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Slaying the Dragons of Church Revitalization CSS Publishing

Is the Bible still relevant? Does the Bible still speak to the issues of the day? Many say that the Bible is outdated and archaic. Are they right? Does God's Word still matter? Although it may be appealing to cultural sensibilities to question the Bible's relevancy, God's Word is the only thing that will always be relevant. Isaiah 40:6-8 states, "All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." God's Word will stand forever over and against the changing tides of cultural opinions. Pastor David Kiehn explores critical issues in today's society showing how God's Word is still powerful

and relevant today as it was in the beginning. The church needs to recover the abandoned Bible and trust God's Word as we think through the critical issues of our day.

The Coronavirus and The Movement Zondervan

John Eldredge revises and updates his best-selling, renowned Christian classic. God designed men to be dangerous, says John Eldredge. Simply look at the dreams and desires written in the heart of every boy: To be a hero, to be a warrior, to live a life of adventure and risk. Sadly, most men abandon those dreams and desires-aided by a Christianity that feels like nothing more than pressure to be a "nice guy." It is no wonder that many men avoid church, and those who go are often passive and bored to death. In this provocative book, Eldredge gives women a look inside the true heart of a man and gives men permission to be what God designed them to be-dangerous, passionate, alive, and free.

Why Are We Here? Evangelische Verlagsanstalt

A fresh look at the earliest Christian movement reveals what made the new faith so compelling...and what we need to change today to make it so again. Once upon a time there was a version of the Christian faith that was practically irresistible. After all, what could be more so than the gospel that Jesus ushered in? Why, then, isn't it the same with Christianity today? Author and pastor Andy Stanley is deeply concerned with the present-day church and its future. He believes that many of the solutions to our issues can be found by investigating our roots. In *Irresistible*, Andy chronicles what made the early Jesus Movement so compelling, resilient, and irresistible by answering these questions: What did first-century Christians know that we don't—about God's Word, about their lives, about love? What did they do that we're not doing? What makes Christianity so resistible in today's culture? What needs to change in order to repeat the growth our faith had at its beginning? Many people who leave or disparage the faith cite reasons that have less to do with Jesus than with the conduct of his followers. It's time to hit pause and consider the faith modeled by our first-century brothers and sisters who had no official Bible, no status, and little chance of survival. It's time to embrace the version of faith that initiated—against all human odds—a chain of events resulting in the most significant and extensive cultural transformation the world has ever seen. This is a version of Christianity we must remember and re-embrace if we want to be salt and light in an increasingly savorless and dark world.

What Does Theology Do, Actually?
Destiny Image Publishers

Why does God feel so far away? The reason--and the solution--is in your attachment style. We all experience moments when God's love and presence are tangible. But we also experience feeling utterly abandoned by God. Why? The answer is found when you take a deep look at the other important relationships in your life and understand your attachment style. Through his years working in trauma recovery programs, extensive research into attachment science, and personal experiences with spiritual striving and abuse, licensed therapist Krispin Mayfield has learned to answer the question: Why do I feel so far from God? When you understand your attachment style you gain a whole new paradigm for a secure and loving relationship with God. You'll gain insights about: How you relate to others--both your strengths and weaknesses The practical exercises you can use to grow a secure spiritual attachment to God How to move forward on the spirituality spectrum and experience the Divine connection we all were created for You'll learn to identify and remove mixed messages about closeness with God that you may have heard in church or from well-meaning Christians. With freedom from the past, you can then chart a new path toward intimate connection with the God of the universe.

Ancient Taboos and Gender Prejudice Challenges for Orthodox Women and the Church Author House

Many Christians who experience hurt in the church don't just leave their own churches; they leave the church altogether. Whether they have been wounded by pastors or people in the pews, these believers have had enough and are jumping ship in massive numbers. Pastor and churchgoer Chris Jackson is honest about his own failings

as well as those of the church at large. He identifies with many of the hurts churchgoing Christians have experienced. In *Loving God When You Don't Love the Church*, he hopes to provide healing to wounded and disillusioned believers and restore the wonder of a genuine relationship with Jesus and his bride, the church. Jackson's humility, compassion, and practical advice for healing and restoration will touch those who have left the church and those who love them.

Well Versed Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

This book is about the issues facing our nation among the races, the economy issues impacted by the coronavirus, and the government by the people and for the people. This book is where God talks to us about these issues, understanding that the way to all solutions is him, by him, and through him, for if we live as one, we can conquer these issues of life and more. Exploring this book, you'll hear the master speaking to a dying world that needs to remember he died for all these issues. If the people called by him look to him in all things, we can conquer even the things that look impossible, because, with him, all things are possible. All these things are temporary—the inequality and not-so-pleasing situations can be answered through this book. Jesus is the answer for all life issues and humanity issues. Trust him today to lead the way, and he'll always take us safely every time. There are no issues that we are facing that take him by surprise because he is touched by the feelings of our infirmities. He understands all, sees all, and knows all. Take it all to him, leave it there, and watch God work. He just wants to work and help us in all things. Will you trust him today? Don't wait for tomorrow. Ask

him for what you need, and he'll surely answer. Trust him, and let him do it, whatever your it is. Jesus wants to be there for all. Give it to him, and leave it there. He so much wants to be in all of life, solving problems. Will you let him? Read, hear, and you'll understand. *Why God Lets Us Choose* Sheffield Publishing

"Prayer changes things." It's a common saying, and too often Christian discussion of prayer deals only with how we can change other things and other people through prayer. But what if prayer is much more than we imagine? What if it is also the means of correcting our relationship to the Creator and at the same time of changing our relationships with one another? Perhaps prayer can ultimately help transform our theology, what we believe about God, into character and action. In *Ultimate Allegiance*, Dr. Bob Cornwall takes us to the Lord's Prayer, a short and simple prayer that is well-known and often recited. But in each of its major petitions, he finds deep meaning that challenges us to think and to change. In fact, this prayer of Jesus brings us to the ultimate question of just where we should place our ultimate allegiance. This book can be read individually but is designed especially for small group or church studies, especially in conjunction with the related study guide.

Why Mary Matters Harper Collins

The Psalms can help us during a time of disruption and division. *Deep Calls to Deep* demonstrates a new and generative way of reading the Bible, which looks for differences among texts to engage in dialogue over critical issues that are not only biblical but also are relevant to our contemporary crises. Bill Brown explores uncharted territory in the Bible with a particular focus on the

Psalms, the most diverse book of the Bible. By taking his cue from Martin Luther, Brown explores how the “little bible” (the Psalter) engages the larger Hebrew Bible in dialogue, specifically how the Psalms counter, complement, reconstrue, and transform biblical traditions and themes across the Hebrew canon, from creation and law to justice and wisdom. In this deep study of the Psalms, Brown asks: - What is humanity’s place and role in creation? - What makes for a credible leader? - What is “law and order”? - What is the role of wisdom in the life of faith? - What is the shape of justice in a society polarized by power and fear? These and other questions, such as a chapter that offers a fresh look at the authority of Scripture, are hosted by the Psalms with the aim of prompting dialogue, the kind of dialogue that is most needed in a time of deep division and disruption. Praise for *Deep Calls to Deep* On one side a country—no, a world—in profound disruption. On the other side, the book of Psalms: a microcosm of the biblical world, what Luther called a little Bible. Who but Bill Brown could put these two worlds together in such a probing and profound way, with such insight, and in such elegant prose? His *Seeing the Psalms* has long been among my favorite books on the Psalter. Now *Deep Calls to Deep* joins it at the head of the list. Here is a truly “deep reading,” what Brown calls “reading for reciprocity,” that exemplifies the best in biblical-theological-ethical-interpretation written by one of the very best of our time. It is a must-read for any who care at all about how Scripture might speak to the disruptions that threaten to divide us forever. That means, of course, that it is must-reading for everyone. --Brent A. Strawn, Professor of Old Testament and

Professor of Law, Duke University In *Deep Calls to Deep* Bill Brown adroitly highlights the intricate interplay between the Psalms and the rest of the Bible. Brown then weaves from this dialogue an image of how we might conceive the authority of the Bible as a sacred dialogue among its readers. This book is must reading for anyone who seeks to hear and understand the variety of voices in Scripture and to discern the profound meaning of the Psalter as a “little Bible.” --Jerome Creech, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary *Deep Calls to Deep* extends a hearty invitation to mutual dialogue among Christian communities. It does not encourage harmony and agreement but seeks to generate critical and potentially transformative conversations regarding scripture and authority. --Nyasha Junior, Temple University, and author of *Reimagining Hagar: Blackness and Bible* In this moment of societal disruption, Brown warmly invites us to sit together and consider anew the glorious psalms of our faith. We are beckoned to see how these diverse poems create a conversation with other biblical texts, not for the sake of uniformity but for the sake of courageous dialogue. --Tyler Mayfield, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary In a world often wracked by arguments and silencing, William Brown provides a valuable witness to those of us who treasure Scripture. Using the central metaphor of “dialogue,” this fascinating study shows how all of the Bible interacts with the Psalms in a dialogical relationship. Brown invites us not only to listen in to that lively conversation, but also to join in with our voices, no matter where we are. A necessary book for our time! --Roy L. Heller, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University *Deep*

Calls to Deep is a timely book. William Brown's commitment to dialogical interpretation is just what the Church needs in this unsettling and divisive time. The inner-biblical reading of the Psalms in conversation with the rest of the canon clarifies the dialogical nature of biblical revelation, and, in so doing it, Brown provides a roadmap for our own self-critical engagement with others as a journey of "fearless dialogue." --Tom Dozeman, United Theological Seminary (Dayton, Ohio)

Three Dimensional Salvation Yale University Press

Enjoy these SAMPLE pages from Honoring God in Red or Blue- As our nation approaches a decision of another presidential election, they're also faced with the great challenge of discussing political issues with grace, truth, and love. Many believers fall into one of two traps: becoming so outspoken that their political fervor becomes a detriment to their Christian testimony or fearing controversy to the point of silence on important issues of faith and community. Dr. Black brings a sensibility and urgency to the issue with this nonpartisan guidebook for debating key issues with respect and conviction. For anyone frustrated until they're red in the eyes or blue in the face--or those who bite their tongues or withdraw completely from the discussion, this book is a critical manifesto to improving both our government and our sense of civility in the discourse.

Irresistible Univ of California Press Revised & Updated Edition! God is love. Crazy, relentless, all-powerful love. Have you ever wondered if we're missing it? It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe—the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor—loves us with a radical,

unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. Whether you've verbalized it yet or not, we all know something's wrong. Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts—it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis describes it, you will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything. Learn more about Crazy Love at www.crazylovebook.com.

All That Is in God Fordham Univ Press

This Companion focuses on the way Orthodox theological tradition is understood and lived today.

God's Problem Simon and Schuster The question of the meaning of life challenges each one of us, even as our schools attempt to channel us in our teen years into a choice for a vocation. Attempting to answer this question, this book first explores science and philosophy, then examines faith and the scriptures, and finally searches for the real historical Jesus to develop an answer. This book delves right into the major issues of the nature of the world, the nature of God, and a search for Jesus without adherence to the previously established theological principles of the Christian church. A critical and analytical approach has been used in this work, as it begins with some of the most basic questions about life and our existence on this planet, starting with an examination of the physical world using both

traditional physics and advanced theoretical physics concepts to explain the nature of the universe. The first chapter includes a discussion of the nature of God and proposes some initial responses to the primary question posed about the reason for our existence. In the second chapter a substantive definition of faith is proposed. This chapter also recommends applying reason and critical analysis to an understanding of the scriptures. The third chapter takes a rigorous intellectual view of the gospels to explain the nature of Jesus, to identify his uniqueness, and to finalize the answer to the question previously proposed. No attempt has been made to write a textbook or to cover all of the theological topics in this field.

The Problem of God, Yesterday and Today David C Cook

Unknown to many, increasing numbers of conservative evangelicals are denying basic tenets of classical Christian teaching about God, with departures occurring even among those of the Calvinistic persuasion. James E. Dolezal's *All That Is in God* provides an exposition of the historic Christian position while engaging with these contemporary deviations. His convincing critique of the newer position he styles "theistic mutualism" is philosophically robust, systematically nuanced, and biblically based. It demonstrates the need to maintain the traditional viewpoint, particularly on divine simplicity, and spotlights the unfortunate implications for other important Christian doctrines—such as divine eternity and the Trinity—if it were to be abandoned. Arguing carefully and cogently that "all that is in God is God Himself," the work is sure to stimulate debate on the issue in years to come.

How Would Jesus Vote? Oxford University Press

The *Historic Church* is a survey of Christian history written for Orthodox Christians by an Eastern Orthodox scholar. Although one can find many excellent studies of Christian history in the United States, none of them considers the development of Christianity from an Eastern Orthodox point of view. The work begins by laying a foundation for the study of Christian history by discussing the beliefs and practices of the ancient Church, during the age of the Fathers and the Seven Ecumenical Councils. The author then discusses the development of Roman Catholicism and the theological and cultural reasons for the split between Rome and Orthodoxy, and relations between East and West following the schism. He concludes his work with a discussion the origins and historical development of every major Protestant group and tells how they differ from Orthodoxy.

Critiques of God WaterBrook

"In this companion volume to *God with Us: Critical Issues in Christian Life and Faith*, Fr. John Breck continues his exploration of the ethical and moral dilemmas facing believers who live in the flesh but not for the flesh."

"Throughout the book, a "holy eros," a longing for God, intersects the mundane and transfigures the ordinary, directing our gaze toward the Love we long to know beyond all else. Fr. John refracts common perceptions - media messages, politically charged statements, and even religious suppositions - through a lens that takes account of the Crucified and Risen Lord."--BOOK JACKET.

Crazy Love Christian Faith Publishing, Inc.

A distinctive and unrivaled examination

of North American Eastern Orthodox Christians and their encounter with the rights revolution in a pluralistic American society. From the civil rights movement of the 1950s to the “culture wars” of North America, commentators have identified the partisans bent on pursuing different “rights” claims. When religious identity surfaces as a key determinant in how the pursuit of rights occurs, both “the religious right” and “liberal” believers remain the focus of how each contributes to making rights demands. How Orthodox Christians in North America have navigated the “rights revolution,” however, remains largely unknown. From the disagreements over the rights of the First Peoples of Alaska to arguments about the rights of transgender persons, Orthodox Christians have engaged an Anglo-American legal and constitutional rights tradition. But they see rights claims through the lens of an inherited focus on the dignity of the human person. In a pluralistic society and culture, Orthodox Christians, both converts and those with family roots in Orthodox countries, share with non-Orthodox fellow citizens the challenge of reconciling conflicting rights claims. Those claims do pit “religious liberty” rights claims against perceived dangers from outside the Orthodox Church. But internal disagreements about the rights of clergy and people within the Church accompany the Orthodox Christian engagement with debates over gender, sex, and marriage as well as expanding political, legal, and human rights claims. Despite their small numbers, North American Orthodox remain highly visible and their struggles influential among the more than 280 million Orthodox worldwide. Orthodox Christians and the Rights Revolution in America offers an historical analysis of

this unfolding story.

Biblical Thinking on Critical Issues

Cambridge University Press

"The message of this book is that we can learn something important about faith by listening closely to the language people use in talking about their faith" -- Preface *What Does the Lord Require?* Lulu.com

Evil abounds. And so do the attempts to understand God in the face of such evil. The problem of evil is a constant challenge to faith in God. How can we believe in a loving and powerful God given the existence of so much suffering in the world? Philosophers and theologians have addressed this problem countless times over the centuries. New explanations have been proposed in recent decades drawing on resources in Scripture, theology, philosophy, and science. This Spectrum Multiview volume stages a dialogue between the five key positions in the current debate: Phillip Cary: A Classic View William Lane Craig: A Molinist View William Hasker: An Open Theist View Thomas Jay Oord: An Essential Kenosis View Stephen Wykstra: A Skeptical Theism View According to the classic position, associated especially with the Augustinian tradition, God permits evil and suffering as part of the grand narrative of divine providence to bring about the redemption of creation. Molinism modifies the classic view by adding God's middle knowledge to the picture, in which God has knowledge of what creatures would do in all possible worlds. Open theism rejects the determinism of the classic view in favor of an account of God as a risk-taker who does not know for sure what the future holds. Essential kenosis goes further in providing a comprehensive theodicy by arguing that God cannot control creatures and thus cannot unilaterally prevent evil. Skeptical

theism rejects the attempt to provide a theodicy and instead argues that, if God exists, we should not expect to understand God's purposes. Edited and with an introduction by Chad Meister and James K. Dew Jr., *God and the Problem of Evil* hosts a generous and informative conversation on one of the most pressing issues in the Christian life. Spectrum Multiview Books offer a range of viewpoints on contested topics within Christianity, giving contributors the opportunity to present their position and also respond to others in this dynamic publishing format.

America's Four Gods InterVarsity Press As Christians, we are to love God with all of our being--heart, mind, soul and strength. But many of us tend to overemphasize one aspect or another, and as a result, our faith becomes imbalanced. Some of us have an intellectual faith but lack compassion or spiritual discipline. Others of us have a vibrant, heartfelt relationship with God but lack commitment to truth or doctrine. And many of us overlook translating our faith into service and ministry. In this book ethicist Dennis P. Hollinger presents a holistic, integrative vision for reuniting Christian thought, passion and action. He shows how individuals, churches and movements throughout history have focused on either the head, or the heart or the hands--often to the exclusion of other expressions. But by linking our intellect, emotions and actions, Hollinger points us toward a whole faith for the whole

person, where each dimension feeds, nurtures and sustains the others. *Head, Heart & Hands* InterVarsity Press What is the Kingdom of God? What does it mean to be part of the kingdom? These are questions that should occupy the mind of every Christian. But we frequently shy away from the full meaning of God's rule. In *Christian Archy*, Dr. David Alan Black examines the New Testament to find the truly radical and all-encompassing claims of God's kingdom. In doing so, he discovers that the character of this kingdom is widely different from what is commonly contemplated today. Its glory is revealed only through suffering - a point that Jesus' disciples, then and now, have been slow to understand. This truth has tremendous implications for church life. The kingdom of God is in no way imperialistic. It has no political ambitions. It conquers not by force but by love. It is this humble characteristic of the kingdom that is a stumbling block to so many today. Christ's claim to our total allegiance is one we seek to avoid at all costs. But there is only one way to victory and peace, and that way is the way of the Lamb. This is the first volume in the new Areopagus Critical Christian Issues Series from Energion Publications. We believe it is an appropriate way to begin that series by addressing this foundational question of who we are as part of the Christian church, and why it is important for us to immerse ourselves in God's word.