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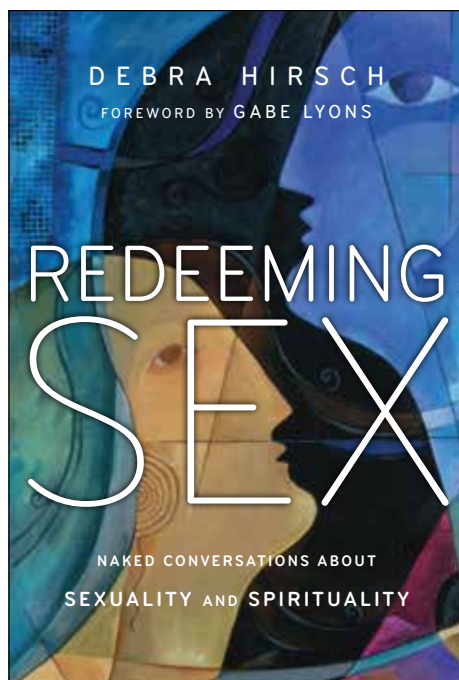
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Redeeming Sex: Naked Conversations About Sexuality and Spirituality

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Pastor Builds Bridges Between the Church and the LGBT Community

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Boldly going where other church leaders fear to tread, Debra Hirsch offers a number of shifts in *Redeeming Sex* that could, if embraced, go a long way toward rehabilitating the church's terrible track record with sexuality, especially when it comes to interactions with the LGBT community. Hirsch knows whereof she speaks; not only did she once self-identify as a lesbian, but also she has spent the last twenty-five years in ministry wrestling with questions of what biblical sexuality might look like in the lives of very real and broken people. As Hirsch writes:

- "Our experience taught us that most people needed to feel a sense of belonging before they believed. And they needed acceptance before they could even begin to understand what repentance or transformation might look like."
- "It turns out that sexuality and spirituality are in fact two sides of the same coin. Both express a deep longing to know and be known—by God and by others. Both involve a call to learn the true meaning and practice of love. . . . Both of these yearnings are essential to what it means to be human."
- "Looking to Jesus as our sexual model forces us to move beyond our fixation with genital sexuality to a much broader view of human sexuality, one that includes non-genital intimacy."

Author Biography

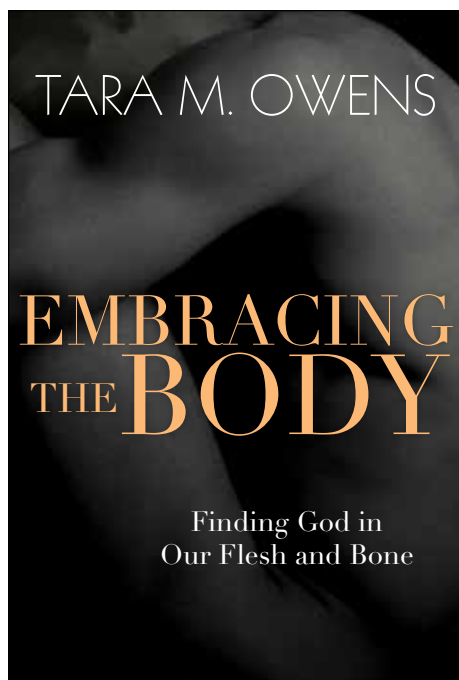


DEBRA HIRSCH has led churches and ministries among the poor and the LGBT community in Australia and America for over twenty years. Debra is coauthor of *Untamed: Reactivating a Missional Form of Discipleship* with Alan Hirsch. She formerly served on the leadership team of the Forge Missions Training Network and Christian Associates International and on the steering team for Missio Alliance.

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"I'm so grateful to Deb Hirsch for writing the best book on this conversation I have read. It speaks to the heart of our identity in Christ. It addresses complex and sensitive realities and tensions with grace, love, compassion, truth, justice and mercy. It is prophetic, profound, candid, transparent and should be read by every Christian. It will challenge you to the core, but we can no longer stick our heads in the sand and ignore the fact that people are hurting and need real answers to real issues. I am giving a copy of this book to everyone I know. It's that important."

—CHRISTINE CAINE, director, Equip & Empower Ministries



Embracing the Body: Finding God in Our Flesh and Bone

February 2015

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A Literal Embodiment of Spirituality

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

"If you asked me if I was always comfortable in my body (and required that I answer honestly), I would have to say, No . . . no, I'm not. I'm of the opinion that there isn't anyone alive who is at home in his or her body 100 percent of the time, and I don't believe that I formed this opinion just to justify my own neuroses."

So begins Tara Owens in *Embracing the Body*. This book, praised by Lauren Winner as "beautiful, learned and wise," invites readers to listen to thoughts about our bodies in a way that draws us into a closer relationship with God. Diving into the relationship between our physicality and spirituality, Owens walks readers through her own bond with her body and allows us to do the same.

Owens tackles false beliefs such as:

- Your physical body doesn't matter
- You are ugly
- How can you be loved?
- You cannot measure up

Owens brings readers into peace with our spirits, our bodies and with Christianity to make us more whole individuals, connecting with God on every possible level.

Author Biography



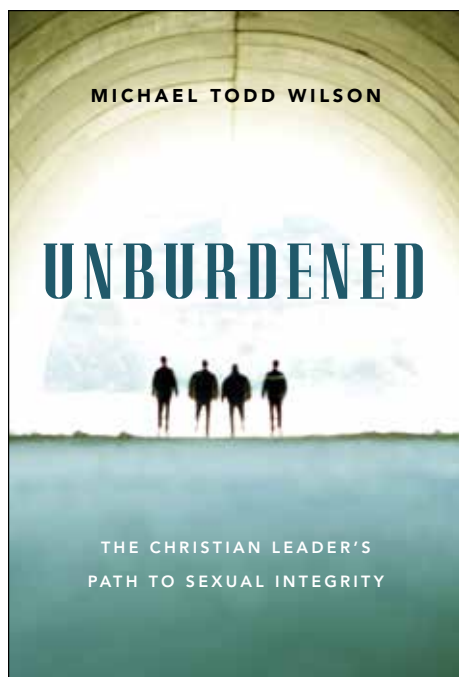
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"Wise, erudite, loving and tender, *Embracing the Body* will bring true healing and wholeness to our theology of our physical bodies as a church. Tara Owens is the perfect guide for this holy journey."

—SARAH BESSEY, author of *Jesus Feminist*



Unburdened: The Christian Leader's Path to Sexual Integrity
September 2015
\$15, 128 pages, paperback
978-0-8308-4432-6

Getting Honest About the Christian Leader's Struggle for Sexual Integrity

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Michael Todd Wilson believes that all men struggle with sexual integrity. His research and practice has suggested that it's merely a question of degree, and what men are (or are not) doing to be on a path of integrity. The question is not "Do you struggle with sexual integrity," but rather "How do you struggle with sexual integrity?" The two differ by just one word, but that one word represents a significant shift that Wilson wants to see happen among Christian leaders. Wilson speaks directly to Christian leaders as he:

- Articulates why it's hard for Christian leaders to talk about their struggles
- Shares stories of hope and transformation from a variety of male leaders who struggle with sexual integrity
- Offers guidelines for getting and staying on track
- Gives leaders permission to talk honestly about and face their battles for sexual integrity

Author Biography



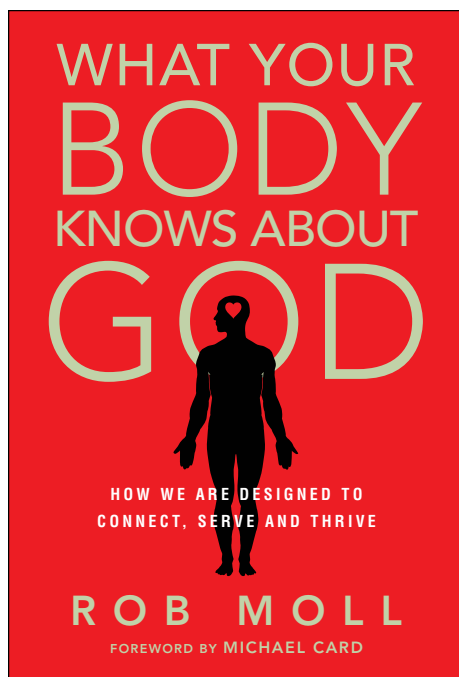
MICHAEL TODD WILSON is a licensed professional counselor and board-certified coach with Intentional Hearts. He specializes in coaching Christian men in the recovery and pursuit of sexual integrity and is also the cofounder of ShepherdCare, a nonprofit ministry that offers support and training for ministers by promoting health and long-term effectiveness in ministry. He is the coauthor of *Soul Virgins: Redefining Single Sexuality* (Sexual Wholeness Resources) and *Preventing Ministry Failure*.

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"How I wish we had this important book earlier! When I was new in running a ministry, my then-director of operations caught an employee looking at porn on our computers, and we fired him the next day. I encouraged the man to get help, and didn't understand that the way I was handling it was making that far less likely. A few months later, a pastor we knew was discovered to have a sex addiction problem that he had hidden out of fear of that same sort of 'no discussion, no grace' outcome. Over the next few years of research, as my eyes were opened to the many reasons for sexual struggle, I saw just how many Christian leaders are struggling alone and don't need to be! In this important book, Michael Todd Wilson calls Christian leaders to be willing to be courageously transparent about this tough subject and gives them specific tools for doing so. This book is so needed."

—SHAUNTI FELDHAN, author of *For Men Only* and *For Women Only*



What Your Body Knows About God: How We Are Designed to Connect, Serve and Thrive

September 2014

\$16, 217 pages, paperback

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The Positive Links Between Faith and Our Bodies

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

What inspires you to pursue God, love others and live as God designed? In *What Your Body Knows About God*, award-winning journalist Rob Moll explores the science of spirituality and how it motivates everyday people to follow the extraordinary. In the book Moll shows that everyone has a biological ability to connect to God through spiritual experiences and by caring for other people. Inspiring readers to take action, both personally and communally, he provides a way for readers to enhance their relationship with God and their connections to other people.

“As I was working on my last book, I saw how important it was to hold our bodies with some reverence and awe. This sense of wonder led me to investigate the spiritual capacities of our bodies,” writes Moll, who has written extensively on health and health-care issues, and whose work has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Christianity Today*, *Books & Culture* and *Leadership Journal*.

- Uses neuroscience research to show how the brain develops and adapts when engaged in spiritual practices
- Describes why our bodies are designed to love God and serve others
- Written in an engaging, journalistic style with personal stories and cutting-edge neuroscience research

Author Biography



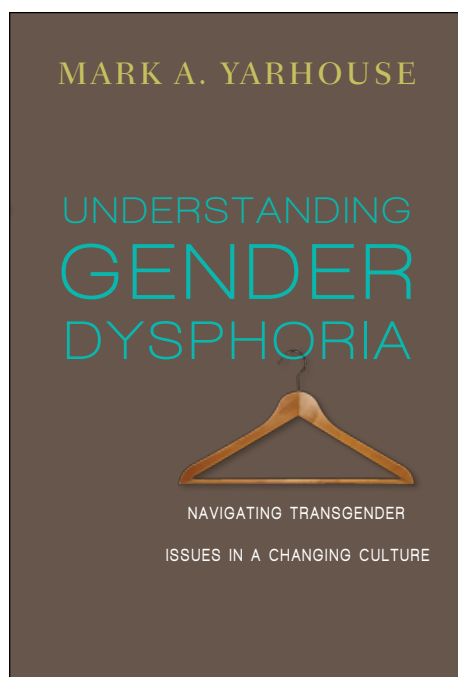
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“Body or soul? Brain or spirit? In this carefully researched, engaging book, Rob Moll shows how biblical Christianity brings together the parts of the human we too often divide against each other. Thank God, he has made us for glory that extends to the tips of our toes and even to our neural pathways. Read this and let your whole self rejoice.”

—KATELYN BEATY, managing editor, *Christianity Today* magazine



Understanding Gender Dysphoria: Navigating Transgender Issues in a Changing Culture

June 2015

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The Complicated Questions of Gender

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In the fog of the culture war, complex issues like gender dysphoria are reduced to slogans and sound bites. And while the war rages over language, institutions and political allegiances, transgender individuals are the ones who end up being the casualties. An expert on human sexuality, Mark Yarhouse offers a Christian perspective of transgender identity that avoids simplistic answers, engages the latest research and listens to people's stories.

- What does it mean to have gender dysphoria?
- What is the difference between sex, gender and gender role?
- What are the problems with having rigid categories for gender?
- In what ways does the Bible speak to the issue of gender dysphoria? Why is sociocultural context so important when evaluating this question?
- Why is it important to understand that being human means experiencing a desire for wholeness? How does this relate to gender dysphoria?
- What are the different ways in which gender dysphoria can be “prevented” and “treated”?

Author Biography



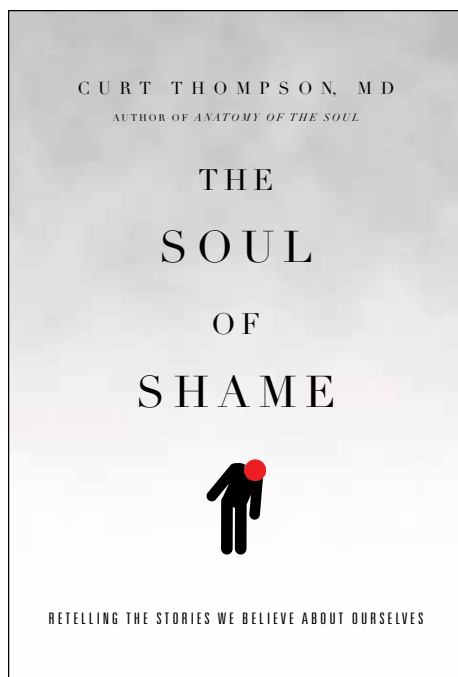
MARK A. YARHOUSE (PsyD, Wheaton College) is the Hughes Endowed Chair and professor of psychology at Regent University where he directs the Institute for the Study of Sexual Identity and is a core faculty member in the doctoral program in clinical psychology. A licensed clinical psychologist, he practices privately in the Virginia Beach area, providing individual, couples, family and group counseling. Yarhouse has published over eighty peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters and is author or coauthor of many books.

“I deeply respect the work that Mark Yarhouse has done in this field and have benefited greatly from his thinking.”

—BILL HYBELS, senior pastor, Willow Creek Community Church

“Understanding Gender Dysphoria is a deeply practical and timely book. Many of the variables surrounding the transgender community are nuanced and intense, yet completely unknown to the evangelical world. Mark provides helpful working knowledge of key terms, concepts and relevant issues. And with humility and great care he directly addresses how individual Christians and the broader evangelical church can respond. Although this book is academic in nature, it should be required reading for all church leadership. This is my new go-to book for the Marin Foundation’s work with evangelicals on the topic. Mark’s research must be paid attention to.”

—ANDREW MARIN, author of *Love Is an Orientation*



The Soul of Shame: Retelling the Stories We Believe About Ourselves

September 2015

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Finding the Root of All Shame

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

The Soul of Shame is the new book from Dr. Curt Thompson, a psychiatrist in private practice in Falls Church, Virginia, and founder of Being Known. It follows up on the research and discoveries he made in his first book, *Anatomy of the Soul*, by unpacking shame, revealing its ubiquitous nature and neurobiological roots, and describing the effect it has on our souls. He also provides the theological and practical tools necessary to dismantle shame based on years of researching its damaging effects and counseling people to overcome those wounds.

- Examines shame from both a neurobiological and theological perspective
- Provides a Christian perspective on shame's damaging affect on our lives
- Offers hope and healing for those struggling with continued effects of shame
- Explores the connection between releasing shame and vocational discovery

Author Biography

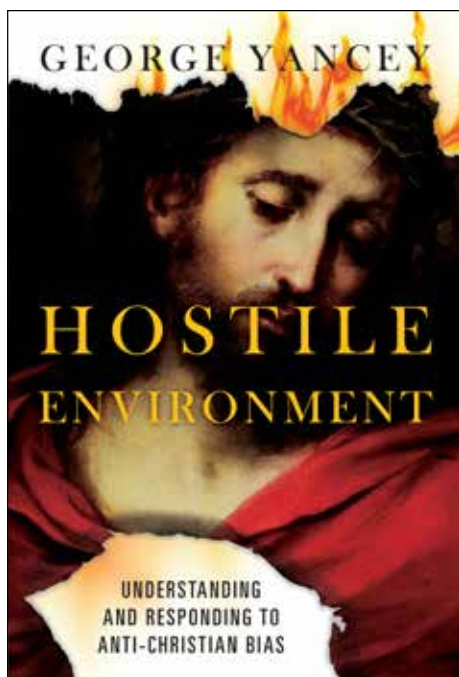


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"Though shame often exerts hidden, destructive power over us, The Soul of Shame invites us to find freedom with each other and in God's story of love for us. Curt Thompson weaves together experience, insightful stories, science and Scripture to invite us into a story of healing and flourishing together. This excellent book will help to guide my thoughts and relationships for a long time."

—KENT ANNAN, author of *After Shock* and *Following Jesus Through the Eye of the Needle*



Hostile Environment: Understanding and Responding to Anti-Christian Bias

April 2015

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Is Christianophobia a Real Thing?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In *Hostile Environment* sociologist George Yancey explores the phenomenon of Christianophobia, an intense animosity against Christians and the Christian faith. Among some circles, opposition to Christianity manifests much like other historic prejudices like anti-Semitism or racial discrimination. While Christianophobia in the United States does not typically rise to the violent levels of religious persecution in other parts of the world, Christians are often still treated in ways that perpetuate negative stereotypes and contribute to culture war acrimony.

- Unpacks the underlying perspectives and root causes of Christianophobia
- Explores to what extent Christians have themselves contributed to anti-Christian hostility
- Explains how Christians can confront untruths without capitulation

Author Biography

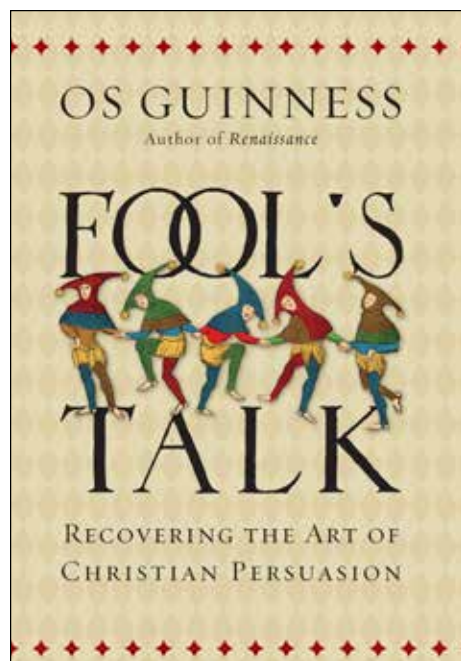


GEORGE YANCEY (PhD, University of Texas) is professor of sociology at the University of North Texas, specializing in race/ethnicity, biracial families and anti-Christian bias. He is the author, coauthor or coeditor of books such as *Compromising Scholarship: Religious and Political Bias in American Higher Education*, *Dehumanizing Christians: Cultural Competition in a Multicultural World*, *There Is No God: Atheists in America*, *Beyond Black and White*, *Beyond Racial Gridlock* and *Just Don't Marry One*. He is the founder of Reconciliation Consulting, helping churches and ministries develop and sustain a multiracial emphasis.

You can find George on Twitter: @profyancey.

"Hostile Environment is a clearly-written summary of the increasing harassment of Christians. Some will want to withdraw from American society and become the twenty-first century Amish, but it will be better to learn from George Yancey and peaceably but firmly confront anti-Christian bigotry."

—MARVIN OLASKY, editor in chief, World News Group



Fool's Talk: Recovering the Art of Christian Persuasion

July 2015

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Cultural Leader Presents Magnum Opus in the Form of Creative Persuasion

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

"The whole world has taken up apologetics without ever using or knowing the idea as Christians understand it. We are all apologists now, if only on behalf of 'the Daily Me' or 'the Tweeted Update' that we post for our virtual friends and our cyber community. The great goals of life, we are told, are to gain the widest possible public attention and to reach as many people in the world with our products—and always, our leading product is Us.

"Are Christians ready for this new age?"

So writes Os Guinness in his magnum opus *Fool's Talk*. This latest from the prolific author and editor of over thirty books is Guinness's first time tackling the subject of apologetics and evangelism, digging into how and why traditional cookie-cutter approaches simply don't work anymore. Presenting the art and power of creative persuasion—the ability to talk to people who are closed to what we are saying—he provides a fresh way of looking at Christian witness for today.

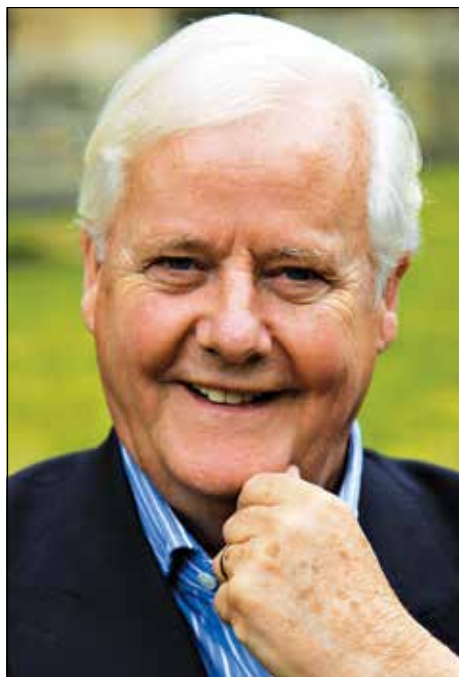
This urgent need for creative persuasion is a result of our post-Christian context, writes Guinness. Public life has become markedly more secular and private life infinitely more diverse; meanwhile, traditional approaches to apologetics assume that people are open, interested and needy for spiritual insight when increasingly most people are not. Yet many Christians still rely on conventional approaches to evangelism and apologetics.

Following the tradition of Erasmus, Pascal, G. K. Chesterton, C. S. Lewis and Malcolm Muggeridge, Guinness demonstrates how apologetic persuasion requires both the rational and the imaginative, and how in the end, persuasion is subversive.

- Shows Christians how to interact with the disinterested or hostile
- Uses modern and ancient examples to show where creative persuasion works
- Recovers biblical models of engaging listeners fruitfully

"Here Os Guinness is ringing the bell that must be heard. Christian abandonment of evangelism, apologetics and discipleship, in a cynical age, is deeply serious. Social justice isn't enough. We simply must quickly recover the art of persuasion that loves and awakens souls. The world, deaf as it may at times seem, is dying for good news. Dr. Guinness shows us the brilliant 'advocacy of the heart' that wins not just arguments but, far more importantly, people. The gospel, Os reminds us, is the highest form of love. The best news. And the only hope for a world awaiting its redemption."

—KELLY MONROE KULLBERG, editor, *Finding God at Harvard*, founder, The Veritas Forum



Os Guinness: An Invaluable Voice for the Christian Church

Author Biography

OS GUINNESS (DPhil, Oxford) is a prolific writer and social critic. He is the author or editor of more than thirty books. Previously, Guinness was a freelance reporter with the BBC, a visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution and a guest scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Studies. He is the author of *Renaissance*, *The Global Public Square*, *A Free People's Suicide*, *Unspeakable*, *The Call*, *Time for Truth*, *The Case for Civility*, and most recently, *Fool's Talk*.

From 1986 to 1989, Guinness served as executive director of the Williamsburg Charter Foundation, a bicentennial celebration of the First Amendment. In this position he helped draft the Williamsburg Charter, which was signed by former presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, Chief Justices William Rehnquist and Warren Burger, Coretta Scott King, Elie Wiesel, several members of Congress and many others.

A prominent social critic, Guinness is the founder of the Trinity Forum and was senior fellow there until 2004, conducting seminars for leaders around the world. He has been a frequent speaker and seminar leader at political and business conferences, and has addressed audiences from the British House of Commons to the United States Congress. He has also been the subject of numerous media interviews, appearing on programs such as C-SPAN's *Booknotes*. His countless addresses at leading universities worldwide have helped to influence an entire generation of thinkers.

Guinness lives with his wife, Jenny, near Washington, D.C.

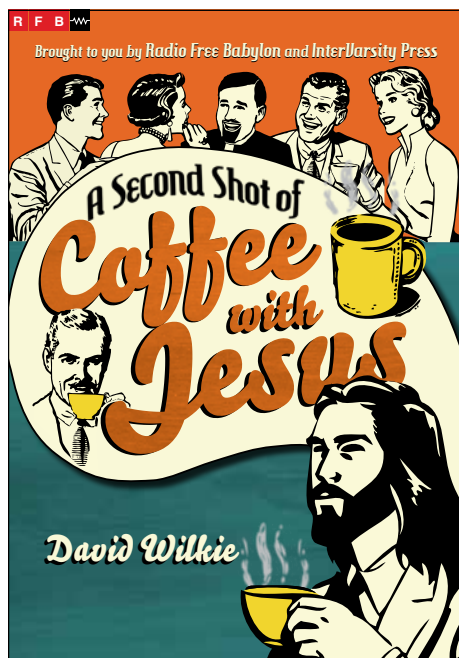
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"Os Guinness's books have been invaluable for the Christian church for decades. A great deal of what I know about communicating the faith in modern times I learned from him."

—TIM KELLER, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York City

"The art and science of dialoguing and debate must bring together the message and the method in concert. No one does this better than my colleague Os Guinness. For years I have benefited from his incisive thinking and carefully studied presentations. . . . Few thinkers today rise to the level that Os does, even as he plumbs the depth of vital issues in defense of the historic Christian faith."

—RAVI ZACHARIAS, author and speaker



A Second Shot of Coffee with Jesus

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There's Now More Coffee with Jesus!

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Thousands of people start each day with a shot of *Coffee with Jesus*, the enormously popular online comic strip. In 2014 *Coffee with Jesus* artist David Wilkie released the strips in the book *Coffee with Jesus*. Now he's back with a venti-sized second volume in *A Second Shot of Coffee with Jesus*. Wilkie says, "It's just a boatload of comics. . . . This book is the kind you can pick up, flip to any page, read a couple of strips and then throw back down on the nightstand. Or the coffee table. Or the toilet tank. Or you can read them all in one sitting. And then hopefully read them again."

Author Biography



DAVID WILKIE is the artist behind the popular online comic strip *Coffee with Jesus*. He and his wife Katie cofounded Radio Free Babylon, a media creation consortium that produces literature, music, software, websites and less tangible ideas about life. Dave has held numerous and varied positions in his career, including writer, creative director, producer, musician, on-air talent, clergyman, fax repairman and artist, sometimes all at once.

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"The day I discovered Coffee With Jesus, I felt a little less alone in Christendom. Wilkie's characters demonstrate our worst flaws, and Coffee Jesus skewers them with a wry balance of humor, solid theology and love. This might be the best evangelism tool since Mere Christianity. Perfect for a seeker or someone who's fed up with religiosity but thirsty for Jesus."

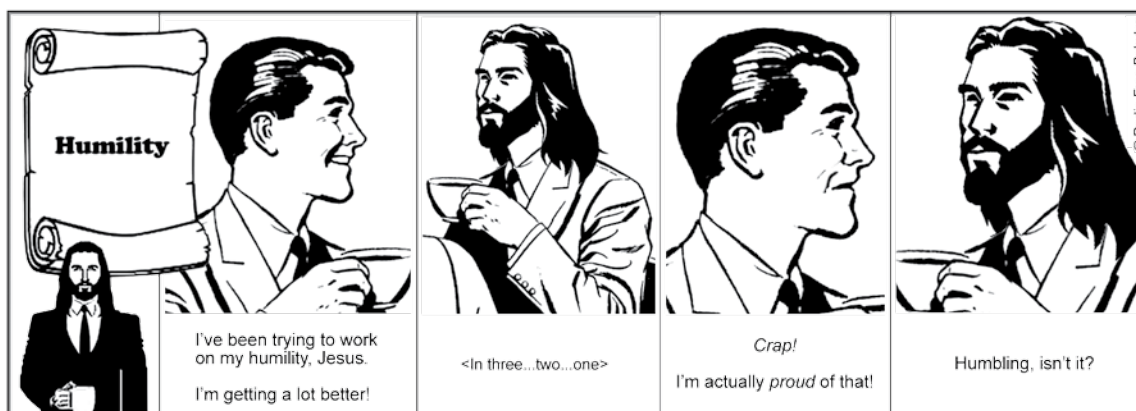
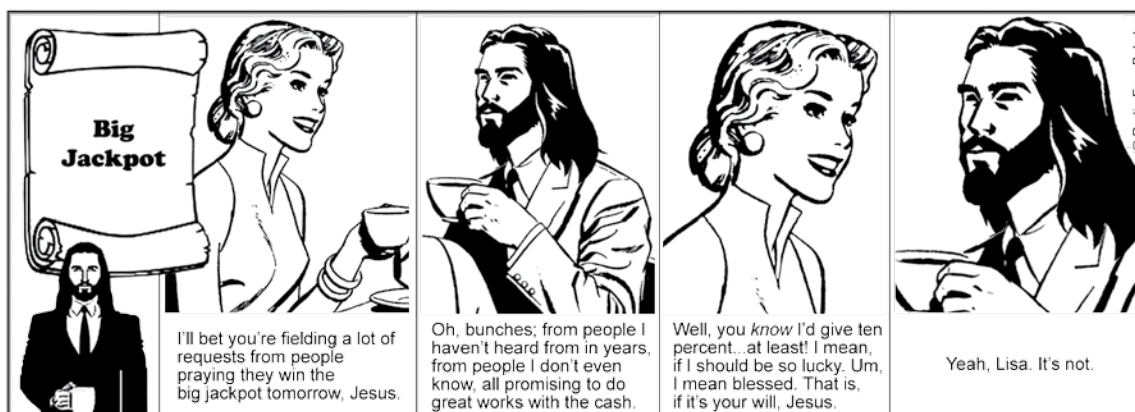
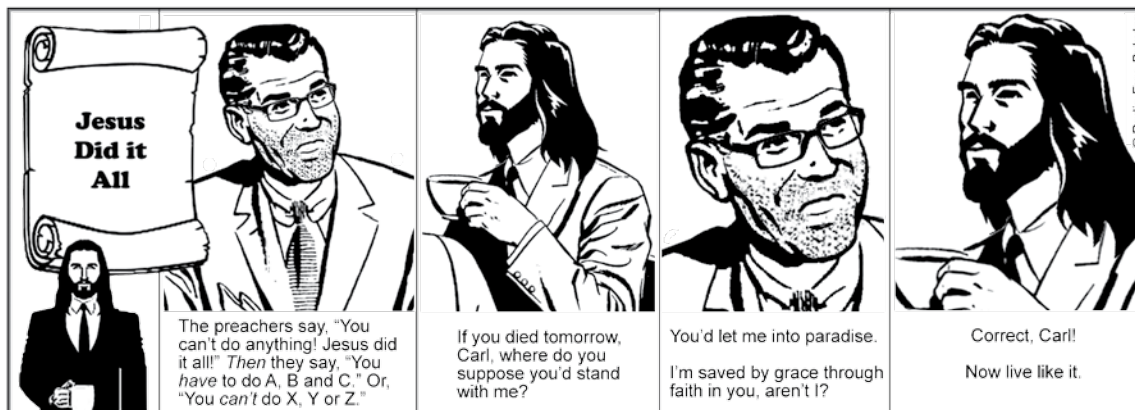
—SUSAN ISAACS, author of *Angry Conversations with God*

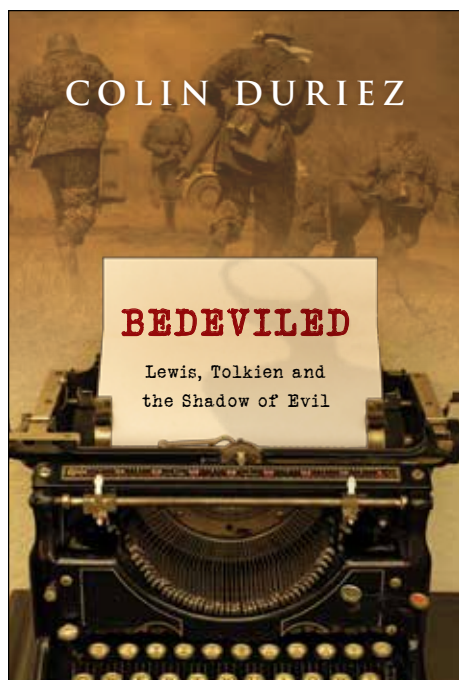
"David Wilkie accomplishes in a four-panel comic strip what preachers try to achieve in a 45-minute sermon—making one solid point that delivers a spiritual truth. Wilkie's popular Coffee with Jesus strip invites the reader to eavesdrop on conversations between Jesus and a diverse cast of characters as they discuss everyday topics including relationships, culture, and church."

—JEFF FRIEND, *Worship Leader Magazine*, January/February 2014



A Sip of Coffee with Jesus





Bedeviled: Lewis, Tolkien and the Shadow of Evil

March 2015

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The Inklings on War, Violence and Evil

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Can we make sense of war, terror, violence and evil? How do we understand the persistence of these things that so uproot our lives? In *Bedeviled: Lewis, Tolkien and the Shadow of Evil* the experiences of these authors and others of Inklings fame during World War I are examined in light of their books and stories. These storytellers explore at great depth the reality of pain and suffering in light of their familiarity with total war, and Colin Duriez applies their wisdom to modern manifestations.

“My own experience has been that Lewis’s deep roots in what he called ‘mere Christianity’ helps in understanding both the persistence of conflict and war, with the terror it brings to the innocent, and the havoc that our own wrong choices bring upon us and upon those we love,” Duriez said. “Lewis’s writings are fully realistic about our spoiled world, yet always lifted up by an equally realistic hope, based upon his Christian faith.”

Duriez demonstrates that C. S. Lewis, Tolkien and friends are quite relevant for today’s readers, noting that they identified modern warfare as a powerful image of a deeper battle between the good and the bad going on both in society and in ordinary households. Their books and stories realistically explore the age-old question of good and evil for both children and adults, and demonstrate how Christianity can affect lives for the good.

Author Biography

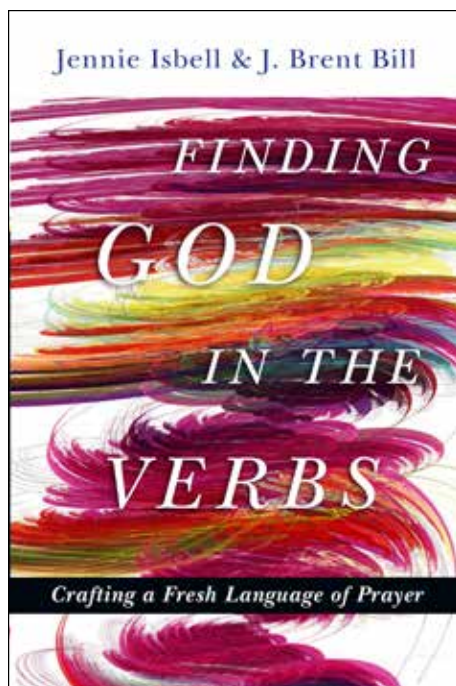


COLIN DURIEZ has taught, written and spoken worldwide on C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien and the Inklings for nearly thirty years. In addition to winning the Clyde S. Kilby Award in 1994 for his research, he has also appeared as a commentator on the extended-version film DVDs of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy (Peter Jackson, director), PBS’s *The Question of God*, which compared C. S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud, and the Sony DVD *Rings* about Tolkien fandom and the impact of Tolkien on popular culture.

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“Nobody knows more about the respective canons of C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien or their collaborative friendship than Colin Duriez, and he puts his erudition to work in this new volume that explores and elucidates the shadow of evil in their respective literary works. Those looking for contemporary insights into the source and problem of evil need look no further than Bedeviled.”

—BRUCE L. EDWARDS, author of *Not a Tame Lion*



Finding God in the Verbs: Crafting a Fresh Language of Prayer

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Finding God in Sentence Structure?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In *Finding God in the Verbs: Crafting a Fresh Language of Prayer*, Jennie Isbell and J. Brent Bill present a new approach for finding deeper communion with God in the way we talk and communicate. Offering companionship and guidance, they urge us to notice our prayer experiences, working to deepen them through a change in language. They explain the importance of the journey by looking at questions like:

- How does our communication with God influence our relationship with him?
- Why are things like “easy God speak” and “clipped shorthand” problematic?
- Is it possible that everyone struggles with their prayer language?

Author Biography



JENNIE ISBELL (MDiv, Earlham School of Religion) is an experienced spiritual director. In addition to her training in spiritual care, Jennie cares deeply about the intersection of the spirit and the body, working extensively as a practitioner and teacher in yoga, Integrative Yoga Therapy, Reiki, Thai bodywork and massage. She is the author of *Leading Quakers*, an eight-part curriculum for training worship communities. She lives in Greenfield, Massachusetts, with her husband.

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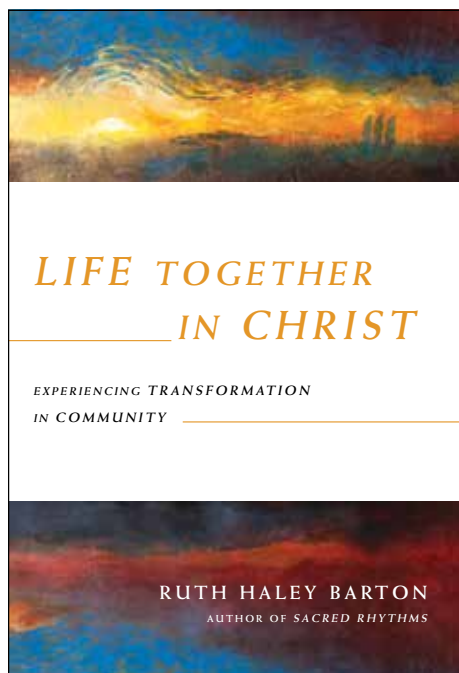
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“Finding God in the Verbs came along just in time. I am sick unto death of my own prayers, and suspect God too is tired of rolling his eyes at my words. Why am I so careful in my writing and so careless in my prayers? Bill and Isbell are renewing not only my prayers but my heart.”

—LESLIE LEYLAND FIELDS, author of *Forgiving Our Fathers and Mothers*



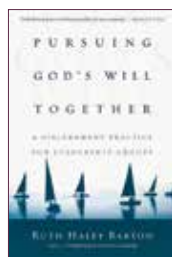
Life Together in Christ: Experiencing Transformation in Community

November 2014

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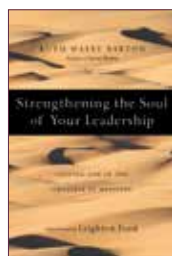
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Pursuing God's Will Together: A Discernment Practice for Leadership Groups

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Why Aren't Christian Lives Being Transformed? What's Missing?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

A recent Barna survey found that a majority of self-identified Christians today (52 percent) believe that there is much more to the Christian life than they have experienced, and 46 percent say their lives have not changed at all as a result of going to church. Ruth Haley Barton, founding president of the Transforming Center, a spiritual formation ministry to pastors and Christian leaders, says that community and transformation go hand-in-hand. She explains: "If we can bring these two dynamics together in transforming community, a spontaneous combustion will begin to take place."

- Shows how spiritual formation can be engaged in community and how community based in Christ brings life change
- Based on the author's experience of more than a decade in developing communities through her Transforming Center ministry
- Reflections on the Emmaus Road as a Biblical model for transforming community

Author Biography

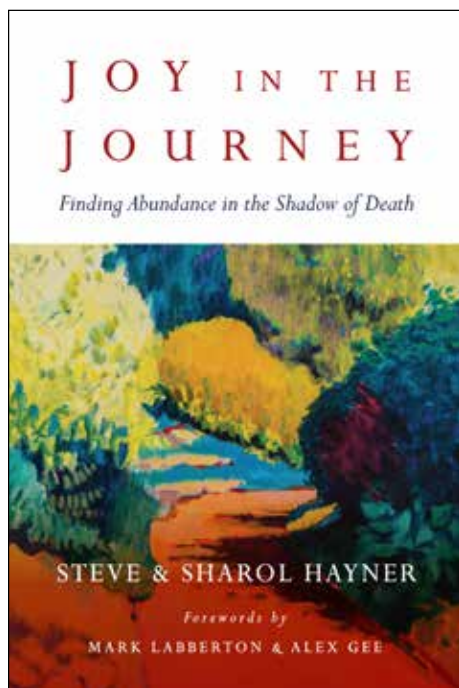


RUTH HALEY BARTON (DD, Northern Seminary) is the founder of the Transforming Center, a ministry dedicated to strengthening the souls of pastors and Christian leaders and the congregations and organizations they serve. She has been a student, practitioner, teacher and leader in the area of Christian spirituality and spiritual formation for twenty years.

Transformingcenter.org

"Ruth Haley Barton is a courageous leader whose writing points towards the future of Christian spiritual formation."

—MARK SCANDRETTE, author of *Free* and *Practicing the Way of Jesus*



Joy in the Journey: Finding Abundance in the Shadow of Death

July 2015

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One Couple's Journey Through Cancer

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Steve Hayner was serving as president of Columbia Seminary and was healthy and fit when he found out he had terminal pancreatic cancer. He and his wife, Sharol, embarked on a journey together with their children that soon included tens of thousands of visits from friends and acquaintances via a CaringBridge website. The overwhelming response to their posts on the website attested to the surprising and engaging way that they chose to live in the face of death. These pages, including reflections from some of those closest to Steve and Sharol, offer us a hope-filled glimpse into what it means to walk with God in honesty, with joy, even through great pain.

- Reflections from a seminary president and his wife on his terminal cancer
- Includes photos and reflections from their daughter and son
- Author's CaringBridge website had over 150,000 reader visits

Author Biography



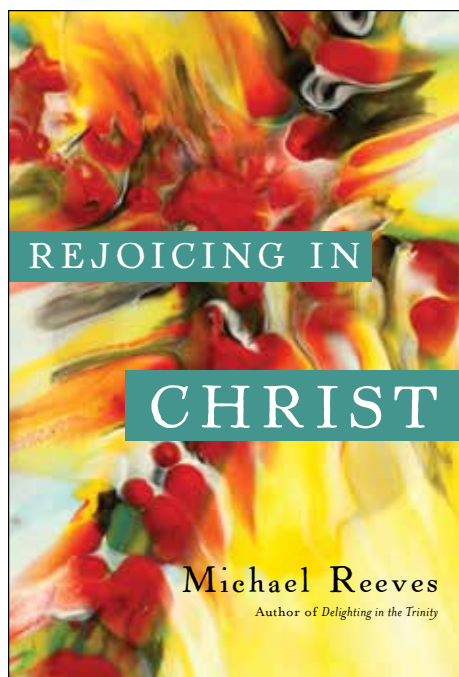
STEVE HAYNER (1948–2015) was the president emeritus of Columbia Theological Seminary and an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), as well as a professor, author and the former president of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. He served on the boards of World Vision and International Justice Mission, among others. After being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2014, Steve passed away the following year.



SHAROL HAYNER has been serving in ministry for over forty years with Steve. At age forty-eight she began seminary, and ultimately graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. Ordained in the PCUSA, she served as associate pastor for discipleship at Peachtree Presbyterian Church and now serves as parish associate at Kairos Church, both in Atlanta. Steve and Sharol have three children and five grandchildren.

"Steve Hayner has been first a hero and then a friend since I met him many years ago. He was a people magnet and an idea machine and an energy force. To follow the journey that he and Sharol traveled together through the valley of the shadow of death was a privilege and a heartbreak and an education in hope. I'm grateful their searing, aching, honest, inspiring words are now permanently available. I cannot imagine a human being who would not benefit from it."

—JOHN ORTBERG, senior pastor of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, author of *Soul Keeping*



Rejoicing in Christ
February 2015
\$16, 137 pages, paperback
978-0-8308-4022-9

How Can We Truly Enjoy God?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

“Jesus Christ, God’s perfect Son, is the Beloved of the Father, the Song of the angels, the Logic of creation, the great Mystery of godliness, the bottomless Spring of life, comfort and joy. We were made to find our satisfaction, our heart’s rest, in him. Quite simply, this book will be about enjoying him, reveling in his all-sufficiency for us, and considering all that he is: how he reveals such an unexpectedly kind God, how he makes, defines—how he is—the good news, and how he not only gives shape to but *is himself* the shape of the Christian life.”

As Michael Reeves points out in the introduction, his book *Rejoicing in Christ* is all about the glory and wonder of Christ. Reeves offers readers a bigger and more exciting picture than many have imagined. Jesus didn’t just bring us the good news. He *is* the good news. Reeves helps us celebrate who Christ is, his work on earth, his death and resurrection, his anticipated return and how we share in his life.

As Reeves writes, “And as we consider him, we will look at how he *is* our life: our righteousness, our holiness, our hope.”

Author Biography

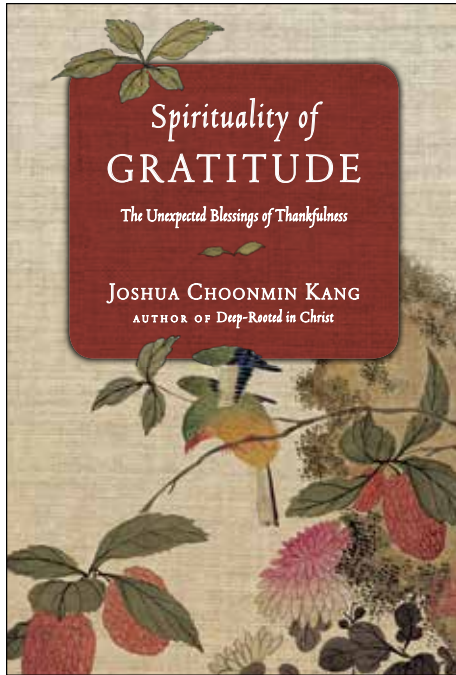


MICHAEL REEVES (PhD, King’s College) is an author, theologian, historian and professor who teaches at Wales Evangelical School of Theology (WEST) and is the director of Union, a WEST initiative that puts the theological academy back in the local church context. He previously served as theological adviser for the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship in the United Kingdom where he oversaw the Theology Network, a theological resources website. He was also associate minister at All Souls Church, Langham Place. Reeves is the author of books such as *Delighting in the Trinity*, *The Unquenchable Flame*, *Discovering the Heart of the Reformation* and *The Good God*. He has also written numerous articles for publications including *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, *Themelios*, *Desiring God*, *Credo* and *Reformation 21*. He and his wife Bethan have two daughters.

You can find Michael on Twitter: @mike_reeves.

“Michael Reeves has written a simple and yet elegant introduction to the work of Jesus Christ. He provides a wonderful overview of Jesus in eternity, Jesus triumphing over evil and Jesus reigning forever. Reeves shows that for believers, our life is from Christ, and Christ is our life! His account of Christian doctrine about Jesus is complemented with a treasure trove of historical artwork depicting Jesus, stimulating the mind as well as the heart.”

—MICHAEL F. BIRD, lecturer in theology at Ridley College, Melbourne, Australia



Spirituality of Gratitude: The Unexpected Blessings of Thankfulness

July 2015

\$16, 160 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4603-0

What It Means to Express Gratitude

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

“Deep gratitude springs up from within,” writes pastor and bestselling Korean author Joshua Choonmin Kang. “To become truly grateful is incredibly difficult, but the difficulty of the process makes the results all the more lovely.”

- Explores how we can grow in gratitude even in times of difficulty
- Fifty-two brief readings, ideal for daily or weekly devotions
- From the bestselling Korean author of *Deep-Rooted in Christ*

Author Biography



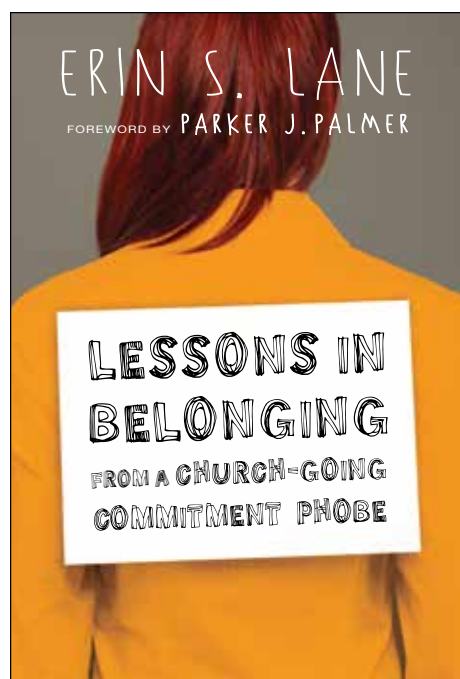
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“True gratitude is being grateful for everything. Being thankful for a wonderful situation is easy. But true gratitude is being thankful for the situation we can't be thankful for by our own strength. That kind of gratitude can be found only by one who knows the paradox of grace.”

—FROM *SPIRITUALITY OF GRATITUDE*, chapter 3, “The Grace of Descending”

“Pastor Joshua Choonmin Kang has done it again. If your spirit soared while reading Deep-Rooted in Christ, it will take flight again as you experience Spirituality of Gratitude. . . . This is a book deeply rooted in the personal experience of the author. It should be read and experienced more than once.”

—GARY W. MOON, executive director, Martin Institute and Dallas Willard Center, Westmont College, and author of *Apprenticeship with Jesus*



*Lessons in Belonging from a Church-Going
Commitment Phobe*

December 2014

\$16, 208 pages, paperback

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How Can the Church Reach the Commitment Phobe “Nones”?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Why bother with a church? An unthinkable question just a generation ago, this is now the first theological hurdle not just for millennials but for people of faith from all sectors. Belonging to the church today has become a lost art, especially for millennials whose church experience is often summed up in one word: none. Erin Lane mines her own complicated relationship with the church to give fresh insight into the complexities and possibilities of a shared faith. Throughout her writing, she vulnerably questions:

- Why is disillusionment a good thing?
- Why has a sense of belonging become so important for millennials and you personally?
- Where do you find home these days, having been raised Catholic and now married to a Methodist pastor?
- What can folks already planted in the pews of our churches do to bring in the “nones”?

Author Biography



ERIN S. LANE works for the Seattle-based non-profit Center for Courage & Renewal as an assistant program director for Clergy & Congregational Leader Programs. She has a Masters of Theological Studies degree from Duke Divinity School and is coeditor of *Talking Taboo*, an anthology of writing from young Christian women on the intersection of faith and gender.

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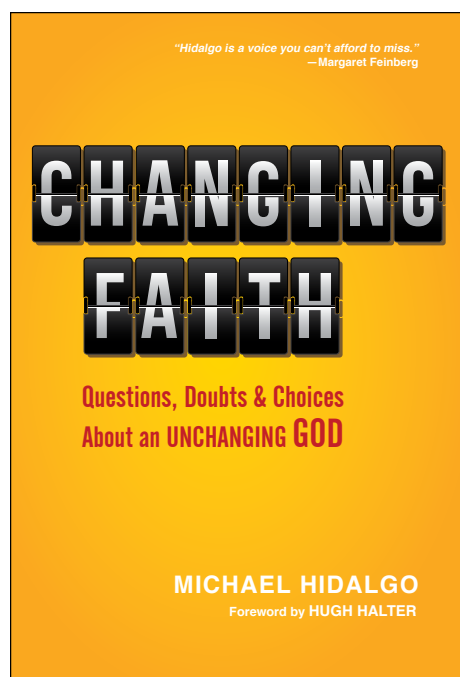
You can find Erin on Twitter: @holyhellions.

“Lane offers a mix of memoir, self-examination, cultural analysis, scriptural reflection, and an outline of church basics for the uninitiated . . . vignettes of her husband, mother, friends, acquaintances, and strangers from various stages of life provide storytelling relief.”

—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, December 8, 2014

“In further wrestling with the nature and practice of church, Erin Lane challenges us to imagine a faith in which belonging is just as important as believing. This will be another excellent resource for those who are struggling with church.”

—C. CHRISTOPHER SMITH, *Relevant Magazine*, January 16, 2015



Changing Faith: Questions, Doubts & Choices About an Unchanging God

April 2015

\$16, 192 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-3695-6

Have You Ever Had a Change of Faith?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Michael Hidalgo writes, “A friend of mine told me recently, ‘There are so many things I am not comfortable with claiming as 100% true, but I cannot say they are 100% false either.’ It hasn’t always been this way for him. Most of his life he believed he had all the answers to any and all of life’s difficult questions. He continued, ‘I do not know what is ahead, but I do know I cannot and will not go back to the faith I have clung to for decades. I am done with it.’ This was not his declaration of being done with faith, but his recognition that faith had to change. He was going through a change of faith.”

Changing Faith is:

- A book that cuts through the confusion when you’re not sure what you believe anymore
- A book filled with powerful stories that will make you tear up, stories you will relate to and laugh with
- A book that will change the way you look at, think about and live out your faith

Author Biography



MICHAEL HIDALGO is the lead pastor of Denver Community Church, which under his leadership has grown from 40 people to over 2,000. With the ONE Campaign and Malaria No More, Michael has addressed thousands nationally. He is the author of *Unlost: Being Found by the One We Are Looking For* and writes regularly for *Relevant Magazine*. Michael, his wife and three children live in Denver, Colorado.

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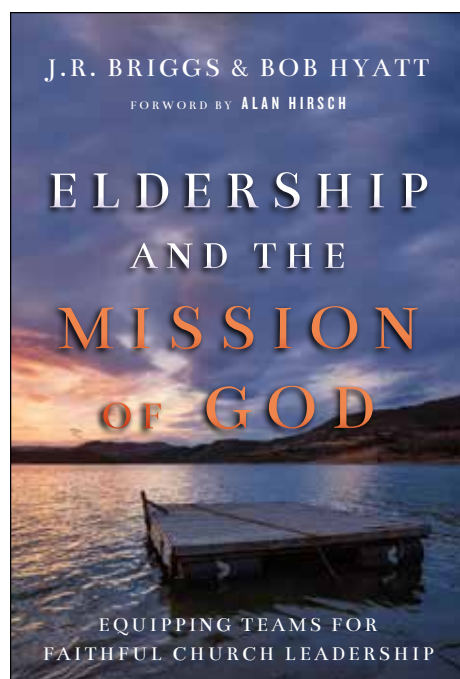
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“If you inherited a rigid, confining faith that doesn’t leave you room to breathe, Michael Hidalgo’s new book will help you . . . Changing Faith shows how true faith stretches and grows with us, helping us discover God in bigger and deeper ways through life’s unexpected and challenging experiences.”

—BRIAN D. McCLAREN, author of *Naked Spirituality*

“As our world changes with unprecedented velocity, Michael Hidalgo reminds us that the only constants are God and change itself. He does this by challenging us to consider that our own lens on the world is but one perspective, and invites us to new ways of seeing reality while engaging God and others. Ultimately, this important book helps us understand that faith in flux can lead to a more ‘other-centered’ life.”

—MICHAEL JOHN CUSICK, author of *Surfing for God*, president, Restoring the Soul



Eldership and the Mission of God: Equipping Teams for Faithful Church Leadership

January 2015

\$17, 216 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4118-9

Building Leaders Missiologically

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In their new book *Eldership and the Mission of God* Briggs and Hyatt unpack the role, character and posture of a mission-oriented elder. Elders oversee, shepherd, teach, equip and model for God's people what life with Jesus looks like in a particular context. The authors provide practical guidance for how elders are selected, work together, make decisions, protect the congregation and invest in the lives of others.

- Includes a study guide that elder teams can work through together
- Provides a model for the community the local church is intended to be
- Addresses touchy topics like church discipline and internal strife
- Walks through what the Bible has to say about elders and the mission of God

Author Biography



J.R. BRIGGS has served in ministry for over a decade in mega-churches, house churches and church plants. He founded Kairos Partnerships out of a growing desire to walk alongside and encourage pastors and leaders in order to better equip them for God-honoring ministry.

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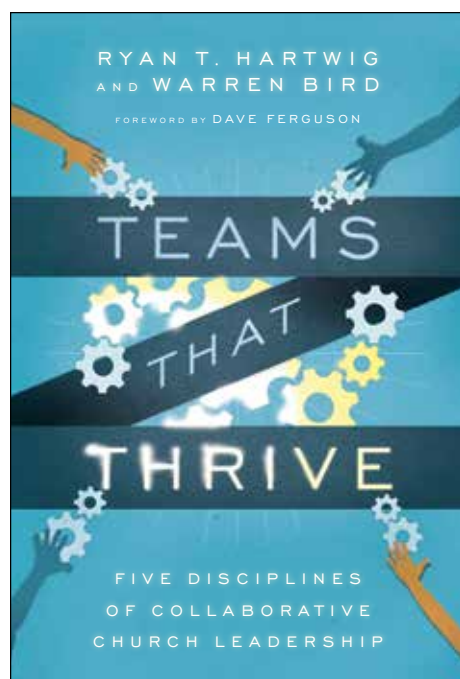


BOB HYATT is the founding pastor of Evergreen Community in Portland, Oregon. In addition to being a pastor, he also serves as a spiritual director and coaches pastors and church planters towards Jesus-focused success in ministry. A graduate of Western Seminary, Bob is the director of Church & Movement Multiplication for the Ecclesia Network. He is married to Amy and they have three children.

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"Intensely practical, thoroughly rich in wisdom, Eldership and the Mission of God is a book on church leadership that defies its stereotype. As well-honed practitioners and careful thinkers, Briggs and Hyatt recast everything about elder work for its call to mission. I wish I'd had this book twenty years ago."

—DAVID FITCH, Betty R. Lindner Chair of Evangelical Theology, Northern Seminary



Teams That Thrive: Five Disciplines of Collaborative Church Leadership

March 2015

\$17, 272 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-4119-6

How Well Is Your Team Thriving?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Researchers and practitioners Ryan Hartwig and Warren Bird have discovered churches of various sizes and traditions throughout the United States who have learned to thrive under healthy team leadership. Using actual church examples, they present their discoveries, culminating in five disciplines that, if implemented, can enable your team to thrive.

- Discipline #1: Focus on Purpose, the Invisible Leader of Your Team
- Discipline #2: Leverage Differences in Team Membership
- Discipline #3: Rely on Inspiration More Than Control to Lead
- Discipline #4: Intentionally Structure Your Decision-making Process
- Discipline #5: Build a Culture of Continuous Collaboration

Author Biography



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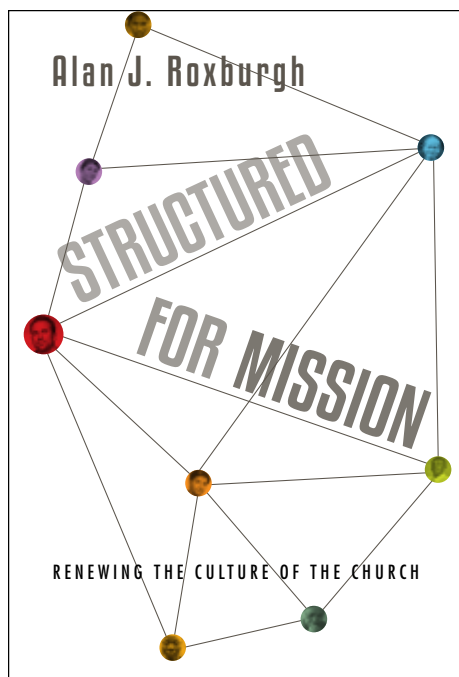
WARREN BIRD (PhD, Fordham University) is the director of research and intellectual capital support for Leadership Network. He also spearheads ongoing research initiatives and Leadership Network's free biweekly newsletter, *Advance*. Warren has collaboratively authored or coauthored over twenty books for ministry leaders, including *Next: Pastoral Succession that Works*, *Viral Churches*, *The Multi-Site Church Roadtrip* and *Better Together: Making Church Mergers Work*.

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"At Saddleback we've shared leadership from the beginning. While it's not always been easy, it's absolutely been worth it. This insightful book, with its strong research, real-life stories and practical how-tos, makes it easier for you to build a strong, thriving senior leadership team."

—RICK WARREN, pastor of Saddleback Church and author of *The Purpose Driven Life* and *The Purpose Driven Church*



Structured for Mission: Renewing the Culture of the Church
July 2015
\$18, 192 pages, paperback
978-0-8308-4424-1

The Inescapable Relationship Between Place and Mission

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Structures embody the core narratives that shape how people see the world. We cannot simply replace old institutions with new ones. We need to examine the underlying stories, metaphors and cultures that give organizations their meaningfulness. The crisis of the church today is a crisis not of institution but of imagination.

Roxburgh challenges the church to become a place where people are empowered to reimagine their religious life and experiment with new ways of being the church in a local context.

- Helps readers discern where God's Spirit is working in the world
- Empowers readers to reimagine their religious life
- Provokes consideration of today's culture, place and people in relation to God

Author Biography



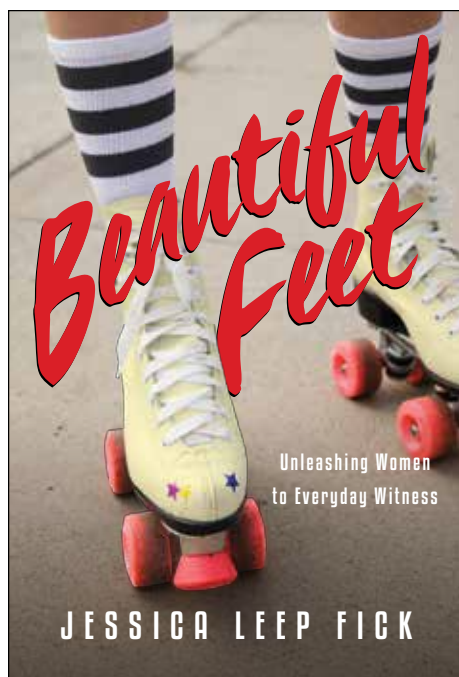
ALAN J. ROXBURGH is a pastor, teacher, writer and consultant with more than thirty years experience in church leadership and seminary education. As a senior consultant with The Missional Network, Alan leads training and consulting initiatives across the world. His many books include *Reaching a New Generation*, *Leadership in a Time of Change*, *Introducing the Missional Church* and *Missional: Joining God in the Neighborhood*. When not traveling or writing, Alan enjoys spending time with his wife, Jane, and their five grandchildren in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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"Alan Roxburgh is a father figure to many of us in the missional movement and like everything he writes, this is a smart book and a wise one. Defending the importance of structures for mission, he calls us to stop naively pouring our energy into trying to change institutions as an end in itself. Rather, he insists we need to change the narratives that shape the structures that will in turn foster the rich, organic, local missional community we all crave."

—MICHAEL FROST, Morling College, Sydney, author of *The Road to Missional*



Beautiful Feet: Unleashing Women to Everyday Witness

September 2015

\$16, 192 pages, paperback

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Giving Women the Power to Witness . . . with Spunk

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

"I like telling people about Jesus," says Jessica Leep Fick, "not in a creepy, robotic salesperson sort of way but in a 'this cool thing happened with my friend the other day' sort of way." In *Beautiful Feet* Fick writes to women about how they can be witnesses wherever they find themselves in life. She says, "Women are diverse in their interests, abilities and talents. Whether it's computer programming and being in a gamer guild or knitting, all of these things can be missional. Evangelism is when we invite people into our lives and build relationships with them to speak about and demonstrate the love of Jesus. It begins with a perspective of simply being mindful—of inviting women who have similar interests and are far from God to join them in whatever they're doing."

Chapters include:

- "Fashionistas for Jesus"
- "First-Date Awkwardness"
- "Choose the Right Shoes"
- "Are You a Peacock or a Pigeon?"

Author Biography



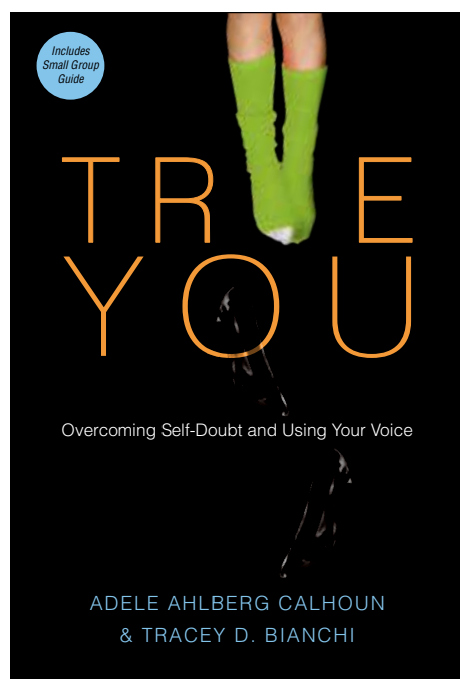
JESSICA LEEP FICK is a regional evangelism coordinator for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, preaching, teaching and doing evangelism training at conferences, churches and campus groups across the country. She loves to help believers have fun with Jesus in his mission and talk with people who don't follow Jesus about their spiritual questions. Jessica believes that the good news of Jesus should influence every area of life—not just the soul—and is passionate about following Jesus as a wife, mom, preacher, neighbor, student and friend.

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"Sometimes loving others involves doing something effortless; other times it makes us uncomfortable and stretches us in our skills and capacity to love. Both of these dynamics are part of the paradox of how Jesus wants us to love others. He invites us to be comfortably uncomfortable in loving others—to do what we enjoy yet take risks to trust him in new ways. As we experiment in connecting with Jesus and others, he directs us in the best ways to use our beautiful feet to bring his good news."

—FROM *BEAUTIFUL FEET*, chapter 8, "Experiments in Loving Others"



True You: Overcoming Self-Doubt and Using Your Voice
December 2014
\$16, 191 pages, paperback
978-0-8308-4315-2

*Act like a lady. Land a career. Rear amazing kids.
And be sure to stay thin!*

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Pressure to perform and conform starts early in a woman's life and never stops. In attempts to compensate and keep up appearances, we lose our ability to keep in touch with the truest parts of ourselves. If we get a quiet moment, we are ambushed with doubts: Who am I? *True You* serves as a companion as we find ourselves, our sense of community and our identity in God. Designed to take you deeper with God on your own or with a group of sisters, journey alongside experienced ministers Adele Ahlberg Calhoun and Tracey Bianchi into some of the places where women struggle—no matter what their age or life-stage.

- Coauthors bring an intergenerational voice to the themes of the book, drawn from their extensive ministry experience
- Ideas for new practices and journal questions at the end of each chapter, along with group discussion guide and Bible study at the end of the book

Author Biography



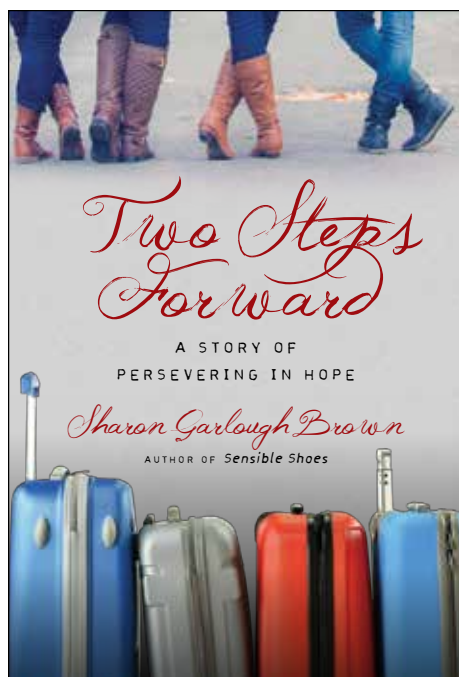
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TRACEY D. BIANCHI serves as Pastor for Worship and Women at Christ Church of Oak Brook. She is the author of *Mom Connection: Creating Vibrant Relationships in the Midst of Motherhood*, the featured MOPS International book of the year, and *Green Mama: The Guilt-Free Guide to Saving the Planet*. Her work has also appeared in a wide variety of publications including *Leadership Journal*, *The Washington Post*, MOPS International's *MomSense*, *Proverbs 31 Magazine*, *FullFill Magazine* and more. In 2012, *Christianity Today* noted Tracey as one of "50 Women to Watch, Those Most Shaping the Church and Culture."

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Two Steps Forward: A Story of Persevering in Hope

October 2015

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Next in Sensible Shoes Series:



Barefoot

Fall 2016

\$18, 304 pages, paperback

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Highly Praised Sensible Shoes Characters Continue Their Stories

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Readers resounded with the praise of *Sensible Shoes* by Kathie Lee Gifford of the TODAY Show when she said, “It’s about four women, every one of them coming from a different place spiritually. But all of them in need of a fresh cup of mercy. . . . So it’s terrific. I highly recommend it.” Now the quartet is back with a continuation of their stories in *Two Steps Forward*.

Hannah, Meg, Mara and Charissa are taking their next steps in the spiritual formation journey. But each of them is finding roadblocks along the way. Sometimes life feels like two steps forward and one step back. Sharon allows readers, through her beautiful and acclaimed writing, to find their own spiritual journeys reflected in the lives of these women, ultimately discovering the way forward.

Sharon will continue the story of these four plus the family and friends she introduces in *Two Steps Forward* in the third book of the Sensible Shoes Series titled *Barefoot*, available in the fall of 2016.

Author Biography

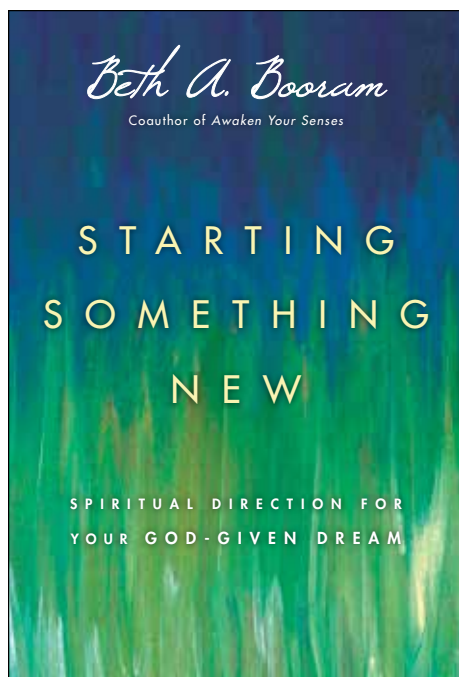


SHARON GARLOUGH BROWN (MDiv, Princeton Theological Seminary) is a pastor, spiritual director, retreat leader and author. Her book *Sensible Shoes* was named one of television personality Kathie Lee Gifford’s “favorite things” in March 2013. She and her husband Jack have served congregations in Scotland, Oklahoma and England, and they currently copastor Redeemer Covenant Church in Caledonia, Michigan.

sensibleshoesclub.com

“Have you ever wondered what it would be like to meet with a spiritual director to talk about your spiritual journey? Sharon Brown does a masterful job of giving the reader a glimpse of what that process is like through the stories of four different women looking for peace and hope. For me, these women have become sacred companions on my own journey. I learned and pondered things with them like: What are you afraid of? Where do you want control? What agitates you? Learn to linger with what provokes you. What is God stirring in your soul? It is as though you enter into spiritual direction yourself, and it’s life transforming! My own heart has been enlarged for more of Jesus as a result of Two Steps Forward!”

—MARILYN HONTZ, speaker, author of *Listening for God* and *Shame Lifter*



Starting Something New: Spiritual Direction for Your God-Given Dream

March 2015

\$16, 185 pages, paperback

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Providing Freedom to Pursue Your Dreams

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Beth Booram believes that many people have God-given dreams inside them but don't know how to discern what they are and develop them into something real. Many of these dream-bearers are not business people or experienced entrepreneurs. They are sincere Christ-followers who need a spiritual and practical guide that will give them courage and confidence, a handbook to help them find their way toward realizing their dreams. *Starting Something New* is just such a gift to those people.

- The book is borne out of Beth's and her husband David's God-given dream—Sustainable Faith Indy (SFI)
- Booram is planning a twenty-city US tour to all of the Spiritual Direction for Sustainable Faith sites, plus one in Amsterdam
- Includes extended interviews with people from various walks of life who have pursued their dreams

Author Biography



BETH A. BOORAM is the cofounder and director of Sustainable Faith Indy, an urban retreat center in Indianapolis, where she leads the School of Spiritual Direction and offers individual and group spiritual direction. She and her husband David live near downtown Indianapolis in their one-hundred-year-old home and retreat center. She has authored several books, including *Awaken Your Senses*, *Picturing the Face of Jesus* and *The Wide Open Spaces of God*.

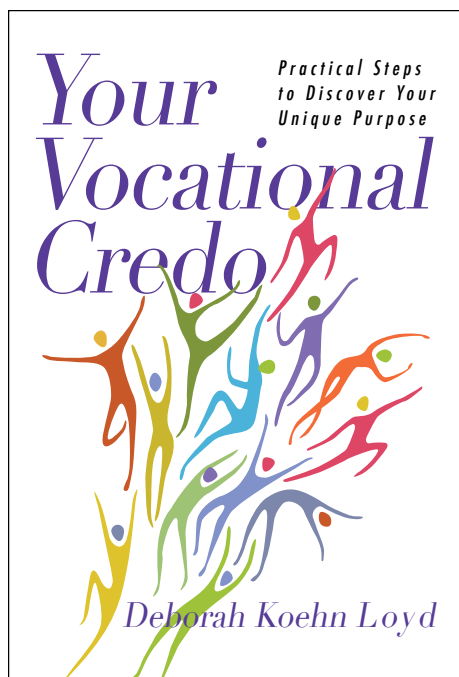
Sustainable Faith Indy provides hallowed space for personal retreats, spiritual direction, learning cohorts and educational events that empower people to live in Christ from their truest selves—and to live out their calling in the world. SFI is a partner organization with Sustainable Faith in Cincinnati.

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sustainablefaithindy.com

"This is sacred work. The creative work of starting something new—of bringing God's vision to life—is a holy calling and one that can prepare the way for other dreamers. As you embark on your journey of giving birth to your dreams, work hard, do excellent work, and take time to notice those foreshadowing moments when you have the niggling suspicion that you are uncovering a gift that God has for you to find and nurturing it for a far more significant and generative purpose than you even realize today."

—FROM *STARTING SOMETHING NEW*, epilogue, "What Comes of Dreams"



Your Vocational Credo: Practical Steps to Discover Your Unique Purpose

October 2015

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What Is Your Purpose and How Do You Find It?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Deborah Koehn Loyd walks you through a transformational journey of creating your own vocational credo so that you can be a world-changer in the way God has intended. Using unique tools and practical guidance combined with inspiring stories of personal transformation, this book will provide you with the resources to find your credo and accomplish the work God has designed just for you.

- Provides personal assessment activities
- Includes vocational preferences survey
- Gives guidelines for identifying toxic skills and lifegiving skills

Author Biography



DEBORAH KOEHN LOYD (DMin, Bakke Graduate University) is a professor, conference speaker, writer/blogger and pastor. She is the Scholar Practitioner of Vocation and Formation at Warner Pacific College and an adjunct professor at George Fox Seminary. Her organization, Finding Forward, expresses her passion to empower people to find their voices and vocations. She is also co-creator of Women's Convergence, Women's Theology Hub and The Bridge Church. Deborah holds an MA in exegetical theology and a DMin in transformational leadership. She lives in Portland, Oregon, with her husband Ken and they have three grown children and two beautiful granddaughters.

"Too often a cacophony of voices tempt us to wander directionless toward no real purpose. Deborah Loyd cuts through the chatter and offers practical, sage and brilliant guidance. She is the person I trust to mentor others to discover their true voice and authentic vocation—the 'why' of our lives. This is an indispensable resource for leading others, and more importantly, finding our own way forward."

—TREY DOTY, executive director, Responder Life



Rescuing the Gospel from the Cowboys: A Native American Expression of the Jesus Way

July 2015

\$20, 272 pages, paperback

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Native American Leader Posthumously Publishes Final Work

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

The gospel of Jesus has not always been good news for Native Americans. But in his final work, Richard Twiss (1954–2013), the founder of Wiconi International, examines the history of North American evangelism to Native peoples, chronicling more hopeful visions of culturally contextualized Native Christian faith.

Soong-Chan Rah, professor of church growth and evangelism at North Park Theological Seminary, points out the importance of this book for missions and evangelism studies: “This text serves as a necessary prophetic critique of culturally captive Western Christianity but it also provides a redemptive way forward. Richard’s words once again call us to a joyous and infectious hope that can arise from honesty.”

- Provides a fully comprehensive look at the Native American contextualization movement
- Describes practices for cross-cultural ministry
- Includes exclusive stories and interviews of Native American followers of the Jesus Way

Author Biography

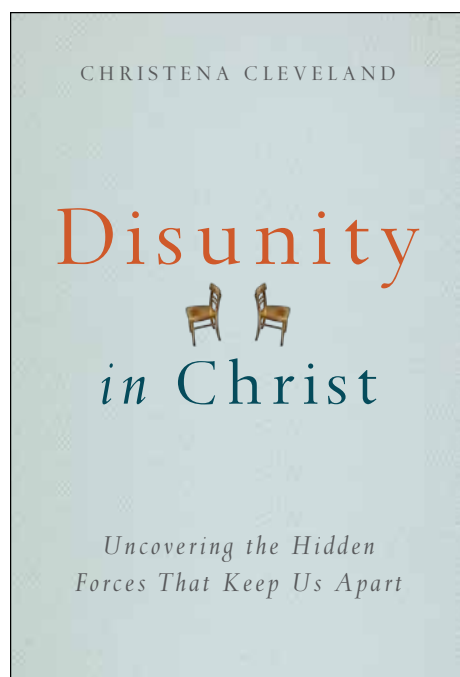


RICHARD TWISS (1954–2013) was the founder and president of Wiconi International, a nonprofit that works for the betterment of Native people and communities by advancing culture, education, spirituality and social justice in the spirit of Jesus. A member of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate from the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota, his native name was *Taoyate Ob Najin*, or “He Stands with His People.” He is the author of *One Church, Many Tribes*. A widely traveled speaker, activist, educator, author and networker within the Native North American community, Twiss led Native American performing arts teams and addressed issues of spirituality and justice in hundreds of venues worldwide. As a writer, Twiss contributed to numerous books. Additionally, he was a contributing editor for *Cultural Encounters* and wrote a bimonthly column in *Charisma* magazine called “Smoke Signals.”

wiconi.com

“Dr. Richard Twiss is an irreplaceable voice for all peoples. His work is academically astute. His prose is inspiring and articulate. This work stimulates the mind, woos the heart and ultimately transforms faith.”

—TONY KRIZ, author of *Aloof: Figuring Out Life with a God Who Hides*



Disunity in Christ: Uncovering the Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart

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Resources for Unity and Reconciliation

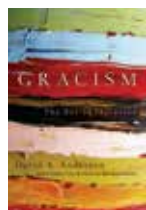
ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

With a personal touch and the trained eye of a social psychologist, Christena Cleveland brings to bear the latest studies and research on the unseen dynamics at work that tend to separate us from others. Learn why Christians who have a heart for unity have such a hard time actually uniting. In this eye-opening book, you find out:

- Why we think all our friends are unique but those in other groups are all the same
- Why little differences often become big sources of conflict
- Why categorizing others is often automatic and helpful but can also have sinister side effects
- Why we are so often victims of groupthink and how we can avoid it

Cleveland serves as associate professor of reconciliation studies at Bethel University.

Related Titles



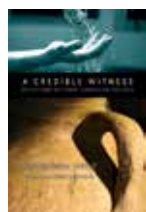
Gracism: The Art of Inclusion by David Anderson, founder and senior pastor of Bridgeway Community Church, a multicultural congregation in Columbia, Maryland. He is also the host of the radio broadcast, "Real Talk with Dr. David Anderson."

andersonspeaks.com



Beyond Racial Gridlock: Embracing Mutual Responsibility by George Yancey, professor of sociology at the University of North Texas, specializing in race/ethnicity, biracial families and anti-Christian bias.

georgeyancey.com



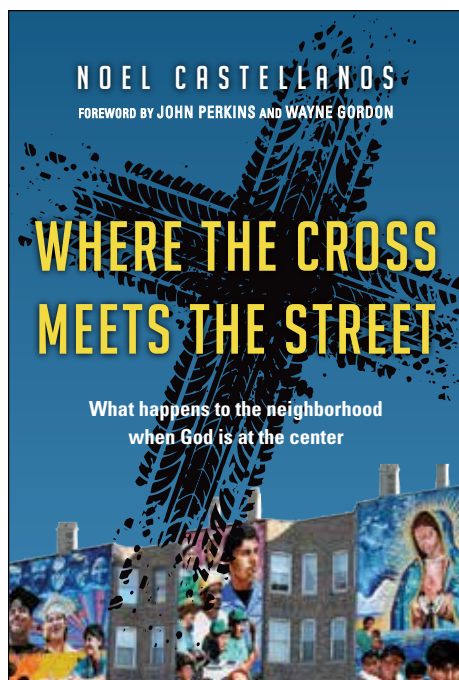
A Credible Witness: Reflections on Power, Evangelism and Race by Brenda Salter-McNeil, associate professor of reconciliation studies at Seattle Pacific University. She is a dynamic speaker and author with decades of experience in racial, ethnic and gender reconciliation.

saltermcneil.com



Reconciliation Blues: A Black Evangelical's Inside View of White Christianity by Edward Gilbreath, executive director of communications for the Evangelical Covenant Church.

edgilbreath.com



Where the Cross Meets the Street: What Happens to the Neighborhood When God Is at the Center

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CCDA CEO Calls for a Restoration of Communities

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In *Where the Cross Meets the Street*, Noel 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. In the book, he examines the following questions:

- How have we been limiting the importance of the cross?
- Can you explain the longing you felt to connect with other Christian leaders of color? What made you overcome what you call your belief “that Mexican Americans might not be expected or qualified to lead”?
- How have your life experiences as a *Tejano* affected the way you approached this book?
- You mention quite a few personal stories of people who modeled surprising love and grace with you throughout your childhood and adolescence. How did that influence your mission with CCDA?
- How did your move to Chicago to get involved with CCDA shift the way you viewed missions and social justice?

Author Biography



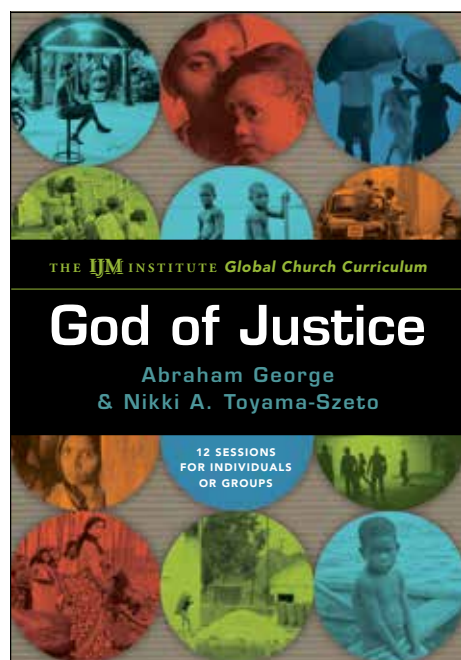
NOEL CASTELLANOS has worked in full-time ministry in Latino urban communities since 1982, serving in youth ministry, church planting, advocacy and community development in San Francisco, San Jose and Chicago. He is chief executive officer of Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) and was the founding pastor of Chicago's La Villita Community Church. In addition to being a popular speaker, Castellanos mentors young leaders across the United States and directs the CCDA Institute, training emerging leaders in the Christian Community Development philosophy. He was appointed to serve on President Obama's Council for Faith and Neighborhood Partnerships and has served as the chaplain for the Chicago Cubs.

ccda.org

You can find Noel on Twitter: @NoelCCDA.

“Part memoir. Part Bible study (in the best sense). Part training guide in community development. Part invitation to revolution. Noel Castellanos is one of the most influential leaders in the country guiding one of the most beautiful movements in the world, CCDA. I am honored to call him a friend and teacher . . . and many of us have been waiting for this book a long time.”

—SHANE CLAIBORNE, author and activist



God of Justice: The IJM Institute Global Church Curriculum
July 2015
\$16, 144 pages, paperback
978-0-8308-1028-4

Mobilizing the Church for Justice

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

God of Justice is a twelve-session, discussion-based curriculum from International Justice Mission (IJM) that explores the biblical narrative of justice throughout the whole of Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation. Through the participatory study of Scripture, Christians will explore God's call to engage in bringing about justice on earth. While coming to a deeper knowledge and understanding of biblical justice, participants will draw personal application for the pursuit of justice ministry in their individual lives and the wider church.

- Includes a guide for small group leaders
- Provides reflection as well as response questions
- True stories of justice from IJM workers around the world

Author Biography



NIKKI A. TOYAMA-SZETO is senior director of biblical justice integration and mobilization at International Justice Mission in Washington, DC. She provides strategic leadership to the IJM Institute for Biblical Justice and IJM's Global Prayer team to ignite passion for biblical justice among the global church. Prior to joining IJM, Nikki worked with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship for twelve years, including serving as program director for InterVarsity's Urbana Student Missions Convention. She is the coauthor of *Partnering with the Global Church* and *More Than Serving Tea*.

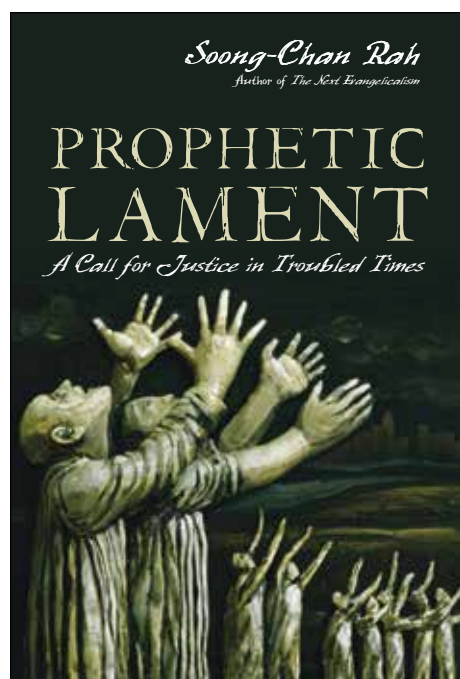


ABRAHAM GEORGE is director of international church mobilization at International Justice Mission. He travels internationally preaching at churches, leading conferences, facilitating pastoral trainings and connecting church leaders around the world to engage in the biblical work of justice. Before joining IJM, Abraham was an Assemblies of God pastor and a theology lecturer in India. After immigrating to the United States in 2002, he conducted policy research for a think tank in Washington, DC, and managed the US office of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Mission Theologians, an Oxford-based organization.

ijm.org

"Toyama-Szeto and George have built a formative resource for the global church. Deep passion and robust scholarship combine to form compelling insights for a sustained engagement in justice. An essential tool for churches desiring to bring freedom and restoration for the vulnerable."

—GARY A. HAUGEN, president, International Justice Mission



Prophetic Lament: A Call for Justice in Troubled Times

October 2015

\$17, 224 pages, paperback

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What Could Lament Mean for the American Church?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

When Soong-Chan Rah planted an urban church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, his first full sermon series was a six-week exposition of the book of Lamentations that shaped their community with a radically countercultural perspective. Rah's prophetic exposition of the book of Lamentations provides a biblical and theological lens for examining the church's relationship with a suffering world. It critiques our success-centered triumphalism, calls us to repent of our hubris and opens up new ways to encounter the other. Hear the prophet's lament as the necessary corrective for Christianity's future.

Author Biography



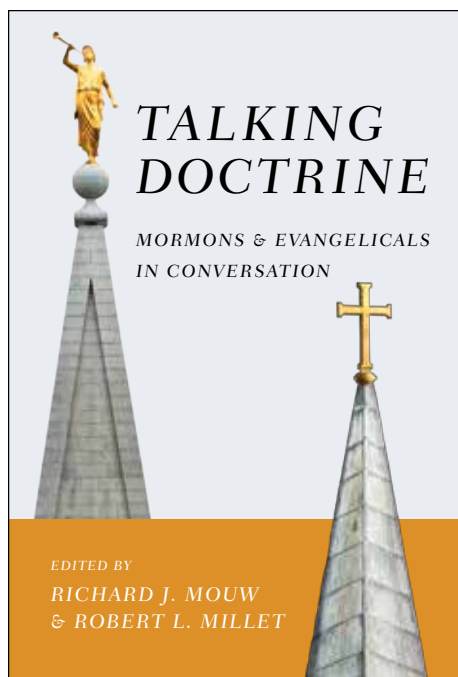
SOONG-CHAN RAH (DMin, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary) is Milton B. Engebretson Associate Professor of Church Growth and Evangelism at North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. He is the author of *The Next Evangelicalism: Freeing the Church from Western Cultural Captivity* and *Many Colors: Cultural Intelligence for a Changing Church*, as well as coauthor of *Forgive Us: Confessions of a Compromised Faith* and contributing author for *Growing Healthy Asian American Churches*.

In addition to serving as founding senior pastor of the multi-ethnic, urban-ministry focused Cambridge Community Fellowship Church (CCFC), Rah has been an active member of the Boston TenPoint Coalition (an urban ministry working with at-risk youth) and is a founding member of the Boston Fellowship of Asian-American Ministers. He serves on the boards of World Vision, Sojourners, the Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) and the Catalyst Leadership Center.

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You can find Soong-Chan on Twitter: @profrac.

The Resonate series is a new wave of commentary that recovers the ancient wisdom of Scripture and helps us understand how it resonates with our complex world. In the Resonate series the Scriptures become a meeting ground where God is confronted with the pressing concerns of our day, and we are confronted in turn with a fresh experience of God's truth.



Talking Doctrine: Mormons & Evangelicals in Conversation
August 2015
\$20, 240 pages, paperback
978-0-8308-4080-9

Building a Fresh Evangelical–Mormon Conversation

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

A group of Mormon and evangelical scholars undertook a remarkable journey over fifteen years to discuss differences and investigate possible common ground in their beliefs. With both candor and generosity, these essays reflect the thoughtful, respectful and nuanced engagements on some of the most controversial topics that have inflamed passions in the past.

- Includes contributions from nine Mormons and ten evangelicals
- Considers key doctrines such as the nature of God, authority and grace
- Gives insight into how respectful and honest conversation can take place between these two communities

Author Biography



RICHARD J. MOUW (PhD, University of Chicago) now serves as professor of faith and public life after twenty years as president of Fuller Theological Seminary. He has written over twenty books on topics of social ethics, philosophy of culture and interfaith dialogue, including *Uncommon Decency*, *The Challenges of Cultural Discipleship*, *Praying at Burger King*, *The God Who Commands*, *Calvinism in the Las Vegas Airport*, *The Smell of Sawdust* and *Talking with Mormons: An Invitation to Evangelicals*.



ROBERT L. MILLET (PhD, Florida State University) is a Latter-day Saint author and speaker with more than seventy published works on Mormonism, including *A Different Jesus? The Christ of the Latter-day Saints*, *Claiming Christ: A Mormon–Evangelical Debate* coauthored with Gerald R. McDermott and *Bridging the Divide: The Continuing Conversation Between a Mormon and an Evangelical* coauthored with Pastor Gregory C. V. Johnson.

“Fifteen years ago, the prospect of evangelicals and Mormons engaged in theological conversation struck some as preposterous and others as hopeful. Talking Doctrine demonstrates that the balance tilts decisively toward the latter rather than the former.”

—RANDALL BALMER, Dartmouth College, author of *The Making of Evangelicalism*



Effective Discipling in Muslim Communities: Scripture, History and Seasoned Practices

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Understanding Our Muslim Neighbors

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

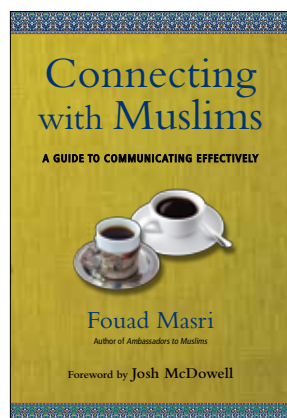
Muslims who come to Christ face momentous spiritual, psychological and social obstacles that drive many to abandon their faith. Often conversion and discipleship are framed by individualistic Western models that do not acknowledge the communal cultural forces that constrain and shape new believers. Effective discipleship requires a more relational, holistic process of Christian identity development and spiritual formation in community. In this comprehensive resource, missiologist Don Little engages the toughest theoretical and practical challenges involved in discipling believers from Muslim backgrounds.

- Draws on New Testament principles and historical practices
- Offers wisdom from seventy-five active disciplers currently ministering across the Muslim world
- Addresses key challenges that believers from Muslim backgrounds face, from suffering and persecution to spiritual warfare and oppression

Author Biography



DON LITTLE (DMin, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary) serves as an Islamic missiologist for Pioneers. He has over thirty years of experience as a writer, editor, consultant and trainer and has traveled widely in the Muslim world, including ten years in North Africa. He is also the cofounder of the Liliastrotter Center, which was launched in 2014 to enable thoughtful Christian engagement with Muslims. Don is the editor of the missiological journal from Pioneers, *SEEDBED: Practitioners in Conversation*.



Connecting with Muslims

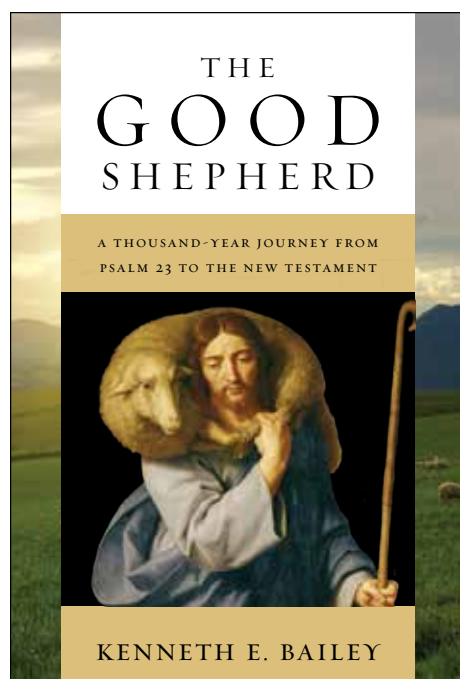
\$15, 199 pages, paperback

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Related Resource

In *Connecting with Muslims: A Guide to Communicating Effectively*, Fouad Masri provides practical ways for Christians to initiate conversations and develop relationships with Muslims. Masri addresses seven common questions that Muslims ask about Jesus and the Christian faith, providing sensitive answers that winsomely guide Muslims to Jesus without arguing or awkward debating. Born and raised in the war zone of Beirut, Masri is the founder of the Crescent Project, which nurtures transformational relationships between Christians and Muslims and works to overcome misconceptions about Islam and Christianity.

crescentproject.org



The Good Shepherd: A Thousand-Year Journey from Psalm 23 to the New Testament

November 2014

\$24, 288 pages, paperback

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Finding Fresh Insights from Psalm 23

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Drawing on a diverse body of scholarship as well as his own years teaching and researching in the Middle East, Middle Eastern New Testament scholar Kenneth Bailey offers a wealth of fresh insights in *The Good Shepherd*. With characteristic erudition, Bailey explores the good shepherd motif as it occurs throughout Scripture, starting with the well-known Psalm 23.

“How have Eastern Christians understood this text? This question can often be answered by noting how they translated the verses in question. An interpretive flow from these centuries of Eastern Bible translation has constantly influenced this study,” Bailey notes.

- Offers a unique synthesis of scholarship by Middle Easterners and extant Arabic writings on the good shepherd texts
- Relies on Bailey’s collection of twenty versions of the New Testament and four versions of the Old Testament in Arabic
- Studies Psalm 23 in the context of the eight major biblical texts on the good shepherd
- Refers to Bailey’s own unique experiences working with students in the Eastern Mediterranean who were both laymen and clergy

Author Biography



KENNETH E. BAILEY (ThD, Concordia Theological Seminary) is an author and lecturer in Middle Eastern New Testament studies. An ordained Presbyterian minister, he also serves as Canon Theologian of the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh. The author of more than 150 articles in English and in Arabic, his writings include *Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes*, *The Cross and the Prodigal* and *Finding the Lost: Cultural Keys to Luke 15*. Bailey spent forty years living and teaching in seminaries and institutes in Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem and Cyprus. For twenty of those years he was professor of New Testament and head of the biblical department of the Near East School of Theology in Beirut where he also founded and directed the Institute for Middle Eastern New Testament Studies.

“The Lord is my shepherd.’ There is no more beloved picture of God’s relationship with his people. Jesus’ declaration that he is ‘the good shepherd’ has comforted Christians for centuries. Using his impressive knowledge of Scripture and his experience living for many years in the Middle East, Bailey deepens and enriches our understanding of what it means to be members of God’s flock.”

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



Do We Need the New Testament? Letting the Old Testament Speak for Itself
April 2015
\$22, 184 pages, paperback
978-0-8308-2469-4

Is the Old Testament Sufficient for Us?

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

While many Christians wonder whether we really need the Old Testament, John Goldingay turns the age-old question around in his book *Do We Need the New Testament?* In it he proposes that maybe Jesus' Bible, the Old Testament, is really enough. Probing our misreading of these ancient books, Goldingay brings out the richness of the "First Testament's" message, displaying in fullness Israel and the church's gospel.

- Responds to common arguments for why the Old Testament is inferior or incomplete
- Debunks common misconceptions about the Old Testament
- Offers surprising insights into the message of the Old Testament
- Analyzes current notions of theological interpretation of Scripture while setting the stage for understanding biblical theology

Author Biography



JOHN GOLDINGAY (PhD, University of Nottingham; DD, Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth) is David Allan Hubbard Professor of Old Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary. He was previously principal and a professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at St John's Theological College in Nottingham, England. His books include *The Theology of the Book of Isaiah*, *Key Questions about Interpretation*, *Models for Scripture* and commentaries on Psalms, Isaiah and Daniel. He has also authored the three-volume *Old Testament Theology* and the seventeen-volume *Old Testament For Everyone* series.

"The early church's problem with the Old Testament was completely different to ours. Their problem was not how to make sense of the Old Testament given the coming of Jesus, but the reverse: Given that the Old Testament is God's revelation, how do we make sense of Jesus? With this unusual question, Do We Need the New Testament?, Goldingay turns our modern thinking on its head and exposes the weaknesses in the way contemporary Christians understand the Old Testament—and the New. With thought-provoking ideas on every page, this book will help readers look at the Old and New Testaments in new and exciting ways."

—NATHAN MACDONALD, lecturer in Hebrew Bible and fellow of St John's College, University of Cambridge



A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF A ROMAN CENTURION



GARY M. BURGE

A Week in the Life of a Roman Centurion

April 2015

\$16, 192 pages, paperback

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A Cultural Handbook in Fiction Form

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

In Gary Burge's newest release the reader enters a world of warfare and treachery, of duty and honor, of love and loyalty, interwoven with the inner workings of a Roman centurion's household. *A Week in the Life of a Roman Centurion* follows the story of Appius, a proud centurion, and Tullus, his scribe and slave. From a battle with the Parthians, through a tragic personal crisis, to the gladiator arena at Caesarea Maritima, their tale finally leads to the backwater village of Capernaum on the shores of Galilee. There, in a culture not their own and during a week they will never forget, they encounter a Jewish prophet from Nazareth.

- A fictional account that explains the cultural assumptions at work within the New Testament
- Includes informative sidebars and images
- Provides a real, living context for the New Testament account

Author Biography

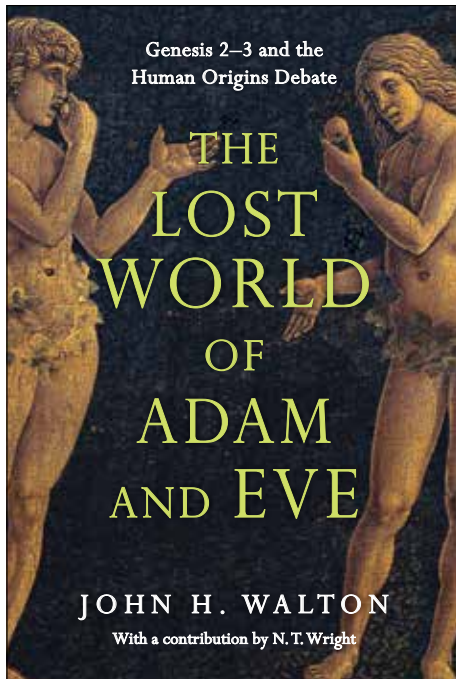


GARY M. BURGE (PhD, University of Aberdeen) is professor of New Testament at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. His passion in teaching, research and writing is how the unique world of the Middle East in antiquity shapes how we read the New Testament today. Among his many published books are *Theology Questions Everyone Asks* (with coeditor David Lauber), *The Baker Illustrated Bible Commentary* (general editor with Andrew Hill), *The New Testament in Antiquity* (coauthored with Lynn Cohick and Gene Green), *John: The Gospel of Life* and the award-winning *Whose Land? Whose Promise? What Christians Are Not Being Told About Israel and the Palestinians*.

garyburge.org

"Masterfully written and extensively researched, this fast-paced account invites the reader into the first-century world of the Gospels even while intriguing the reader as a good story should. In contrast to some scholars' wooden portrayals of all Jews or Romans or Syrians as the same, in this story, the characters are nuanced and come alive."

—CRAIG KEENER, Asbury Theological Seminary, author, *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament*



The Lost World of Adam and Eve: Genesis 2-3 and the Human Origins Debate

February 2015

\$17, 256 pages, paperback

978-0-8308-2461-8

Noted Author and Professor Challenges Literal Understanding of Adam and Eve

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

Following his groundbreaking *The Lost World of Genesis One*, which examined propositions supporting a literary and theological understanding of that chapter, John H. Walton has done the same with the elemental tale of Adam and Eve in Genesis 2-3. Sure to stir a debate in biblical and theological studies, Walton's groundbreaking insights into this text create space for a faithful reading of Scripture along with full engagement with science, creating a new way forward in the human origins debate. Starting with the foundational question, "What does Genesis actually say about origins?" Walton examines:

- Who were the historical Adam and Eve?
- What if we've been reading Genesis wrong?
- Why is it important to read Genesis in light of the ancient Near East?
- Why and how do modern readers misunderstand Genesis?
- How does Adam play into the narrative of Paul's theology?

Author Biography

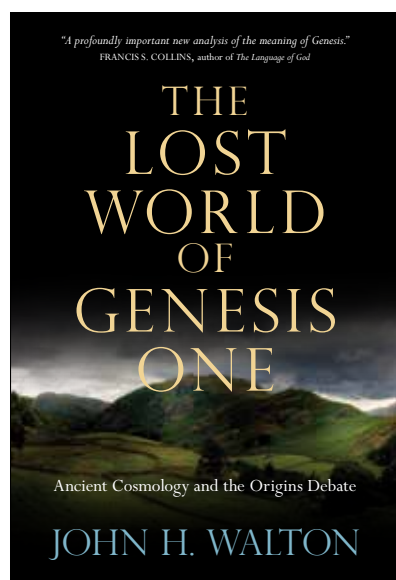


JOHN H. WALTON (PhD, Hebrew Union College) is professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College and Graduate School. Previously he was professor of Old Testament at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago for twenty years. Some of Walton's books include *The Lost World of Genesis One*, *The Lost World of Scripture* (with D. Brent Sandy), *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).

originstoday.org

"I wish every Christian would read this book. John Walton is helping an entire generation of people—believers and skeptics alike—learn how to read Genesis as it was meant to be read. I can't imagine any student of the Bible not being mesmerized by his scholarship. I think this will open up doors of faith and understanding to a vast audience."

—JOHN ORTBERG, senior pastor of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, author of *Soul Keeping*



The Lost World of Genesis One: Ancient Cosmology and the Origins Debate
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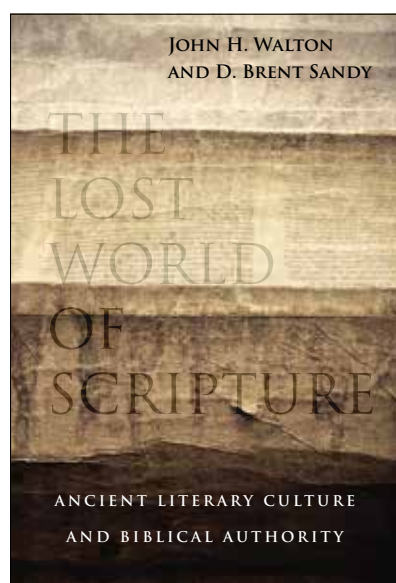
Lost World Books Tackle Tough Biblical Questions

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

With an astute mix of cultural critique and biblical scholarship, John H. Walton presents and defends twenty propositions supporting a literary and theological understanding of Genesis 1 within the context of the ancient Near Eastern world and unpacks its implications for our modern scientific understanding of origins.

"John Walton's expertise in the ancient Near Eastern sources enables him to shed a flood of new and unexpected light on the deeper meaning of Genesis 1. The Creator, Genesis is saying, designed heaven and earth as a great temple with the intention of coming to live in it himself—and the sabbath isn't just a nice break after the work is done, but the moment when he takes up residence in the world he has just made. The implications of this resonate right through the rest of the Bible. This is not just a book to invite 'creationists' to think differently; it is a book to help all Bible students read the whole of Scripture with fresh eyes."

—N. T. WRIGHT, Bishop of Durham



The Lost World of Scripture: Ancient Literary Culture and Biblical Authority
\$24, 320 pages, paperback
978-0-8308-4032-8

ANGLE AND TALKING POINTS

From John H. Walton, author of the bestselling *The Lost World of Genesis One*, and D. Brent Sandy, author of *Plowshares and Pruning Hooks*, comes a fascinating new book that asks where scriptural authority was derived from in ancient oral cultures and how it informs our doctrine of Scripture today.

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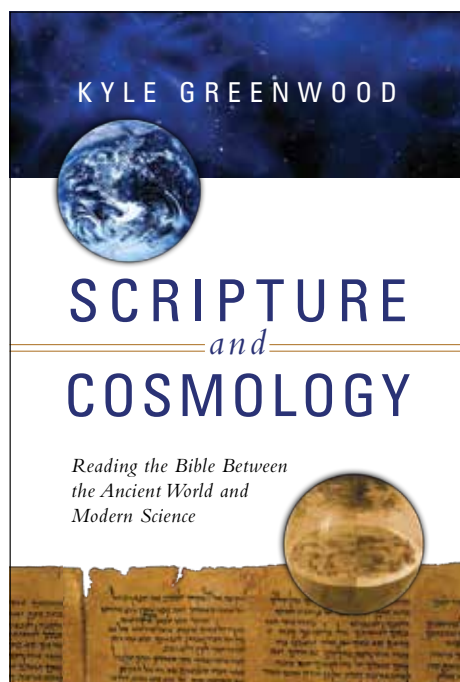
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