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Confronting Powerless Christianity Evangelicals and the Missing Dimension

Baker Books "The only kind of Christianity in the New Testament is Christianity with power." If you are skeptical about--yet intrigued by--the issue of spiritual power for today, Charles Kraft provides a biblical, reasonable apologetic for a realm too often overlooked. He describes his own paradigm shift concerning the power of Jesus to heal and free others, and explains persuasively why every Christian should be confronted with this "missing dimension." Confronting Powerless Christianity will inspire a more robust faith that is powerful enough to heal, to free people from emotional wounds and to bring about real life change.

Christianity and Suffering African Perspectives

Langham Publishing We often hear these days that the centre of Christianity is moving toward the Global South and Africa is a key player in that movement. This makes the study of African Christianity and African realities important - even more so when it is being done by Africans themselves in their own context. The Africa Society of Evangelical Theology (ASET) was created to encourage research and sustained theological reflection on key issues facing Africa by and for African Christians and those working within African contexts. The volumes in the ASET series constitute the best papers presented at the annual conferences of ASET and together they seek to fill this important gap in the literature of Christianity. Africa is all too familiar with suffering. Yet there is a dearth of sustained theological reflection on suffering by Africans, or for Africans. Christianity and Suffering: African Perspectives addresses this need and is the fruit of the 5th Annual Conference of the Africa Society of Evangelical Theology. The contributions address age-old issues like why God does not prevent or relieve human suffering; they wrestle with causes of suffering including witchcraft, poverty, curses, and war; and they also explore appropriate Christian responses to suffering, all from within the African context. The Africa Society of Evangelical Theology (ASET) is a professional society, founded in 2009 for the purpose of fostering evangelical theological scholarship and to facilitate collegial relationships among scholars and practitioners of the Christian religion in Africa. Its core values are: (1) Faithfulness to the Bible, (2) Professional ethics, (3) Creative and critical thinking, (4) Christ-like humility, (5) Community of scholars encouraging, respecting, and learning from one another, and (6) Development and inspiration of young scholars. To learn more about ASET, please visit its Facebook page: facebook.com/AfricaSocietyOfEvangelicalTheology

Ice On Fire

Thomas Nelson Inc

Developing a Biblical Worldview

Seeing Things God's Way

B&H Publishing Group **Developing a Biblical Worldview equips readers to think biblically about the world by helping readers analyze worldviews.**

Appropriate Christianity

William Carey Library **Appropriate Christianity consists of 28 chapters by 18 authors approaching contextualization in three dimensions: truth, allegiance and spiritual power. Over the years, there have been quite a number of helpful discussions of the contextualization of theological truth. Though we have been helped greatly by them, it is high time we began to deal also with allegiance and spiritual power, two additional dimensions that Jesus considered of great importance. Any adequate and appropriate treatment of the contextualization of biblical Christianity needs to deal with all three of these 2 crucial dimensions. 3 For allegiance to Christ is the basis for all we do that makes us Christian, and Jesus was very much into spiritual power. If we are to be truly biblical, we must deal also with these areas.**

Traditional Ritual as Christian Worship

Dangerous Syncretism or Necessary Hybridity?

Orbis Books **A necessary task of missionaries in recent decades has been to help local Christians "inculturate" or "contextualize" their faith, although the criteria for doing so often came from outside the context in which new believers developed their understanding of Christianity. Highlighting the voices of non-Western scholars, this work recognizes the importance of ritual and ceremony in the life of communities that seek to worship God in ways that reflect culturally appropriate responses to Scripture. The contributors -- some of missiology's leading lights -- discuss rituals, beliefs, and practices of diverse peoples, supporting the conclusion that orthodox Christianity is hybrid Christianity.**

Missiological Hermeneutics

Biblical Interpretation for the Global Church

Wipf and Stock Publishers **How have those engaged in the mission of God been challenged to reinterpret Scripture through their experience? In what ways were the missionaries in the Bible challenged to reevaluate Scripture in their own time? Redford attempts to give shape to the nature of missional hermeneutics by examining Scripture, present-day cultural values, historical struggles, and the experience of those who are engaged in the mission of God. In order for missionaries to overcome the scientific polarization in Western hermeneutics, they must be able to perceive and learn from the overarching missional and spiritual hermeneutics found throughout Scripture so that they can balance missional, spiritual, historical-critical, and even unforeseen hermeneutical paths, providing increased confidence in biblical interpretation.**

Cleansing the Cosmos

A Biblical Model for Conceptualizing and Counteracting Evil

Wipf and Stock Publishers **Understanding evil spiritual forces is essential for Christian theology, yet discussion is almost always phrased in terms of "spiritual warfare." Warfare language is problematic, being dualistic, assigning a high degree of ontology to evil, and poorly applicable to ministry. This unique study proposes a biblically based model as the first alternative to a "spiritual warfare" framework for dealing with the demonic, thus providing insights for preaching, counseling, and missiology. Warren develops this model using metaphor theory and examining four biblical themes: Creation, Cult, Christ, and Church. Metaphors of cleansing, ordering, and boundary-setting are developed in contrast to battle imagery, and relevant theological issues are engaged (Boyd's warfare imagery, Barth's ideas of evil as "nothingness," and Eliade's notion of the sacred and the profane). The role of the Holy Spirit is emphasized and the ontology of evil minimized. This model incorporates concentric circles, evil being considered peripheral to divine reality, and provides a refreshing alternative to current "spiritual warfare" models.**

Jesus, Deliver Us

Evil, Exorcism, and Exousiai

Wipf and Stock Publishers **"Deliver us from (the) evil (one)" is the heart's cry from the Lord's Prayer. Evil wears many faces in our modern world. This book connects the Lord's Prayer to troubles of our times, be it attacks from Satan, the wars around the world, the scourge of racism, or the mass shootings of our time. The subtitle of the book identifies the scope. This book blends both deliverance from demonic bondage and witness to the powers in relation to political policies and government. While the book aims to be a biblical theology on these topics, it seeks also to address the praxis: how these evils are confronted through healing-deliverance ministries and what people of God say and do in witness to the powers. The two streams of response to evil are really one as a faithful response to the saving work of the Lord God Almighty through Jesus Christ's victory over Satan, sin, evil, and death. "Love your enemy" confronts evil with power to transform!**

Defeating Dark Angels

Breaking Demonic Oppression in the Believer's Life

Baker Books **A Practical, Complete Guide to Defeating Demons Demonic oppression is a very real spiritual phenomenon, yet it remains a terrifying and misunderstood subject for many Christians. What does the Bible say? Can demons exert power over Christians? Can a Christian be possessed? How do you know if a problem is psychological or spiritual? In this revised edition of Defeating Dark Angels, Dr. Charles H. Kraft, a retired evangelical seminary professor and experienced deliverance minister, reveals everything you need to know. With clarity and biblical insight, he explains · why and how dark forces come against God's people · our authority as Christians over demons · how to resist the influence of demons · how to break their hold on the lives of others · the need for continued healing and care after deliverance through counseling Weaving practical application with firsthand accounts of demonic activity in the lives of real people, this is your complete guide to defeating dark angels and ministering God's freedom to others.**

Facing West

American Evangelicals in an Age of World Christianity

Oxford University Press, USA "The dramatic growth of Christianity around the world in the last century has shifted the balance of power within the faith away from the traditional strongholds of Europe and the United States to the Global South. While we typically imagine Western missionaries carrying religion to the ends of the earth, David R. Swartz shows that the line of influence has often run the other way, as evangelicals in nations such as Korea, India, and Uganda shaped the American church from abroad. Swartz tells stories of evangelicals crossing national boundaries, offering new insights into a tradition that imagines itself as simultaneously American and part of a global communion"--

Spiritual Mapping in the United States and Argentina

1989 - 2005 : a Geography of Fear

BRILL Referring to U.S. Evangelicalism and Neo-Pentecostalism, this book presents a comprehensive historical description of the movement and concept of "Spiritual Mapping," with special attention to theological and anthropological concepts. The result is a fascinating picture of modern Christian Americanism.

Restoring the First-century Church in the Twenty-first Century

Essays on the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement in Honor of Don Haymes

Wipf and Stock Publishers 'Restoring the First-century Church in the Twenty-first Century: Essays on the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement in Honor of Don Haymes' is a snap-shot of a major American religious movement just after the turn of the millennium. When the 'Disciples' of Alexander Campbell and the 'Christians' of Barton Warren Stone joined forces early in the 19th century, the first indigenous ecumenical movement in the United States came into being. Two hundred years later, this American experiment in biblical primitivism has resulted in three, possibly four, large segments. Best known is the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), active wherever ecumenical Christians gather. The denomination is typically theologically open, having been reshaped by theological Liberalism and the Social Gospel in the twentieth century, and has been re-organized on the model of other Protestant bodies. The largest group, the Churches of Christ, easily distinguished by their insistence on 'a cappella' music (singing only), is theologically conservative, now tending towards the evangelical, and congregationally autonomous, though with a denominational sense of brotherhood. The Christian Churches/Churches of Christ (Independent) are a 'via media' between the two other bodies: theologically conservative and evangelical, congregationally autonomous, pastorally oriented, and comfortable with instrumental music. The fourth numerically significant group, the churches of Christ (Anti-Institutional), is a conservative reaction to the 'a cappella' churches, much in the way that the Southern 'a capella' churches reacted against the emerging intellectual culture and social location, instrumental music and institutional centrism of the Northern Disciples following the Civil War. Besides these four, numerous smaller fragments, typically one-article splinter groups, decorate the history of the Restoration Movement: One-Cup brethren, Premillennialists, No-Sunday-School congregations, No-Located-Preacher churches, and others. This movement to unite Christians on the basis of faith and immersion in Jesus Christ, and to restore New-Testament Christianity, is too little recognized on the American religious landscape, and it has been too little studied by the academic community. This volume is focused primarily on the 'a cappella' churches and their interests, but implications for the entire Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement abound. The voices that speak freely within were unimpeded in authoring these essays by standards of orthodoxy imposed from without. All of the contributors are acquainted with Don Haymes, the honoree of the volume, and have been inspired by this friend and colleague, a man with a rigorous and earthy intellect and a heavenly spirit. David Bundy, series editor Studies in the History and Culture of World Christianities

Amazed by the Power of God

Destiny Image Publishers The need for power ministry is as strong today as it was when Jesus and the apostles walked the earth. The need for demonstrations of God's powerful love, exhibited through His church, will demolish strongholds of unbelief and relativism, as well as tear down cultural barriers that may bring confusion when only the words of the good news are shared, but its power is neglected. When Jesus and the apostles proclaimed the good news of salvation to people, works of power accompanied them. Today, the entire church needs mentored in how to bring God's word to the world in power. This book is a prophetic call to engage the mission of bringing God's radical love to this hurting world through power ministry.

The Evangelical's Guide to Spiritual Warfare

Practical Instruction and Scriptural Insights on Facing the Enemy

Chosen Books Are you aware of the spiritual battle being waged around you today? The truth is that although spiritual warfare is a major theme in the Bible, many of us gloss over it--or ignore it completely. But 80 percent of the synoptic gospels addresses the battle with evil spirits, and Jesus and His disciples set a clear example for believers. We cannot afford to practice a powerless Christianity in a fallen world. In this essential, accessible resource, former evangelical seminary professor and missionary Charles Kraft helps you find your footing in the spiritual battle. Based on a solid biblical foundation and on decades of ministry experience, this book will help you: · Differentiate between myths and truths about spiritual warfare · Recognize the everyday battles taking place around you · Learn what demons really are and what they actually do · Understand the rules for engaging the enemy · Achieve victory in daily battles with the help of the Holy Spirit Don't let fear keep you from engaging the spiritual forces at work around you. Some problems can't be overcome in any other way. "This book is a must-read for anyone looking to engage in spiritual warfare." --Larry Richards, author of *The Full Armor of God* "Dr. Kraft has removed the veil of mystery that has surrounded deliverance ministry for far too long. With truth and honesty, he has opened the door to the evangelical community and given us the tools to set the captives free."--Tim Howard, president and founder, Wellsprings of Freedom International "For more than thirty years now, Dr. Charles Kraft has been studying and writing about spiritual warfare. In this latest book, Dr. Kraft summarizes his findings and shares from his years of experience his approach to inner healing and deliverance ministries. This book needs to be read by every student studying spiritual formation, by every missiologist engaged in missionary activities and by every pastor and church worker committed to making healthy disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ."--Douglas Hayward, department chair, Graduate Intercultural Studies, Cook School of Intercultural Studies, Biola University "Personally awakened to the spiritual nature of our Christian faith, Charles Kraft calls us to wake up as well. This book is a must-read for any who seek to understand God's work in the world today from the vantage point of an evangelical who daily engages in spiritual warfare."--Scott Moreau, professor of intercultural studies, Wheaton College Graduate School "Most Christians are blind to the spiritual realities around us. This book pulls back the veil into the unseen world, where there is a battle. This book will quickly become a classic. Charles is steeped in wisdom in the area of spiritual warfare and has dedicated his life to bringing restoration to the church."--Judith MacNutt, M.A., president and co-founder, Christian Healing Ministries "Charles Kraft has taken a topic that is still controversial among some in the body of Christ--spiritual warfare--and boiled it down to something we can all agree on: There is an enemy countering expressions of God's love in the lives of believers and lost souls alike that we must combat."--Jennifer LeClaire, senior editor at Charisma magazine and director of Awakening House of Prayer in Fort Lauderdale "Again, Chuck Kraft has reminded us that 'we are at war with a cruel enemy.' This guide to the warfare reflects Dr. Kraft's passion for God's people to experience the full measure of the Father's love. His writing is grace-filled, balanced, thoughtful and practical."--John Shultz, Ph.D., president, Ashland Theological Seminary

Religion, the Missing Dimension of Statecraft

Oxford University Press, USA This collection of wide ranging case studies and theoretical pieces shows how religious or spiritual factors can play a helpful role in international relations. Written by a distinguished roster of scholars, this volume includes a foreword by Jimmy Carter and six maps.

Every Breath We Take

Living in the Presence, Love, and Generosity of God

ACU Press Christians are desperate for intimacy with the Lord. While grateful for all he has done, we long to encounter his presence in our daily lives. Amazingly, God desires the same relationship with us, and he has made it possible for us to live in his presence, love, and generosity with every breath we take. This book is designed to help you experience intimacy with God in your daily life. It presents a simple, yet effective, spiritual practice that raises awareness of the abiding presence of the Lord in what has been called "the sacrament of the present moment." Every Breath We Take will give you a deeper understanding of God's presence, love, and generosity, and provide you with a pathway to encounter him in deep and transforming moment-by-moment encounters.

Charisma and Christian Life

American Book Publishing Record

Global Bible Commentary

Abingdon Press The Global Bible Commentary invites its users to expand their horizon by reading the Bible with scholars from all over the world and from different religious persuasions. These scholars have approaches and concerns that often are poles apart. Yet they share two basic convictions: biblical interpretation always matters; and reading the Bible "with others" is highly rewarding. Each of the short commentaries of the Global Bible Commentary is a readily accessible guide for reading a biblical book. Written for undergraduate and seminary students and their teachers, as well as for pastors, priests, and Adult Sunday School classes, it introduces the users to the main features of the biblical book and its content. Yet each short commentary does more. It also brings us a precious gift, namely the opportunity of reading this biblical book as if for the first time. By making explicit the specific context and the concerns from which she/he reads the Bible, the scholar points out to us the significance of aspects of the biblical text that we simply took for granted or overlooked. Need more info? Download Global Bible Commentary Marketing Brochure PDF Free Adobe Acrobat Reader! If any book demonstrates the value of cultural criticism and the importance of particularity in interpretation, this is it! Scholars from diverse social locations in every continent bring their distinctive context to bear on the act of interpreting. In so doing, they shed eye-opening light on the biblical texts. The resulting critical dialogue with the Bible exposes the oppressive as well as the liberating dynamics of the texts while at the same time showing how the Bible might address the social, political, cultural, and economic dynamics of our world today. This collection can change the way you read the Bible--scholars and students, clergy and laity alike. -David Rhoads, Professor of New Testament, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL Contributors: Daniel Patte, Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, USA. A French Huguenot (Église Réformée de France), he taught two years in Congo-Brazzaville, and "read the Bible with" people in France, Switzerland, South Africa, Botswana, the Philippines, as well as in the USA. His publications include books on hermeneutics and semiotics (such as *Early Jewish Hermeneutics*, 1975; *The Religious Dimensions of Biblical Texts*, 1990); on Paul and Matthew (such as *Paul's Faith and the Power of the Gospel*, 1983; *The Gospel according to Matthew: A Structural Commentary on Matthew's Faith*, 1987), as well as, most directly related to the GBC, *Ethics of Biblical Interpretation* (1995), *The Challenge of Discipleship* (1999), *Reading Israel in Romans: Legitimacy and Plausibility of Divergent Interpretations* (ed. with Cristina Grenholm, 2000), *The Gospel of Matthew: A Contextual Introduction* (with Monya Stubbs, Justin Ukpong, and Revelation Velunta, 2003). José Severino Croatto, Professor of Exegesis, Hebrew, and Religious Studies, at Instituto Superior Evangélico de Estudos Teológicos (ISEDET). A contributor to *Revista de Interpretación Bíblica Latinoamericana* (= RIBLA) and the *Movement of Popular Reading of the Bible*, he published 22 books, including three volumes on hermeneutics, *Exodus, A Hermeneutics of Freedom* (1981); *Biblical Hermeneutics. Toward a Theory of Reading as the Production of Meaning* (1987); *Hermenéutica Práctica. Los principios de la hermenéutica bíblica en ejemplos* (2002); three volumes on *Génesis 1-11* (1974; 1986; 1997), the last one, *Exilio y sobrevivencia. Tradiciones contraculturales en el Pentateuco*; three volumes on the book of *Isaiah* (1988; 1994; 2001), the last one, *Imaginar el futuro. Estructura retórica y querigma del Tercer Isaías (Isaías 56-66)*; two volumes on *Religious Studies* (1994; 2002), the last one, *Experiencia de lo sagrado y tradiciones religiosas. Estudio de fenomenología*

de la religión (2002). Rev. Dr. Nicole Wilkinson Duran, after teaching New Testament in the USA, South Africa (Zululand), in Turkey, is currently teaching part-time at Rosemont College and Villanova University, and with her husband raising twin sons in the suburbs of Philadelphia, PA. She has published articles on topics ranging from gender and race in Esther, to the unread Bible in Toni Morrison's novels, to body symbolism in the story of John the Baptist's execution, and edited (with G. Phillips) Reading Communities Reading Scripture (2002). She is an ordained Presbyterian minister and does occasional preaching and adult Christian education. Teresa Okure, SHCJ, a graduate from the University of Ibadan, La Sorbonne, École Biblique of Jerusalem, and Fordham University (Ph.D.), is Professor of New Testament and Gender Hermeneutics at the Catholic Institute of West Africa, Port Harcourt, Nigeria. She is or has been a member of the executive committees of several associations, including EATWOT (Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, as Executive Secretary), the International Association for Mission Studies (IAMS), and the Society for New Testament Studies (SNTS). She published more than 100 articles and six books including The Johannine Approach to Mission: a Contextual Study of John 4:1-42 (1988), ed. Evaluating the Inculturation of Christianity in Africa (1990) and ed. To Cast Fire upon the Earth: Bible and Mission. Collaborating in Today's Multicultural Global Context (2000). Archie Chi_Chung Lee, Professor of Hebrew Bible, Department of Cultural and Religious Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. A specialist of cross-textual hermeneutics, especially Chinese text and the post-exilic biblical tradition. He is the author of several books including A Commentary on the Book of Koheleth, (in Chinese 1990), Doing Theology with Asian Resources: Ten Years in the Formation of Living Theology in Asia (1993, ed.) and Interpretation of the Megilloth (in Chinese 2003) and numerous articles including "Genesis One and the Plagues Tradition in Ps. 105," Vetus Testamentum, 40, (1990): 257-263, "Biblical Interpretation in Asian Perspective," Asia Journal of Theology, 7, (1993): 35-39, "The Chinese Creation Myth of Nu Kua and the Biblical Narrative in Genesis 1-11," Biblical Interpretation 2 (1994): 312-324, "Cross-Textual Hermeneutics on Gospel and Culture". Asia Journal of Theology 10 (1996): 38-48 and "Biblical Interpretation of the Return in the Postcolonial Hong Kong," Biblical Interpretation, 9 (1999): 164-173.

Authority to Heal

InterVarsity Press **Have you ever prayed for a sick friend? Does God heal today? If so, why are so many people in pain around us? We have all heard stories of miraculous healings. But can we believe them? Why are some people healed and some not? Does God give ordinary Christians the authority to heal? As Ken Blue explores these questions he found plenty of answers, but none that satisfied him. He wanted answers that were true to Scripture and true to a loving and just God. His search into the Bible and into the ministry of healing has produced a rich and very human book. Here is a book for everyone who has ever prayed for a sick friend.**

U.S. Lifestyles and Mainline Churches

A Key to Reaching People in the 90's

Westminster John Knox Press **It will stimulate discussion among persons in the local congregation who are responsible for developing strategies of mission to the diversities of groups central to Sample's analysis.**

4 Games Jonah Played with God

Xulon Press

Shatterzone of Empires

Coexistence and Violence in the German, Habsburg, Russian, and Ottoman

Borderlands

[Indiana University Press](#) **From the Baltic to the Black Sea, four major empires with ethnically and religiously diverse populations encountered each other along often changing and contested borders. Examining this geographically vast, multicultural region through a variety of methodological lenses, this volume offers informed and dispassionate analyses of how the many populations of these borderlands managed to coexist in a previous era and why the areas eventually descended into violence. An understanding of this region will help readers grasp the preconditions of interethnic coexistence and the causes of ethnic violence and war in many of the world's other borderlands both past and present.**

A Concise History of Christian Doctrine

[Abingdon Press](#) **An introduction to the core Christian doctrines, the historical context in which they arose, and their ongoing importance to contemporary Christian belief and practice. Justo González has long been recognized as one of our best teachers and interpreters of the church's belief and history. In this new volume he lays out the answers to three questions crucial to understanding the Christian tradition: First, what are the core Christian doctrines? What ideas and convictions form the heart of Christian identity? Second, Where did these doctrines come from? What are the historical contexts in which they first rose to prominence? How have they developed across the history of the church? Finally, what do these doctrines mean today? What claims do they continue to place on Christian belief and practice in the twenty-first century? Written with the clarity and insight for which González is famous, A Short History of Christian Doctrine will serve the needs of students in church history, historical theology, and systematic theology classes in college/university settings, as well as seminaries/theological schools.**

The Arena

The Evangelical Repository

The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Religion and Politics in the U.S.

[John Wiley & Sons](#) **The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Religion and Politics in the U.S. provides a broad, inclusive, and rich range of chapters, in the study of religion and politics. Arranged in their historical context, chapters address themes of history, law, social and religious movements, policy and political theory. Broadens the parameters of this timely subject, and includes the latest work in the field Draws together newly-commissioned essays by distinguished authors that are cogent for scholars, while also being in a style that is accessible to students. Provides a balanced and inclusive approach to religion and politics in the U.S. Engages diverse perspectives from various discourses about religion and politics across the political and disciplinary spectra, while placing them in their larger historical context**

Following Jesus to Burning Man

Recovering the Church's Vocation

[Hamilton Books](#) **This book places the author, a Pentecostal/evangelical minister, in a thoroughly pagan context in the Nevada desert where he discovered the presence of God in a way that transformed his understanding of ministry in the twenty-first century context. This book is about our culture's recovery and transformation.**

Rebounding Identities

The Politics of Identity in Russia and Ukraine

[Woodrow Wilson Center Press](#) **An examination of post-Soviet society through ethnic, religious, and linguistic criteria, this volume turns what is typically anthropological subject matter into the basis of politics, sociology, and history. Ten chapters cover such diverse subjects as Ukrainian language revival, Tatar language revival, nationalist separatism and assimilation in Russia, religious pluralism in Russia and in Ukraine, mobilization against Chinese immigration, and even the politics of mapmaking. A few of these chapters are principally historical, connecting tsarist and Soviet constructions to today's systems and struggles. The introduction by Dominique Arel sets out the project in terms of new scholarly approaches to identity, and the conclusion by Blair A. Ruble draws out political and social implications that challenge citizens and policy makers. Rebounding Identities is based on a series of workshops held at the Kennan Institute in 2002 and 2003.**

iWatch: The Christian Challenge to Make a Difference

[Lulu.com](#) **iWatch: All Christians are called to make a difference. This book is for you because you will learn -**

The Church at Home and Abroad

The Miracle of You

Inspirational Promises for Expectant Parents

[Kregel Publications](#) **An inspirational gift book for expectant parentsA mother's interaction with her baby can greatly improve the child's physical and spiritual development, both before and after birth. The Miracle of You encourages expectant moms to read to their children before they're born, using a second-person voice to speak directly to the child. Karen Wells couples inspirational week-by-week Scriptures and faith statements with twenty-two illustrations, all following a baby's physical development as well as aspects of spiritual growth, including hope, destiny, courage, faith, obedience, and peace. A great tool for pregnancy resource centers and pro-life groups, The Miracle of You is a touching reminder that God has a plan for every child, from conception to birth and beyond.**

The World's Christians

Who They Are, Where They Are, and How They Got There

[John Wiley & Sons](#) **This accessible textbook describes Christianity, the world's largest religion, in all of its historical and contemporary diversity. No other publication includes so much information or presents it so clearly and winsomely. This volume employs a "religious studies" approach that is neutral in tone yet accommodates the lived experiences of Christians in different traditions and from all regions of the globe. The World's Christians is a perfect textbook for either public university classrooms or liberal arts campuses. Divided into three parts, the text first describes the world's four largest Christian traditions (Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Pentecostal) which together account for roughly 98 percent of all Christians worldwide. A second section focuses on Christian history, explaining the movement's developing ideas and practices and examining Christianity's engagement with people and cultures around the world. The third and longest portion of the text details the distinctive experiences, contemporary challenges, and demographics of Christians in nine geographic regions, including the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, Eastern and Western Europe, South Asia, North America, East Asia, and Oceania.**

The second edition of this popular text has been thoroughly rewritten to take recent developments into account, and each chapter now includes two primary source readings, highlighting the diversity of voices that exist within the world Christian movement. Like the first edition, the revised text is enhanced with easily understandable maps, charts, tables and illustrative photographs. In summary, this new and improved second edition of *The World's Christians* is: `div style="margin: 0px; padding: 0px; user-select: text; -webkit-user-drag: none; -webkit-tap-highlight-color: transparent; font-family: 'Segoe UI', 'Segoe UI Web', Arial, Verdana, sans-serif; font-size: 12px;"`

Heaven on Earth

Experiencing the Kingdom of God in the Here and Now

Harvest House Publishers In *A Couple After God's Own Heart Interactive Workbook*, Jim and Elizabeth George build on the content of their book, *A Couple After God's Own Heart*, to create a companion guide that leads husbands and wives through a fascinating study on God's plan for marriage. Through a unique blend of Bible study material, questions for thought, and "What Can I Do Today?" applications, couples will grow a closer and deeper union as they... learn from the successes and failures of key couples in the Bible discover the essentials to a better marriage participate in discussions designed to stimulate communication with each other set and apply goals that help husbands and wives be all God designed them to be determine how to make the best of the strengths and weaknesses in their relationship This friendly and practical study offers life lessons from a variety of well-known couples in Scripture, and will equip spouses to experience more and more of the incredible bliss only God can bring into a marriage.

The Educational Imperative

A Defence Of Socratic And Aesthetic Learning

Routledge Written with both the cultural and moral crisis and the challenge of the future in mind, Peter Abbs's book charts an open, clear, and positive way forward for education. Divided into four sections, the first examines the true and fitting ends of education and outlines a positive conception of education as an initiation into critical enquiry and the personal art of learning. The two middle sections consider aesthetic education. Abbs confronts government approaches to arts teaching and offers an alternative dynamic paradigm within which the creativity of the culture transmitted down the ages and the creativity of the individual seen as biologically given must be combined. The outcome of this is explored, in detail, in relation to the teaching of literature, creative writing and drama. The final section offers critical appraisals of influential figures in the arts field:; Herbert Reid, the late Peter Fuller and David Holbrook.

Theology and Identity

The Impact of Culture Upon Christian Thought in the Second Century and in Modern Africa

OCMS This book is all about Jesus. The words recorded in it were written about Jesus over 2000 years ago. Yet today his message of peace hope love and forgiveness still resonates with people of all races nationalities educational and economic backgrounds. Some like what he said while others disagree with what he said. But almost everyone finds him intriguing. The story of Jesus comes to us from four different authors Matthew Mark Luke and John written over a period of nearly seventy years. The message and uniqueness of Jesus remain the same but each author tells the story from his perspective and for his purpose. Some writers wrote more; others wrote less. But what if we could read it as one single story from beginning to end This book does just that by combining the four reports of Jesus's life into a single chronological story. Through this book you will take a new look at Jesus his life his miracles and his teachings and be able to come to your own conclusion about him. Produced in cooperation with the International

Bible Society.

The Centrality of the Church

Practicing the Ways of God with the People of God

Moody Publishers **Concise Wisdom from a Pastoral Veteran The Kingdom Pastor's Library** is a new series that brings you a succinct, complete pastoral philosophy and training from **Tony Evans**. **The Centrality of the Church** will help you sort out the structure and strategies you need to have in place in your congregation. From installing elders and deacons to cross-departmental communication, Dr. Evans gives you an invaluable tutorial in the affairs of Christ's church. **Faithful. Powerful. Practical. Become a kingdom pastor today.**

Healing Spiritual Abuse

How to Break Free from Bad Church Experiences

InterVarsity Press **Asserting that spiritual abuse in the church is more common than we realize, Ken Blue examines the causes of spiritual abuse, identifies abusive patterns, offers healing to those who have suffered abuse and describes how leaders should model the gospel of grace.**

The Biology of Belief

How Our Biology Biases Our Beliefs and Perceptions

Rosetta Press, Inc. **The Biology of Belief** examines how our less than perfectly adapted brains cope with today's world. Among the things considered are how our brain biology biases our perceptions, organizes ignorance into belief systems, predisposes us to believe in supernatural spirits and permits others to manipulate our beliefs. The human brain evolved over millions of years to cope with survival and reproduction in the rudimentary world of our primitive ancestors. Inasmuch as our brain biology formed to cope with this ancient world, it should be no surprise that it has a few problems in dealing with the complexities of modern life. The process by which we come to believe something new involves a labyrinth of thought-influencing biological and other factors. In attempting to understand this labyrinth and its effect on how we acquire beliefs, this work addresses a number of considerations including memes. Other elements considered are brain module interactions, neurotransmitters, inborn biological predispositions and the interdependence of belief and perception. Together with other factors, they collectively comprise the biology of belief. The book is a synthesis that explains biological evolution, memes and genetic algorithms (creatures that evolve in computer environments) as specific cases of the more general concept of self-organizing knowledge.