*



Struck: One Christian's Reflections on Encountering Death

March 2017

\$16, 176 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4494-4

When a Pastor Faces His Own Mortality

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

What happens to a person's faith, and to a person of faith, when they come face to face with their mortality? Does their faith tuck its tail and run, or does it hold?

Russ Ramsey was struck by a bacterial infection that destroyed his mitral valve, sending him into heart failure and requiring urgent open-heart surgery. As he faced the possibility of death, he found himself awakened to new realities. In the critical days and months that followed, Ramsey came to see the world through the eyes of affliction. He grappled with fear, anger, depression, and loss, and yet he experienced grace through the suffering that filled him with a hope and hunger for the life to come. This profoundly eloquent memoir gives voice to the deepest questions of the human condition. Ramsey says he hopes that *Struck* will:

- Awaken a hunger for the life to come “by way of talking about this life with a childlike sense of wonder and curiosity”
- Be a comfort and a companion to the suffering as “this book is not so much a book of answers as it is a book that aspires to put language to the experience of walking through affliction—which in turn reassures people they are not alone”
- Challenge the notion that a Christian has to have their life pulled together: “This is a messy story, and I lean into the mess.”

Author Biography



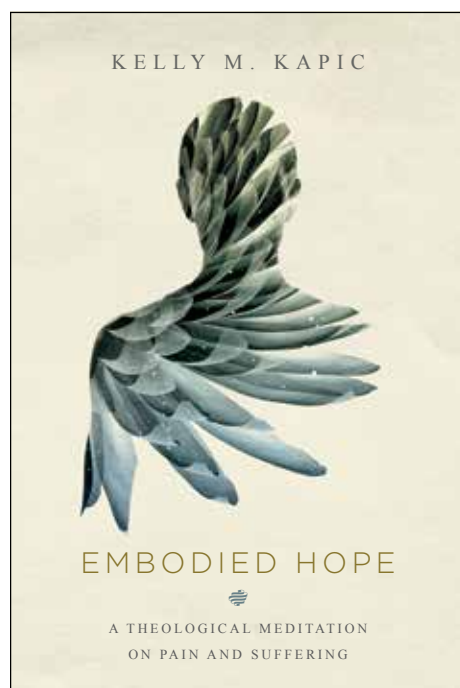
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“For anyone who is going through a season of affliction or is walking beside someone who is suffering, Struck, Russ Ramsey’s personal account of his battle with a failing heart and his fight to survive, is a welcome source of encouragement and support. Struck will ignite your faith, strengthen your will, and give you hope for the future.”

—ERIC CLOSE, actor, *American Sniper*, Nashville, *Without a Trace*



Embodied Hope: A Theological Meditation on Pain and Suffering

June 2017

\$18, viii + 197 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-5179-9

Theologian Grapples with the Humanness of Suffering

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

“If you are looking for a book that boasts triumphantly of conquest over a great enemy or gives a detached philosophical analysis that neatly solves an absorbing problem, this isn’t it. Instead, this book aims to invite you into a larger conversation, a conversation greater than my family, and a struggle bigger than your pain and doubt. For while our pain, or the suffering of those we love, may cause us to feel isolated, these challenges remind us that we are actually part of the much larger stream of humanity. A stream that is all too familiar with physical pain.”

Kelly Kopic opens his most recent book, *Embodied Hope*, with these poignant words on faith, suffering, and God. Often, in Kopic’s field of theological study, suffering is viewed in a cold, matter-of-fact, detached fashion. It’s a puzzle or a game. But in this book, Kopic explores the true example of Jesus—provided in his embodied existence—by drawing on the recent experience of his own family’s pain and suffering.

- How should we live in the midst of this pain-soaked world?
- How do we relate to the God whose world this is?
- What made you want to put words to the pain your family went through?
- Why is our current view of suffering and happiness as Christians flawed?
- Why is lament important?

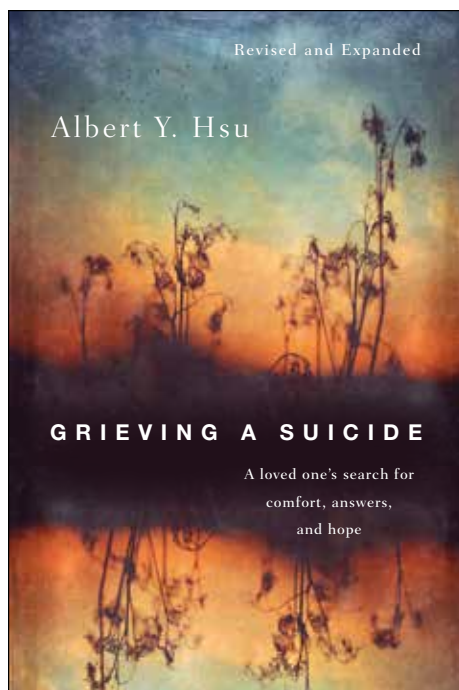
Author Biography



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“True theology is shaped, refined, and informed by the harsh realities of life. In *Embodied Hope*, Kelly Kopic reexamines Christian theology from the vantage point of the ongoing physical suffering that has invaded his own family. This is theology that touches down in real life. It moves from abstract, theoretical notions of God to truth that is necessary for faith to survive. Against the backdrop of human suffering, *Embodied Hope* invites honest engagement with the God who loves us. This book is a gift for those who are wrestling with hard questions and an important resource for ministry leaders in the church and the academy.”

—CAROLYN CUSTIS JAMES, author of *Half the Church* and *Malestrom*



Grieving a Suicide: A Loved One's Search for Comfort, Answers, and Hope (Revised and Expanded)
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978-0-8308-4493-7

Searching for Answers After Suicide

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Every thirteen minutes, someone in the United States dies by suicide. It is one of the most serious public health crises of modern times, claiming over one million lives worldwide every year.

Those who have lost a loved one to suicide experience tremendous shock and trauma, with a confusing mix of emotions—anger, guilt, grief, and despair. After his father's death by suicide, Albert Hsu wrestled with the intense emotional and spiritual questions surrounding suicide.

- Why didn't I see this coming?
- Is suicide the unforgivable sin?
- Where is God when it hurts?

While acknowledging that there are no easy answers, Hsu draws on the resources of the Christian faith to point suicide survivors to the God who offers comfort in our grief and hope for the future.

Author Biography

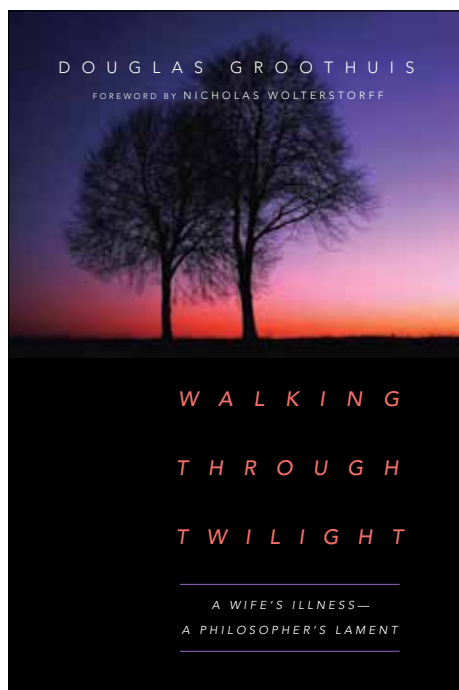


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Hsu has been a writer and columnist for *Christianity Today* and is the author of *Singles at the Crossroads*, *Grieving a Suicide*, and *The Suburban Christian*. He and his wife, Ellen, have two sons and live in the western suburbs of Chicago.

“In Grieving a Suicide, Al Hsu has done what few can do. He has created a thoughtful, empathic, spiritually ennobling and practically helpful account of his response to the loss of his father by suicide. Al’s journey shows how suffering, when we know the Lord, can mature us. I started merely to scan the book just before leaving for a trip, and drawn into the narrative, I read it straight through by the time my flight was finished.”

—EVERETT L. WORTHINGTON, author of *Five Steps to Forgiveness* and *When Someone Asks for Help*



Walking Through Twilight: A Wife's Illness—A Philosopher's Lament

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Respected Philosopher Grapples with Truth and Meaning Amid Wife's Illness

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Douglas Groothuis is a well-respected Christian philosopher, but the onset of his wife's dementia became a challenge to his worldview. "My expertise in philosophy did not give me the answers I needed," Groothuis said.

His wife, Becky, was diagnosed with fibromyalgia about twenty-five years ago. One of the many symptoms of this cruel disease is cognitive impairment, or "fibro fog," which set in for Becky nearly five years ago. Once an avid reader, writer, and editor, she now requires at-home care. Groothuis first shared the story about Becky in an essay, "Bedeviled by My Wife's Dementia," for *Christianity Today* in 2015. *Walking Through Twilight* is an expansion of that article as Groothuis grapples to make sense of his wife's deteriorating illness and all the truths he has studied and taught about over the years.

Groothuis wrote, "When I try to find the meaning in my wife's suffering, I come up dry and gasping. Even as the disease progresses, she will still be made in God's image; she will still be in covenant with me; she will still be living out the vicissitudes of Providence. And yet, and yet: 'Even if the wise claim they know, they cannot really comprehend it' (Eccles 8:16-17). I know there is a larger meaning behind it all, but I cannot parse it out day by darkening day."

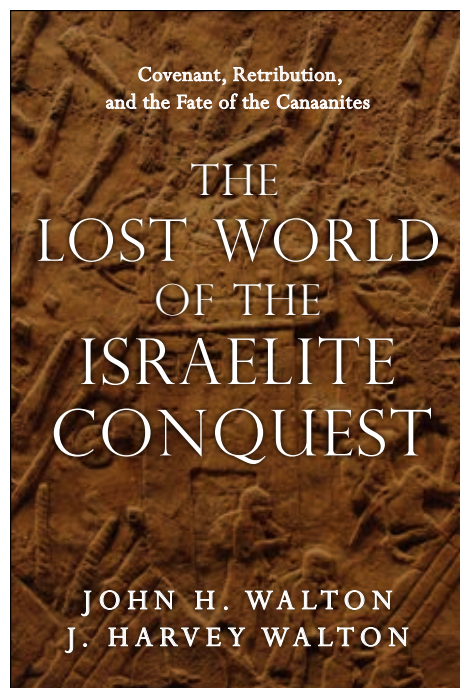
Author Biography



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The Lost World of the Israelite Conquest: Covenant, Retribution, and the Fate of the Canaanites

August 2017

\$20, 288 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-5184-3

Scholars Explore Ethical Implications of the Conquest of Canaan

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

The topic of holy warfare is always a controversial subject within ethical discussions. Renowned scholar John H. Walton teams up with J. Harvey Walton to take readers on an archaeological dig of sorts in *The Lost World of the Israelite Conquest*. They look into the shocking texts of the Old Testament to answer this question: Do the so-called holy war texts of the Old Testament portray a divinely inspired genocide?

“There is a lot of misunderstanding about the conquest and it is giving skeptics a reason to attack God and the Bible and giving Christians doubt about God and the Bible,” write the authors.

Their digging asks questions such as:

- What happens when we take new approaches to and frame new questions about the conquest?
- Were the Canaanites punished for sinning against the covenanting God?
- How are the Canaanites portrayed and why?
- What happens when these texts are examined under their ancient context?

Author Biographies



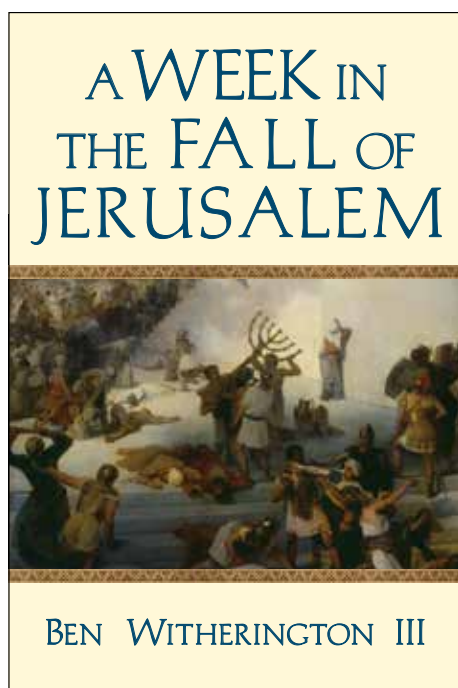
JOHN H. WALTON (PhD, Hebrew Union College) is professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College and Graduate School. Previously he was professor of Old Testament at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago for twenty years. Some of Walton's books include *The Lost World of Adam and Eve*, *The Lost World of Scripture*, *The Lost World of Genesis One*, *Ancient Near Eastern Thought and the Old Testament*, *The Essential Bible Companion*, *The NIV Application Commentary: Genesis*, and *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: Old Testament* (with Victor Matthews and Mark Chavalas).



J. HARVEY WALTON (MA, Wheaton College Graduate School) is a researcher in biblical studies and has contributed to a variety of publications.

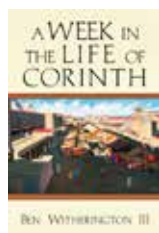
“The conquest of Canaan is arguably the most intractable ethical problem in the Bible, and to date no solution has garnered a consensus. These authors offer a genuinely fresh approach to mitigate the difficulties. Deeply rooted in ancient Near Eastern mores and reconsideration of key biblical words and texts, the arguments challenge many commonly held ideas. While provocative at times, this book deserves careful consideration.”

—JOHN W. HILBER, professor of Old Testament, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary

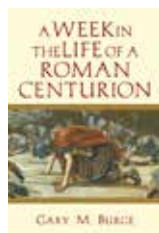


A Week in the Fall of Jerusalem
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A Week in the Life of Corinth, 2012,
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A Week in the Life of a Roman Centurion, 2015,
by Gary M. Burge

The Drama of Ancient Jerusalem

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

New Testament scholar Ben Witherington leads us behind the veil of centuries to see and experience the historical and social realities of the epochal event of the fall of Jerusalem. It's AD 70 and amid smoke, clamor, and terror, Jerusalem is falling to the Romans, its temple being destroyed. As Jews and Christians try to escape the city, we travel with some of them through an imagined week of flight and faith.

As a part of a broader series of books including *A Week in the Life of Corinth* and *A Week in the Life of a Roman Centurion*, this narrative retelling of events in the ancient church gives vibrancy and light to what often appears clouded and heavy.

Author Biography



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Along with many interviews on radio and television networks across the country, Witherington has been seen on programs such as *60 Minutes*, *20/20*, *Dateline*, and the Peter Jennings ABC special *Jesus and Paul: The Word and the Witness*.

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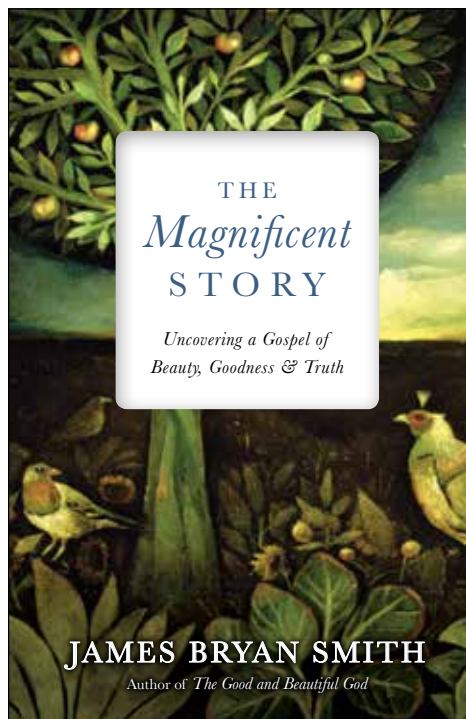
Reviews for other books in the series:

"Gary Burge's *A Week in the Life of a Roman Centurion* brilliantly creates the backstory of the centurion Jesus praised, and in the process teaches readers about the milieu of the Gospels."

—MARVIN OLASKY, *World Magazine*, August 8, 2015

"Ben Witherington III, a good creative writer and accomplished NT scholar, has given us a treat in his short novel *A Week in the Life of Corinth*. Rather than providing a list of facts about life and culture in NT times, Witherington has composed an interesting story in which we can see and learn this information along the way. This will be a fun way to enhance our understanding of the world in which the NT takes place—and it would be helpful for preachers to read some good fiction along the way!"

—RAY VAN NESTE, *Preaching*, November/December 2012



The Magnificent Story: Uncovering a Gospel of Beauty, Goodness & Truth

August 2017

\$22, 192 pages, hardcover

978-0-8308-4636-8

From the Author of *The Good and Beautiful God*

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

From James Bryan Smith, author of the bestselling book *The Good and Beautiful God*, comes this spiritual formation resource meant to help both individuals and groups understand the magnificent story of Christ in their lives. Soon to be followed by *The Magnificent Journey: Living Deep in the Kingdom* (Fall 2018) and *The Magnificent Mission: Called and Sent by the Storyteller* (Fall 2019), the field-tested material within this first book includes spiritual practices at the end of each chapter and a group discussion guide.

- What is the story you have been told about the gospel?
 - About God and the Christian life?
 - About Jesus?
 - About yourself?

Your answers to these questions will form a story that will determine how your life will go. Any story worth giving the power to shape our lives must pass a simple test: Is it beautiful, good, and true? If it is, then it is a magnificent story—and that is where transformation takes place.

Author Biography



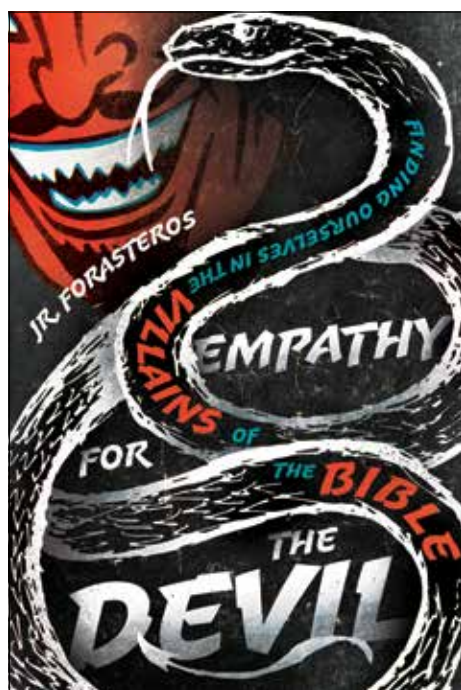
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"What if the stories we tell and live are too small? What if the gospel story is truer, better, and more beautiful than we have ever imagined? As only a seasoned minister could, Smith asks and answers these questions with practicality and passion, theological lucidity and love. As he so importantly captures in these pages, the story of Jesus doesn't just prepare us for the moment of death, but for every breathing, pulsing minute of life."

—JEN POLLOCK MICHEL, award-winning author of *Teach Us to Want* and *Keeping Place*



Empathy for the Devil: Finding Ourselves in the Villains of the Bible

November 2017

\$16, 224 pages, paperback

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Lessons from the Bible's Most Notorious Bad Guys

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

The villains of the Bible are more than antagonists to our favorite biblical characters. They are people, born into sin, who we have more in common with than we would like to admit. In *Empathy for the Devil*, JR. Forasteros uses vivid fictional narratives to reintroduce the most villainous characters of Scripture and their downfalls. He asks how they could do what they did, uncovering the humanness of their motivations and actions. Forasteros follows each narrative with astute biblical and cultural exposition of these villains' stories, providing lessons for our own spirituality and walk with God. Empathy can help us avoid the pitfalls and ruinous choices of the Bible's most notorious bad guys.

- When Cain stood in the field, why did killing his brother seem like his best option?
- How could Delilah betray Samson?
- Why did Jezebel hate God's prophets so much?
- How could Herod order the deaths of infants?
- What did Judas really hope to gain by turning Jesus over to the authorities?
- Do we really have anything in common with these villains of the Bible?
- How does empathy teach us about ourselves and help us avoid bad choices?

Author Biography



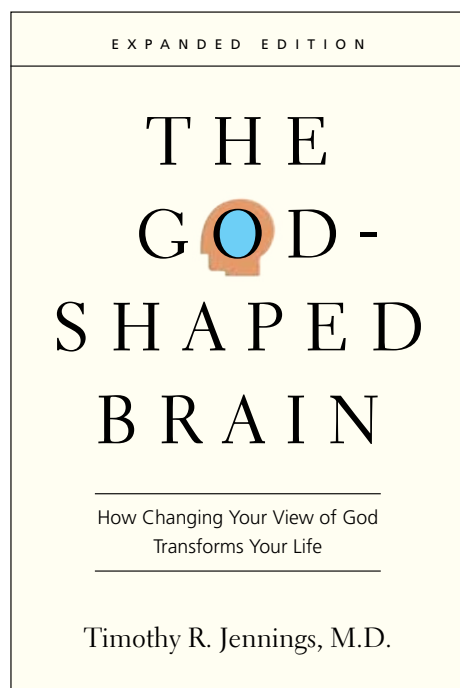
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"Empathy for the Devil is unlike anything you've ever read. Part fictional anthology, part nonfiction, the pages of this book bring ancient antagonists to life in ways that will both shock and inform you. It's Wicked for the spiritual formation set."

—CLAY MORGAN, author of *Undead: Revived, Resuscitated & Reborn*



The God-Shaped Brain: How Changing Your View of God Transforms Your Life (Expanded Edition)

April 2017

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978-0-8308-4495-1

Psychiatrist Shows How Your Beliefs Change Your Brain

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In the latest expansion of his bestselling book, *The God-Shaped Brain*, noted psychiatrist and author Timothy R. Jennings breaks down how our understanding of the nature of God can affect us physically and spiritually. Throughout the book, Jennings details research findings that indicate how our mind and body are connected, and how when our understanding of God is not one of love and trust, unhealthy patterns of self-defeating behaviors and toxic relationships can develop.

To help readers understand further what it means to have false God constructs and how to free oneself from them, Jennings provides the following:

- An integrated evidence-based approach to studying God
- Research in brain science demonstrating how our beliefs can actually change us physically and mentally
- Examples of unhealthy God concepts and how they can contribute to illness
- Research showing how a change in God concept to a God of love is healing to mental, physical, and relational health

Author Biography



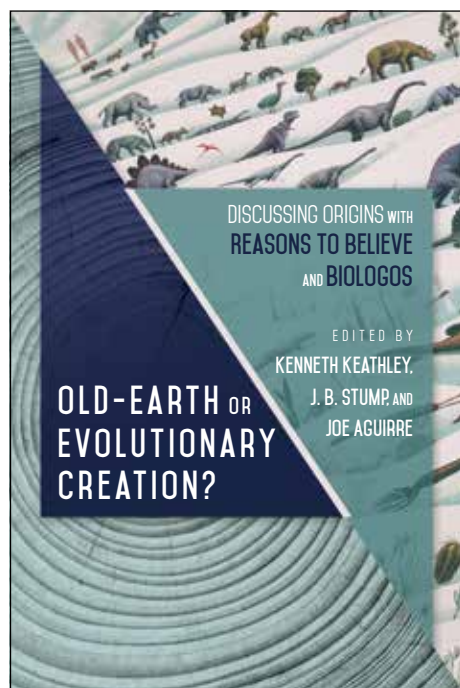
TIMOTHY R. JENNINGS, M.D., is a board certified Christian psychiatrist, master psychopharmacologist, lecturer, international speaker, and the author of *Could It Be This Simple? A Biblical Model for Healing the Mind*.

Jennings was voted one of America's Top Psychiatrists by the Consumers' Research Council of America in 2008, 2010, and 2011. He is president of the Tennessee Psychiatric Association and a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. He has served as president of the Southern Psychiatric Association and is in private practice in Tennessee.

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"Paying attention to the findings of neuroscience is tantamount to paying attention to God's creation. And doing that leads us—with the proper guide—to God's story and his intentions for us. Tim Jennings is that proper guide. . . . With compelling stories of challenge and transformation, Dr. Jennings deftly weaves together a deeply thoughtful theology of the living Word with the complex nature of the organ that our heart calls home. Read this book to know God more fully. Read this book to know your brain more fully. And see how knowing God will change your brain—and your life—in ways you never thought possible."

—CURT THOMPSON, psychiatrist and author of *The Soul of Shame*



Old-Earth or Evolutionary Creation? Discussing Origins with Reasons to Believe and BioLogos

July 2017

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How Did God Create the Earth?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Christians confess that God created the heavens and the earth. But how did he do it, and does the Bible give us a scientifically accurate account? In *Old-Earth or Evolutionary Creation?*, representatives from Reasons to Believe (old-earth creation) and BioLogos (evolutionary creation) engage in charitable dialogue on questions of creation and evolution. Moderated by Southern Baptist seminary professors, the discussion touches on many of the pressing debates in science and faith.

- Features charitable dialogue between old-earth creationists and evolutionary creationists
- Considers biblical authority, the historicity of Adam and Eve, human genetics and common descent, the problem of natural evil, and methodological naturalism
- Avoids a “two-views” approach, instead helping lay readers identify science-faith issues and appreciate how they and the church can benefit from the conversation
- Leads to opportunities for all Christians to present sound reasons and evidences for the Christian faith to unbelievers

Editor Biographies



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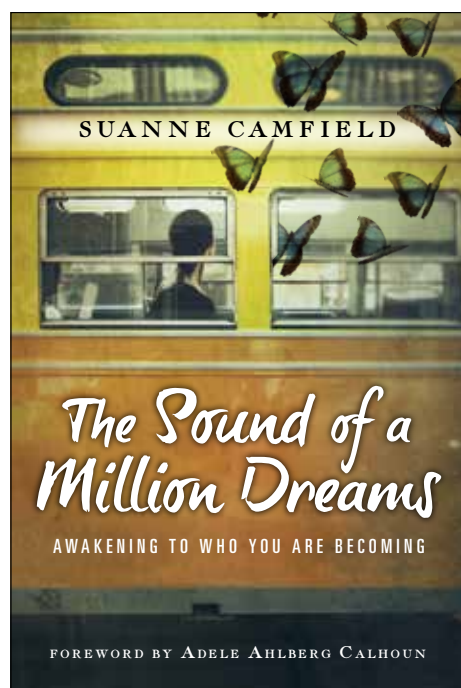
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JOE AGUIRRE is editor in chief at Reasons to Believe, an organization in the Los Angeles area spreading the gospel by demonstrating that sound reason and scientific research consistently support, rather than erode, confidence in the truth of the Bible.

“Origins, particularly human origins, continues to be a controversial issue among evangelical Protestants. In Old-Earth or Evolutionary Creation?, the organizations BioLogos and Reasons to Believe model a respectful interchange of ideas in spite of their significant differences. The result is an intelligent and illuminating discussion of this crucial and timely topic.”

—TREMPER LONGMAN III, Robert H. Gundry Professor of Biblical Studies, Westmont College



The Sound of a Million Dreams: Awakening to Who You Are Becoming

March 2017

\$16, 175 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4329-9

Memoirist Writes “Honest Pilgrimage” Showing Us the Way to Our Dreams

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Who do you want to become? And what does a dream sound like? In her debut memoir, Suanne Camfield writes of the varied dreams that she has pursued over the course of her life. With captivating and eloquent stories and concepts, she guides us through what it feels like to have a stirring deep inside of us—and how God guides and shapes us through that sense of calling. Through answering the following, she shares how she came to write this years-in-the-making book.

- What are some guiding principles you’d like readers to have after they read your story?
- Do you think this concept of God-given dreams is something that affects everyone?
- What is the “stirring”?
- Can you unpack the difference between doing and becoming?
- What do you hope readers who are trying to figure out the possibility of their dreams will take away from your book?

Author Biography



SUANNE CAMFIELD is women’s director at Christ Church of Oak Brook as well as a writer and speaker. She previously served as development director for Caris, a pregnancy resource and counseling center. She was also an assistant editor and publicist at InterVarsity Press and the blog manager for FulFillTM, a nonprofit focused on mobilizing women to invest their influence in the world for God’s purposes. She is a founding member of the Redbud Writers Guild. Camfield frequently teaches to communities of all ages at her church, preaches an occasional sermon, and speaks at a variety of other women’s events. She has written for *Strangely Dim*, *Her.meneutics*, *Kyria*, *MomSense*, and *Gifted for Leadership* and was a contributor to the *Every Day Matters Bible* and the MOPS devotional *Always There*.

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“The Sound of a Million Dreams simultaneously embraces me right where I am while beautifully beckoning me one step further. Through her intensely honest pilgrimage, Suanne Camfield woos me to become fully who I already am in Jesus.”

—ELISA MORGAN, president emerita, MOPS International, author of *The Beauty of Broken*



Keeping Place: Reflections on the Meaning of Home

May 2017

\$16, 237 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4490-6

Award-Winning Author Reflects on the Human Longing for Home

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Jen Pollock Michel, award-winning author of *Teach Us to Want*, unearths the primal human desire for home in *Keeping Place*. Michel intertwines literature, social criticism, the Bible, and her own life experience to make sense of this human longing. Along the way, she shows how understanding the desire for home provides opportunities to share the gospel in compelling ways and calls the church to follow in the footsteps of our homemaking God.

“Homelessness, whether physical or spiritual, is the terror of the elements and the threat of an angry sky,” Michel writes. “Home is the dry place we are all searching for. Humans need home.”

- How does *Keeping Place* offer hope to the wanderer and the stranded, from the Syrian refugee to the suburbanite?
- Why is home humanity’s most fundamental desire?
- How can we live today with our longings for eternal home?
- What do you mean by saying that “God is a homemaker”?
- How does understanding home help Christians better share the gospel?
- How should the local church be involved in practicing faithful “housekeeping” in their communities?

Author Biography



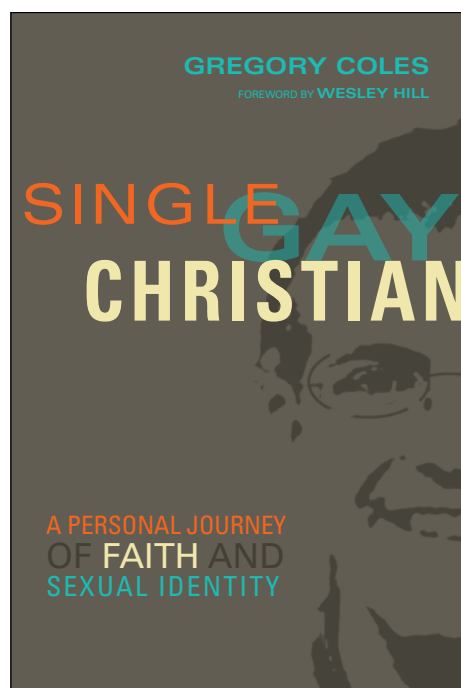
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“Rife with scriptural acuity and sumptuous prose, Keeping Place has become my favorite read of the year. Michel’s command of both tradition and the hunger of our age is at once refreshing and comforting. . . . Keeping Place rivals and bests most contemporary meditations on desiring the kingdom, and Michel has continued in this second book a trajectory of some of the finest scriptural grounding and pastoral care in print today.”

—PRESTON YANCEY, author of *Out of the House of Bread*



Single, Gay, Christian: A Personal Journey of Faith and Sexual Identity

August 2017

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Single, Gay, Christian

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In an age where neither society nor the church knows what to do with gay Christians, Gregory Coles tells his own story. His story is about a boy in love with Jesus who, at the fateful onset of puberty, realized his sexual attractions were persistently and exclusively for other guys.

Coles writes: "I'll show you the world through my eyes. . . . I'll tell you what it's like to belong nowhere. To know that much of my Christian family will forever consider me unnatural, dangerous, because of something that feels as involuntary as my eye color. And to know that much of the LGBTQ community that shares my experience as a sexual minority will disagree with the way I've chosen to interpret the call of Jesus, believing I've bought into a tragic, archaic ritual of self-hatred. . . .

"But I promise my story won't all be sadness and loneliness and struggle. I'll tell you good things too, hopeful things, funny things, like the time I accidentally came out to my best friend during his bachelor party. I'll tell you what it felt like the first time someone looked me in the eyes and said, 'You are not a mistake.' I'll tell you that joy and sorrow are not opposites, that my life has never been more beautiful than when it was most brokenhearted."

Author Biography

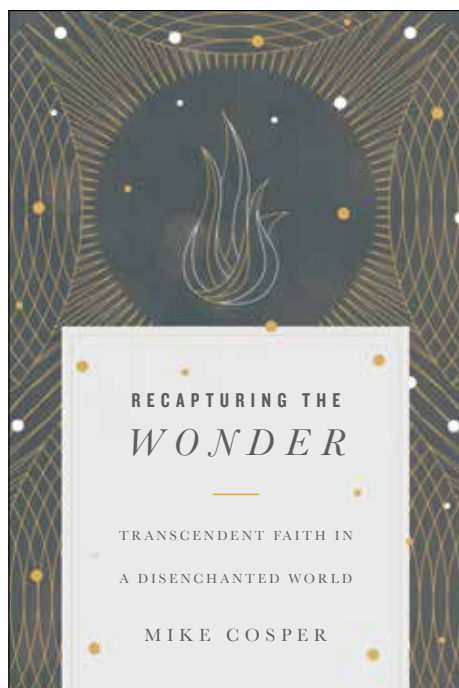


GREGORY COLES, an American author, playwright, and songwriter, spent fifteen years growing up in the Muslim neighborhoods of Bandung, Indonesia. The son of two committed Christian teachers, Coles learned from a young age to look for God in the world around him. He read Shakespeare's *Hamlet* at age eight, learned to speak several languages, and published his first short story while still in high school. At age eighteen, he returned to the United States to pursue his education, earning a bachelor's degree in communication with an emphasis in English literature. Today Coles is a PhD student and part-time English instructor at Penn State University.

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"When Greg first contacted me about writing an endorsement, I tried to decline. I had plenty of other requests that I turned down due to other commitments. But I happened to take a peek at the manuscript to see if Greg's memoir was any different from the hundreds of other memoirs out there. Instantly, I was hooked. Thank you, Greg, for challenging so much of what I thought I knew about the topic (and people!) of faith and sexuality."

—PRESTON SPRINKLE, president of the Center for Faith, Sexuality & Gender, author of *People to Be Loved*



Recapturing the Wonder: Transcendent Faith in a Disenchanted World

August 2017

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Practicing Spiritual Discipline to Discover Enchantment

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Enchantment is easy when we're young. But as time goes on, disillusionment crowds in through the news, hardships, and everyday life. It becomes easier to rely on the concrete and rational. In his latest book, *Recapturing the Wonder*, Mike Cosper invites Christians to practice the spiritual disciplines in hopes of reshaping the way they see the world and bringing that sense of wonderment back. His distinct approach to the spiritual disciplines includes an emphasis on the formative power of a secular age and the need for a transformed way of life that's marked by the intentional practice of the spiritual disciplines.

- How have we already been shaped by the culture around us in ways that hinder our participation in the spiritual life?
- How have we been primed to resist belief?
- How can spiritual disciplines and habits reorient us to another way of seeing and experiencing the world?

Author Biography



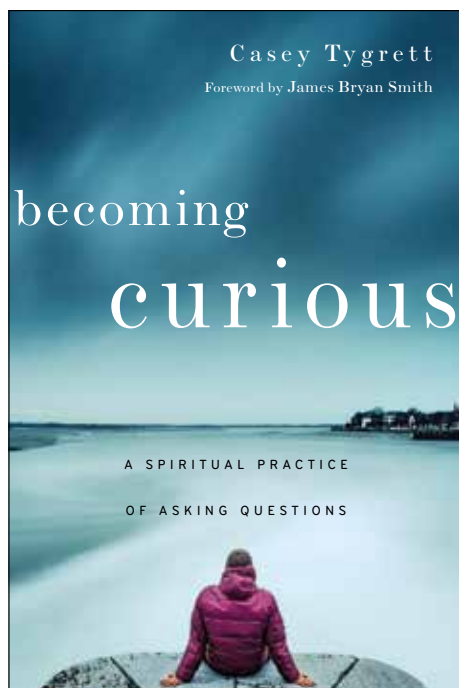
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"The word wonderful is a cliché these days, meaning simply 'very good.' This book, though, reclaims what it means to be wonder-full. Mike Cosper, one of the keenest gospel Christian analysts of culture alive today, shows us in this book why our world has become so disenchanted and charts us back to the joy of awe. This is an awe-full and wonder-full book, in the right meaning of both of those words."

—RUSSELL MOORE, president, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention



Becoming Curious: A Spiritual Practice of Asking Questions
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Jesus Asked More Than 183 Questions

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“What if my best answer to someone’s question regarding God or faith is to ask another question—the one below the surface?” asks pastor and spiritual director Casey Tygrett. “If we are walking in his way and becoming like him, then curiosity is something we must relearn for our spiritual health.” Tygrett shows us how asking questions is important for growth through the various challenges we face. “Doubt is a journey that leads us to ask better questions. Jesus had an intimate relationship with questions but often trusted his listeners to process the answers. The life-shaking elements of life—forgiveness, identity, failure, and change—are all fertile ground for curious people.”

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- A little curiosity helps us understand our own strange emotions.
- A little curiosity, if focused on Jesus, will make us more like him.

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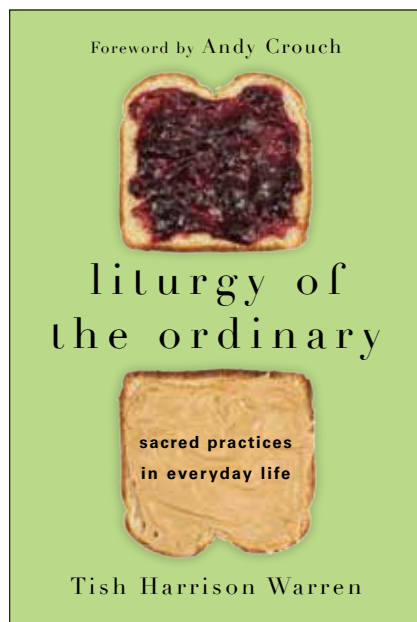
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