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The presentations and speeches printed in this resource were given at a symposium on leadership for ministry with Catholic men, which was held on Dec. 4-7, 2001 in Palm Beach, Florida.

In this lively and accessible book, Alyce McKenzie explores how fiction writers approach the task of writing novels: how they develop their ideas, where they find their inspiration, and how they turn the spark of a creative notion into words on paper that will captivate the masses. McKenzie's study shows how preachers can use the same techniques to enhance their own creativity and to turn their ideas into powerful, well crafted sermons. Novel Preaching offers a wealth of advice from successful fiction writers, including Isabelle Allende, Frederick Buechner, Julia Cameron, Annie Dillard, Natalie Goldberg, Stephen King, Toni Morrison, Joyce Carol Oates, and Melanie Rae Thorn, and also includes a number of sample sermons from McKenzie herself.

Worship in an interactive way! This down-to-earth guide will help your worship team work together to lead others in praise by discussing key elements from music to drama and showing you how to worship interactively as an authentic leader. Edited by Allison Siewert.

God has placed a ministry inside every Christian. We feel it beating with every heartbeat. Our purpose is found as we partner with Jesus to change the world around us. That is our ministry calling. But there’s a problem. For most of us our ministry does not have a name. Pastors and evangelists have names for their ministries. We have a blank waiting to be filled in by the story of our lives. It is a placeholder waiting for a name. It is an X. Without a ministry label we can feel like we have no ministry at all. We hear a subtle message that our careers and talents don't matter. Nothing could be farther from the truth. God has mapped out a path that leads to fulfilling our calling. Like all paths we must walk it to the end to see where it leads. Before we can do that, we must find it. And it is hidden. This book will be your guide to finding your X. It will show you how to walk your path. At the end of your path, history will fill in the blank with the name of a world-changer.

The Juvenilization of American Christianity

X-ministry: A Guide for Christian World Changers

A 10-Week Life-Changing Discipleship Course

Tips from Top Writers on Crafting Creative Sermons

Towards a Transformational Theology of Rock and Roll

What's the Least I Can Believe and Still be a Christian?

Spirituality with Clothes On

Pop worship music. Falling in love with Jesus. Mission trips. Wearing jeans and T-shirts to church. Spiritual searching and church hopping. Faith-based political activism. Seeker-sensitive outreach. These now-commonplace elements of American church life all began as innovative ways to reach young people, yet they have gradually become accepted as important parts of a spiritual ideal for all ages. What on earth has happened? In *The Juvenilization of American Christianity* Thomas Bergler traces the way in which, over seventy-five years, youth ministries have breathed new vitality into four major American church traditions -- African American, Evangelical, Mainline Protestant, and Roman Catholic. Bergler shows too how this "juvenilization" of churches has led to widespread spiritual immaturity, consumerism, and self-centeredness, popularizing a feel-good faith with neither intergenerational community nor theological literacy. Bergler s critique further offers constructive suggestions for taming juvenilization. Watch the trailer:

Christian History Made Easy summarizes the most important events in the history of the church, from the time of Jesus to modern day. Christian History Made Easy explains early church history, the Church Councils, the Great Schism, the Crusades, Francis of Assisi, John Wycliffe, Martin Luther, the Protestant Reformation, and more. Christian History Made Easy presents key church history events and great Christian leaders everyone should know, along with full-color church history timelines, photos, pictures, and maps. The study guide and worksheets in the back makes this book an excellent Bible Study, adults Sunday school topics, or homeschool curriculum. Author Timothy Paul Jones makes Christian history refreshingly fun while at the same time informing Christians about the history of the Christian faith.Full-color, 224 pages, paperback, 6 x 9 inches. Theologian J. I. Packer says Christian History Made Easy is, "...a beautifully simple, beginner-friendly telling of Christian history, a precious heritage."/strong Christian History Made Easy Covers Major Events in Church History Early Church History The Early Church—Peter and Paul, the Age of the Apostles, The Destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem scatters Christians Early Church Fathers Persecution of Christians—Emperor Nero and Domitian, Martyrdom of Peter, Paul, Ignatius, Polycarp, Justin Martyr Christianity legalized in the Roman Empire, Emperor Constantine, Christianity the official religion in the Roman Empire The Byzantine Era The Council of Nicaea, The Nicene Creed Augustine, Jerome translates the Bible into Latin, St. Patrick Fall of the Roman Empire, rise of the Eastern Orthodox Church Gregory the Great, Rise of Monasticism Rise of Islam and the Islamic Conquest in Europe, Charles Martel, Charlemagne East/West Church Schism (Photian Schism), Leif Ericson converts to Christianity Great Schism, Hildebrand reforms the church, the Crusades, Lateran Councils, Richard the Lionheart Pre-Reformation Church History Middle Ages, Bubonic Plague, John Wycliffe, the Wycliffe Bible The Renaissance, Jan Hus, Joan of Arc, Ottomans capture the Christian city of Constantinople, Johann Gutenberg's printing press The Protestant Reformation Erasmus, Martin Luther, 95 Theses, Ulrich Zwingli, William Tyndale, King Henry VIII, The Geneva Bible, The Matthew's Bible, Church of England history, John Knox, Queen Mary Tudor, Queen Elizabeth I, King James Version Bible Galileo, Pilgrim's Progress, Quaker founded, first Protestant missionary societies The Great Awakening and Church History in America and Europe John and Charles Wesley, George Whitefield, Handel writes the Messiah, Sunday school is developed, John Newton writes "Amazing Grace." Divisions over slavery in Baptist history Abolition, William Wilberforce, Charles Finney leads revivals, George Muller's faith orphanage, YMCA an YWCA founded, Charles Spurgeon, Salvation Army founded Church History in the 20th and 21st Century Amy Carmichael, Irish missionary to India, Azusa Street, Scofield Bible, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Billy Graham, Discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Modern political State of Israel C.S. Lewis, major evangelistic crusades in Latin America and Korea, Roman Catholic church apologizes for lack of leadership during the Holocaust Each Chapter of Christian History Made Easy Includes Key events Key concepts Names you should know Terms you should know Bible maps and time-lines Things to think about Clarification of words At the end of each chapter is a student guide, student worksheet, learning activity and quiz Endorsement for Christian History Made Easy "Rose's product line includes a wonderful collection of high quality, visually attractive materials that lend themselves to learning the basics of the Christian Faith. In most areas where alternative views exist, they are faithfully presented leaving the reader to decide which best fits their understanding of scripture....I have used Christian History Made Easy for my Sunday school class and found it to be very well done. This book has a great collection of auxiliary Study Guide questions. The author, Timothy Paul Jones is obviously a practiced teacher. I used an early edition. The recent upgrade of this package looks even better..." —Dr. Gene A. Stringer, Elder, Christian Church of Ashland, Oregon Endorsements and biography for Author Timothy Paul Jones "Dr. Timothy Paul Jones is a brilliant young biblical scholar who helps simplify the complex. His [resources] are great and sorely needed during our time when many are biblically illiterate and know even less about Church history." —Dr. Jerry Newcombe, author, TV host, and spokesperson for Truth that Transforms with Dr. D. James Kennedy (formerly The Coral Ridge Hour) About the Author: Dr. Timothy Paul Jones alt="Dr. Timothy Paul Jones" style="float:left; margin:0 15px 10px 0"/> Timothy Paul Jones serves as a professor of Christian ministry and as associate vice president at the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, where he teaches courses in applied apologetics and family ministry. Before teaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he led churches in Missouri and Oklahoma as pastor and associate pastor. Dr. Jones has authored or contributed to more than a dozen books, including PROOF; Conspiracies and the Cross; and, Christian History Made Easy. In 2007, Charles Colson listed him as one of “ four names you need to know ” when responding to the new atheists and in 2010, Christian Retailing magazine selected Christian History Made Easy as the book of the year in the field of Christian education. He is married to Rayann and they have three daughters. The Jones family works in SojournKids and community group ministry at Sojourn Community Church. A Message from Timothy Paul Jones, author of Christian History Made Easy My name is Timothy Paul Jones, and I love living in the city of Louisville with my wife and daughters. Over the past two decades, I've had the privilege of leading several congregations as a pastor and in associate ministry roles. Now, I serve as associate professor of leadership and as associate vice president at one of the largest seminaries in the world, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Here, I invest my time in mentoring a rising generation of God-called ministers of the gospel. I also edit The Journal of Discipleship and Family Ministry and write books in the fields of history, apologetics, and family ministry. I enjoy spending time with my family, meandering along city streets, visiting baseball parks, drinking French-pressed coffee, eating locally-produced foods, and cooking for friends. My family is involved in children's ministry at the east campus of Sojourn Community Church. border="0" margin="2px" align="left"/> Christian History Made Easy WINNER of the Christian Retailers' Choice Awards 2010 for the "most significant new life-changing products in the Christian retail industry" in the Christian Education category See this press release from Southern Baptist Seminary: <http://news.sbts.edu/2010/04/27/jones-book-receives-christian-retailers-award/> Note to professors: For exam or desk copy policy click [HERE](#). Notification About Prior Edition This book is the deluxe full-color edition of the original black-and-white edition. The first edition was ISBN 1890947105 or ISBN 13: 9781890947101 (Product code 416X)!-- Preview -- Look Inside: Sample Pages of RBB: Christian Hlstory Made Easy!-- Insert issuu script --!-- End issuu script --!-- End Preview --

Sharing The Steps To True And Lasting Freedom The Freedom In Christ Course is a straightforward way to implement effective discipleship within a church, small group, or Bible study. It has been effectively used and appreciated by Christians of all backgrounds, from those who have been believers for many years to those who are new followers of Jesus. Over 350,000 people have gone through the curriculum in English, and it has been translated into over 25 languages. Course participants will learn to:
· take hold of the truth of exactly what happened when they became Christians
· resolve personal and spiritual issues that may be holding them back
· be transformed by renewing their minds
· make following Jesus a way of life
Use the accompanying videos presented by Steve Goss, Nancy Maldonado, and Daryl Fitzgerald (available separately on DVD) or present it yourself using the scripts in this Leader's Guide and the PowerPoint presentations (free downloads available). The biblical principles taught in the course can help you establish a firm foundation for discipleship that will last a lifetime. Participants will need a Participant's Guide and The Steps To Freedom In Christ (available separately). Dr. Neil T. Anderson is the founder and president emeritus of Freedom In Christ Ministries, which has offices and representatives in 40 countries. He was formerly chairman of the Practical Theology Department at Talbot School of Theology and has five earned degrees, including two doctorates. Dr. Anderson and his wife live in Franklin, Tennessee. For more information see www.ficm.org or www.ficminternational.org. Steve Goss is international director of Freedom In Christ Ministries. Under his leadership the ministry has gone from operating in 7 countries to operating in nearly 40 countries. Steve teaches extensively in churches in the UK and overseas and at conferences. He lives in Berkshire, England, with his wife, Zoe, and two daughters.

Jesus films arose with cinema itself. Richard Walsh and Jeffrey L. Staley introduce students to these films with a general overview of the Jesus film tradition and with specific analyses of 22 of its most influential exemplars, stretching from *La vie du Christ* (1906) to *Mary Magdalene* (2018). The introduction to each film includes discussion of plot, characters, visuals, appeal to authority, and cultural location as well as consideration of the director's (and/or other filmmakers') achievements and style. Several film chapters end with reflections on problematic issues bedeviling the tradition, such as cultural imperialism and patriarchy. To assist teachers and researchers, each chapter includes a listing of DVD chapters and the approximate “ time ” (for both DVDs and streaming platforms) at which key film moments occur. The book also includes a Gospels Harmony cataloging the time at which key gospel incidents appear in these films. Extensive endnotes point readers to other important work on the tradition and specific films. While the authors strive to set the Jesus film tradition within cinema and its interpretation, the DVD/streaming listing and the Gospels Harmony facilitate the comparison of these films to gospel interpretation and the Jesus tradition.

Historical and Theological Introductions, Volume 3: From the English West to the Global South

Christian Thought

A Resource for the Formation and Spirituality of Catholic Men

Being in Christ

Jesus Christ Superstar

Introducing Jesus Movies, Christ Films, and the Messiah in Motion

Freedom in Christ Course Leader's Guide

This engaging story of God's work in and through one family is a testament to His unpredictability and power. Until Jim follows God's plan, he uproots his family many times due to a restlessness he cannot shake. Then his infant son becomes critically ill, and Jim realizes that his family is safe only in God's will.

*In Christ Alone*Acoustic Praise for the Growing ChoirShawnee Press

How are Christians to live in the midst of a society that is collapsing into anarchy and a church that is being overwhelmed by apostasy? In other words, how are we to respond to increasing paganism? Are we to ignore it, embrace it, or take a stand against it in behalf of righteousness? Dr.

Reagan begins this hard-hitting book with a breathtaking review of the breakdown of society and the apostasy that is raging within the church. He then outlines how we are to live for Christ by: Standing on the Word of God Believing in the Power of God Relying on the Holy Spirit Practicing Tough Faith Ordering Priorities Keeping an Eternal Perspective Standing for Righteousness Persisting in Prayer Surrendering in Worship Clinging to Hope The book concludes with a survey of God's prophetic promises for the future which guarantee believers a great victory over this world when the Lord Jesus Christ returns.

Rock and roll is more than just music. Rock is a culture and an ideology, which carries its own ethos. It is forcefully countercultural and exists as a bane in the sight of dominant Western culture. As rock engages and critiques culture, it invariably encounters issues of meaning that are existential and theological. A transformational theology of rock begins with those existential and theological issues raised by and within rock music. With God On Our Side attempts to respond to these queries in a way that is faithful to the work of the kingdom of God on earth by mining our long theological tradition and seeing what cohesive responses can be made to the issues raised by rock music. At its best, rock acknowledges there is something wrong with the world, raises awareness of marginalized voices, and offers an alternative mode of existence within our present reality. By teasing out the theological issues found in rock music, this book synthesizes the findings to create a distinctive cultural theology that is sensitive to the plight of the marginalized in the West. In this way, the book offers a way forward towards a transformational theology of rock and roll.

Exalting Jesus in Song of Songs

Joy Keeps Showing Up (Because Christ Keeps Showing Up)

World Youth Day

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A Guide to what Matters Most : New Edition with Study Guide

Jesus Girls

God has placed a ministry inside every Christian. We feel it beating with every heartbeat. Our purpose is found as we partner with Jesus to change the world around us. That is our ministry calling. But there’s a problem. For most of us our ministry does not have a name. Pastors and evangelists have names for their ministries. We have a blank waiting to be filled in by the story of our lives. It is a placeholder waiting for a name. It is an X. Without a ministry label we can feel like we have no ministry at all. We hear a subtle message that our careers and talents don't matter. Nothing could be farther from the truth. God has mapped out a path that leads to fulfilling our calling. Like all paths we must walk it to the end to see where it leads. Before we can do that, we must find it. And it is hidden. This book will show how to find your X. It will show how to walk your path. At the end of your path, history will fill in the blank. Why isn't Easter on the same day every year? Where did the song "Kum Ba Yah" come from and what exactly does it mean? Why don't we know exactly how to pronounce God's name? What's the definition of those theological words like eschatology? hermeneutics? supralapsarianism? Can I join the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys? Who was St. Patrick and is it true he wasn't Irish? How is it that nearly every hotel room has a Gideon's Bible? Steve Wilkens offers answers and reflections on these and scores of other questions in this thoroughly instructional and often amusing almanac of things you should have learned in Sunday School, but somehow didn't. Also offered are quizzes on famous biblical phrases and definitions of theological terms. This volume is thoroughly instructional, and totally fun. A great gift! Market/Audience Gift buyers Humour readers Laypeople Endorsements "Almanacs are a wonderful American tradition. From Benjamin Franklin's Poor Richard's Almanac to The Farmer's Almanac, people have been able to count on them to provide useful information, helpful hints about everything under the sun and occasional heart-warming stories. Year after year, they enrich our lives. Dr. Steve's Almanac is not like that." GARY W. MOON, Ph.D., vice president and chair of integration, Psychological Studies Institute, and author of Falling for God "I kept telling his dad that lead-based paint wasn't a very good idea when we repainted his bedroom." DR. STEVE'S MOM Features and Benefits A great gift book Instructional Humorous Packaged in "bite-sized nibbles" Churches have made many converts but far too few real disciples. Many Christians struggle to take hold of basic biblical truth and live it out. We often take a painfully long time to mature. This is not because we lack resources or teaching, but because we struggle to connect with truth This is where the Freedom in Christ course comes in. It is specifically designed to help Christians take hold of who they are in Christ, resolve personal and spiritual conflicts through genuine repentance, and move on to maturity.

We barn stormed the Devil's stronghold in Benin, West Africa, the birth place of Voodooism, where most of the people still practice voodoo and we came out winners with thousands of people accepting Jesus, with four Christian churches started in voodoo villages. This includes the adventures and excitement of leading many short term Christian health care mission teams far from the tourist areas, into remote areas in 3rd world countries to bring health care and the Gospel to people with no hope for health care and where they have never heard the name of Jesus. This includes sharing Jesus with the Pygmies deep in the African Rain Forest, with tribal people in the Amazon Jungles that had never seen a white man and the apprehension and challenge of leading a rural Chinese Secretary of the local Communist Party to Jesus. It records the unusual and exciting changes the author has personally experienced in 30 years of short term missions, starting as an ordinary American Christian when he simply said, "Yes, Lord," to the invitation to come and help. He began as a missionary's helper and evolved into a health care evangelist winning thousands of unreached people to Jesus. This entailed working in some of the most remote locations on our planet, including many areas in the heart of Africa, South and Central American Jungles, India, Cambodia and several areas where the Gospel was forbidden, such as Nepal, Tibet, Myanmar and several areas in China's poorest rural areas. These experiences have given the author fantastic personal peace and happiness.

Worship Team Handbook

Freedom in Christ Course, Participant's Guide

True Tales of Growing Up Female and Evangelical

We Have Victory!

The Christian Workers Magazine

Hymns and Hymnody III

Religious Interaction at a Catholic Festival

Hymns and the music the church sings are tangible means of expressing worship. And while worship is one of, if not the, central functions of the church along with mission, service, education, justice, and compassion, and occupies a prime focus of our churches, a renewed sense of awareness to our theological presuppositions and cultural cues must be maintained to ensure a proper focus in worship. Hymns and Hymnody: Historical and Theological Introductions is a 60-chapter, three-volume introductory textbook describing the most influential hymnists, liturgists, and musical movements of the church. This academically grounded resource evaluates both the historical and theological perspectives of the major hymnists and composers that have impacted the church over the course of twenty centuries. Volume 1 explores the early church and concludes with the Renaissance era hymnists. Volume 2 begins with the Reformation and extends to the eighteenth-century hymnists and liturgists. Volume 3 engages nineteenth century hymnists to the contemporary movements of the twenty-first century. Each chapter contains these five elements: historical background, theological perspectives communicated in their hymns/compositions, contribution to liturgy and worship, notable hymns, and bibliography. The mission of Hymns and Hymnody is (1) to provide biographical data on influential hymn writers for students and interested laypeople, and (2) to provide a theological analysis of what these composers have communicated in the theology of their hymns. We believe it vital for those involved in leading the worship of the church to recognize that what they communicate is in fact theology. This latter aspect, we contend, is missing-yet important-in accessible formats for the current literature.

Evangelicals are supposed to be experts at telling their story. From an early age you are expected to have a testimony, a story of how God saved you from a life of sin and sadness and gave you a new life of joy and gladness. What happens if you don't have such a testimony? What if your story just doesn't fit the before-and-after mold? What are you supposed to do if your voice is not one used to be heard? In these offbeat, witty, and often bittersweet essays, up-and-coming writers tell the truth about growing up female and evangelical. Whether they stayed in the church or not, evangelicalism has shaped their spiritual lives. Eschewing evangelical clichés, idyllic depictions of Christian upbringing, and pat formulas of sinner-to-saint transformation, these writers reflect frankly on childhoods with flannel board Jesuses, Christian rap music, and Bible memorization competitions. Along the way they find insight in the strangest places--the community swimming pool, Casey Kasem's American Top 40, and an Indian mosque. Together this collection of essays provides a vivid and diverse portrait of life in the evangelical church, warts and all. List of Contributors: Jessica Belt Paula Carter Kirsten Cruzen Anne Dayton Kimberly B. George Carla-Elaine Johnson Kirschner Anastasia McAteer Melanie Springer Mock Audrey Molina Victoria Moon Shauna Nlequist Hannah Faith Notess Andrea Palpant Dilley Angie Romines Andrea Saylor Nicole Sheets Shari MacDonald Strong Stephanie Tombari Heather Baker Utley Jessie van Eerden Sara Zarr

The first comprehensive overview of contemporary inspirational music, covering its historical roots and dramatic growth into one of America's most vital music genres. • Over 200 entries spanning the development of contemporary Christian music and its historic and cultural roots • A remarkable team of contributors—distinguished scholars across the full academic and religious spectrum • A host of images of historic and contemporary performers and other important figures in inspirational music • An extensive bibliography of important works in print and online for further reading on contemporary Christian music • A comprehensive index

100 great songs, 100 great stories. Listen to the soundtrack of your life. What do you hear? Which songs and artists have impacted your spirit and inspired your faith? This ultimate guide chronicles such songs?the top 100 songs of contemporary Christian music that have not only achieved commercial success, but have forever changed the lives of those who have listened. Selected by votes of thousands of CCM Magazine readers with the input of a top panel of Christian music insiders (including artists, executives, producers and songwriters), this list represents the best of the best. Become part of the moment where divine inspiration meets sheer musical talent. From Rich Mullins, Amy Grand, dc talk, Steven Curtis Chapman and MercyMe to pioneers like Larry Norman, Keith Green and the Gaithers, watch how the musical expression of these artists' own lives resulted in the songs that forever changed yours.

Third series

Hearing Christ's Call

Living Faith in God 5 / Witnessing Jesus in the Christian Community' 2007 Ed.

A Miscellany of Oddities, Instructional Anecdotes, Little-Known Facts and Occasional Frivolity

The Original Dr. Steve's Almanac of Christian Trivia

Novel Preaching

Jesus, the Gospels, and Cinematic Imagination

Do you know what will happen a week from next Tuesday? You might find a quite ordinary day with work, laundry, and a child's soccer game. Or perhaps the day will bring an unexpected tragedy for someone you love. Maybe something completely out of the blue will surprise you.

While no one can know what today, tomorrow, or a week from next Tuesday will hold, you can know Christ's gift of JOY in your life every day. Despite our best efforts to squelch its presence, JOY keeps showing up because Jesus Christ keeps showing up. With stories from pastor Matt Rich's life and ministry, A Week from Next Tuesday explores the birth, life, death, resurrection, and promised return of Christ to provide a glimpse of this amazing gift that cannot be lost or stolen. Ideal for personal devotion, small group study, and all those seeking something more in their own lives and the church, this book invites you to receive the gift of JOY as you begin to recognize Christ's presence in the ordinary, tragic, and surprising moments of your life.

Though the Rock Opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" has become a religious and musical phenomenon, beloved around the world among Christians and non-believers alike, no one has ever delved into the lyrics with the practiced eye of a professional biblical critic until now.

Robert M. Price here shows in surprising detail the astonishing insight and creativity of Tim Rice's sifting and rewriting of the gospels, producing in effect a fifth, genuine gospel! The result is a complete line-by-line commentary on this Superstar Gospel.

Pastor and author Martin Thielen has compiled a list of ten things people need to believe, and ten things they don't, in order to be a Christian. This lively and engaging book will be a help to seekers as well as a comfort to believers who may find themselves questioning some of the assumptions they grew up with. With an accessible, storytelling style that's grounded in solid biblical scholarship, Thielen shows how Christians don't need to believe that sinners will be "left behind" to burn in hell or that it's heresy to believe in evolution. And while we must always take the Bible seriously, we don't always have to take it literally. At the same time, Christians do need to believe in Jesus--his life, his teachings, his death and resurrection, and his vision for the world. A great benefit of those beliefs is that they provide promising answers to life's most profound questions, including: Where is God? What matters most? What brings fulfillment? What about suffering? Is there hope? Thielen articulates centrist, mainline Christianity in a way that's fresh and easy to understand, and offers authentic Christian insights that speak to our deepest needs. This new edition includes a leader's guide, previously only available online, and a new introduction from the author that reflects on the book's reception. The leader's guide features unique and easily implemented aids for carrying out a seven-week, congregation-wide initiative that will help local churches reach out to their communities. More information is available at thielen.wjkbooks.com.

This book examines the influence of music on the development of the Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee). This narrative is historically driven, but relies upon an interdisciplinary approach to draw on the insights of ecclesiology, theology, liturgiology, church development, and especially music. This study utilizes a chronological and systematic approach to the relationship between music and the Church of God in the United States during the first 125 years of the denomination's history, from 1886 to 2011. For over a century, music has been an often-neglected dialogue partner at the table of academic discussion and this research argues for recognition and a proper place in Pentecostal history. Along with primary and secondary sources, the important element of "living archives" is investigated in this work; these are interviews with people who participated in historical music events in the Church of God. The book also relies upon musical examples to explore the influence of music upon the shaping of the denomination's history and theology.

Appendages and Musings for the Body of Christ in Transition

Music Pedagogy in the Black Gospel Quartet Tradition

To Do This, You Must Know How

Living for Christ in the End Times

X-minister: A Handbook for Christian World-Changers

The Influence of Music on the Development of the Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)

Journeys with Jesus

Five hundred years after Luther's famous posting of his 95 Theses in 1517, the church again faces an important crossroads. Sunday worship attendance is shrinking at alarming rates. There are now more "Elvis believers" in the US than Episcopalians and almost limitless spiritual options exist for those who seek faith and trust in something, but are hesitant to commit to a particular path leading to truth. The word prosthesis, normally associated with surgery, is also an apt word to describe the church's need to forge a theological identity that fits our current context. The church faces change and a transformed body, but not at the expense of the biblical richness and tradition that fueled the restlessness of the reformers. The essays gathered here, arranged around the seasons of the church year, address familiar challenges faced by all pastors and leaders in an era of transition, specifically in Christian formation and discipleship. Appropriate for group and personal reflection, 95 Prostheses employs humor and biblical accessibility with the skeptical outsider who may be considering Jesus and his church for the first time in mind.

There is no such thing as a naked spirituality. Our spirituality is always shaped by the clothes of our experience. The quest of Spirituality with Clothes On is to acknowledge that we do wear clothes; and, by examining them, we begin to understand ourselves and accept others who are wearing different outfits. We are what we wear: we cannot separate ourselves from our gender, personality, developmental stage, family, historical background, culture, or the difficult experiences of our lives. We need to acknowledge all these things, reflect on them--and sometimes even embrace them--in order to truly become ourselves.

A landmark study tracing the current of music education that gave form and style to the black gospel quartet tradition

Dr. Glen E. Clifton became pastor of his first church at age nineteen while attending Baylor University. He and his wife Dee have had four children. He has been pastor of Southern Baptist churches in Texas twice, Mississippi, and California twice, with three interim pastorates in Florida. He retired to the Treasure Coast of Florida, where he has been serving churches for the past eleven years. A native Texan, Clifton is a graduate of Baylor University (BA), New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (MRE), and Louisiana Baptist University (DMin). He has also taught in public schools in four states, as well as Seminary Extension of N.O.B.T.S. He has had the privilege of speaking and preaching revivals in almost twenty states. Clifton has also served as a church planter in areas with no church. Most of the churches he pastored have led their association in baptisms, church growth, and mission giving in California, Mississippi, and Texas. This is Clifton's second book. His first, "What All New Christians Should Know," is a quick-start book for new Christians. It is in its fourth printing. Although retired, Clifton fills the pulpit almost every Sunday somewhere on the southeast coast of Florida.

Christian History Made Easy

Balancing Today with the Hope of Tomorrow

Freedom in Christ Leader's Guide

A Week from Next Tuesday

A 10-week, life-changing, discipleship course

Just for Jesus

Examining What Makes Us Who We Are

Amid the tangles of far-out speculation about Christ's Second Coming, and its equally harmful twin, indifference, lies a clear, biblical picture of the end times. In this uncommonly frank, instructional, and enlightening book, Dr. David Reagan presents that biblical picture, and in the process enables both seekers and believers to clearly see the importance of prophetic events unfolding in our time. (Glory Sound Simply Sacred). The increasing treasury of modern hymns and sacred songs by Keith and Kristyn Getty and collaborator Stuart Townend are explored in this new resource designed for choirs of any level. Many of this writing team's biggest successes are included, all lovingly adapted by some of our most gifted arrangers. Music for the entire church year is contained in this collection. Transcending stylistic boundaries, the music and message are home in both contemporary-styled worship venues and traditional programs. Creative instrumental adornments offer additional options for performance while sensitive arranging make this compilation accessible to choirs of any size. Available separately: SAB, Listening CD, Preview Pack (Book/CD Combo), 10-Pack Listening CDs, Instrumental CD-ROM (Score & parts for flute, penny whistle, oboe, acoustic guitar, electric bass, drum set, percussion, violin 1 & 2, viola, cello *Note, instrumentation varies on each song), StudioTrax CD (Accompaniment Only), SplitTrax CD.

Churches have made many converts but far too few real disciples. Many Christians struggle to take hold of basic biblical truth and live it out. We often take a painfully long time to mature. This is not because we lack resources or teaching, but because we struggle to connect with truth This is where the Freedom in Christ course comes in. It is specifically designed to help Christians take hold of who they are in Christ, resolve personal and spiritual conflicts through genuine repentance, and move on to maturity. This revised and updated edition of the popular course takes into account comments from the many who have used and reused it, and is accompanied by a completely new 3-disk DVD set. PRICE INCLUDES VAT

Hymns and the music the church sings in worship are tangible means of expressing worship. And while worship is one of, if not the, central functions of the church along with mission, service, education, justice, and compassion, and occupies a prime focus of our churches, a renewed sense of awareness to our theological presuppositions and cultural cues must be maintained to ensure a proper focus in worship. Hymns and Hymnody: Historical and Theological Introductions is a sixty-chapter, three-volume introductory textbook describing the most influential hymnists, liturgists, and musical movements of the church. This academically grounded resource evaluates both the historical and theological perspectives of the major hymnists and composers who have impacted the church over the course of twenty centuries. Volume 1 explores the early church and concludes with the Renaissance era hymnists. Volume 2 begins with the Reformation and extends to the eighteenth-century hymnists and liturgists. Volume 3 engages nineteenth century hymnists to the contemporary movements of the twenty-first century. Each chapter contains these five elements: historical background, theological perspectives communicated in their hymns/compositions, contribution to liturgy and worship, notable hymns, and bibliography. The mission of Hymns and Hymnody is (1) to provide biographical data on influential hymn writers for students and interested laypeople, and (2) to provide a theological analysis of what these composers have communicated in the theology of their hymns. We believe it is vital for those involved in leading the worship of the church to recognize that what they communicate is in fact theology. This latter aspect, we contend, is missing—yet important—in accessible formats for the current literature.

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Can digital games help us understand real life religion? With World Youth Day: Religious Interaction at a Catholic Festival, Skjoldli suggests that they can. The change is particularly visible from Skjoldli's new theoretical framework religious interaction, which draws on digital game studies. The framework centers on three key terms— interaction, interface, and immers definition of religion operative in this framework: interaction with culturally postulated superhuman persons. Interface represents the means by which interaction takes place. When interaction becomes emotionally charged, immersion takes place—whether it happens in religious contexts, gaming contexts, or other human activities like watching sports, reading book Religious immersion, Skjoldli suggests, is helpful for understanding—and making intelligible—the emotional charge of human-superhuman relationships, the power and vulnerability of the religious interfaces that enable them, the significance of emotionally charged experiences they afford, and the vexation expressed when interactions are frustrated by distraction, dis religious interaction framework in an analysis of how the Catholic festival World Youth Day (WYD) changed the meaning of pilgrimage in Catholicism. WYD emerged from a ritual, historical, and cultural context abundant associations to pilgrimage as the term is conventionally understood by scholars. WYDs are also consistently called pilgrimages, even when the host substantive investment for the Catholic Church centrally, locally, and for the local event organizers, each WYD draws hundreds of thousands to millions of young Catholics from around the world. The pope always participates by giving speeches and leading some of the ceremonies. WYD is persistently referred to as a pilgrimage, and Skjoldli analyzes what pilgrimage context of WYD.

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