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Why I Am a Lutheran

Explains the spiritual concepts and principles of Lutheranism, which are supported by the ideology of Martin Luther and Jesus Christ's death and resurrection.

The Spirituality of the Cross

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When asked by his barber and good friend, Peter Beskendorf, for some practical guidance on how to prepare oneself for prayer, Luther responded by writing this brief treatise, first published in the spring of 1535. After 500 years, his instruction continues to offer words of spiritual nurture for us today.

Law, Life, and the Living God

Contains 365 devotions, each of which describes a dilemma a young person might face during the course of an ordinary day, and includes a list of possible options, and guidance from Scripture on making the right choice.

Echo

A visionary game designer reveals how we can harness the power of games to boost global happiness. With 174 million gamers in the United States alone, we now live in a world where every generation will be a gamer generation. But why, Jane McGonigal asks, should games be used for escapist entertainment alone? In this groundbreaking book, she shows how we can leverage the power of games to fix what is wrong with the real world—from social problems like depression and obesity to global issues like poverty and climate change—and introduces us to cutting-edge games that are already changing the business, education, and nonprofit worlds. Written for gamers and non-gamers alike, *Reality Is Broken* shows that the future will belong to those who can understand, design, and play games. From the Trade

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Paperback edition.

Our Way Home

Claim: The Bible is merely a mythological story similar to Homers Odyssey.

Sticky Situations

Enough for Now

- Uses Walther's The Proper Distinction between Law and Gospel to create a contemporary discussion - Incorporates questions to facilitate discussion and application - Accessible to today's layperson

A Hobbit Devotional

Our Life in Christ Adult Bible Study Series

Recounts and interprets 20th century American Lutheran battles on the doctrine of the third use of the Law.

Family Trees and Olive Branches

A blend of understandable explanations and real-life stories. "Why I Am a Lutheran explores the foundational teachings of the Christian church. In

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each chapter, Daniel Preus calls upon more than 20 years of pastoral experience to reveal Jesus as the center of the Christian faith. As he addresses central doctrines such as sin and grace, Law and Gospel, the person and work of Jesus Christ, worship, the Sacraments, and the office of the ministry, Preus keeps the focus on Jesus Christ--who is "always and only at the center of all Christian teaching."

The Publishers' Trade List Annual

Are you interested in understanding the wider culture and your place within Gods plan for His people? Women are often greatly encouraged to learn that their driving desire to be a wife and mother is part of Gods plan and not a symptom of latent patriarchy or a sell-out of their emancipated sisters. This book surveys historical, sociological and scientific defense of womens roles. It investigates cultural clichés. And, most important, it explores the biblical perspective of Gods planned order and how women are to function within it.

Religion on Trial

There are some questions you can't avoid, no matter what you believe. The question "What is truth?" becomes more distressing every day. What's so wrong about being wrong? Am I a bad person if I believe something is true? Where does truth come from? This Critical Questions Discussion Guide by Paul Copan and Mark Linville provides a forum for exploring these questions in groups or individually.

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Here are the engaging insights of world-class philosophers and theologians to help you.

Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply

"Unveiling parallels between two self-proclaimed prophets"--Cover.

Commentaries on the Laws of England

Living a Chocolate Life

Its the same sinful, human pitfall throughout all of time: we look inward to worship the self instead of Jesus Christ. Anything we fear, love, or trust more than the true God is, after all, our god.

Has American Christianity Failed?

This book is for the mom whose kids fight when they're six, when they're sixteen, and when they're thirty-six. For the dad who really hopes he's passing something valuable-down to his kids. For the daughter who doesn't know her family anymore because everyone has given up. For the son who wishes his family would give up because they only yell at one another. For anyone who has sat across from family members-virtual strangers-in a hospital room and tried to make life-and-death decisions. This book is for you if you feel like you can't forgive. This is for you if you feel like God has forgotten your family. This is for you, wherever you are in your family tree-

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the roots, the branches, the soil, or the thorns. This is for those who want to create a culture of grace in their families. This is for those who want to grow olive branches in their family tree from Christ's life-giving love. Book jacket.

The Merit Myth

The concept of 'having enough' is one that is not often experienced. If I only had more money more success more time then I would be fulfilled. Yet, even when more is attained, it rarely satisfies. It is not 'enough.' An eight-lesson women's Bible Study, Enough for Now explores the idea of 'enough' through the study of Scripture - specifically the parable of the rich fool, personal stories, and practical exercises. Over the course of the eight lessons, women will discover how to escape the insatiable quest for more by finding their 'enough' in God.

Mending Broken Branches

Coming Out, Then Coming Home Christopher Yuan, the son of Chinese immigrants, discovered at an early age that he was different. He was attracted to other boys. As he grew into adulthood, his mother, Angela, hoped to control the situation. Instead, she found that her son and her life were spiraling out of control—and her own personal demons were determined to defeat her. Years of heartbreak, confusion, and prayer followed before the Yuans found a place of complete surrender, which is God's desire for all families. Their amazing story, told from the perspectives of both

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mother and son, offers hope for anyone affected by homosexuality. God calls all who are lost to come home to him. Casting a compelling vision for holy sexuality, *Out of a Far Country* speaks to prodigals, parents of prodigals, and those wanting to minister to the gay community. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.” - Luke 15:20
Includes a discussion guide for personal reflection and group use.

Reality Is Broken

Fun, friendly, and engaging, *Living a Chocolate Life* invites women to savor God's rich and endless supply of grace in Christ. Whether they're sampling everything from bitter nuggets of pain to sweet morsels of joy, this study reminds them that the Holy Spirit fills us with sweet faith in our Savior and it is only He who can truly satisfy.

What Is Truth?

A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings

“Indelible and extraordinary.”—Tara Westover, author of *Educated: A Memoir*, *New York Times Book Review*
The best-selling author of *How Children Succeed* returns with a powerful, mind-changing inquiry into higher education in the United States. Does college still work? Is the system designed just to protect the privileged and leave everyone else behind? Or can a

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college education today provide real opportunity to young Americans seeking to improve their station in life? *The Years That Matter Most* tells the stories of students trying to find their way, with hope, joy, and frustration, through the application process and into college. Drawing on new research, the book reveals how the landscape of higher education has shifted in recent decades and exposes the hidden truths of how the system works and whom it works for. And it introduces us to the people who really make higher education go: admissions directors trying to balance the class and balance the budget, College Board officials scrambling to defend the SAT in the face of mounting evidence that it favors the wealthy, researchers working to unlock the mysteries of the college-student brain, and educators trying to transform potential dropouts into successful graduates. With insight, humor, and passion, Paul Tough takes readers on a journey from Ivy League seminar rooms to community college welding shops, from giant public flagship universities to tiny experimental storefront colleges. Whether you are facing your own decision about college or simply care about the American promise of social mobility, *The Years That Matter Most* will change the way you think—not just about higher education, but about the nation itself.

The American Muhammad

As they examine each familiar phrase of the Lord's Prayer, readers will uncover a profound framework for spiritual growth. In a reader-friendly, memorable

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style, David Timms points to Jesus's teaching on community, love for the broken and isolated, holiness in an age of profanity, dealing with the evil within, resisting temptations, and much more. This critically acclaimed book will appeal to all who desire to go deeper into spiritual formation, helping them taste the life-giving water that only Jesus can provide. The new discussion guide makes it a great book for small groups as well as individuals.

The Unholy Trinity

Our culture drives us to crave many things: wealth, popularity, success, finding a spouse, having a child, or staying healthy. None of these things are inherently bad, but none of these will satisfy our greatest craving: to be loved by our Savior. This book shows the reader that God is determined to reach us; that He will settle for nothing less than to be connected to us. He reaches out to give us a life that has more depth, fullness, substance and meaning than we could ever imagine.

The Apology of the Augsburg Confession

How to invite God to step in and break the cycle of dysfunction Elizabeth Oates is no stranger to a dysfunctional family. She may look like the quintessential soccer mom now, but her childhood was full of uncertainty, abandonment, and many very dark days. Without a positive role model, an emotionally stable family member, or a consistent community, she had to forge her way ahead just to

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survive day to day. It wasn't until she was preparing for a family of her own that she began to learn the lessons that would lead to a more hopeful future for herself, her husband, and her children. Now she shares those lessons with other women struggling to create healthy families despite their own unhealthy family foundations. Through introspective and probing questions, *Mending Broken Branches* guides the reader to accept her past, understand her present, and find a vision for her future. The interactive design includes space to work through the journaling prompts provided, as well as extra-wide margins for notes of reflection while reading. With the gentle voice of a trusted mentor, Elizabeth encourages and equips women to cultivate strong, flourishing, God-honoring lives, and to break the cycle of dysfunction.

Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

A Simple Way to Pray

An eye-opening and timely look at how colleges drive the very inequalities they are meant to remedy, complete with a call—and a vision—for change. Colleges fiercely defend America's deeply stratified higher education system, arguing that the most exclusive schools reward the brightest kids who have worked hard to get there. But it doesn't actually work this way. As the recent college-admissions bribery scandal demonstrates, social inequalities and colleges' pursuit of wealth and prestige stack the

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deck in favor of the children of privilege. For education scholar and critic Anthony P. Carnevale, it's clear that colleges are not the places of aspiration and equal opportunity they claim to be. The Merit Myth calls out our elite colleges for what they are: institutions that pay lip service to social mobility and meritocracy, while offering little of either. Through policies that exacerbate inequality, including generously funding so-called merit-based aid for already-wealthy students rather than expanding opportunity for those who need it most, U.S. universities—the presumed pathway to a better financial future—are woefully complicit in reproducing the racial and class privilege across generations that they pretend to abhor. This timely and incisive book argues for unrigging the game by dramatically reducing the weight of the SAT/ACT; measuring colleges by their outcomes, not their inputs; designing affirmative action plans that take into consideration both race and class; and making 14 the new 12—guaranteeing every American a public K-14 education. The Merit Myth shows the way for higher education to become the beacon of opportunity it was intended to be.

Handling the Word of Truth

Craig Parton argues that religions fail the simplest tests of admissibility for their respective claims, and few religions bother to make testable assertion, relying instead at best on subjective and existential appeal. This work challenges the prevailing viewpoint that all religions are making the same, or even

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similar, allegations. More troubling than this prevailing view, is that the religions of the world remain diametrically opposed on the issues of the nature of humanity, the reality of evil, the nature of history, and the way of salvation. The author succeeds in sorting out the clashing claims of religions and in bringing insight and clarity to matters normally thought to be solely in the domain of philosophers and theologians.

Starting at the End

American Christianity teaches the centrality of the individual—my will, my experiences, my decision, my heart, my work, and my dedication. Yet we couldn't be more unaware that Christ and His saving and comforting work are being lost. Our minds and hearts are captivated in some way by those who often preach the Christian instead of Christ. Wolfmueller sounds the alarm against the false teaching and dangerous practices of Christianity in America. He offers a beautiful alternative: the sweet savor of the Gospel, which brings us to the real comfort, joy, peace, freedom, and sure hope of Christ. Book jacket.

Films and Other Materials for Projection

"The Apology of the Augsburg Confession" by Philipp Melancthon. Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten—or yet undiscovered gems—of world literature, we issue the

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Altogether Beautiful

For teachers, parents, grandparents, pastors, and other church workers who work with children and students and who need guidance on how to educate them on biblically sound principles to navigate the digital realm in an appropriate and responsible way!

Out of a Far Country

Altogether Beautiful is a Bible study on the Song of Songs, designed to be an in-depth study that features Hebrew word study, doctrinal teaching, context, and commentary, as well as practical application to help women apply to their everyday lives.

Ladylike

If you enjoy J. R. R. Tolkien--even if you're new to his classic stories--you'll love A Hobbit Devotional featuring 60 humorous, challenging, and encouraging devotionals. Soon to be a major motion picture, The Hobbit has fascinated readers for more than 70 years. Now, this tale of humble folk who overcome fear, discouragement, and despair through steadfastness, courage, and hope forms the basis of a brand-new devotional book. Each reading sketches a scene from

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The Hobbit, relates it to a contemporary life situation you might experience yourself, and brings in the teaching of a relevant Bible story or verse.

Living the Lord's Prayer

The Lords Prayer is about a journey--one from heaven to earth and back to heaven again. This heaven-earth-heaven journey shows Gods gracious hearing of us and our place with Him in heaven even while we pray here on earth.

Faithfully Connected

Proverbs 31:10, Proverbs 31:10-31 has become a beloved, often-quoted passage. We have learned to look to it for guidance on how to be a better woman-yet it is often misunderstood and misapplied. As today's culture lauds the woman who does and has it all, Christians seek to reconcile what they hear from the secular, feminist world with what God says in His Word. The heart of the Book of Proverbs is God's love for us in Jesus. More than just pithy sayings, these proverbs are a picture of how life was meant to be and how it will be when He returns in glory. Demystifying the Proverbs 31 Woman is an authoritative yet inviting discussion of the passage in terms of language, history, purpose, and application. Readers will come away with a sense of renewal and affirmation-and a keener understanding of the biblical example of the Proverbs 31 woman. What shines through is not a prescription for how to become a better wife, mother, woman, or friend, but a

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description of our Savior, the Church, and ourselves. Unfold the riches this proverb offers. You will find Jesus there. Book jacket.

Demystifying the Proverbs 31 Woman

The Life You Crave

Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply: Receive God's Overflowing Gifts, from best-selling author Deb Burma, is a celebration of the camaraderie, companionship, and comfort found in getting coffee with a friend. It's about more than just the warm beverage-it's about spending quality time together.

Being Lutheran

Strange, wondrous things happen in these two short stories, which are both the perfect introduction to Gabriel García Márquez, and a wonderful read for anyone who loves the magic and marvels of his novels. After days of rain, a couple find an old man with huge wings in their courtyard in 'A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings' - but is he an angel? Accompanying 'A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings' is the short story 'The Sea of Lost Time', in which a seaside town is brought back to life by a curious smell of roses.

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Why are you Lutheran? It's a valid question in this

modern age of denominations, distinctions, and choices.

The Years That Matter Most

There are two kinds of spirituality in the world. One is wrong and one is right. One is false and one is true. This book examines seven of the most common spiritual traditions and how these man-made traditions use speculation, mysticism, and moralism to break Christianity. These seven Christian rules that every Christian ought to break are taught as if they were doctrine, but are nothing more than the traditions of men.

Why I Should Trust the Bible?

A Guide to Navigate Evangelical Feminism In a society where gender roles are a hot-button topic, the church is not immune to the controversy. In fact, the church has wrestled with varying degrees of evangelical feminism for decades. As evangelical feminism has crept into the church, time-trusted resources like *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood* help remind Christians of what the Bible has to say. In this new edition of the award-winning best seller, more than 20 influential men and women such as John Piper, Wayne Grudem, D. A. Carson, and Elisabeth Elliot offer thought-provoking essays responding to the challenge egalitarianism poses to life in the church and in the home. Covering topics like role distinctions in the church, how biblical manhood and womanhood should work out in practice, and women

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in the history of the church, this helpful resource will help readers learn to orient their beliefs with God's unchanging word in an ever-changing culture.

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