Engaging the Doctrine of Creation

In this timely collection of essays, scholars from across the world re-examine the idea of a Christian university and offer a radical alternative vision for the future of the academy. Theologians from Anglican, Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant traditions engage with both the historic roots from which the Christian university emerges and with the contemporary challenges and opportunities faced by higher education today.

Christian Liberty

For God to live the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall have eternal life. Here's an astonishing claim. John 3:16 appears on everything from fridge magnets to sports fans' faces. But what does it actually mean? And how does it relate to you and me? With warmth, personal stories and humor, the author explains God's love, his Son, his sacrifice, and the all-important connection with us today. An invitation for anyone to dive straight in and take the first step in an exciting, life-transforming journey of faith.

Discerning the Spirits

Identifying a current crisis in the Christian Church that is causing its members to become divided, leading readers to embrace a non-judgmental biblical world view that accepts other cultural practices. Original.

Living Holiness

In an expressive culture, effective engagement must acknowledge tenet: freedom to choose their own spiritual path. Yet, an evangelical theology, faithfulness must be held to as biblical authority. As we seek to engage young people with the Bible, key questions need to be explored. Such questions include: how can polychoral freedom be afforded without undermining theological authority? and how can community be secured without diminishing personal freedom? This study explores a freedom-theology diametric in theological dialogue with the educational philosophy of Maxine Greene. Greene's reflection on the arts and the imagination is brought into conversation with insights from Charles Taylor, Garrett Grenn, and Nicholas Wolterstorff. As a work of practical theology, the book concludes with a framework in shape to support the purpose, content, and values for Bible engagement in contemporary youth ministry.

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Scholarship and Christian Faith

Foster good habits. Press into pain. Never, ever get another perm. Despite what many think, our twenties aren’t that dead space between youth and real life. How right, they can be among our most important years. In 20 Things We’d Tell Our Twenty-Somethings, college professors Peter and Kelli Wormal look back on all the good, the bad, and the unmentionable—give you the best of what they’ve learned. With honesty, warmth, and brilliant storytelling, they invite you not only into their own wisdom but into their lives, sharing about faith, marriage, drawn-out adoptions, dark nights of the soul, and the... in it all. 20 Things is more than a list of advice; it’s a book that can change your life. Let the trend of your twenties be coding wisdom, and whos knows what the rest of your life will bring. Includes active index, discussion questions, and ideas for further reading at the end of each chapter.

Engaging God’s World

The code of conduct for a leading tech company famously says “Don’t Be Evil.” But what exactly is evil? Is it just badness by another name—the shadow side of good? Or is it something more substantive—a malevolent force or power at work in the universe? These are some of the ontological questions that philosophers have grappled with for centuries. But evil also raises perplexing epistemic and psychological questions. Can we really know evil? Does a victim know evil differently than an observer? Does evil come in degrees? Is it a category we can or should domesticate?

Evil: A History collects thirteen essays that tell the story of evil in western history and thought. They address questions such as: How do we make sense of hell? What do we learn from the Holocaust? How did Jews and Muslims understand evil in the Middle Ages? How do we understand the “peculiar dispensations of God” in the life of Jesus? What is the role of evil in the New Testament?

These questions help us explore a central theme: how should we think about evil in order to understand the way God works in and through the world? These essays—by such esteemed scholars as J. L. Damrosch, S. N. Eisenstadt, M. W. Friedländer, B. Kedar, E. Y. Khazanov, J. M. Lederer, J. V. Martin, and M. D. Sondheimer—offer a unique perspective on a complex subject.

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Making Sense of God

In this groundbreaking work of first-order scholarship, Eric J. Olson makes a startlingly important contribution to the field of Christian counseling. He presents a fresh and detailed overview of the essential guidelines for prayerful counseling, particularly biblical counseling and integration. Building on their respective strengths, he seeks to move beyond the current impasse in the field and develop a more unified and robustly Christian understanding. Drawing upon the Bible and various Christian intellectual and social traditions, and through a Christian reinterpretation of relevant modern psychological theory and research, Olson presents in a fresh framework for the counseling practitioner that appropriately situates prayer, thus firmly from a Christian understanding of human beings—what amounts to a distinctly Christian version of psychology. This book is a must-read for any serious Christian teacher, student, or practitioner in the fields of psychology or counseling.

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Theology of mission is one of the most important and least understood areas of modern biblical theology. Taking a thematic approach and covering both contemporary and historical dimensions, the authors discuss key contemporary geographic and cultural contexts shape the expression of mission in the three religions. It offers a balanced yet comprehensive comparison of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam's understandings of the mission and their corresponding strategies.

Judaism, Christianity and Islam: An Introduction to Monotheism shows how a shared monotheistic legacy frames and helps explain the commonalities and disagreements among Judaism, Christianity and Islam and their significant descendants in the modern West. Drawing upon the Bible and various Christian intellectual and social traditions, and through a Christian reinterpretation of relevant modern psychological theory and research, Olson presents in a fresh framework for the counseling practitioner that appropriately situates prayer, thus firmly from a Christian understanding of human beings—what amounts to a distinctly Christian version of psychology. This book is a must-read for any serious Christian teacher, student, or practitioner in the fields of psychology or counseling.

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How I Changed My Mind about Women in Leadership

Christian worship in North America has undergone great change in recent years. But change always brings uncertainty—always even division—about what constitutes “authentic worship.” This important book restores a variety of current perspectives and offers a fresh outlook on contemporary Christian worship. In order to provide the widest, most insightful discussion on present-day worship practices yet assembled, the authors gathered a team of church musicians, ministers, worship leaders, and educators from eight church traditions. Discussing the Spirit in the fruit of their labor. Shaped by the vision of men and women like Marva Dyer, Jenny Gisevärd, C. Michael Hawn, and John Wimber, and inspired by his radical suggestion of “worship wars” as a bigger, more sweeping discussion that moves more arguments on musical tastes in good thinking about the overall purpose of worship in relation to church life and God himself, Subar’s articles and quotes are meant to move readers and study groups into dialogues on these issues. Whether you are a leader or member in church worship or simply grappling with questions about it, Discussing the Spirit is a must-read.

Twenty-Someone

In a world of increasing globalization, we are all a part of a single culture, religion, and language: the one that exists globally and affects all of us. If you’re a twenty-something, it’s even more significant to discuss this. The book Twenty-Someone is a collection of essays from a number of leading scholars and authors in the field of contemporary religious studies. The essays explore a variety of themes, from the role of religion in modern society to the impact of globalization on religious practice. The book is structured around a central theme: the relationship between religion and contemporary culture. The essays are written by leading scholars from a variety of disciplines, including anthropology, sociology, political science, and religious studies.


A thorough exploration of what biblical scholarship is, why each Christian is called to serve, and how to grow as true servants of our Lord.
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This book features a number of autobiographical accounts as to how various persons have come to change their minds about women in leadership. Well-known Evangelical leaders individually and couples, males and females from a broad range of denominational affiliation and ethnic diversity share their surprising journeys from a more or less restrictive view to an open inclusive view that recognizes a full shared partnership of leadership in the home and in the church based on gifts not gender. How It Changed My Mind About Women in Ministry offers a platform for the future of women and men together as partners of equal worth without competitiveness in the work of equipping this and the next generation of Christian disciples for the "work of ministry" and service in the kingdom of God.

More Than Communion

English teachers Rand and Karsten have composed these moving reflections inspired by a wide range of writers, many of whom have brought into their classrooms. And while some of their selections will no doubt be familiar to the reader, each of these meditations will provide new insights. Attuned to the power of the written word, these seasoned teachers contemplate sacred themes, exploring passages from books that they love in light of passages from Scripture.

The Idea of a Christian University

Since the disintegration of the USSR many Russian Baptists have actively engaged in evangelism, church planting, and acts of social service. This book is a response to the need to critically evaluate the effectiveness of past mission efforts and their underlying theology. In this detailed study, Dr. Andrey Kravtsev combines historical and qualitative studies to outline the understanding of mission developed by Russian Baptists during the Soviet era when they were almost completely isolated from global missiological developments. First, Kravtsev identifies four key missiological concepts and uses them to analyze the history of mission theology in global evangelical mission movements and the Russian Baptists. He then interviewed thirty leaders from the Russian Union of Evangelical Christian-Baptist to find their view of these concepts, and their convictions of the need to reconsider traditional missiological views. From his findings, Dr Kravtsev suggests five themes for facilitating the transition of Russian Baptist mission theology from the late-Soviet model of technological expansion, to a holistic, missional evangelicalism. This book places evangelical mission in contemporary Russian socio-political and ideological contexts and provides an important contribution for leading churches to a renewed missionary encounter with culture.

Engaging Religions and Worldviews in Africa

How does Christian faith integrate with capitalism? This question has been at the heart of Christian ethics for more than three hundred years, but rarely as complex and important as now. The polarizing influence of consumer capitalism has extended into virtually every domain of human life. On the one hand, capitalism has contributed to increases in standards of living and life expectancy, especially among those in extreme poverty. On the other, it has exacerbated income inequality, environmental damages, and social displacement. For contemporary American evangelical theology, this is problematic. It has long been on a quest to show that Christian faith harmonizes with capitative enterprise. But can faith harness the transformative power of consumer capitalism without being affected by its excesses? For many, the election of Donald Trump as president has revealed a great divide within American evangelicals about the links between Christianity, economic power, and moral character. Working from the field of academic practical theology in interdisciplinary dialogue with business management ethics, Transforming Enterprise? shows why and how a reframing of the relationship between Christian faith and capitative enterprise is needed in the contemporary postsecular milieu.

I Just Need Time to Think!

This book articulates various evangelical views regarding the church’s mission and provides a healthy, vigorous, and gracious debate on this controversial topic. In a helpful Counterpoints format, this volume demonstrates the unique theological frameworks, doctrinal convictions, and missiological conclusions that inform and distinguish the views: SoteriologicalMission: Jonathan Leeman Participatory Mission: Christopher Wright Contextual Mission: John Frame Ecumenical- Mission: Peter Lake Hart Each of the four contributors is to answer the same key questions based on their biblical interpretations and theological convictions: What is your biblical-theological framework for mission? How does your definition of mission inform your understanding of the church’s mission? How does the Mission of God and Kingdom of God relate to the mission of the church? What is the gospel? How does your view on the gospel inform the mission of the church? How do biblical proclamation of the gospel, discipleship, corporate worship, caring for the poor, social justice, restoring shalom, developing culture, and international mission fit into the church’s mission? The interaction between the contributors will help readers see a clearer picture of where the differences lie and why different conclusions are drawn and provide a fresh starting point for discussion and debate of the church’s mission.

Engaging Globalization (Mission in Global Community)

What will the final state of the redeemed look like? Throughout the history of the church, conceptions of the final state have tended to minimize the promise of the new heavens and new earth. In contrast to the historical dominance of spiritual, heavenly, non-temporal conceptions of the final state, the last two decades have witnessed a rise in conceptions that include the redemption of material, earthly, and temporal reality. Three “new creation” conceptions have emerged, each addressing a different facet of the problem. First, there is a scenario in which the new creation is to be primarily spiritual and includes the redemption of souls, but not bodies. Second, there is an option in which the new creation is primarily material and excludes the redemption of souls. Third, there is an option in which the new creation is primarily material and includes the redemption of souls. The book offers an overview of Christian theology organized around the twin themes of divine and human love. The book offers an overview of Christian theology organized around the twin themes of divine and human love. The book covers the traditional theological topics as well as basic questions of theological method. It seeks to integrate a focus on love throughout. While love is generally canvassed as a dominant theme in Christian thought, it has rarely been the focus of Christian theological construction or a constituent in theological formulations. The book seeks to suggest, chapter by chapter, how a given topic relates to the broad theme of love. The book is written in a way designed to make it accessible to university students and educated laypersons. At the same time, it takes positions on controversial scholarly issues, and the methodology approach outlined at the beginning will be of interest to academic theologians.

Four Views on the Church’s Mission

An inspiring guide for developing the Christian mind exists the crucial role of Christian higher education in the intellectual and spiritual formation of believers.

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