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Theology May 06 2021 This fourth edition of the international bestseller is the ideal introduction for those who are new to Christian theology. In this revised and expanded edition, the author introduces readers to the central ideas and beliefs, the key debates and the leading thinkers of Christianity. Throughout, the aim is to bring clarity and brevity to the central ideas of theology, both traditional and contemporary. The text comprehensively covers the individual doctrines that form the Christian belief system, weaving together these doctrines, their history, and the intellectual nuance behind them into an inter-connected web. All major Christian denominations are explored, as are their differences and shared customs and beliefs. This rich tapestry results in a clear view of Christianity, providing a coherent vision of the religion in its main forms.

Nurturing Hope Sep 29 2020 Trends and skills for those who offer pastoral care Christian pastoral care has changed a great deal in the past few decades in response to many factors in our rapidly changing world. In part 1 of *Nurturing Hope*, Lynne Baab discusses seven trends in pastoral care--shifts in who delivers pastoral care, the attitudes and commitments that undergird pastoral care, and societal trends that are shaping pastoral care today. She illustrates them with stories from diverse congregations where Christian caregivers are meeting those challenges in creative and exciting ways. In the second half of the book, Baab presents four practical, doable, energizing skills needed by pastoral carers in our time. Focusing on skills that help carers nurture connections between everyday life and Christian faith, she explores the need for carers to understand common stressors, listen, pray with others, and nurture their personal resilience. Grounded in an understanding of God as the true caregiver and healer, the author offers tips for readers who are training other pastoral carers or developing their own understanding and skills. Each chapter ends with discussion and reflection questions, making the book helpful for groups. Lynne Baab brings readers hope for their caring role and for their own spiritual journey.

Systematic Theology Jan 22 2020 A biblical, clear, cogent, accessible, comprehensive, and practical summary of Christian belief by one of the most important and original American theologians of the last hundred years.

Mere Christianity Apr 17 2022 In the classic *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis, the most important writer of the 20th century, explores the common ground upon which all of those of Christian faith stand together. Bringing together Lewis' legendary broadcast talks during World War Two from his three previous books *The Case for Christianity*, *Christian Behavior*, and *Beyond Personality*, *Mere Christianity* provides an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear this powerful apologetic for the Christian faith.

The Mosaic of Christian Belief Jan 26 2023 In this second edition of Roger E. Olson's classic work, he thematically traces the contours of Christian belief down through the ages, revealing a pattern of both unity and diversity. He finds a consensus of teaching that is both unitive and able to incorporate a faithful diversity when not forced into the molds of false either-or alternatives.

Every Good Endeavour Mar 04 2021 In today's increasingly competitive and insecure economic environment, we often question the reason for work: why am I doing this? Why is it so hard? And what can I do about it? Work may seem just a means to an end: we do it to earn the money to enjoy life outside the workplace. Here, Timothy Keller argues that God's plan is radically more ambitious: he actually created us to work. We are to work together to make the world a better place, to help each other, and so to find purpose for our lives. Our faith should enhance our work, and our work should develop our faith. With deep insight, Timothy Keller draws on essential and relevant biblical wisdom to address our questions about work. There is grace available if we have taken the wrong attitude, idolising money and using our careers to glorify ourselves rather than God. This book provides the foundations for a work-life balance where we can thrive both personally and professionally. Keller shows how through excellence, integrity, discipline, creativity and passion in the workplace we can impact society for good. Developing a better attitude to work releases us to serve others humbly, to worship God everyday, and leaves us deeply fulfilled.

Why I Am a Christian Aug 09 2021 Now with a new chapter on "Why I Am Not a Muslim" by an ex-Muslim, *Why I Am a Christian* is an even more helpful resource in our global times.

Christian Thought in the Twenty-First Century Sep 10 2021 In this volume some of the outstanding Christian scholars of our day reflect on how their minds have changed, how their academic fields have changed over the course of their careers, and the pressing issues that Christian scholars will need to address in the twenty-first century. This volume offers an accessible portrait of key trends in the world of Christian scholarship today. *Christian Thought in the Twenty-First Century* features scholars from Great Britain, Canada, the United States, and Switzerland. The contributors represent a wide variety of academic backgrounds--from biblical studies to theology, to religious studies, to history, English literature, philosophy, law, and ethics. This book offers a personal glimpse of Christian scholars in a self-reflective mode, capturing their honest reflections on the changing state of the academy and on changes in their own minds and outlooks. The breadth and depth of insight afforded by these contributions provide rich soil for a reader's own reflections, and an agenda that will occupy Christian thinkers well into the twenty-first century.

Both And Oct 11 2021 A visually engaging exploration of apparent contradictions within the Christian faith. One of the significant challenges in the Christian faith is the number of apparent contradictions the Bible presents. These paradoxes and mysteries can be difficult to understand. In *Both-And* Ross Cunningham takes 23 pairs of seemingly contradictory truths and concisely and clearly explains how they can co-exist. The book is divided into three main sections - apparent contradictions in the divine nature; apparent contradictions in the experience of salvation; and apparent contradiction in the characteristics of being in Christ. Ross Cunningham, who has a background in creative design, has introduced each chapter with an attractive graphic representation of the paradox in question.

Revelation Jun 26 2020 The final book of the Bible, *Revelation* prophesies the ultimate judgement of mankind in a series of allegorical visions, grisly images and numerological predictions. According to these, empires will fall, the "Beast" will be destroyed and Christ will rule a new Jerusalem. With an introduction by Will Self.

Christianity in the Twenty-first Century Apr 24 2020 In the year 2000--and beyond--what will the church be like? What challenges will it face? Will the church be able to provide a strong sense of community? Will it be an ethical force in the lives of Americans? And what role will religion play in politics and in the marketplace? In *Christianity in the 21st Century* Robert Wuthnow reflects on these provocative questions as he seeks to identify changes that are taking place now in American society that churches must address if they are to remain vital in the future. He foresees five critical areas--institutional, ethical, doctrinal, political, and cultural--in which major challenges will arise, then meets the thorny issues head-on. How will churches' resource bases, their very identity, and their capacity to carry on their spiritual traditions be altered? Will they continue to function as sources of caring in a needy world? What impact will the resurgence of fundamentalism have, and how will moderate and liberal congregations react? How will the political activities of churches influence their capacity to be heard in the public arena, and what will the impact be of pluralism and the prevailing materialism of our society? Drawing on a wide range of first-hand observations and research, Wuthnow demonstrates that in each of these five areas people of faith have strong reasons to enter the next century with confidence in their religious institutions. But he also highlights worrisome signs, and points to specific areas that need to be addressed to ensure the continuing vitality for Christianity in America--not least among these are the rampant individualism that erodes spiritual communities and the religious infighting that diminishes the Christian sense of unity. The onset of a new millennium affords a historic opportunity to take stock of the present situation and to plan for the future--in the years ahead, much reflection is likely to occur about all our major institutions. *Christianity in the 21st Century* aims to contribute to those reflections by offering a sobering, realistic, and ultimately hopeful assessment of where the church is now, and where the church is headed.

Brümmer on Meaning and the Christian Faith Mar 16 2022 This volume presents a wide-ranging selection from the writings of a leading contemporary philosophical theologian, Vincent Brümmer. In his many books and articles Brümmer has demonstrated how the tools of philosophical analysis are not only fruitful but also essential for dealing with the central issues of systematic theology. The title of this volume, *Meaning and the Christian Faith*, highlights two characteristic themes that recur throughout the many writings of Vincent Brümmer. Much of his work has been devoted to exploring the meaning of the Christian faith, and especially of its central claim that God is a personal being whose fellowship believers may enjoy. On the other hand, Brümmer has also shown that religious belief should not be understood as an explanatory theory but rather as a way in which believers understand the meaning of their lives and their experience of the world and direct their lives accordingly. Thus in the Christian tradition believers claim that their lives are meaningful because they seek to attain ultimate happiness in the love of God. In the introductory sections throughout this volume Vincent Brümmer describes how he came to pay attention to the various themes dealt with in his writings and explains why he came to deal with them in the ways he did.

Christian Theology Mar 24 2020 A new edition of leading theologian Millard Erickson's classic text.

Annunciations: Sacred Music for the Twenty-First Century Oct 19 2019 Our contemporary culture is communicating ever-increasingly through the visual, through film, and through music. This makes it ever more urgent for theologians to explore the resources of art for enriching our understanding and experience of the Judeo-Christian tradition. *Annunciations: Sacred Music for the twenty-First Century*, edited by George Corbett, answers this need, evaluating the relationship between the sacred and the composition, performance, and appreciation of music. Through the theme of 'annunciations', this volume interrogates how, when, why, through and to whom God communicates in the Old and New Testaments. In doing so, it tackles the intimate relationship between Scriptural reflection and musical practice in the past, its present condition, and what the future might hold. *Annunciations* comprises three parts. Part I sets out flexible theological and compositional frameworks for a constructive relationship between the sacred and music. Part II presents the reflections of theologians and composers involved in collaborating on new pieces of sacred choral music, alongside the six new scores and links to the recordings. Part III considers the reality of programming and performing sacred works today. This volume provides an indispensable resource for scholars and artists working at the interface between theology and the arts, and for those involved in sacred music. However, it will also be of interest to anyone concerned with the ways in which the Divine communicates through word and artistry to humanity.

Christian Faith, Philosophy & International Relations Feb 21 2020 How can the turbulent world of international relations be understood and addressed from a Christian faith perspective? In this book fundamental theological and philosophical perspectives are presented from various Christian traditions: Neo-calvinism, Catholic social teaching, critical theory and Christian realism.

Who Needs Theology? May 26 2020 Stanley J. Grenz and Roger E. Olson show what theology is, what tools theologians use, why every believer (advanced degrees or not) is a theologian and how the theological enterprise can be productive and satisfying.

Christian Beliefs Study Guide: 20 Life Transforming Truths Jul 20 2022 Understand what you believe! In this ground breaking DVD series, Dr. Wayne Grudem teaches the 20 main doctrines of the faith with biblical depth, spiritual passion and a freshness that makes this series unique in the Christian world. This Study Guide, written by Clear Cut Media,

accompanies the DVD series. The aim of the course is to provide a good understanding of all the main doctrines of the Bible in an accessible and enjoyable format, securing and grounding Christians in the faith. Each session lasts approximately 40 minutes, with optional discussion breaks, and finishes with a questions and answers section. It is suitable for both group or individual use. Contents: 1. What is the Bible? - The authority, necessity, clarity, and sufficiency of scripture. 2. What is God like? - The attributes of God. God's holiness, love, justice, omniscience, and much more. 3. What is the Trinity? - Exploring the beauty, complexity and roles within the Godhead. 4. What is creation? - The origin and purpose of creation, and the implications for us today. 5. What is prayer? - Understanding our relationship with the Lord and how it works out in prayer. 6. What are angels and demons? - How the activities of both angels and demons affect us today. 7. What is man? - Understanding the implications of being made in God's image. 8. What is sin? - The origin and effects of sin. 9. Who is Christ? - The humanity and deity of Christ and its implications for salvation and worship. 10. What is atonement? - The cause, necessity, nature and results of Christ's atonement. 11. What is the resurrection? - Understanding the effects of the resurrection for us today. 12. What is election (or predestination)? - What election does and does not mean, and its implications for faith and worship. 13. What does it mean to become a Christian? - The process of calling, regeneration and conversion. 14. What are justification and adoption? - The central role of justification by faith and its result in adoption. 15. What are sanctification and perseverance? - Christian growth and God's preservation of the saints. 16. What is death? - The death and resurrection of Christians and non-Christians. 17. What is the church? - The power, purposes, purity, unity and consistency of the church. 18. What will happen when Christ returns? - The timing, signs, tribulation, and millennial views of Christ's return and reign. 19. What is the final judgement? - The purpose and events of the final judgement and the scriptural teaching about hell. 20. What is heaven? - The renewed heavens and earth, what we will do, and how it will glorify God. Each session is designed to be accessible from different levels. New Christians will be grounded in their faith, established believers will grow in their knowledge of God and understand the Bible much better, potential leaders will be trained, established leaders will be equipped for ministry. The study guide includes a 'Going Deeper' section suitable for those wanting to pursue a fuller understanding of these truths. Dr. Grudem, in his unique and warm style, provides essential teaching for all Christians. Having completed this course, Christians will not only be enabled to better love God and live for Him, but also gain a secure understanding of the faith, learning how to handle secondary issues with humility, and primary issues with clarity. This course is unique, a world first, in the combination of its scope, content and format. A Leader's Guide is also available.

The Journey of Modern Theology Aug 21 2022 In this major revision and expansion of the classic 20th Century Theology (1992), coauthored with Stanley J. Grenz, Roger Olson tells the full story of modern theology from Descartes to Caputo, from the Kantian revolution to postmodernism, now recast in terms of how theologians have accommodated or rejected modernity.

A Theology for the Twenty-First Century Nov 24 2022 Christianity in the United States is in crisis. Liberalism is declining, evangelicalism is splintering, increasing numbers of Christians are slipping away from churches, and more and more young people are for various reasons finding Christianity as they conceive it (a metaphysical thought system, or society of science-deniers, or an ideology for oppressors) not just implausible but repellent. At the same time, Christians across denominational and ideological divides are rediscovering a moral core, especially in the Jesus of the Gospels, that reactivates and unites them, and this kind of faith appeals to many who consider themselves averse to all traditional organized religion. But any revitalized Christian faith is going to need to understand its rootedness in, and interpretation of, Christianity's foundational texts and traditions. Noted theologian Douglas F. Ottati steps in to offer a theology for this new era. Combining deep learning in texts and traditions with astute awareness of contemporary questions and patterns of thought and life, he asks: what does it mean, in our time, to understand the God of the Bible as Creator and Redeemer? Distilling the content of Christian faith into seventy concise propositions, he explains each in lucid, cogent prose. A Theology for the Twenty-First Century will be an essential textbook for those training for ministry in our current climate, a wise guide for contemporary believers who wonder how best to understand and communicate their faith, and an inviting and intelligent resource for serious inquirers who wonder whether the way of Jesus might help them grasp the real world while remaining open to the transcendent.

The 40 Most Influential Christians . . . Who Shaped What We Believe Today Feb 15 2022 Compelling Accounts of Key People Who Have Formed Christian Belief through the Ages All Christians' beliefs are shaped by those who went before them. Now these giants of Christian history are presented chronologically and in a format that helps readers get to know them. In addition to a biographical sketch, readers will discover each person's primary contributions to the Christian faith along with a brief quotation from their work. Students, history buffs, and curious readers will be fascinated as their faith is strengthened. Included are Polycarp, Justin Martyr, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Karl Barth, Carl F. H. Henry, and more.

Lies We Believe About God Aug 29 2020 From the author of the bestselling novel *The Shack* and the New York Times bestsellers *Cross Roads* and *Eve* comes a compelling, conversational exploration of twenty-eight assumptions about God—assumptions that just might be keeping us from experiencing His unconditional, all-encompassing love. In his wildly popular novels, Wm. Paul Young portrayed the Triune God in ways that challenged our thinking—sometimes upending long-held beliefs, but always centered in the eternal, all-encompassing nature of God's love. Now, in Wm. Paul Young's first nonfiction book, he invites us to revisit our assumptions about God—this time using the Bible, theological discussion, and personal anecdotes. Paul encourages us to think through beliefs we've presumed to be true and consider whether some might actually be false. Expounding on the compassion fans felt from the "Papa" portrayed in *The Shack*—now a major film starring Sam Worthington and Octavia Spencer—Paul encourages you to think anew about important issues including sin, religion, hell, politics, identity, creation, human rights, and helping us discover God's deep and abiding love.

The Case for Christ Dec 01 2020 A journalist's personal investigation of the evidence for Jesus.

Christian Beliefs Feb 27 2023

Twenty-four Lessons to Illustrate Christian Belief Jun 07 2021

Introduction to World Christian History Feb 03 2021 In this brief history of the church from a global perspective, Derek Cooper explores the development of Christianity across time and the continents. Guiding readers to places like Iraq, Ethiopia and India, Scandinavia, Brazil and Oceania, he reveals the fascinating—and often surprising—history of the church.

Christians in the Twenty-First Century Sep 22 2022 'Christians in the Twenty-First Century' examines Christianity as it is understood and practised both by active followers and those who regard themselves as Christian. The book opens with an examination of key Christian concepts - the Bible, the Creeds, the Church and the sacraments - and the major traditions of Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy and Protestantism as well as more recent movements. The book continues with an analysis of the challenges presented by the rise of science, new approaches to biblical scholarship, the rise of fundamentalist movements, the ordination of women, secularization, the interfaith movement, and the impact of the electronic revolution.

The Story of Christian Theology Dec 25 2022 In his book, poised to become a standard historical theology textbook, Roger Olson takes us on a journey of events ranging from the apostolic fathers to the Reformation to the present.

Twenty-Four Lessons to Illustrate Christian Belief and Christian Experience by Means of Christian Hymns (Classic Reprint) Dec 13 2021 Excerpt from *Twenty-Four Lessons to Illustrate Christian Belief and Christian Experience by Means of Christian Hymns* Suggestion: A deep, vital belief in God's Existence lies at the foundation of personal religion. This belief is not a negative taking for granted that there is a God; it is the adoring contemplation of God with the eyes of faith, the positive and fervent worship of God as the Ever Living One. It is the object of this lesson to intensify our present consciousness that God is; and that God is Three in One. Let us not lose ourselves in metaphysical attempts to solve the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Let us simply receive the Scripture teaching of the Three in One. Scriptural Basis. Exod. Heb. 1 John 24. Rev. Psalm 148. John 1 -26. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

A High View of Scripture? (Evangelical Ressourcement) Nov 12 2021 Where did the Bible come from? Author Craig D. Allert encourages more evangelicals to ask that question. In *A High View of Scripture?* Allert introduces his audience to the diverse history of the canon's development and what impact it has today on how we view Scripture. Allert affirms divine inspiration of the Bible and, in fact, urges the very people who proclaim the ultimate authority of the Bible to be informed about how it came to be. This book, the latest in the *Evangelical Ressourcement* series, will be valuable as a college or seminary text and for readers interested in issues of canon development and biblical authority.

Days of Awe and Wonder Dec 21 2019 Showcasing some of his most enduring and insightful writings, including many previously unpublished works, a concise and illuminating introduction to Marcus J. Borg, the late spokesman for progressive Christianity and one of the most revered and influential theologians of our time. In his acclaimed books, including classics such as *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, *The Heart of Christianity*, *Speaking Christian*, and *Convictions*, Marcus J. Borg helped shape an enlightened modernist view of Christianity. A leading scholar of the historical Jesus acclaimed for his ability to speak about Christianity in the context of contemporary society, Borg offered profound wisdom and inspiration—a new way of seeing and living the Christian life—for believers, students, and lay readers. Ultimately, he taught us that by developing a deeper understanding of Jesus and the New Testament, we can discover a more authentic way of being. Yet Borg himself was always conscious of a greater truth beyond what he could explain: the wonder of God. Now, two years after the liberal theologian's death, comes *The Days of Awe and Wonder*, a selection of his writing, including many never before published works, that explores the Christian faith and what it means to be a Christian in the twenty-first century. Provocative and uplifting, this anthology illuminates Borg's explorations of the miraculous and wonderful, his understanding of conviction and fulfillment, and his contention that we must keep an open mind and question assumptions and certainties in all our religious journeys.

The Christian Theology Reader May 18 2022 Regarded as the leading text in Christian theology for the last 25 years, Alister E. McGrath's *The Christian Theology Reader* is now available in a new 5th edition featuring completely revised and updated content. Brings together more than 350 readings from over 200 sources that chart 2,000 years of Christian history. Situates each reading within the appropriate historical and theological context with its own introduction, commentary, and study questions. Includes new readings on world Christianity and feminist, liberation, and postcolonial theologies, as well as more selections by female theologians and theologians from the developing world. Contains additional pedagogical features, such as new discussion questions and case studies, and a robust website with new videos by the author to aid student learning. Designed to function as a stand-alone volume, or as a companion to *Christian Theology: An Introduction*, 6th edition, for a complete overview of the subject.

Finding God in the Shack Nov 19 2019 Olson delves into many of the significant issues raised by the popular book "The Shack," such as forgiving those who have done evil, how God acts in the world, how God is three persons in one, and what difference this makes.

What Christians Ought to Believe Jan 02 2021 Modern Christians have often hesitated to embrace the ancient creeds because of our "nothing but the Bible" tradition. In *What Christians Ought to Believe* Michael Bird opens our eyes to the possibilities of the Apostle's Creed as a way to explore and understand the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Bringing together theological commentary, tips for application, and memorable illustrations, *What Christians Ought to Believe* summarizes the basic tenets of the Christian faith using the Apostle's Creed as its entryway. After first emphasizing the importance of creeds for the formation of the Christian faith, each chapter, following the Creed's outline, introduces the

Father, the Son, and the Spirit and the Church. An appendix includes the Apostles' Creed in the original Latin and Greek. What Christians Ought to Believe is ideally suited for both the classroom and the church setting to teach beginning students and laypersons the basics of what Christians ought to affirm if they are to be called Christians.

The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith Oct 31 2020

God in Dispute Jun 19 2022 This volume creatively explores the history of Christian thought by imagining a series of twenty-nine dialogues and debates among key figures throughout church history. It traces the history of theology via such conversation partners as Augustine and Pelagius, Calvin and Arminius, Barth and Brunner, and Bultmann and Pannenberg. Each imagined dialogue includes a brief summary that introduces the figures under consideration, a more detailed assessment of the thinkers and theological issues presented, and a guide for further reading. This approach offers readers an entertaining, informative, and concise history of Christian thought.

Theology in the Context of World Christianity Oct 23 2022 Thinking more globally about the formation of theology enriches our understanding of what it means to be a Christian. It's no secret that the center of Christianity has shifted from the West to the global South and East. While the truths of the Christian faith are universal, different contexts and cultures illuminate new questions, understandings, and expressions. What does this mean for theology, as Western theologians understand it? Timothy Tennent argues that the Christian faith is culturally and theologically translatable. *Theology in the Context of World Christianity* is written to expand our "ecclesiastical cartography" by highlighting—within each of the major themes of systematic theology—studies that are engaging the global church, such as: Anthropology (with studies drawn from the different views of human identity between Eastern and Western cultures). Christology (with a focus on the emphases that African Christians place on the characteristics of Christ). Pneumatology (by looking at the role of the Holy Spirit in Latin American Pentecostalism). Eschatology (by focusing on how this branch of theology shapes world missions and evangelism). Each of the ten chapters examines traditional theological categories in conversation with theologians from across the globe, making this volume valuable for students, pastors, missionaries, and theologians alike. Theological reflection is active and exciting in the majority world church, and Tennent invites you to your own reflection and celebration of Christ's global church. These are perspectives that should be heard, considered, and brought into conversation with Western theologians. Global theology can make us aware of our own blind spots and biases and has much to offer toward the revitalization of Western Christianity.

Faith's Fundamentals Jul 28 2020 Academic questions? Not according to Jack Cottrell. He believes our answers to questions like these decide whether we'll win against Satan's battle for our mind and soul. How should you answer these questions? What do you know about the essentials of Christian faith? In a world that says truth doesn't matter, discover what God says about these basics. In a culture that emphasizes feelings over facts, consider what God says you must believe - and why. Seven readable chapters explain foundational principles in language everyone can understand. The book is perfect for groups as well as for your own individual study.

A Philosophy of the Christian Religion Jan 14 2022 *A Philosophy of the Christian Religion* offers a new kind of introduction to the subject. Whereas most introductions in the past have attempted to deal with religion in general, this book focuses on philosophical issues of special importance to Christianity. In doing this, Nancey Murphy also takes full account of how conceptual revolutions in philosophy now mean that what older introductions termed 'standard problems' have changed from the way they were dealt with in earlier eras. At the same time, this new introduction helps the reader to better understand how contemporary issues have come to take on their current force by placing them within the context of the most sophisticated account available of human reason: Alasdair MacIntyre's tradition-constituted rationality. Contents Part One: A Brief History of Reason 1. Ancient and Medieval Ways of Knowing the Divine 2. Modern Epistemology and the Possibility of Theology 3. Faith in Late Modern Reasoning 4. Faith and Reason for the Twenty-First Century Part Two: Crises in Modern Christianity 5. Three Epistemological Crises for Christianity in Modernity 6. The Problem of Special Divine Action 7. Modern Problems of Evil and Suffering 8. Science and Christianity 9. Christian Anthropology, Philosophy, and Science 10. The Development of Modern Naturalism

Being Christian in the Twenty-First Century Jul 08 2021 *Being Christian in the Twenty-first Century* was written to help struggling and doubting Christians develop an understanding of Christianity that avoids literalism, creeds, and doctrines—all factors which seem to be driving people away from the church. The book is well suited for individual or group study, complete with a study guide and sample lesson plans. It responds to the call for theological reform advocated by many contemporary clergy and religious leaders. *Being Christian* does not restate orthodox positions or drift into fundamentalism or sentimentalism. Instead it draws from a broad base of historical, theological, archaeological, and sociological scholarship to place Scripture within its original context, yet present it within a perspective suitable for the twenty-first-century mind. *Being Christian* is scholarly, yet readable, interesting, and often provocative. One reviewer put it this way, ""the book reminds me of a baseball pitcher with a long wind up and a hard fastball getting better in every inning."" By building upon progressive thought available today and throughout history, it offers an important resource for Christians and would-be Christians seeking a more fulfilling and thoughtful faith journey. ""Born of a questioning faith and informed by rigorous scholarship, *Being Christian in the Twenty-First Century* is fides quarens intellectum (faith seeking understanding) at its best. Gould's work is as valuable to the emerging church as that of Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, and John Shelby Spong. --Tom Stella, author of *Finding God Beyond Religion* ""Sam Gould turns 'back to the future' by offering a progressive interpretation of biblical texts and traditional church teachings that contemporary Christians can embrace as rational, ethical, and humanist. He writes for those who wish to be Christian without forfeiting their critical intelligence or liberal morality. While Gould asserts that Jesus reveals what a fully evolved human life can be, he also calls for ecumenical openness to those of other religious faiths."" --David L. Weddle, Colorado College, author of *Miracles: Wonder and Meaning in World Religions* ""Gould, in the tradition of lay theologians like C. S. Lewis, Dorothy Sayers, and William Stringfellow, writes with conviction, candor, and clarity as he articulates what it means to be Christian in the twenty-first century. Calling for a more intellectually and spiritually satisfying faith, he bases his thinking on the best biblical and theological scholarship available and presses the reader to think critically and constructively about Christianity. An educator par excellence, Gould has produced an incredible theological text designed for adults, but also fitting for post-modern youth yearning for meaning in their lives and world."" --Donald E. Messer, The Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado Sam Gould is dean emeritus, School of Business Administration, University of Dayton. His career has included leadership positions in business, government, and academia. He has studied theology, led adult study classes, and served in lay administrative positions in local church settings for over four decades.

Faith for Exiles Apr 05 2021 Discover What's Working and Find Hope Negative perceptions. Church dropouts. Prodigals and nomads. It's easy to get discouraged by all that's going wrong when it comes to Christianity and the emerging generation. Yet what's going right? In fact, signs of hope are springing up all around. In *Faith for Exiles*, the author of *unChristian* and *You Lost Me* unveils major new Barna research that uncovers what's working--five practices that contribute to resilience. Enter the world of resilient young adult Christians and learn how they are sustaining faith. Finally, you can find hope in all that God is doing among young disciples today. Caught Between Cultures In a world where always-connected smart devices and search algorithms educate and entertain, digital Babylon is the new context for discipleship. *Faith for Exiles* reveals findings from a groundbreaking three-year research study of young Christians whose faith remains resilient even in exile. Barna president David Kinnaman teams up with former executive director of Youth Specialties Mark Matlock to help you: • Make sense of chaotic cultural changes and respond with compassion to the next generation of believers • Recognize the biblical concept of exile as an essential framework for following Christ today • Discover five research-based practices that cultivate faithfulness in digital Babylon • Prepare young Christians to be on mission with Jesus in the world • Empower Jesus followers of all ages to thrive in our current exile

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