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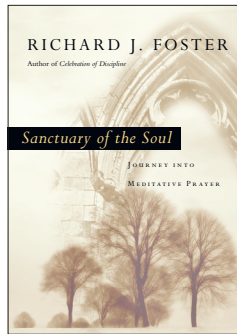
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*Sanctuary of the Soul:
Journey into Meditative
Prayer*
September 2011
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978-0-8308-3555-3



Foster opens the door to meditation

Angle and Talking Points

Distraction is one of the deepest cultural problems we face today. All of the visual stimuli, all of the chatter of the blogosphere, all of the confusion and doublespeak prevent us from being attentive to the present moment. We find it almost impossible to still our noisy hearts.

But in what he considers in many ways a lifetime of work, bestselling author Richard Foster offers an antidote. One that resides in an unlikely place—our very own souls. Expanding his work on meditative prayer in *Celebration of Discipline*, Foster invites Christians to embark successfully on this journey and find the deep fellowship with God for which they long.

- Provides biblical support for classical Christian practice of meditative prayer
- Describes Foster's experiences with extended prayer in three narrative chapters
- Weaves together quotes and stories from the lives of mothers and fathers of the faith
- Includes a "potpourri of questions" section addressing common hang-ups

Author Biography

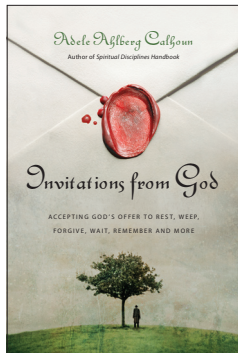


Richard J. Foster (D.Th.P., Fuller Theological Seminary) is founder of Renovaré in Denver, Colorado. He is the author of many books, including *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth*, which has sold over two million copies worldwide, and *Freedom of Simplicity*.

Renovare.org

"Richard Foster diagnoses this generation's major threat to the mature life in Christ as distraction. In response he does again what he does so well: tunnels to the roots of our deep-rooted ancestors and makes us firsthand participants in the church's practice of a life of meditative prayer." —EUGENE PETERSON, translator of *The Message*

"This is Richard Foster at his best—describing the inner life with clarity and wisdom gained from his own experience. . . . Over time this teaching has matured, and is destined to become a classic." —JAMES BRYAN SMITH, author, *The Good and Beautiful God*



*Invitations from God:
Accepting God's Offer
to Rest, Weep, Forgive,
Wait, Remember and
More*
July 2011
\$15, 208 pages, paperback,
978-0-8308-3553-9

Accepting divine invitations to be top priority, says spiritual director

Angle and Talking Points

God sends us invitations, but sometimes they seem less compelling than anything on our to-do lists. Why would I want to say yes to the invitation to rest when I'm already so far behind? Why accept invitations to weep or to admit I am wrong or to wait? Saying yes might slow me down, sabotage my agenda and even undo who I think I am.

Adele Calhoun, author of the popular *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook* offers a book about divine invitations we miss or ignore because we've said yes to going with the cultural flow. Adele writes about eleven different kinds of invitations from God, including:

- the invitation to follow
- the invitation to practice the presence of people
- the invitation to forgive
- the invitation to remember

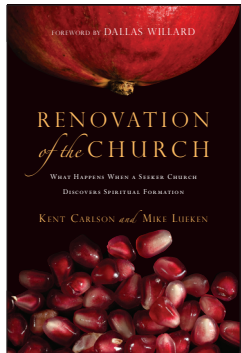
Author Biography



Adele Ahlberg Calhoun (M.A., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary) is copastor with her husband, Doug, of Redeemer Community in Wellesley, Massachusetts. She was formerly pastor of spiritual formation at Christ Church in Oak Brook, Illinois. A trained spiritual director, she has taught courses at Wheaton College and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

RedeemerBoston.org

"This is a lovely book that helps us to hear and respond to God's most winsome and challenging invitations—invitations for our good and our growth. Read it and be blessed!" —RUTH HALEY BARTON, founder, Transforming Center, and author of *Sacred Rhythms*



Renovation of the Church: What Happens When a Seeker Church Discovers Spiritual Formation
May 2011
\$15, 185 pages, paperback,
978-0-8308-3546-1

Pastors redefine seeker church

Angle and Talking Points

In *Renovation of the Church*, copastors Kent Carlson and Mike Lueken describe how a decade-long journey with spiritual growth and development wasn't always easy on their church, but the vast spiritual improvements were well worth the difficulties it caused. These pastors show that a healthy congregation exists when there are believers committed to growth in the spirit, regardless of congregation size.

- Why do you think the North American church is in "serious trouble"?
- How can pastors encourage spiritual growth as well as church growth?
- Why is consumerism so devastating to the church today?

Author Biography

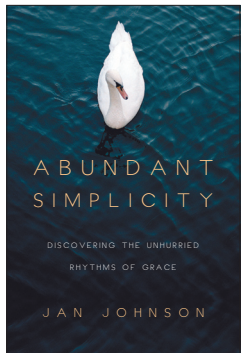


Kent Carlson founded Oak Hills Church of Folsom, California, in 1984. For the past thirteen years he has been copastoring the church together with Mike Lueken. Carlson is a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and lives with his family in the Sacramento, California, area.



Mike Lueken is copastor (with Kent Carlson) of Oak Hills Church of Folsom, California. He is a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and lives with his family in the Sacramento, California, area.

"The release of Renovation of the Church is a bright day for the church. Carlson and Lueken offer a wonderfully candid, bold book about the journey of a church that stopped appealing to religious consumers and started producing disciples of Jesus." —GARY W. MOON, executive director of the Renovaré Institute for Christian Spiritual Formation



*Abundant Simplicity:
Discovering the Unhurried
Rhythms of Grace*
May 2011
\$15, 173 pages, paperback,
978-0-8308-3547-8

Spiritual director teaches simple living

Angle and Talking Points

How do you choose activities that provide energy and a connection with God, while excluding those that are draining and separate you from God? Jan Johnson explores here these vital questions about our personal spirituality and how to find simplicity in all that we do. She explains how to be intentional about spending our time, energy and money in ways that give us clarity of mind. She provides answers to questions such as:

- What happens when we pursue simplicity?
- What does it mean to be simple in communication?
- How do we pursue simplicity in our leisure time?
- How does frugality help us to live more simply?

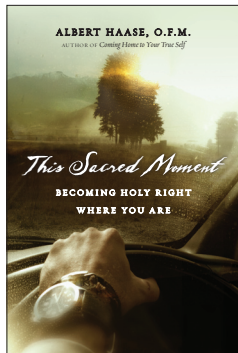
Author Biography



Jan Johnson, a spiritual director and a frequent speaker at retreats and conferences, is based near Los Angeles, California. She is the author of numerous books and Bible studies, including *Invitation to the Jesus Life*, *Enjoying the Presence of God*, *Growing Compassionate Kids* and *When the Soul Listens*. She is also the coauthor (with Dallas Willard and Keith Matthews) of *Dallas Willard's Study Guide to "The Divine Conspiracy."*

JanJohnson.org

*"If life is what you want, you must free yourself from trivial entanglements. St. Francis of Assisi advised us to wear the world like a loose garment—one which touches us in few places and there lightly. Most people fail in their efforts to do so. Jan Johnson can help you. She combines profound insight into the concrete realities of a life lived in Christ's kingdom with specific directions on where and how to cut—to eliminate stuff that does not matter at all or matters very little. Do what she says. Deliverance is at hand." —DALLAS WILLARD, author of *Renovation of the Heart**



*This Sacred Moment:
Becoming Holy Right
Where You Are*
\$15, 121 pages, paperback,
978-0-8308-3543-0

Holiness within reach, says Franciscan evangelical

Angle and Talking Points

“I have discovered that many people have ‘other-worldly’ notions of holiness/sanctification, which suggest a virtual impossibility of becoming holy in the ‘real world’ of changing diapers, attending board meetings and filling up the gasoline tank,” says Father Albert Haase. “*This Sacred Moment* goes to the heart of the Gospel teachings of Jesus who taught that holiness is all about responding to God’s call. And God’s call is issued in the need or duty of this present moment. Indeed, it is found not in ‘another world’ but in ‘this world.’”

- Why is holiness often considered impossible?
- How can we practically choose holiness that can be lived out in our daily lives?
- What are scriptural prayer and examen and how do they help us hear God’s calls throughout the day?

Author Biography

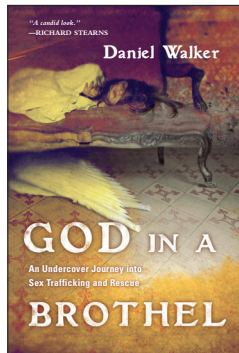


Albert Haase, O.F.M., was ordained a Franciscan priest in 1983, and is a popular preacher, teacher, spiritual director and radio personality. A former missionary to mainland China for over eleven years, he is the author of five books on popular spirituality. He is the director of the International Institute for Clergy Formation based at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. He is also the cohost of *Spirit and Life*, a radio show heard every weekend on the Relevant Radio Network, Baraga Broadcasting and The Presence Radio Network.

Albertofm.org



“What a refreshing mixture of story and spiritual wisdom. Fr. Albert Haase offers a simple yet profoundly insightful book for finding the marvelous mundane in the moments of our day. I believe spiritual directors and directees will find this book to be a rich resource.” —GARY W. MOON, M.Div., Ph.D., vice president, Richmond Graduate University, and author of *Apprenticeship with Jesus*



God in a Brothel: An Undercover Journey into Sex Trafficking and Rescue

September 2011

\$15, 192 pages, paperback,
978-0-8308-3806-6

Detective infiltrates global sex trade

Angle and Talking Points

Human trafficking is topping the news as Christians and non-Christians alike cry for justice for the crimes done against its victims. *God in a Brothel* is more than just a story about the global sex industry, it is the story of how one man—an undercover investigator—infiltrated the multibillion-dollar industry, rescued hundreds of victims and prosecuted dozens of perpetrators. But not without great personal cost.

- Draws on stories of victims from around the world
- Gives an inside look at human trafficking within the U.S.
- Illuminates the corruption in government, agencies and law enforcement which leaves many enslaved
- Sprinkled with statistics about sex trafficking
- Author shares his own spiritual journey in a struggle against sin and darkness

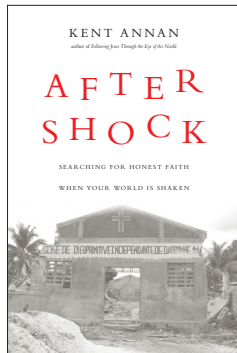
Author Biography

Daniel Walker has worked as an undercover investigator for a number of nonprofit organizations working to free women and children from sex trafficking in the United States and in over a dozen countries around the world. He holds a master's degree in Third World economic development from Eastern University in Philadelphia.

Nvader.org

"Sex trafficking is a hot subject these days. Speakers, films, magazine articles and books have raised the consciousness of Christian people everywhere. The problem is that few of us have ever figured out ways to respond to this ugly exploitation. In this book, we have the story of one man's journey into that strange and dirty world to do what he could to provide deliverance and hope for those who are imprisoned with despair."
—TONY CAMPOLO, Ph.D., Eastern University

"A candid look at the scope of the problem, including the various kinds of trafficking, as well as the means to combat it. This book is a keen reminder that we as Christians have a moral responsibility to speak out and challenge the systems that perpetuate dehumanizing slavery and to ensure that captives are set free."
—RICHARD STEARNS, president, World Vision, and author of *The Hole in Our Gospel*



After Shock: Searching for Honest Faith When Your World Is Shaken
\$15, 137 pages, paperback,
978-0-8308-3617-8

Codirector of Haiti Partners reflects on faith and tragedy

Angle and Talking Points

How can we believe in a good and just God when tragic things happen? That is the question that Kent Annan wrestles with in his latest book. Kent considers suffering, both large and small scale, and how it becomes a problem for faith.

Annan's story of faith and tragedy is one that resonates not only with the survivors of the earthquake in Haiti, but those affected by any disaster. He questions very specifically why disaster happens, if and how it shakes a person's faith, and how the solidarity of suffering can strengthen faith.

- How did you become involved in Haiti? What developed your passion for the country?
- How does this book apply to other natural disaster situations beyond the tragedy in Haiti?
- Did the earthquake change how you think about God, faith and suffering?
- What does "searching for honest faith" mean?

Author Biography



Kent Annan (M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary) is codirector of Haiti Partners, a nonprofit focused on education in Haiti. He's worked in Haiti since 2003; living there some of the time and now traveling there regularly from Florida, where he lives with his wife and two children. Annan has spent many years going back and forth between North America and working with people who were in different and difficult situations around the world. His first book, *Following Jesus Through the Eye of the Needle*, describes his move to Haiti and weaves together the joys and stumbles of living and ministering in a two-thirds world environment with reflections about faith, doubt, love and God.

KentAnnan.com
HaitiPartners.org



"Kent Annan struggles with his faith existentially. This is no simple attempt to excuse God for non-interference in the suffering that pervades Port-au-Prince following a devastating earthquake. Instead, it is the poetic confession of a Christian who faces his doubts and questions about God, and yet goes beyond them to find a newer, stronger faith." —TONY CAMPOLO, Professor Emeritus, Eastern University

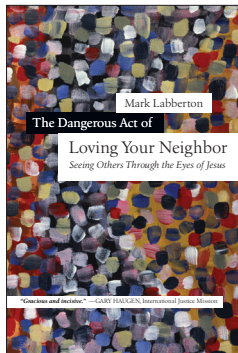


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*The Dangerous Act of
Loving Your Neighbor:
Seeing Others Through
the Eyes of Jesus*
\$20, 236 pages, hardcover,
978-0-8308-3840-0

Pastor says justice begins in the heart

Angle and Talking Points

We can be aware of the sexual abuse of someone we read about in our local paper, the violence of our city's gangs, the hunger among the local working poor—and then forget all about it. We can wish things were better for them, but then get on with our day. How can we possibly work towards justice when we are often so complacent?

Mark Labberton argues that changing our world depends on changing our hearts: how we perceive (see and assess one another), how we name (frame and position one another) and how we act (engage or distance one another). Through careful self-examination in the Spirit, we can grow in love toward others that can actually make a difference.

- How can we change our hearts?
- How might we work toward changing the world?
- How do you define *power*, *justice* and *injustice*?
- Why is loving our neighbor dangerous?

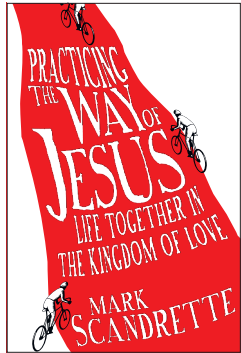
Author Biography



Mark Labberton (Th.D.) is Lloyd John Ogilvie Chair for Preaching and director of the Lloyd John Ogilvie Institute for Preaching at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. Previously Labberton served as senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley in Berkeley, California, for sixteen years. He is a senior fellow of the International Justice Mission. He is also the author of *The Dangerous Act of Worship: Living God's Call to Justice*.



"Labberton argues persuasively that engaging injustice in the world must go hand in hand with a renewal of our hearts." —MARK GALLI, *Christianity Today*, October 2010



*Practicing the Way of
Jesus: Life Together in
the Kingdom of Love*
July 2011
\$15, 220 pages,
paperback,
978-0-8308-3634-5

Author of *Soul Graffiti* experiments with communal spiritual practice

Angle and Talking Points

In *Practicing the Way of Jesus*, Mark Scandrette argues that too often Christians settle for an inward, isolated faith and that we need to recover action and immediacy in our spiritual practices. He chronicles the growth of his personal spiritual community, showing how believers can practically live out a new way of life in the Kingdom.

- Why do we need another book on spiritual formation?
- What do you see as the five basic themes of human experience?
- What are the characteristics of a good spiritual “experiment”?
- What are the dynamics of real transformation?

Author Biography



Mark A. Scandrette is the founding director of ReImagine, a spiritual formation center based in San Francisco that invites people into integrative spiritual experiments and practices with an emphasis on creativity, community building and social action. He has extensive experience providing leadership in churches and community-based organizations and has been a minister, writer and spiritual teacher for twenty years.

Mark lectures frequently with the U.S. Center for World Missions, leads retreats and workshops, mentors pastors and leaders, and provides life coaching and spiritual direction. He is the author of *Soul Graffiti* (Jossey-Bass, 2007) and a contributor to several other books. Mark lives with his wife and three high-school-aged children in San Francisco’s Mission District.

markscandrette.com
jesusdojo.com



“I am convinced that God’s good news spreads best, not through force, but through fascination. Mark Scandrette is fascinating. He lives with imagination and beauty. He is a poet and artist. But he is not just about creative thinking; he is about creative living. His book is an invitation to love creatively and recklessly, so that we might do something to interrupt the status quo, surprise the world with God’s goodness and fascinate the world with grace.” —SHANE CLAIBORNE, author, activist and compiler of *Common Prayer*

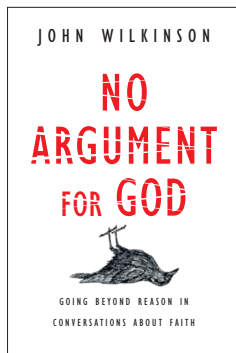


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*No Argument for God:
Going Beyond Reason
in Conversations About
Faith*
\$15, 174 pages, paperback,
978-0-8308-3420-4

Reason not enough, says apologist

Angle and Talking Points

Standard apologetic arguments traditionally strive to show that Christianity is a “reasonable” faith that “makes sense” and offers the best explanation of reality according to the evidence. In *No Argument for God*, pastor John Wilkinson offers a new starting point: Christians should admit that faith cannot be completely explained by rational argument. Investigation can only take us so far; ultimately what we need is revelation. Truth can be pursued by the mind, but in the end, we must encounter the Jesus who claimed “I am the Truth.”

- Many of the New Atheists have argued that religion is irrational. Why are you suggesting that we agree with them?
- How does your own story of coming to faith inform your apologetic approach?
- What are the limits of reason?
- How should Christians talk about their faith?
- What can we learn from the apostle Paul about how to engage critics of religion and belief?

Author Biography

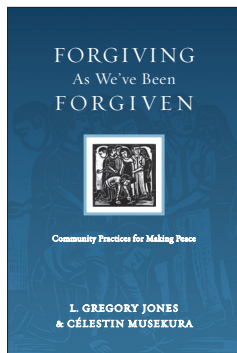


John Wilkinson (D. Min, Fuller) serves as high-school pastor at Lives Changed by Christ Church (LCBC) in Manheim, Pennsylvania. He came to LCBC after serving as the senior high pastor at High Point Church in Madison, Wisconsin. At LCBC he is developing a culture of ministry that fosters meaningful connections between teens and adults and engages senior high students in the adult church community.

NoArgumentforGod.com

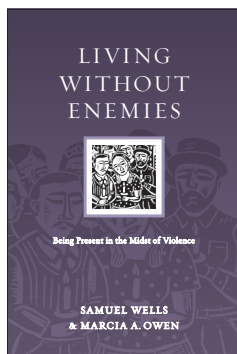


“Wilkinson stands traditional apologetics on its head in this riveting new vision of conversational engagement. . . . Not just another voice in the current debate of what apologetics should look like in a postmodern milieu, Wilkinson’s fresh approach changes the very nature of the conversation itself.” —R. YORK MOORE, National Evangelist, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship USA



*Forgiving As We've Been
Forgiven: Community
Practices for Making
Peace*

\$15, 140 pages, paperback,
978-0-8308-3455-6



*Living Without Enemies:
Being Present in the
Midst of Violence*
July 2011

\$15, 144 pages, paperback,
978-0-8308-3456-3



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Applied Peacemaking

Angle and Talking Points

Following the Rwandan genocide, Célestin Musekura lost his father and other family members to revenge killings. But then he heard God telling him to forgive the killers. He went on to work for forgiveness and reconciliation across Africa. Here Musekura joins Gregory Jones to show how people can practice forgiveness not only in dramatic situations like genocide but also in everyday circumstances of marriage and family.

Author Biographies

L. Gregory Jones is vice president and vice provost for global strategy and programs at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. His books include *Embodying Forgiveness*, *Transformed Judgment* and *Resurrecting Excellence*.

Célestin Musekura is president and founder of African Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries (ALARM, Inc.), a growing ministry with African national staff training church leaders and community leaders across east and central Africa in leadership conflict resolution and tribal reconciliation.

Angle and Talking Points

With senseless violence occurring throughout society, people are suffering and communities are groaning. Marcia Owen and Samuel Wells offer deep insights into what it takes to overcome powerlessness, transcend fear and engage in radical acceptance in our dangerous world. Together they tell the story of a community's journey from seeking legislative solutions to the restorative power of simply being present with both victims and offenders.

Author Biographies

Samuel Wells is dean of Duke University Chapel and research professor of Christian ethics at Duke Divinity School. Prior to Duke, he served four parishes as a Church of England priest from 1991 to 2005 and also launched a nonprofit organization for disadvantaged children. Wells is the author of six books, including *Community-Led Estate Regeneration* and *the Local Church*.

Marcia A. Owen is executive director of the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham (RCND). She has also served as a sales and marketing manager and lay leader in the local United Methodist Church. In addition to her contracted duties she continues to be an active volunteer with RCND since joining the Coalition in 1993.

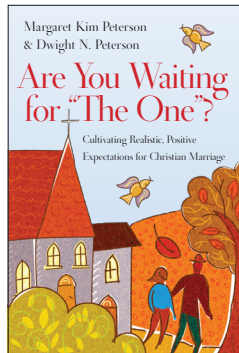
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Are You Waiting for "The One"?: Cultivating Realistic, Positive Expectations for Christian Marriage
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Professors help Christians develop realistic expectations for marriage

Angle and Talking Points

What if “the one” could be more than one person? What if “perfect love” isn’t all it’s cracked up to be? What if we started thinking more about real love than perfect love? Margaret and Dwight Peterson sort out the difference between how our surrounding society often depicts marriage and how Christians really should approach marriage. They look at what marriage is and is not and guide us through many aspects of a growing, maturing marriage including:

- Being a family
- Handling conflict
- Friendship
- Children
- Household economics
- Weathering the transitions of life

Author Biographies



Margaret Kim Peterson serves as associate professor of theology at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania. She is the author of *Sing Me to Heaven* and *Keeping House*.

Dwight N. Peterson serves as professor of New Testament at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania. Together Dwight and Margaret Kim have delivered talks together on marriage at Eastern University and North Park University in Chicago.

“Eureka—I have found it! Amid all the crass, consumerist Christian books on sex, romance and married life, finally we’re treated to a realistic portrait of life and love in all its beauty and frustration. With a refreshing penchant for acknowledging the dilemmas that real people confront as they hope for marriage, marry and grow old together—or not—the Petersons gently name and confront what young and old face today. This book is honest, unflinching, faithful and worth reading every page. I would be a wiser man, husband and father today if I could’ve read it twenty years ago.” —MARK REGNERUS, associate professor of sociology, University of Texas at Austin, and author of *Premarital Sex in America*



*Marriage Forecasting:
Changing the Climate of
Your Relationship One
Conversation at a Time*
\$15, 192 pages, paperback,
978-0-8308-3841-7

Good marriages take meteorology, says communications expert

Angle and Talking Points

Looking at marriage from the perspective of an ever-changing climate, communications specialist Tim Muehlhoff examines what it takes to have a healthy climate of trust within a relationship. He uses current research and personal examples to address the issue of what is needed to create a functional marriage with a bright forecast for the future.

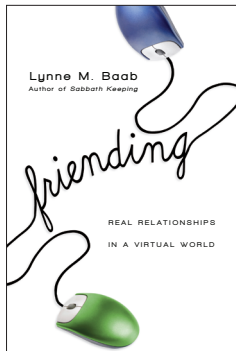
- What are the seven principles for making disagreements productive?
- How do you determine the difference between storms that challenge a couple's climate and communication or actions that are abusive?
- How do you take an accurate climate reading of your marriage?
- How do cultural factors influence marriage climates?

Author Biography



Tim Muehlhoff (Ph.D., University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill) is associate professor of communication at Biola University in La Mirada, California, where he teaches classes in family communication, interpersonal communication and gender. Tim is the coauthor of *The God Conversation: Using Stories and Illustrations to Explain Your Faith* and *Authentic Communication: Christian Speech Engaging Culture*. He and his wife, Noreen, are frequent speakers at FamilyLife Marriage Conferences, and Tim has served with Campus Crusade for Christ since 1986. They live in Brea, California, with their three boys.

"Tim not only offers a vastly useful language to name the seasons and movements of our marriage, he also gives us the blessing of new clothes. He dresses us for the searing heat, the cacophony of thunder and lightning, and the cold, hollow recesses of winter. He offers us the pleasure of knowing the weather and being prepared to enter not merely to survive, but to thrive in the face of all that the world around us can do. I love this book." —DAN B. ALLENDER, author of *Intimate Allies*



Friending: Real Relationships in a Virtual World

\$15, 187 pages, paperback,
978-0-8308-3419-8

Friendship for a New Era

Angle and Talking Points

Never before have so many people lived such hectic lives, never before have so many people moved so easily to different cities and countries, and never have so many options for communication existed. A highly mobile and increasingly busy society—rootless, some might argue—means that most of our relationships can't depend solely on face-to-face contact to flourish. The increasing prominence of the virtual landscape requires that we become fluent in ever-expanding relational technologies. It's never been easy to be a friend, but it seems to be getting tougher by the nanosecond.

- Appraises the impact and potential of new media on relationships
- Takes a winsome and constructive approach to relationships in a virtual world
- Offers pastoral insights into making and keeping friends

Author Biography



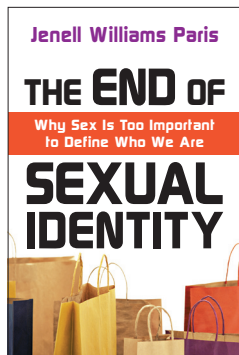
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—REBECCA MANLEY PIPPERT, author of *Out of the Saltshaker* and *Into the World*



The End of Sexual Identity: Why Sex Is Too Important to Define Who We Are

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New Models for Sexual Holiness

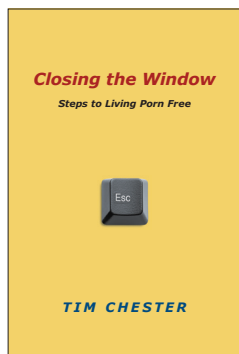
Angle and Talking Points

Despite the fact that concepts like “gay” and “straight” are recent developments in human history, sexual identity has risen to the status of an idol both in the culture at large and in the Christian subculture. We let ourselves be defined by socially constructed notions of sexual identity and sexual orientation, even though these may not be the only or best ways to think about sexuality. Anthropologist Jenell Williams Paris offers a Christian framework for sexual holiness that accounts for complex postmodern realities. *The End of Sexual Identity* moves beyond culture-war impasses to open up new space for conversations in diverse communities both inside and outside the church.

- Why are homosexuality and heterosexuality not very accurate descriptions of human sexuality?
- What are some dangers in attempting to “cure” same-sex desire?
- What does a post-sexual identity church look like?

Author Biography

Jenell Williams Paris (Ph.D., American University) is professor of anthropology at Messiah College in Grantham, Pennsylvania. She has written for such publications as *Christianity Today* and *Books & Culture*. Her books include *Birth Control for Christians*, *Urban Disciples* and *Introducing Cultural Anthropology: A Christian Perspective*.



Closing the Window: Steps to Living Porn Free

\$15, 151 pages, paperback,
978-0-8308-3842-4

Angle and Talking Points

A growing and alarming number of Christians regularly use and are addicted to pornography, warping their perception of sexuality and relationships, destroying marriages and ministries. But Christians who struggle with porn also long for change. So what do we do? Moving beyond pat answers or mere willpower, Chester exposes the false promises of porn and redirects us to the true promises of God.

- How has the culture changed in the past ten years with respect to sexuality?
- What are ten weapons we can use in the battle against porn?
- What does it mean to have a biblical vision of beauty? of sexuality?

Author Biography

Tim Chester (Ph.D., University of Wales) is a church planter and Bible teacher. He serves as codirector of The Porterbrook Network and director of the Northern Training Institute. He is coleader of the Crowded House, a group of church-planting networks in Sheffield, U.K. His books include *The Message of Prayer*, *Total Church* and *You Can Change*.

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Black Fire: One Hundred Years of African American Pentecostalism

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Historian makes good on her black Pentecostal roots

Angle and Talking Points

Estrela Alexander was raised in an urban, black, working-class, oneness Pentecostal congregation in the 1950s and 1960s, but she knew little of her heritage and thought that all Christians worshiped and believed as she did. Much later she discovered that many Christians not only knew little of her heritage but considered it strange. Even today, most North Americans remain ignorant of black Pentecostalism.

In *Black Fire*, Alexander unfolds all the dimensions of this important denomination's history and contribution to the life of the church, exploring topics such as:

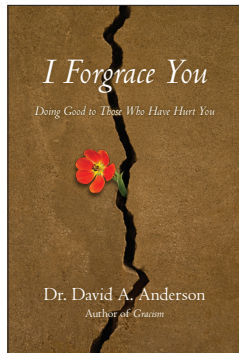
- What Pentecostalism retained from African spirituality
- William J. Seymour and the Azusa Street Revival
- The role of women in African American Pentecostalism
- Black Pentecostals in majority-white denominations
- Theological challenges of black Pentecostalism in the twenty-first century

Author Biography



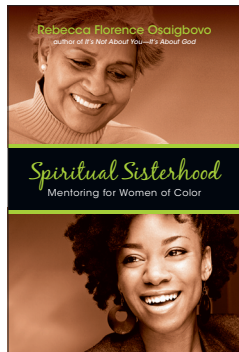
Estrela Alexander (Ph.D., The Catholic University of America) is a visiting professor of theology in the School of Divinity at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and executive director of the William Seymour Educational Foundation.

"African American Pentecostals have become a major force in American (and world) Christianity, but there is a serious lack of well-documented studies. Estrela Alexander does an excellent job filling that lamentable gap." —MARK NOLL, Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History, University of Notre Dame



I Forgrace You: Doing Good to Those Who Have Hurt You

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Spiritual Sisterhood: Mentoring for Women of Color

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Redeeming Relationships

Angle and Talking Points

In *I Forgrace You*, Dr. David A. Anderson argues that in order to let go of the sting of past hurts, one must forgive those who have hurt them, but more importantly, show “forgrace-ness” to those who have caused the pain:

- What does the term *forgraceness* mean?
- Why is displaying the concept of forgraceness to others “platinum”?

Author Biography

David A. Anderson is the founder and senior pastor of Bridgeway Community Church in Columbia, Maryland, as well as the president of the BridgeLeader Network, a diversity consulting firm. His books include *Letters Across the Divide*, *Multicultural Ministry Handbook* and *Gracism*. He has made over 2000 radio and television appearances, and he hosts a live radio show, *Afternoons with Dr. David Anderson: Your Bridge Building Voice in the Nation’s Capital*.

AndersonSpeaks.com



Angle and Talking Points

With African American families more spread out, young women are missing out on the level of connection from nearby mothers and grandmothers that once helped them navigate through marriage, parenting and faith. In *Spiritual Sisterhood* Rebecca Osaigbovo offers black women a way to once again learn from spiritual mothers and grandmothers:

- Why are mentor relationships vital for the future of African American communities?
- What are the do’s and don’ts of mentor-mothering relationships?

Author Biography

Rebecca Florence Osaigbovo is founder and director of Chosen Vessels Ministries, Inc., a nonprofit outreach organization that challenges and inspires women to be agents of change in their families, workplaces and communities. Her books include *Chosen Vessels*, *Movin’ On Up* and *It’s Not About You—It’s About God*.

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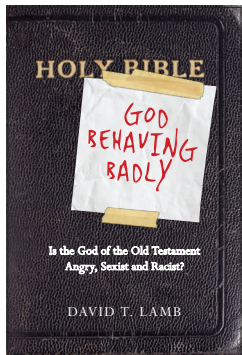
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God Behaving Badly: Is the God of the Old Testament Angry, Sexist and Racist?
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Yahweh not guilty, says scholar

Angle and Talking Points

God has a bad reputation. The Old Testament in particular seems at times to portray God as capricious and malevolent, wiping out armies and nations, punishing enemies with extreme prejudice. Yet alongside troubling passages of God's punishment and judgment are pictures of God's love, forgiveness and slowness to anger. How do we make sense of the seeming contradiction? Old Testament scholar David Lamb provides historical and cultural background to shed light on problematic passages and to bring underlying themes to the fore. Without minimizing the sometimes harsh realities of the biblical record, Lamb assembles an overall portrait that gives coherence to our understanding of God in both the Old and New Testaments.

- Is the God of the Old Testament angry, sexist and racist?
- Is the God of the Old Testament violent, legalistic and rigid?
- How do you reconcile the harsh God of the Old Testament with the loving God of the New Testament?
- How should we read Scripture to ensure that we have the correct image of God?

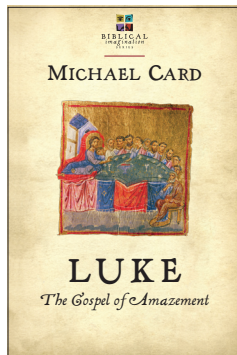
Author Biography



David T. Lamb (D.Phil., Oxford) is associate professor of Old Testament at Biblical Theological Seminary in Hatfield, Pennsylvania. He previously worked in campus ministry with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and has taught extensively in various crosscultural contexts. He is the author of *Righteous Jehu and His Evil Heirs* (Oxford).

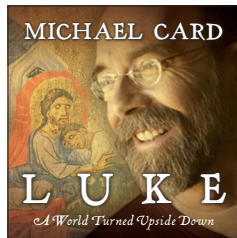


"This is a book which not only should be read by those into apologetics, but read by all Christians in our churches. It is striking right at the heart of one of the most pressing questions being asked today and we cannot ignore this. . . . If you are at all missionally living in our culture and aware of the questions being asked and challenges to Christianity, then you really cannot help but read this book!" —DAN KIMBALL, author of *They Like Jesus But Not The Church*



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Angle and Talking Points

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- What leads Luke to focus on the marginalized and the unlikely?
- Why does Luke include certain details that the other Gospel writers omit?
- What do you hope to do with the Biblical Imagination Series?

Author Biography



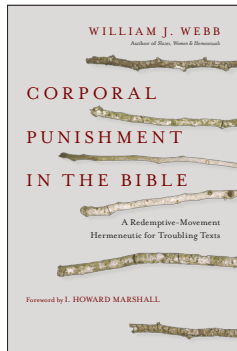
Michael Card is an award-winning musician and performing artist. He earned a master's degree in biblical studies from Western Kentucky University under Dr. William Lane. His many books include *Scribbling in the Sand*, *A Fragile Stone* and *A Better Freedom*. Card and his family live in Tennessee.

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"In honoring his mentor William Lane, Michael Card illumines a forgotten path of biblical imagination by a thorough examination of the book of Luke. I have been using this book as a meditation in my studio to live and create as an artist of the twenty-first century; I found every page to be eye-opening." —MAKOTO FUJIMURA, artist and writer

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Corporal Punishment in the Bible: A Redemptive-Movement Hermeneutic for Troubling Texts
September 2011
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Biblical scholar challenges Christian opinions on corporal punishment

Angle and Talking Points

Difficult biblical passages that call for the corporal punishment of children, slaves and wrongdoers are often avoided by the church, leaving most Christians confused about how to properly understand and apply these passages. William Webb confronts these troubling texts, noting that most of the Christian church is at best inconsistent in its application of them. Seeking the proper interpretation and application of these texts, Webb:

- continues the redemptive hermeneutic approach established in the author's influential book *Slaves, Women and Homosexuals*.
- places problematic biblical passages relating to corporal punishment of children and the mutilation of slaves and adults in historical cultural context.
- frames contemporary issues of discipline of children and just penalty for crime within the redemptive movement of the God of the Bible.
- reminds us of the sweep of God's redemptive purposes already evident in the Old Testament and fulfilled in the New.

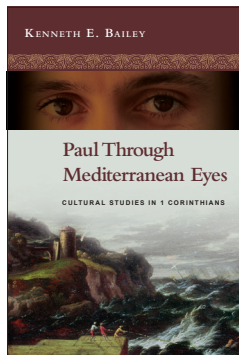
Author Biography



William Webb is an adjunct professor of New Testament and biblical studies at Tyndale Seminary in Toronto, Ontario. He is the author of *Returning Home* and *Slaves, Women and Homosexuals*.

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"William Webb is becoming one of evangelicalism's finest teachers of how to 'live the Bible' in our world. . . . Every parent and every pastor, in that order, needs to read this book before either lifts a hand or teaches others to lift a hand. I pray this book will flourish." —SCOT MCKNIGHT, professor in religious studies, North Park University



Paul Through Mediterranean Eyes: Cultural Studies in 1 Corinthians
October 2011
\$30, 590 pages, paperback,
978-0-8308-3934-6

Middle East expert presents groundbreaking study of Paul

Angle and Talking Points

In this study of Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, Kenneth Bailey examines this canonical letter through Paul's Jewish sociocultural and rhetorical background and through the Mediterranean context of its Corinthian recipients.

- Written by an expert in Middle Eastern New Testament studies
- Author spent forty years living and teaching New Testament in Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem and Cyprus
- Study proposes a new conception of the structure and nature of Paul's argument

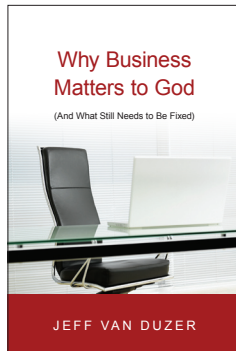
Author Biography



Kenneth E. Bailey is an author and lecturer in Middle Eastern New Testament studies. He spent forty years living and teaching New Testament in Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem and Cyprus. Bailey has written many books in English and in Arabic, including *The Cross and the Prodigal*, *Jacob and the Prodigal* and *Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes*.

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"Kenneth Bailey has transformed the way in which the parables and sayings of Jesus have been received and understood. Now Kenneth delves into the Pauline letters, and it becomes clear that a whole new perspective emerges. The view of Middle Eastern Christians is placed before us in its stark truthfulness. . . . With the skill of a biblical surgeon, Kenneth opens up the layers of meaning present." —THE MOST REV. ROGER HERFT, Archbishop of Perth and Metropolitan of Western Australia



Why Business Matters to God (And What Still Needs to Be Fixed)
\$20, 206 pages, paperback,
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Marketplace Redemption

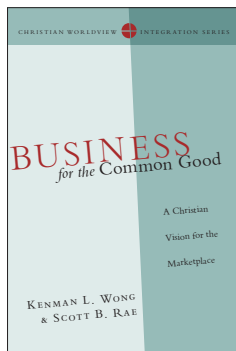
Angle and Talking Points

In exploring the nature and meaning of doing business, Jeff Van Duzer was surprised to find that it can be a high calling that integrates biblical studies, disciplines and ethics. He presents a Christian approach to business, finding a character and a vision of business that can really be “full-time Christian service.”

- What does business uniquely offer at this time and place in history?
- Will our work last for eternity? Does it matter?
- What is your vision for business leaders in the world today?

Author Biography

Jeff Van Duzer is dean of the School of Business and Economics and professor of business law and ethics at Seattle Pacific University. Previously, Van Duzer practiced law with an emphasis on finance and natural resources. He writes and speaks frequently in both church and professional settings.



Business for the Common Good: A Christian Vision for the Marketplace
March 2011
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978-0-8308-2816-6

Angle and Talking Points

Is business just a way to make money? Or can the marketplace be a venue for service to others? Scott Rae and Kenman Wong explore this and other critical business issues from a uniquely Christian perspective, offering up a vision for work and service that is theologically grounded and practically oriented. Specific questions they address along the way include:

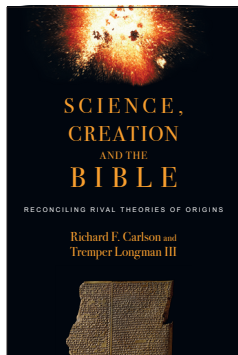
- What parts of business can be practiced “as is” and what parts need reform?
- What challenges do tight margins, fierce competition and short-term investor pressures present for the Christian business model?
- How do Christian values inform specific functional areas of business such as the management of people, marketing and environmental sustainability?

Author Biographies

Kenman L. Wong (Ph.D., University of Southern California) is professor of business ethics at Seattle Pacific University. He is also the author of *Medicine and the Marketplace: The Moral Dimensions of Managed Care*.

Scott B. Rae (Ph.D., University of Southern California) is professor of Christian ethics at Talbot School of Theology, Biola University, in La Mirada, California. He is also the author of *Moral Choices: An Introduction to Ethics*.





Science, Creation and the Bible: Reconciling Rival Theories of Origins

\$16, 144 pages, paperback,
978-0-8308-3889-9

Physicist and biblical scholar seek truce in war of origins

Angle and Talking Points

Many Christians feel that they must choose between their belief in the Bible and the conclusions of science. This is especially the case concerning the creation narratives of Scripture and the rather different stories that science tells. Physicist Richard Carlson and biblical scholar Tremper Longman address the longstanding problem of how to relate scientific description of the beginnings of the universe with the biblical creation passages found in Genesis chapters 1 and 2. Experts in their respective fields, they provide a way to resolve the seemingly conflicting descriptions by showing the meaning of the biblical texts as well as the meaning of scientific description. In the process they uncover:

- How theology and science differ, and what they both contribute
- What the key biblical passages actually say
- How the ancient Hebrews themselves understood the meaning of Genesis 1-2
- How the rest of Scripture helps us understand these passages
- What we can gain from science and what its limits are

Author Biographies



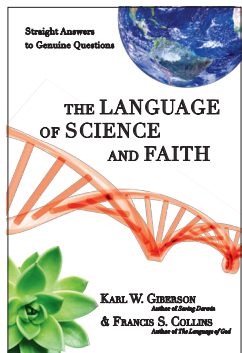
Richard F. Carlson (Ph.D., University of Minnesota) is research professor of physics at the University of Redlands in Redlands, California, and formerly a visiting scientist in the department of radiation sciences at Uppsala University in Sweden.



Tremper Longman III (Ph.D., Yale University) is Robert H. Gundry Professor of Biblical Studies at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California. He is the author or coauthor of over twenty books, including *How to Read Genesis*, and coeditor of *A Complete Literary Guide to the Bible*.

"Readers struggling with evolution will find this discussion by Carlson and Longman most helpful. The authors combine a robust respect for science in all its manifestations with a high view of Scripture. The result is a solid argument that there need be no conflict between the biblical and scientific accounts of our origins."

—KARL GIBERSON, coauthor of *The Language of Science and Faith* and senior fellow, The BioLogos Foundation



*The Language of Science
and Faith: Straight
Answers to Genuine
Questions*

\$20, 251 pages, hardcover,
978-0-8308-3829-5

Collins and Giberson attempt to defuse tensions around theistic evolution

Angle and Talking Points

World-renowned scientist Francis Collins, author of *The Language of God*, and fellow scientist Karl Giberson disentangle the false conclusions of Christians and atheists alike about science and evolution from the actual results of research in astronomy, physics, geology and genetics. In its place they find a story of the grandeur and beauty of a world made by a supremely creative God. Together, Giberson and Collins show that science and religion are not at war by:

- answering fundamental questions about Darwin, evolution, the age of the earth, the Bible, the existence of God, and our finely-tuned universe.
- correcting misconceptions about biblical interpretation.
- engaging creationists, new atheists and adherents of intelligent design.

Author Biographies



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Karl W. Giberson (Ph.D.) is an internationally known scholar who serves as professor of physics at Eastern Nazarene College, is the director of the Forum on Faith and Science at Gordon College, and is executive vice president of The BioLogos Foundation. Giberson has published over a hundred articles, reviews and essays, and has written seven books, including *Saving Darwin*.



Francis S. Collins (M.D., Ph.D.) is a world-renowned geneticist known for spearheading the Human Genome Project, which finished sequencing human DNA in 2003. He is director of the National Institutes of Health, founder of The BioLogos Foundation and author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Language of God*.

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