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Doctrinal Theology

Introductory Works

Barber, Cyril John, and Robert M. Krauss, Jr.

An Introduction to Theological Research: A Guide for College and Seminary Students. 2d revised and expanded ed.

Lanham, MA: University Press of America, 2000.

“A valuable guide and time-saver to all those who have the responsibility of teaching, preaching, and representing Christ in the arena of ideas.”—J. P. Moreland.

Campbell, Donald K., Wendell Johnston, John F. Walvoord, and John A. Witmer.

The Theological Wordbook: The 200 Most Important Terms and Their Relevance for Today.

Nashville: Word, 2000.

It is difficult to restrain one's praise of this fine work. Each explanation of a particular word with its cognates concludes with the author's initials. Accuracy is insured because each contributor worked from the original text and explained the meaning of word(s) within the context of progressive revelation. The terms covered begin with “Abiding” and end with “Wrath.” The excellence of this handy reference tool is marred by the publisher having used newsprint paper that yellows after a few years. Hopefully this error in judgment will be corrected when this book is reprinted.

Culver, Robert Duncan.

Systematic Theology: Biblical and Historical.

Ross-shire, Scotland: Christian Focus, 2005.

Here is a book that is highly recommended. It comprises the culmination of Culver's sixty years of ministry as both pastor and professor, and stands in the best tradition of conservative, evangelical, premillennial scholarship. Within these pages is a mine of information, and pastors will find the contents to be both enlightening and edifying.

Elwell, Walter A., ed.

Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology.

Grand Rapids: Baker 1996.

Contains signed articles from “Aaron” to “Zephaniah, Theology of.” The contributors are all Reformed scholars. There is some overlap of articles with Elwell's *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*. However, where duplication occurs, the editor has wisely used a different writers so as to provide a fresh perspective. The bibliographies are weighted in the direction of the writings of

Amillennial or postmillennial scholars. Unfortunately some of the contributors have accepted the results of redaction criticism, and this injects an unwarranted bias into their essays. Needs to be used with caution.

Christian Theology

Bancroft, Emery H. Edited and Revised by R. B. Mayers.

Elemental Theology: An Introductory Survey of Conservative Doctrine.

Grand Rapids; Kregel Publications, 1996.

Reprinted from the 4th., 1977 edition. The revision is most fortuitous. Provides lay people with a handy discussion of all the vital doctrines of the Bible.

Erickson, Millard J.

Christian Theology. 2d ed.

Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998.

First published in 1983, this work by a Reformed Baptist has earned a place among standard one-volume treatments. Wolfhart Pannenberg praises it for its "continuing conversation with the tradition of the church as well as with modern philosophical and theological contributions."

Geisler, Norman Leo.

Systematic Theology. 4 vols.

Minneapolis: Bethany, 2005.

J. P. Moreland has written of this work: "In an age when specialization abounds, Norman Geisler exemplifies that rare and precious ability to bring together facility in the areas necessary to do systematic theology: detailed philosophical training, facility in the categories of theology, and ability to exegete the biblical text. I know of no one who brings these skills together better than [the present author]." Makes the intricacies of theology understandable. Reliable.

Groothuis, Douglas.

Truth Decay: Defending Christianity Against the Challenges of Postmodernism.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2000.

"Groothuis makes a solid, illuminating contribution to the ongoing debate among Christians about how to defend the gospel in a culture where the concept of objective truth is under siege."—

Phillip Johnson.

Grudem, Wayne.

Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine.

Leicester, England: Inter-Varsity, 1994.

Paige Patterson wrote of this work: "[This] is a fair-minded, thorough text ... the best I have seen in recent years in terms of convenient organization, clarity, and a willingness to tackle the most salient issues of the day." Pro-pentecostal.

Hodge, Charles.

Systematic Theology. Abridged ed., ed. by E. N. Gross.

Phillipsburg, PA: P&R, 1997.

First published in 1988, this new edition contains study questions. The editor omits many lengthy Latin quotations that took up space in the original 3 volume edition. The simplified style makes the book easy to use. Recommended.

McGrath, Alister E.

"I Believe:" Exploring the Apostles' Creed.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1998.

We are living at a time in history when the effect of years of "feel good" theology has resulted in those who name the name of Christ being abysmally ignorant of the elements of Christian doctrine. Hence the need for a return to our "roots." McGrath brings his exemplary grasp of history and theology to bear on "The Apostles' Creed" and succeeds in providing us with a concise summary of early Christian belief.

McGrath, Alister E.

The Genesis of Doctrine: A Study in the Foundations of Doctrinal Criticism.

Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997.

Published in the U.K. in 1990. Based upon the prestigious Bampton Lectures, Oxford University, this book presents a detailed investigation into the development of Christian doctrine and the nature of doctrine itself. It includes the social functions of Christian doctrine, the relation between doctrine and Scripture, and the historical and sociological basis for sound doctrine.

Moreland, James Porter.

Love Your God with All Your Mind: The Role of Reason in the Life of the Soul.

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1997.

"In a day when experience has become the driving force in our thinking, we must recapture the biblical importance of the mind. Moreland spells out the issues in profound, yet understandable ways, so that this book is essential reading for every Christian who takes his or her faith seriously."—Clyde Cook.

Packer, James Innell.

Concise Theology: A Guide to Historic Christian Beliefs.

Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1993.

A valuable compendium of the significance of Biblical and theological words. These are grouped under a series of topics: God revealed as creator, redeemer, Lord of grace, and Lord of destiny. Clear, concise, Reformed.

Roberts, Maurice.

The Thought of God.

Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust, 1993.

In 30 chapters the author deals with the greatness of God, fellowship with Christ, the Christian's walk, the fellowship of the saints, and the glory that awaits the believer. Thoroughly evangelical. Reformed.

Sire, James W.

Habits of the Mind: Intellectual Life as a Christian Calling.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2000.

"Few contemporary evangelical writers have so profitably explored the meaning and implications of the Christian worldview and mind [as the author]. Now this wise, well-informed and witty work puts us even further in his debt."—Douglas Groothuis.

Virkler, Henry A.

A Christian's Guide to Critical Thinking.

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1993.

Covers three separate tough related disciplines: critical thinking, Biblical interpretation, and the fundamentals of logic. Helps readers discern the fallacies inherent in modern world views, become better decision-makers, and improve their Bible study skills. Jammed full of wise counsel.

Willis, Wesley R., et al, eds.

Basic Theology: Applied.

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1995.

This Festschrift in honor of Charles C. Ryrie contains 34 chapters by former students and friends, plus a chapter on "Reflections" by Ryrie himself. The topics covered include "The Living and True God," "Our Adversary the Devil...", "Sin," "The Holy Spirit," "Afterwards." This discussion of these topics is designed to compliment Ryrie's *Basic Theology*. Each contributor discusses how specific concepts found in *Basic Theology* relate to everyday life.

Wind, Renate.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Spoke in the Wheel.

Translated by J. Bowden. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1992.

The author paints an unforgettable portrait of Bonhoeffer, showing clearly the complexity of his personality and the difficult, lonely course of his life. He portrays the German theologian as a sensitive person who was taught always to express his feelings; who moved away from his family to study theology, but who did not feel at home in the church; one who was ready to sacrifice everything yet held by a dogged tendency toward narcissism; who found the woman he loved at the very moment he was put in prison; and who was eventually executed for his opposition to Hitler.

Theology, Doctrinal

Barackman, Floyd H.

Practical Christian Theology.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1992.

“Anyone wanting a handy, one-volume, well-organized and indexed, complete, yet concise systematic theology in the biblical and dispensational tradition must get hold of Barackman’s work.”--Joseph Y. Wong.

Bloesch, Donald George.

A Theology of Word and Spirit: Authority and Method in Theology.

Christian Foundations. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1992.

This is the first volume in a new series on “Christian Foundations.” Within these pages Bloesch demonstrates the clarity of his thought, the relevance of his understanding of the issues, and the breadth of his vision.

McGrath, Alister E.

The Science of God: An Introduction to Scientific Theology.

Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004.

The author holds doctoral degrees in molecular biophysics as well as historical and systematic theology. In this work he draws on these fields to exploit the potential of the natural sciences in expanding the parameters of theology. A work for the scholar.

Pentecost, John Dwight.

Things Which Become Sound Doctrine.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1995.

While focusing primarily (though not exclusively) on the doctrine of salvation, these Biblically grounded messages adequately introduce lay readers to some of the important doctrines of the faith. Recommended.

Special Studies

Barron, Bruce.

Heaven on Earth?

Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1992.

Examines the various kinds of “dominionist” thinkers in America at the present time. Considers carefully the reconstructionism of Rousas John Rushdoony, Gary North, and others, and the “Kingdom Now but Not-Yet” views of the charismatic leaders like Earl Paulk and Tommy Reid. Assesses the world view of each proponent, their postmillennial eschatology, and presuppositional philosophy. Traces the reconstructionism of the dominion school to the writings of Cornelius Van Til and Abraham Kuyper, and the errors inherent in the “Kingdom Now” proponents to their faulty views of dispensationalism. All proponents show some confusion over the role of the Church, either merging it with Israel and thus obscuring the promises/warnings directed to ancient Israel that do not apply to the Church, or else making too much of the Church without paying heed to end-time predictions of apostasy. This is a valuable critique that adequately espouses the historic realities and devastating results of what Barron calls “dominionist disillusionment.”

Bartholomew, Craig, Robin Parry, and Andrew West, eds.

The Future of Evangelicalism: Issues and Prospects.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2003.

In this collection of essays an array of highly skilled scholars offer their insights and criticisms concerning the relationship of evangelicalism to a variety of disciplines (e.g., biblical interpretation, biblical theology, etc.). Although not everyone will agree with the positions adopted by the writers, what is presented in these pages is worthy of serious consideration.

Bateman, Herbert W., IV.

Three Central Issues in Contemporary Dispensationalism: A Comparison of Traditional and Progressive Dispensationalism.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1999.

“The choice of topics and the spirit and level of discussion combine to make this work significant reading for both dispensationalists and nondispensationalists who desire not only to understand the current discussion, but also to think through biblical issues themselves,”—Robert L. Saucy.

Blaising, Craig A., and Darrell L. Bock.

Progressive Dispensationalism.

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1993.

The essence of Dispensationalism--quite apart from the claims and caricatures of its critics--has long been the distinction between Israel and the Church, with due recognition of the fact that God has a separate program for each. This book seeks to dispel such a belief. After dealing with the historic roots of Dispensationalism, the authors settle down to considering some of the major themes. These they tie in with the mission of the church in today's world. Central in the discussion is the New Covenant. Though much use is made of Scripture, it seems as if there is confusion over millennial promises made to Israel that the writers (at least in part) appropriate to the Church and apply to the present time.

Eden, Martyn, and David F. Wells, eds.

The Gospel in the Modern World: A Tribute to John Stott.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1991.

The focus of this collection of essays is on the gospel of God in the modern world. This is a theme that has occupied the mind and commanded the energies of John Stott for many years. The essays are organized in three parts: The essence of the gospel, the needs of the modern world, and what it means to be the people of God in the modern world. Fourteen scholars contribute to this volume. Though primarily Anglican/Episcopalian, their approach can better be described as ecumenical.

Frame, John M.

No Other God.

Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 2001.

Another strange wind is blowing over the theological landscape. It is the “open theism” heresy. This theory claims that God does not fully know the future, and He is not totally in charge of the world. Frame rejects these theories and makes a strong case for God’s unchanging attributes. Recommended.

Gerstner, John H.

Wrongly Dividing the Word of Truth: A Critique of Dispensationalism.

Brentwood, TN: Wolgemuth and Hyatt, 1991.

The publication of this book is most unfortunate. With evangelical Christianity under attack by secular religion, Islam, and a host of Eastern religions in modern dress, the last thing conservatives should be doing is fighting among themselves. Gerstner is a church historian, and he begins by tracing the historic development of modern Dispensationalism. In this he breaks no new ground, for other anti-dispensationalists have plowed the same furrow before him. His goal (and theirs) has been to discredit Dispensationalism because of the schisms or personality clashes or differences in philosophy or hermeneutics that have characterized the movement. In exposing these weaknesses, Gerstner loses his readers in a mire of innuendos, half-truths, and distortions. His reliance for his theological criticism of the movement is the Scofield Reference Bible (that dispensationalists have acknowledged as having errors). In support of his own views he relies on the writings of those with whom he agrees, deliberately ignoring the fact that these works have been shown to be even more faulty than the Scofield Reference Bible. Gerstner then goes to elaborate lengths to defend his Reformed position. In doing so he blithely ignores the fact that Reformed theologians such as Charles Hodge and L. Berkhof adhered to the same divisions in God’s progressive revelation that dispensationalists use as the basis of their interpretation of Scripture. Perhaps realizing the weakness of his own position, Gerstner starts labeling dispensationalists as “Arminian,” or stigmatizing them as antinomian (a favorite device), unorthodox and/or heterodox (ignoring the fact that the standard for determining such errors is the Word of God, not some man-made system of theology). In doing all this, it is obvious that Gerstner intends to bias the minds of his readers against those evangelical and conservative defenders of the faith whose views differ from his own. This kind of “Christian-bashing” is to be expected from the media and leaders in politics and education (who are fond of ridiculing earnest believers as “Fundamentalists”), but it is unnecessary when discussing a system of doctrine that strives to be true to the Bible. In the end, Gerstner’s polemic accomplishes nothing of value and only wastes the time of those who have turned to his book for help and enlightenment.

Grenz, Stanley J.

Revisioning Evangelical Theology: A Fresh Agenda for the 21st-Century.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993.

“This is an ambitious work, [which is] nothing less than a fresh approach to evangelicalism as a belief structure. Holding fast to traditional essentials [Grenz] projects a creative alternative to the cognitive presuppositionalism which has long dominated American churches in the Reformational/Puritan/Pietistic tradition.”--Vernon C. Grounds.

Horton, Michael Scott.

In the Face of God.

Dallas, TX: Word, 1996.

Deals with the knowledge of God and the relationship of this knowledge to the Christian life. Explains the dangers of a “chummy relationship” with God and the fallacies associated with false intimacy. Here is a book that is worthy of serious study.

Jaki, Stanley L.

The Savior of Science.

Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000.

The author is one of the intellectual giants of our day. He describes the role theology has historically played in fruitful scientific development, and portrays the rational miscarriages of those cultures that have lacked a sound theological basis for their scientific investigations.

Keesecker, William F., ed.

A Calvin Treasury With a New Study Guide.

Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992.

Excerpts from Calvin's writings that have been arranged topically and in alphabetical order. A lengthy introduction by T. F. Torrance explains the value and scope of this compilation.

Lightner, Robert Paul.

Handbook of Evangelical Theology: A Historical, Biblical and Contemporary Survey and Review.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1995.

“An amazing example of succinct expertise. In a few hundred pages Lightner has successfully presented the essence of systematic theology.... Lightner's writings and lectures have established him as a perceptive and articulate thinker who is aware of the data and issues of theology and who can simply analyze and state them.”--*Moody Monthly*.

Lutzer, Erwin Wesley.

The Doctrines that Divide: A Fresh Look at the Historic Doctrines That Separate Christians.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1998.

With verve and skill Lutzer examines the controversies of the ages, explains their origin, describes the controversies, and ably compares the development of these doctrines with the Scriptures. This is an important work that is must reading for every Christian lay person. Recommended.

Martin, Michael.

The Case Against Christianity.

Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1991.

Martin, the author of *Atheism: A Philosophical Justification*, believes that within these pages he has totally demolished a belief in the Incarnation, Christ's resurrection, salvation, and the Second Advent. His arguments are in reality revisions and refinements of earlier theories. Once he has dispensed with Christianity--as he believes--as a viable system of belief, he turns around and probes the gospel narratives for ethical views that have relevancy today. But he fails to address an

issue of fundamental importance: If the gospel records are not trustworthy in what they affirm, of what value are they when one attempts to construct a system of ethics? Martin's presuppositions can easily be refuted, and evidence of the reliability of the NT is readily available. At best, therefore, his treatise provides a little intellectual stimulation. In reality, however, this is an ephemeral work and will go the way of other attacks upon the Scriptures.

McGrath, Alister Edgar.

A Passion for Truth: The Intellectual Adherence of Evangelism.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996.

The author establishes the uniqueness of Jesus and the authority of Scripture as theological distinctives central to evangelical authority. He then explores the ways in which evangelical theology is distinguished from other systems of theology (e.g., postliberalism, postmodernism, and religious pluralism). The result is a significant contribution to evangelical Christian theology.

Nicole, Roger.

Standing Forth: Collected Writings of Roger Nicole.

Ross-shire, Scotland: Christian Focus, 2002.

Begins with a biographical sketch of Roger Nicole before providing readers with reprints of his essays. The focal point is on the Bible and the atonement, with a miscellany of essays concluding the book. This is a valuable compilation from which readers will draw inspiration and encouragement for decades to come.

Princeton Review.

Princeton Versus the New Divinity.

Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth, 2001.

Contains articles reprinted from Princeton's 19th century journals. The new methods of evangelism aggressively promoted by Charles Finney and others in the 1830s and 40s were the logical outworking of the "New Divinity" movement that promoted a watered down version of sin, the kind of change wrought by salvation, and fostered the belief that "entire sanctification" was possible in the present life. Here chapters by Charles Hodge, Archibald Alexander, and others, refute these erroneous ideas.

Ryrie, Charles Caldwell.

Dispensationalism.

Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.

This is an expanded edition of *Dispensationalism Today* that was first published in 1965. In the present volume Ryrie includes comments on the writings of theologians (D. Chilton, R. Rushdoony), amillennialists (G. H. Gerstner, V. S. Poythress, B. K. Waltke), and progressive dispensationalists (D. L. Bock, R. L. Saucy). He provides readers with a powerful and positive presentation of "normative dispensationalism," and maintains a clear, consistent distinction between Israel and the Church. Ryrie also reaffirms the value of dispensational hermeneutics, thus preventing many creative innovations that in time will be shown to be eschatologically untenable. All open-minded, objective students of theology will want to read this work.

Saucy, Robert L.

The Case for Progressive Dispensationalism: The Interface Between Dispensationalism and Non-Dispensational Theology.

Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1993.

Saucy, a former president of the Evangelical Theological Society, has provided a valuable critique of “traditional” or “classical” dispensationalism, together with a definitive presentation of the different views that comprise modern dispensationalism. His hope is that his discussion will clarify the issues and aid in the on-going dialog with non-dispensationalists. Receiving major attention is the distinction between Israel and the Church, and here Saucy breaks new ground by showing how together they further the plan and purpose of God. In contrast to others who have sought to reject dispensationalism, Saucy’s work consists primarily of positive assertions. His chapters also provide excellent summaries of such important topics as the Biblical covenants, the nature of the Church, Spirit baptism, and the evidence for premillennialism.

Sproul, Robert Charles.

Faith Alone.

Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1995.

Has the Roman Catholic Church changed its view of justification to believe that a sinner is saved by grace alone through faith? “No,” answers Sproul. He then explores the theological fallacies espoused by works such as *Evangelicals and Catholics Together*. His insights are valid, even though he does believe in limited atonement and manifest a bias against those who see a distinction between Israel and the Church (i.e., dispensationalists whom he addresses in acrimonious terms).

Tilley, Terence.

The Evils of Theodicy.

Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 1991.

Surveys the history of the development of the doctrine of Theodicy; pinpoints areas of disagreement; and then offers some insights of his own. What emerges is a powerful polemic in which Tilley advocates change that in turn impacts how people view “social sin” and “evil practices.”

Toon, Peter.

The End of Liberal Theology: Contemporary Challenges to Evangelical Orthodoxy.

Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1995.

Describes the types of theology that have arisen since World War I, but more particularly, since the 1960s. Compares and contrasts these systems of philosophical-theological thought with the Anglican/Episcopalian tradition.

Vos, Geerhardus.

Redemptive History and Biblical Interpretation: The Shorter Writings of Geerhardus Vos, ed. by R. B. Gaffin, Jr.

Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 2001.

First published in 1980. The material is divided into four groups: Major Biblical and Theological Studies; Shorter Biblical Studies; Addresses; and Book Reviews. Reformed.

Wells, David F.

God in the Wasteland: The Reality of Truth in a World of Fading Dreams.

Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1994.

“It is a long way back from the wasteland surveyed by Wells ‘s ground-breaking examination of American evangelicalism [Here, he] calls for a new radical emphasis on revealed biblical truth and much preaching about the sovereign, holy, awe-inspiring God of the Old and New Testaments.... [This book] is mandatory if today’s evangelicals are to awaken from their contemporary coma and once more become a vital religious force in American life.”--James Montgomery Boice.

Wells, David F.

No Place for Truth: or, Whatever Happened to Evangelical Theology.

Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1993.

Discusses the tension between philosophy’s decline and technology’s advance. Devotes much attention to the failed aims of the Enlightenment in which reason and experience were thought to be the only logical sources of authority. Challenges the church’s response to these aspects of Western culture and argues that the typical pastor has failed in his role as a man of God and has become instead a business manager (to control the outer world) and a psychologist (to control the inner world). Criticizes modern publishing houses, believing that they have aided and abetted this trend and in the process have aided the decline of evangelicalism.

Willis, Wesley R., and John R. Master, eds.

Issues in Dispensationalism.

Chicago: Moody Press, 1994.

Contains a dozen chapters on as many aspects of dispensationalism--viz, hermeneutics, Biblical words and meanings (e.g., kingdom), the New Covenant, crucial passages supporting dispensationalism (e.g., Daniel 9; Acts 2), a very important discussion of the distinction between Israel and the Church, and much more. Here’s a book the unbiased will enjoy.

Zuck, Roy B., ed.

Vital Theological Issues: Examining Enduring Issues in Theology.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1994.

Contains essays from Bibliotheca Sacra. Topics covered are all ones pastors can use. A valuable compilation.

Historical Theology

Hannah, John D.

Our Legacy: The History of Christian Doctrine.

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2001.

The author rightly believes that Christianity divorced from its theological roots is merely a system of morality. To meet a felt need on the part of Christ's followers he has written this book that traces the different doctrines that comprise biblical theology through the various stages of history. Here is a book that is both readable and accurate.

Hart, Trevor A., gen. ed.

A Dictionary of Historical Theology.

Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000.

Contains 314 articles by 75 contributors. Traces the doctrinal development of Christianity from the earliest times to the present. Very few of the contributors are conservative evangelicals, and so this work must be used with caution.

Roman Catholic Church

Bennett, Richard, and M. Buckingham, eds.

Far From Rome, Near to God: The Testimonies of Fifty Converted Roman Catholic Priests.

Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth, 1997.

First published in 1994. Contains the testimonies of former Roman Catholics. Exudes a love for those still within the Catholic fold.

McCarthy, James G.

Conversations with Catholics.

Eugene, OR: Harvest, 1997.

Refreshingly accurate and readable. Uses typical examples of conversion that go to the heart of the issue of a personal relationship with Christ. Insightful.

Anglican Church

Dudley-Smith, Timothy.

John Stott: A Comprehensive Bibliography.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996.

Stott is one of the most influential Christian leaders of our day. His ministry includes service as a pastor, preacher, theologian, missionary statesman, and author. Here is a handy bibliography of his writings. This book will be of real benefit to D.Min. students whose dissertation topic focuses on some aspect of this extraordinary man's life and ministry.

Protestant Denominations Europe

Barth, Karl.

The Theology of John Calvin.

Translated by G. W. Bromiley. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995.

First published in 1922. Comprises Barth's lectures at the University of Gottingen. Makes available Barth's brilliant theological analysis of the Reformation. In providing an historic context for his remarks about Calvin, Barth opens with an illuminating sketch of medieval theology that is no less brilliant than his evaluation of Calvin's thought. Includes an appreciation of the work of Luther. Compares Calvin and Zwingli. The main focus of his lectures, however, was Calvin. His review of Calvin's life and the growth of his ideas that found expression in the 1536 edition of his famous Institutes is treated fairly and with great skill.

Johnson, William Stacy, and John H. Leith, eds.

Reformed Reader: A Sourcebook in Christian Theology. Vol. 1: Classical Beginnings, 1519--1799. In process.

Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993- .

A remarkably complete selection of readings. Will prove to be an important resource for all who are interested in the development of theology during the Reformation and post-reformation period.

The Godhead

Dowey, Edward A., Jr.

The Knowledge of God in Calvin's Theology.

Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1994.

Dowey begins with a description of the general characteristics of the knowledge of God, then moves on to a discussion of the significance of the duplex *cognitio Domini*. The main body of the book examines Calvin's fundamental distinction between the knowledge of God the Creator and God the Redeemer, and the relation between these two aspects of the nature of God. This edition includes a sixth chapter that discusses the influence of this teaching of the twofold knowledge of God on the rest of Calvin's theology.

Frame, John M.

The Doctrine of God: A Theology of Lordship.

Phillipsburg, PA: P&R, 2002.

A massive work of 864 pages. Well indexed. Covers all aspects of theology proper—biblical as well as philosophical. Treats the problem areas fairly. Reformed.

Geisler, Normal Leo, H. Wayne House, and Max Herrera.

The Battle for God: Responding to the Challenge of Neotheism.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2001.

A clear refutation of the aberrant theological views of those who wish to redefine God, coupled with a powerful presentation of God's attributes. A very necessary work. Should be read by all concerned Christians!

House, H. Wayne.

Israel: The Land and the People; an Evangelical Affirmation of God's Promises....

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1997.

Deals with the place of Israel in Christian theology, the relationship of Christianity to Judaism, the biblical covenants, and how to reconcile God's prophetic word with Israel's history. Provocative.

Laney, J. Carl.

God.

Nashville: Word, 1999.

Readers will find that between the covers of this book there is a discussion of theology proper that is at once easy to understand and yet complete enough to satisfy the needs of college students and lay people. Reliable.

Lloyd-Jones, David Martyn.

God the Father, God the Son. Vol. 1: Great Doctrines of the Bible.

Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 1996.

Without attempting to develop a systematic theology, Lloyd-Jones succeeds in grounding his approach in the Scriptures. His treatment of the existence and attributes of the Godhead, anthropology, angelology, salvation, the essence of Covenant theology, and Christology, is at once timely and convincing.

Lutzer, Erwin Wesley.

Ten Lies About God and How You May Already Be Deceived.

Nashville: Word, 2000.

Of this book D. James Kennedy wrote: "This is one of those books that seems to be charged with a strange electricity. The reader can't get through the author's preface without feeling a compulsion to discover the impact of the first chapter—and from there onto the tenth And his epilogue is as passionate an appeal to trust God as I have seen." Recommended!

MacArthur, John F., Jr.

God: Coming Face to face With His Majesty.

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1993.

In this monograph MacArthur challenges his readers to witness the glory and majesty of God's divine attributes as recorded in the writings of the prophets and kings of the OT, and in the lives of the mighty men of faith. The supreme example, of course, is the revelation of His grace and glory as exemplified in life and work of Jesus Christ. MacArthur warns: "Many believers have misconceptions about what God is really like... Thinking anything about God that isn't true or attempting to transform Him into something He isn't is a serious matter. We must be careful not

to think of God in our terms or entertain thoughts that are unworthy of Him. It is perilously easy to do both.” Here is a book that can be read with confidence.

McCullough, Donald W.

The Trivialization of God: The Dangerous Illusion of a Manageable Deity.

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1995.

Carefully distinguishes between Christ and culture. Exposes the folly of a superficial religion based upon half-truths and a pseudo-spirituality that in truth is anthropocentric. Restores a belief in a holy, awesome deity who is both imminent and transparent.

Piper, John.

The Pleasures of God.

Portland, OR: Multnomah, 1991.

Piper poses the question, “Just how great is God?” In answering it he allows us to peer into the things that give Him the greatest joy. The insights contained between these covers are profound and edifying. We are taken on what amounts to a tour through the Bible as Piper unveils one thing after another that cause God delight.

Ross, Hugh.

Creation and Time: A Biblical and Scientific Perspective on the Creation-Date Controversy.

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1994.

“[This work] is a much needed book that kindly attempts to exercise the Christian graces that ought to be exhibited in controversies of this sort. Its irenic and evidential style, with special emphasis on the major advances supplied by the field of astrophysics, needs to be heard by all serious inquirers into matters of cosmic origins.”--Walter C. Kaiser, Jr.

Toon, Peter.

Our Triune God: A Biblical Portrayal of the Trinity.

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996.

Defends the Biblical doctrine of the Trinity in light of contemporary theological (and particularly, radical feminist) attacks on orthodoxy. An absence of a Trinitarian mind set has enormous implications for the future of the Christian faith. Here is a book that is doctrinally sound and calls the church back to the principles spelled out in the NT.

Towns, Elmer L.

My Father's Names: The Old Testament Names of God and How They Can Help You Know Him More Intently.

Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1991.

Here is a delightful devotional book that explains the most common names for God--El Shaddai, Elohim, Yahweh, et cetera. Maintains a careful balance between objective truth and subjective application. Recommended for adult study groups.

God The Holy Spirit

Barth, Karl.

The Holy Spirit and the Christian Life: The Theological Basis of Ethics.

Translated by R. B. Hoyle. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993.

This book is not to be confused with Barth's treatment of the Christian life in his Dogmatics IV:4, published as a separate monograph in 1981, nor his work on Ethics which was also published in 1981. This book was first published in 1938. It consists of three parts, and treats the Holy Spirit as Creator, Reconciler, and Redeemer. It reveals that, for Barth, Christian ethics was not about men and women's deliberations, but God's determinative action.

Evans, Anthony T.

The Promise: Experiencing God's Greatest Gift, the Holy Spirit.

Chicago: Moody Press, 1996.

Divided into three sections, this study of pneumatology deals with the Holy Spirit's presence, purpose, and provision. The 18 chapters cover the bases in a clear and concise manner. Readers cannot fail to be edified by what this preacher-theologian has to say. Recommended.

Gromacki, Robert Glenn.

The Holy Spirit: Who He Is, What He Does.

Nashville: Word, 1999.

This book has much to commend it. It is true to the tenor of Scripture, yet abreast of the latest scholarship. The result is a readable, reliable work from which all serious Bible students may profit.

Hawthorne, Gerald F.

The Presence and the Power.

Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1991.

Explains the significance of the Holy Spirit in the life and ministry of Jesus. Here is an excellent blend of sound Biblical theology with a strong devotional appeal. Recommended.

Jeremiah, David.

God in You: Releasing the Power of the Holy Spirit in Your Life.

Sisters, OR: Multnomah, 1998.

Popular messages on the role of the Holy Spirit in the world and in the life of the believer. Highly readable. Accurate. Usable.

Kuyper, Abraham.

The Work of the Holy Spirit.

Translated by H. deVries. Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 1995.

First published in English in 1900. This classic work is made up of 123 short, insightful chapters.. In them Kuyper takes the reader through a near-complete Pneumatology in which he discusses just about every facet of the Holy Spirit's person and work. Reformed. Recommended.

Lloyd-Jones, David Martyn.

God the Holy Spirit. Vol. 2, Great Doctrines of the Bible.

Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 1997.

Here is a clear, Reformed statement of Pneumatology. Lloyd-Jones treats the biblical data historically, deduces areas of theological relevance, and applies the results to the believer's Godward relationship. Pro-charismatic.

Morgan, George Campbell, and Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

Understanding the Holy Spirit. 2 vols. in 1.

Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 1995.

Two pulpit masters discuss the role of the Holy Spirit in the world, in the life of the believer, and in the consummation of the age. Time and again they come up with unique insights that initially satisfy the craving of the diligent reader for spiritual food, only to whet his or her appetite for more.

Ryrie, Charles Caldwell.

The Holy Spirit. Rev. and expanded ed.

Chicago: Moody, 1997.

First published in 1965. The past four decades have proved this book to be one of the best lay works ever written. Highly recommended.

Attributes of God

Hallman, Joseph M.

The Descent of God: Divine Suffering in History and Theology.

Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1991.

The subject of suffering is one that is of perennial interest. In this book the author uses only early Christian sources to highlight his discussion of the trials and difficulties we all face.

Love And Wisdom

Baxter, James Sidlow.

For God So Loved: An In-depth Look at the Bible's Most Loved Verse.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1995.

First published in 1960. These sermons on the OT type as well as the NT truth of God's love are ably handled by the author in his sermons on John 3:16.

MacArthur, John F., Jr.

The Love of God.

Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1996.

Ever a controversialist, MacArthur asks the hard questions about God's love (e.g., If He is a God of love, how can He send anyone to hell?), and provides convincing, Biblically-based answers that reaffirm the fact that God always acts in keeping with all of His attributes and in perfect harmony with His nature. Worthy of note is the fact that MacArthur boldly vindicates both the righteousness and the grace of God, while providing a convincing rationale for the ways of God in the world. Recommended.

Sovereignty, Kingdom Of God, Revelation

Achtemeier, Elizabeth.

Nature, God, and Pulpit.

Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1992.

Few books deal in a comprehensive way with the Bible's teaching on the interplay between human nature and God's relationship with His creatures. And few subjects have been more neglected by preachers. In this book Achtemeier presents the Biblical materials concerning God and the natural world in a way that furnishes preachers with guidance for a series of sermons on this subject. Provocative.

Bailey, Lloyd R.

Genesis, Creation, and Creationism.

New York: Paulist press, 1993.

A thought-provoking study on the relationship of science and religion that crosses denominational boundaries and provides readers with resource material that will enable all who want to to probe deeper into this fascinating subject.

Bly, Stephen A.

The Surprising Side of Grace: Appreciating God's Loving Anger.

Grand Rapids: Discovery House, 1994.

Bly begins from the premise that what one loves and hates tells us much about a person's character. The same is true of God. In this handy volume the author explores the nature of God and reveals His love for those whom He chastens. Full of surprises. Read it. It's worth it.

Ellisen, Stanley A.

Who Owns the Land? The Arab-Israeli Conflict.

Portland, OR: Multnomah Press, 1991.

Donald L. Brake, president of the Institute for Holy Land Studies, wrote of this work: "Before one ever embarks on the study of Israel in prophecy, he must understand the historical and political background of the modern Holy Land. Ellisen has done us a great favor in providing such a clear and accurate background for the study of Israel in prophecy."

Fackre, Gabriel.

The Doctrine of Revelation: A Narrative Interpretation. Edinburgh Studies in Conservative Theology.

Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997.

Conservative theologians will be both delighted by Fackre's insights and irritated by some of his concessions to liberalism. He discusses the major themes and introduces his readers to some of the leading theologians of the 20th century: Barth, Tillich, Rahner, and others. Aims to construct a biblically centered doctrine of revelation.

Grenz, Stanley J.

Created For Community: Connecting Christian Belief with Christian Living.

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996.

"Easily one of the clearest and best introductions to evangelical thought that has appeared. I intend to recommend it to my students as an excellent and exciting basic introduction to what Christians believe."--Alan F. Johnson.

Larsen, David L.

Jews, Gentiles, and the Church: A New Perspective on History and Prophecy.

Grand Rapids: Discovery House, 1995.

Written from a premillennial perspective, this book draws a valid distinction between Jews, Gentiles, and the Church of God. It is essential reading for all who wish to understand the place of each group in the plan and purpose of God. The writer is cognizant of the issues. Of greatest importance is his description of the special role the Jews will play during the final countdown before Christ's return to the earth. Here is a book brimming with hope. It is one all believers in Christ should read.

Lloyd-Jones, David Martyn.

The Kingdom of God.

Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1992.

Sermons preached in 1963 and edited for publication by Christopher Catherwood. Lloyd-Jones examines passages in the NT that mention the "kingdom of God." Christ, as the only hope of salvation, comes through clearly. Not as clear is the diverse use of the phrase "kingdom of God" in eschatological passages where Lloyd-Jones' amillennial views predominate. As models for homiletic analysis, these sermons are worthy of serious study.

Lutzer, Erwin Wesley.

The Serpent of Paradise: The Incredible Story of How Satan's Rebellion Serves God's Purposes.

Chicago: Moody, 1996.

"I found this book [to be] a veritable treasury of biblical insight.... This book is filled with lucid insights I have never considered. It was a sheer delight to learn so much at one sitting."—R. C. Sproul.

MacArthur, John F., Jr.

The Battle for the Beginning: The Bible on Creation and the Fall of Adam.

Nashville: Word, 2001.

Takes aim at naturalism and other “isms” that have led so many astray and presents convincing evidence for the biblical account of creation. Here is a book to place in the hands of every college-bound young person. Recommended.

Moreland, James Porter, ed.

The Creation Hypothesis: Scientific Evidence for an Intelligent Designer.

This evidential apologetic issues a challenge to scientific naturalism. Phillip E. Johnson writes: “Whether God took a short or a long time to create and to what extent he employed secondary causes ... are subjects on which lively debates among creationists should be expected.

Disagreements are particularly to be expected because we all have to work with data that have been provided by metaphysical naturalists, and we have to decide how to remove the layers of naturalistic interpretation to uncover the facts that could be interpreted differently.” Moreland and his associates help to peel back the layers of naturalistic bias so as to enable each reader to see more clearly the manner in which a sovereign God created the universe out of nothing. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993.

Morris, Henry Madison.

Biblical Creationism: What Each Book of the Bible Teaches About Creation and the Flood.

Colorado Springs, CO: Master Books, 1993.

This unique approach validates the author’s life-long commitment to the Scriptures. The purpose of his book is to present a complete survey of all the passages in the Bible that mention events in the primeval world. Insightful.

Pentecost, John Dwight.

Thy Kingdom Come: Tracing God’s Kingdom Program and Covenant Promises Throughout History.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1995.

Here is a book that deserves careful study. It has been written in non-technical language, and traces the sweeping history of God’s Kingdom program from eternity past to eternity future. Pentecost relates God’s covenant promises to the key issues in Biblical interpretation and provides a basis for understanding God’s activities in the world.

Piper, John.

God’s Passion for His Glory: Living the Vision of Jonathan Edwards.

Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 1998.

A clarion call to return to the theological (“theocentric”) emphasis on Jonathan Edwards. Chuck Colson wrote of this book: “The western church ... much of it drifting, enculturated, and infected with cheap grace ... desperately needs to hear Edwards’ challenge.”

Rhodes, Ron.

Miracles Around Us.

Eugene, OR: Harvest, 2000.

Answers the questions our uncertain generation is asking. Shows readers how to recognize God at work today. Solidly biblical. An encouraging presentation.

Richards, Lawrence O.

Every Covenant and Promise in the Bible.

Nashville: Nelson, 1998.

This practical volume is enhanced by the inclusion of human interest stories, making this book easy to read. The content is also reliable. Richards begins in the Garden of Eden. He then moves steadily through the Bible discussing each covenant in sequence, showing how God is true to His word. Included in each discussion is what God expects of His people.

Robertson, O. Palmer.

The Israel of God: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.

Phillipsburg, NJ: R&R, 2000.

A Reformed treatise. “Robertson has addresses this perennial, much-disputed topic in a fashion that is not only both incisive and engaging, but also, to this reader at least, thoroughly convincing.”—Richard B. Gaffin.

Sproul, Robert Charles.

The Invisible Hand: Do All Things Really Work for Good.

Dallas, TX: Word, 1997,

An important discussion from a Reformed perspective. Describes how God is working, and indeed has worked since the dawn of time. Illumines doctrinal principles with interesting anecdotes. Proves God's involvement in human affairs.

Wiersbe, Warren Wendell, comp.

Classic Sermons on the Sovereignty of God.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1994.

Contains sermons by Henry Ward Beecher, Alexander Maclaren, C. H. Spurgeon, R. A. Torrey, and others. Each deals with a separate facet of God's sovereignty. Insightful.

Wilder-Smith, Arthur Ernest.

The Creation of Life: A Cybernetic Approach to Evolution.

Costa Mesa, CA: The Word for Today Publishers, 1988.

Here is a book designed for those who are intimidated by pseudo-scientists who clamor loudly for their particular view of evolution. Written for thinking people, The Creation of Life answers the questions raised by advocates of scientific materialism and gives the reader a sure foundation for continuing to believe in the Biblical record of creation. A powerful apologetic!

Justice And Goodness

Blocher, Henri.

Evil and the Cross: An Analytical Look at the Problem of Evil.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2004.

In this book the author explores three proposed solutions to the problem of evil. He carefully analyzes the philosophic presuppositions of each theory and explains their weaknesses. His conclusion is that the only satisfactory place at which to begin our quest for the truth is the foot of the cross.

Dobson, James Clayton, Jr.

When God Doesn't Make Sense.

Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1993.

R. C. Sproul writes: "This work is a sensitive, compassionate, and insightful treatment on the question of suffering. Dobson deals with the deep emotional struggles we have in our relationship with God when pain strikes." And he does so with a marked sense of realism. These chapters reach us where we live. They are eminently sensible. This book is highly recommended.

Feinberg, John S.

The Many Faces of Evil: Theological Systems and the Problems of Evil. Revised and expanded ed.

Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2004.

This book "presents an excellent overview and response to the logical, evidential, and existential aspects of the problem [of evil]. Those who expect insightful, decisive analyses from [the author] will not be disappointed."—Gary Habermas.

Lawson, Steven J.

When All Hell Breaks Loose, You May Be Doing Something Right: Insights from the Life of Job.

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1993.

"How I wish this book had been available to me before I encountered my own trials over these past four years. Lawson brings incredible insight and teachings that clearly help us understand our own paths of suffering. I thoroughly enjoyed and absorbed this book and highly recommend it to all."--Dave Dravecky. 'Nuf said.

Liderbach, Daniel.

Why Do We Suffer? New Way of Understanding.

New York: Paulist Press, 1992.

Deals with the doctrine of Theodicy. Shows how suffering may transform the spiritual life and deepen our walk with the Lord.

Wilder-Smith, Arthur Ernest.

Is This a God of Love?

Translated by P. Wilder-Smith. Costa Mesa, CA: TWFT Publishers, 1991.

Formerly published in 1971 under the title "The Paradox of Pain." A lucid, logical discussion in which Wilder-Smith deals with such important issues as thought and action, the comparisons and

contrasts between atheism and agnosticism, suffering, and predestination and free will. An excellent monograph.

Christology

Dunn, James D. G.

Christology in the Making: A New Testament Inquiry Into the Origins and the Doctrine of the Incarnation. 2d ed.

Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1996.

This work was not previously available in the U.S.A. In it Dunn studies the origins and early development of Christology, clarifying in rich detail the beginnings of belief in Christ as the Son of God and the incarnate Word. This is the product of a lifelong pursuit.

Dunn, James D. G.

The Christ and the Spirit. 2 Vols.

Grand Rapids: Eerdmans 1998.

These volumes contain some of Dunn's shorter essays on different aspects of Christology and the person and work of the Holy Spirit. They bring together material produced over the past quarter of a century. Each essay is well researched and provides data that will challenge and stimulate readers.

Groothuis, Douglas R.

Jesus In An Age of Controversy.

Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1996.

First published in 1990 under the title *Revealing the New Age Jesus*. Provides a thorough delineation of the aberrant views of New Age proponents. An excellent expose.

Macartney, Clarence Edward Noble.

Twelve Great Questions About Christ.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1992.

First published in 1923. Tackles issues such as the virgin birth, the uniqueness of Christ's miracles, proofs of His deity, the resurrection, and more. Each chapter contains questions for discussion.

Owen, John.

The Glory of Christ,

Abridged by R. J. K. Law. Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust, 1994.

An abridgement of an old classic, now rewritten for today's readers. Ideal for those who do not own the full length work. Recommended.

Rhodes, Ron.

The Heart of Christianity.

Eugene, OR: Harvest, 1996.

The dust cover carries the subtitle, “What It Means to Believe in Jesus.” In 15 chapters Rhodes introduces readers to the essence of Christianity and the way in which a relationship with Jesus Christ can impact the life of each believer. Recommended.

Smith, James Edward.

What the Bible Teaches About the Promised Messiah.

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1993.

Formerly published as *What the Bible Says About the Promised Messiah* (1984). Well-researched. Arranges material in chronological order so as to follow God's progressive revelation. Abounds in useful preaching material. Thoroughly evangelical.

Witmer, John Albert.

Immanuel: Jesus Christ, Cornerstone of Our Faith.

Nashville: Word, 1998.

Here is a book by a well-respected, devout theologian who makes the study of the doctrine of Christ an exciting adventure. In doing so, Witmer focuses on four distinct areas: Christ's preincarnate glory, His incarnation, His ascension and glorification, and His coming reign. This is a book that deserves to be read again and again!

Schaeffer, Francis August.

The Finished Work of Christ: The Truth of Romans 1—8.

Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 1998.

This verse-by-verse theological commentary contains previously unpublished material. It attempts to halt the drift of our culture which has led people away from biblical Christianity toward pagan unbelief. Well-known columnist, Cal Thomas, wrote of Schaeffer's book: “Dr. Francis Schaeffer was God's gift to a generation of doubters and questioners. The power of his mind and the greater power of God's spirit in him continues to draw thinking men and women, not to religion, but to Jesus Christ.”

Wright, Christopher J. H.

Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1995.

It is in vogue today to look to other “gospels” or “saying of Jesus” for information about the Christ. Wright turns to the OT and the information he derives from the sacred text supports the histories and prophecies about the Lord Jesus. Wright also relates the teaching of the OT to Christ's identity as the Son of God, elucidates His mission, and explains His values. Here's a stimulating treatise that deserves careful reading.

Life Of Christ

Bock, Darrell L.

Jesus According to Scripture: Restoring the Portrait from the Gospels.

Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002.

Builds upon a harmony of the gospels. Presents the teaching of the Synoptic gospels before describing the picture of the Savior found in John's gospel. A final chapter discusses the "Major Themes in the Evangelists' Portrait of Jesus' Theology." Thorough and insightful. Makes rewarding reading.

Boice, James Montgomery, and Philip Graham Ryken.

The Heart of the Cross.

Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 1999.

Treats Christ's words from the cross, His last words to His disciples, and references to the cross in the Acts and NT epistles. These messages probe the power and overwhelming love Christ displayed at Calvary.

Boyd, Gregory A.

Jesus Under Siege.

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1995.

A sequel to *Cynic, Sage or Son of God*. Carefully refutes the "transforming" of Jesus to fit the needs of today. Boldly asserts His deity. Uses painstaking documentation to expose the liberal and imaginative new doctrines in vogue at the present time. Brings to the fore the fact that Jesus Christ is truly the Son of God, fully man and fully God. A needed corrective to modern liberal and cultic theories.

Carter, Les.

Reflecting the Character of Christ.

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1995.

Brief, meaningful studies on Christ's kindness, confidence, and grace. Uses these insights to highlight truths from psychology.

Geisler, Norman Leo.

In Defense of the Resurrection.

Lynchburg, VA: Quest Publishers, 1991.

This book chronicles the debate (that has become a "continental divide") between Geisler and Murray Harris over the bodily resurrection of Christ. Harris' orthodoxy has been questioned before, particularly when he claimed that Paul's eschatology changed in the period between his writing of First Corinthians and his penning of the Pastoral epistles. Now he is again taken to task for his insistence that Christ, following the resurrection, visibly appeared to His disciples but had no material form.

Grant, Michael.

Jesus: An Historian's Review of the Gospels.

New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1992.

First published in 1977. Tackles the issue of the “historical Jesus.” Attempts to determine which parts of the gospels refer authentically to Christ’s life and ministry, and which do not. The latter, Grant believes, were the inventions of the individual writers.

Gromacki, Robert Glenn.

The Virgin Birth: A Biblical Study of the Deity of Jesus Christ. Revised ed.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2002.

Here is a book that has been written in the best evangelical tradition. It treats the virginal conception and birth of Christ in an understandable way. Special attention is paid the hypostatic union. Gromacki is cognizant of the attacks that have been leveled against the deity of Christ, and exposes these in such a convincing way that readers will have their faith strengthened.

Recommended.

Habermas, Gary R., and M. R. Licona.

The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2004.

Here is an indispensable work that treats in a readable manner the facts supporting a belief in the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus from among the dead. The authors tackle all of the objections to the biblical position, refute them, and offer a reasoned explanation for accepting the Bible as it has been written. Recommended.

Hanegraff, Hank.

Resurrection.

Nashville: Word, 2000.

“Lost in all the millennial madness has been the fact that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is still the defining moment in all of human history Hanegraff has never been more poignant with his prophetic pen than in this volume.”—O. S. Hawkins.

Hooker, Morna Dorothy.

Not Ashamed of the Gospel: New Testament Interpretations of the Death of Christ.

Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995.

Convinced that Christ’s crucifixion and death cannot be interpreted in isolation from His resurrection, Hooker lays before her readers a comprehensive survey of the NT teaching on the death of Christ. In doing so, she looks at the variety of images and metaphors employed by the NT writers, and discusses the different ways in which the authors of the NT books searched for ways to describe the things they had witnessed.

Horne, Herman Harrell.

Jesus the Teacher: Examining His Expertise in Education. Revised and updated ed. by A. M. Gunn.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1998.

This revision of *Jesus the Master Teacher* (1920) provides a fresh perspective on Christ’s approach, methodology, and techniques. A valuable acquisition.

Jepsen, Dee.

Jesus Called Her Mother.

Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 1992.

A personal and intimate look at the life and times of the young Jewish girl who found favor with God and became the mother of His Son. A moving rehearsal of the Biblical evidence.

Kennedy, Dennis James, and Jerry Newcombe.

What If Jesus Had Never Been Born?

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1994.

Recent attacks on the "evangelical right" presage further acts of intolerance. Into this arena has stepped the gifted and clear-sighted pastor of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Florida. He takes up the issues of civil liberty, medicine, the arts, economics, sexuality, education, and morality, and responds to the misinformation being propagated by Christianity's critics. A powerful apologetic.

Krummacker, Friedreich Wilhelm.

The Suffering Saviour: Meditations on the Last Days of Christ.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1992.

"The study of a work such as this is infinitely more profitable than a study of a modern treatment of the life of Christ. This most moving classic is absolutely vital to Christian workers and will be found invaluable."--Peter M. Masters.

Lawrence, John W.

The Six Trials of Jesus.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1996.

First published in 1977. Lawrence traces Jesus' journey from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Cross. Each of His interrogations (by Annas, Caiaphas, the Sanhedrin, Herod, and Pilate) is analyzed with remarkable perception and skill. This is a rewarding book. Highly recommended.

Lawson, Steven J.

Faith Under Fire: Standing Strong When Satan Attacks.

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1993.

Expounds Luke 4:1-13. Using illustrations drawn from battles ancient and modern, Lawson explains different kind of conflict. He uses the principles he gleans from these examples of conflict to deal with the temptation of Christ. Nor does he leave the believer in doubt as to what is taking place in the spiritual world, but draws valuable lessons for Christians today. This is a good book!

Lightner, Robert Paul.

The Death Christ Died: A Biblical Case for Unlimited Atonement. 2d ed.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1998.

The reissue of one of the best treatments on the extent of the atonement ever written. Exponents of "Calvinism" reveal themselves to be more extreme than the Genevan Reformer. Lightner corrects this error with an appeal to one passage of Scripture after another. He also cites the works of theologians both for and against. Here is a reliable, sound, biblically-based statement. It probably won't change the opinion of those who believe in limited atonement, but for those who wish for a fair, readable statement, this work will be highly prized. Recommended.

MacArthur, John F., Jr.

God in the Manger: The Miraculous Birth of Christ.

Nashville: Word, 2001.

In his inimitable style MacArthur describes the need for the miraculous birth of Christ while also treating such important issues as His family tree and the events associated with His conception. Preachers will value chapters on "The Testimony of the Shepherds," His "Righteous Parents," and "Simeone's Eyes of Faith." Recommended.

Macartney, Clarence Edward Noble.

Great Interviews of Jesus.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1996.

First published in 1944, these biographical sermons by a master preacher deal with the personal struggles, trials and failures of 15 people who are as diverse as they are interesting.

Maclaren, Alexander.

After the Resurrection.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1992.

"An exciting series of studies on the post-resurrection ministry of Jesus and the people and events He encountered during those momentous days. Maclaren was known as the prince of expository preachers, and was a man with a scholar's mind and a pastor's heart. Exposition and illustration were his strengths.... He spent nearly sixty hours in the study of his sermons, which were models of effective expository preaching."--Warren W. Wiersbe.

Maier, Paul L.

In the Fullness of Time: A Historian Looks at Christmas, Easter, and the Early Church.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1997.

Takes a long, hard look at the first Christmas, the first Easter, and the first Christians. Compares modern traditions with these important origins. This work is crammed with information that preachers will find helpful for it brings together a vast amount of information. Well-told. Recommended.

Moore, Sebastian.

The Crucified Jesus Is No Stranger,

Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1992.

First issued in 1972, this work has attained the status of a “devotional classic.” It covers the events as well as the significance to believers of the crucifixion and resurrection, and leads the reader in thanksgiving and praise.

Stalker, James.

Studies in the Person of Christ.

Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 1995.

Combines three of Stalker's long out-of-print works: *The Life of Christ*, *Imago Christi*, and *The Teaching of Jesus Concerning Himself*--and all in one handsome volume! Here readers have a delightful devotional work on Christ's humanity; followed by how He provides a model for people of all succeeding generations; and culminating in a presentation of His Messiahship. An excellent combination. Recommended.

Stein, Robert H.

Jesus the Messiah: A Survey of the Life of Christ.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1996.

Though the author is not above using redaction criticism when it suits his purpose, this book is refreshingly free from such speculation. His thoughts are well-articulated, and his insights are perceptive. A learned work.

Stott, John Robert Walmsey.

The Incomparable Christ.

Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2002.

Stott's writings are always worth reading. These chapters are based on his messages delivered before the London Trust in 2000, and cover the witness of the NT to Christ, how the church has presented Him, the influence of Christ and how He has inspired people, and the challenge of Christ to believers today. Worthy of careful study.

Wiersbe, Warren Wendell, comp.

Classic Sermons on the Miracles of Jesus.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1995.

Beginning with the wedding in Cana, these sermons deal factually and forthrightly with twelve significant themes associated with the miracles of the NT. Though the miracles are well-known, these sermons bring out new and important truths that are important to our study of the gospels and knowledge of Christ's life and ministry. Here is a volume worth owning. Recommended.

Anthropology

Anderson, Ray Sherman.

Self-Care: A Theology of Personal Empowerment and Spiritual Healing.

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1995.

Anderson sifts through a wealth of theological material with a view to providing practical helps for people recovering from abuse, betrayal, unexpected tragedy, or grief.

Baker, William H.

In the Image of God: A Biblical View of Humanity.

Chicago: Moody Press, 1991.

A forthright, well-informed discussion that ably explores mankind's origin, the nature of God's image, what happened at the time of the Fall, how the imago Dei has been perceived throughout history, and how all of this ties in with an understanding of Biblical anthropology.

Recommended.

Montgomery, Dan.

Beauty in the Stone: How God sculpts You Into the Image of Christ.

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1996.

Describes how Christ perfectly modeled the "laws of God's psychology: Love, assertion, weakness, and strength." Each attribute was used precisely when needed and in exact relationship with the other "laws." An eye-opening book.

Pyne, Robert A.

Humanity and Sin: The Creation, Fall, and Redemption of Humanity.

Nashville: Word, 1999.

Charles Swindoll writes: "With keen theological precision Pyne has assembled the key teaching of the Bible on our origins, our essential nature, our sinful condition, and our eternal destiny."

Here is a book that contains the answers to our present state while also pointing the way to our heavenly home.

Smedes, Lewis B.

Shame and Grace: Healing the Shame We Don't Deserve,

Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1993.

Smedes points out that the leading candidates for shame include obsessive moralizers, compulsive comparers, approval addicts and those who are overly responsible. He also examines the sources of unhealthy and undeserved shame, and how we are unwittingly shaped by influences from such learning institutions as schools, churches, and even our own families. The book offers a clear-cut and inclusive explanation on the differences between shame and guilt. Shame, he points out, is often experienced through feelings of inadequacy, abasement, and overall unworthiness; guilt, on the other hand, is associated with responsibilities and actions.

Salvation

Anderson, Neil T.

Living Free in Christ.

Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1993

In this book Anderson describes his “steps to freedom.” His entire approach is designed to help Christians break out of the rut of perpetual defeat and find true freedom in Christ. Theologically sound. Recommended.

Anderson, Neil T., and Robert L. Saucy.

God's Power at Work in You.

Eugene, OR: Harvest, 2001.

The authors explain how the key to real spiritual growth comes from a clear understanding of what God does when He saves us and how He works in our lives to transform us. Recommended.

Aycock, Don M.

Living by the Fruit of the Spirit.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1999.

A fresh, challenging book that discusses the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Bangley, Bernard.

If I'm Forgiven, Why Do I Still Feel Guilty?

Wheaton, IL: Harold Shaw Publishers, 1992.

Guides readers in breaking their bondage to regret and remorse. Offers good counsel on how to distinguish true guilt from false guilt, explore the nature of God's forgiveness, resolve guilt through an eight-step plan, deal with conflict, and prepare oneself emotionally and spiritually for the next time the cycle begins to repeat itself. Practical.

Black, Bruce W.

The Spiritual Gifts Handbook.

Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux Brothers, 1995.

Styled “The Step-by-step guide to discovering and using your spiritual gifts,” this book can be used by pastors as a training manual, or it can be read by individuals who want to learn more about what the Holy Spirit has given them. Appendix A deals with “sign or revelatory gifts.” Helpful.

Boice, James Montgomery.

The Glory of God's Grace: The Meaning of God's Grace—and How it Can Change Your Life.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1999.

First published in 1993. Presents a Reformed statement of the theology of grace. “I could hardly put the book down! It will be on the recommended books list for all teachers in BSF [Bible Study Fellowship].”—Rosemary Jensen.

Bonar, Horatius.

The Everlasting Righteousness: Or, How Shall a Man Be Just Before God?

Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust, 1993.

First published in 1874, this book offers freedom from the condemnation of a guilty conscience and the torment of one's memories of past wrongs. It contains a message of hope and consolation, and points the way to healing and peace through the atoning death of Christ on the cross. Recommended.

Bridges, Jerry.

The Discipline of Grace: God's Role and Our Role in the Pursuit of Holiness.

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1994.

The 13 messages that comprise this book continue the writer's theme begun in *The Pursuit of Holiness* and continued in *Transforming Grace*. What he has to say relates directly to one of the most basic needs of Christians today. Bridges carefully steers clear of the kind of misunderstandings that would lead to an abuse of God's grace, and lays emphasis instead on those aspects of grace that lead to a life of discipline, transformation, and growth. Recommended.

Briscoe, D. Stuart, and Jill Briscoe.

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Holiness.

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1993.

Contains sermons on the holiness of God--but not the kind that make godliness an unpleasant discipline. Instead this husband-wife team explain the benefits in attractive, down-to-earth terms. A study guide and analytical outlines complete the book.

Chafer, Lewis Sperry.

Grace: An Exposition of God's Marvelous Grace.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1995.

This book is like a rare and priceless gem. It's real worth becomes evident after it has been compared with other, similar precious stones. Only then is its pristine quality truly appreciated. Chafer's *Grace* deserves careful study. His acumen in explaining the essence of salvation, the clear manner in which he draws a distinction between law and grace, and his discussion of the way grace works in the life of the believer, are of the utmost value. First published in 1922.

Chafer, Lewis Sperry.

Salvation: God's Marvelous Work of Grace.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1991.

First published in 1917. "Depicts in clear and Scriptural language the Gospel of Divine salvation through the Person and Work of Christ ... [in a] faithful and forcible message ... a presentation of the way of salvation which is certain to lead all who read it earnestly to a living faith in Christ, and then to a constant joy because of the abundant and assured provision of God for the Christian life."--W. H. Griffith Thomas.

Deere, Jack.

Surprised By the Power of the Spirit.

Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1994.

An ephemeral work. Deere is one of a few scholars who have aligned themselves with Pentecostalism. His training for the ministry was the best this country has to offer. However, within these pages he reveals how far he has drifted. He offers a potpourri of doctrine, healing (Deere claims to have seen fingers grow), and history, but unwisely juxtaposes C. I. Scofield (whom he believes to be fundamentalism's leading scholar) with John Wimber (the "father" of "third wave" Pentecostalism). (Both of these assumptions can be challenged!) He champions the resurgence of "signs and wonders" phenomena (that history shows ceased at the end of the Apostolic age), and without Biblical support points to the rebirth of the charismata toward the end of the 19th-century. He also asserts that the persistence and expansion of Pentecostalism in the American church validates the movement's "Scriptural" authenticity. In doing so he ignores the fundamental tenet of the Bible that doctrine is built upon the Word of God, not human experience. Adherents to Pentecostalism can be expected to buy this book and make it their mantra. In the long run, however, it will do little to advance the cause of Biblical Christianity.

Delffs, Dudley J.

The Repentant Heart: The Joy of Restoring Intimacy with God.

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1995.

"Repentance is no easy fix. It requires the Spirit's movement into our hearts and our willful cooperation over a frustratingly long period of time. Delffs makes it clear that repentance involves an awareness of ourselves we'd often rather avoid. Reading this book may point you in a direction you've never considered as you seek to grow in Christ. It could change you're life."-- Larry Crabb.

Dillow, Joseph C.

The Reign of the Servant Kings: A Study of Eternal Security and the Final Significance of Man.

Hayesville, NC: Schoettle Publishing Co., 1992.

All things considered, this is a positive discussion of eternal security and the eternal rewards that will be bestowed on faithful believers. The reader, however, should not expect to agree with everything that Dillow presents. Charles C. Ryrie endorsed the book, saying: "In this penetrating critique of Westminster Calvinism, Dillow has given us a comprehensive discussion of eternal security and rewards. By a constant appeal to Scripture, the biblical doctrine of eternal security is supported instead of the Reformed doctrine of perseverance. This scholarly and well written book should be read by all pastors and students of the Word who are interested in the doctrines of grace."

Edgar, Thomas R.

Satisfied By the Promise of the Spirit: Affirming the Fulness of God's Provision for Spiritual Living.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1996.

Examines the Scriptures and refutes the teaching of those who claim to have been "surprised" by the reappearance of the so-called charismatic gifts. Exposes the fallacious thinking of those who claim that miraculous gifts only ceased because the early church stopped believing in them.

Expounds the relevant passages of God's Word to show that when a Christian is controlled by the Holy Spirit, He can completely satisfy his/her needs. This is a most valuable discussion.

Esnor, John M.

Experiencing God's Forgiveness: The Journey from Guilt to Gladness.

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1997.

"A solidly biblical, extremely practical, and well-written book—the best on forgiveness we've [i.e., my wife and I] read. If you read this book and take it to heart, your life will never be the same."—Marvin Olasky.

Hohensee, Donald, and Allen Odell.

Your Spiritual Gifts.

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1992.

This new resource dispels some of the confusion that has developed in recent decades. The authors explain how spiritual gifts differ from the gift of the Holy Spirit, and answer such questions as "Is there a distinction between the fruit of the Spirit and His gifts?" "Do my natural talents become spiritual gifts after I am converted?" and "How many gifts have I?" Includes the "Wesley Spiritual Gift Questionnaire."

Holloman, Henry W.

The Forgotten Blessing: Rediscovering the Transforming Power of Sanctification.

Nashville: Word, 1999.

Books on spiritual formation are legion. Here is one that leads the way. It is a thoroughly biblical, theologically sound treatise that integrates information on the doctrine of sanctification with the plain, practical aspects of our lives. Included is information on such hotly discussed issues as the place of adversity, the nature of the flesh, the "full armor of God," keys to answered prayer, union with Christ, legalism, the obedience of faith, and much more. Highly recommended.

Johnson, Becca Cowan.

Good Guilt, Bad Guilt: An What To Do With Each.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996.

We all experience varying degrees of guilt, whether we realize it or not. Some are constantly overwhelmed with feelings of guilt, while others experience it less often. The important question, however, is what kind of guilt are we experiencing? In this book--which is really two books in one--Johnson describes the experiences of those seeking forgiveness from guilt caused by their sins (good guilt) as well as those seeking relief from needless, psychological guilt (bad guilt). Readers will benefit from both discussions. Concise, readable.

Lawson, Steven J.

Absolutely Sure: Settle the Question of Eternal Life.

Sisters, OR: Multnomah, 1999.

"Of all the Christian gifts and virtues, the most difficult one to fake is assurance. Lawson makes clear that either you have it or you don't. He then proceeds to examine the biblical foundations

upon which a lasting sense of security rests—convincing the insecure that if God be for us, who can be against us.”—D. James Kennedy.

Lightner, Robert Paul.

Sin, the Savior, and Salvation: The Theology of Everlasting Life.

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1991.

The author is thoroughly aware of the issues facing the church today. Without compromising his beliefs he sets forth the Biblical teaching on sin, the salvation Christ came to accomplish for believing sinners, and what it means to have eternal life. He deals tactfully, yet fairly, with the views of those who advocate “Lordship salvation” as essential to salvation, and explains the possibility of a believer backsliding. “In a clear, concise and uncomplicated way, he has presented the essential truth of salvation graciously provided by God.”--J. Dwight Pentecost.

Lutzer, Erwin Wesley.

How You Can Be Sure That You Will Spend Eternity With God.

Chicago: Moody, 1996.

Well-written, this monograph reduces theological postulates to lay terms so that the truth grips the heart of the reader filling him/her with expectation and causing unbelievers to wonder how they too can be saved. This book should be placed in every church library.

Lynch, Chuck.

“I Should Forgive, But” Finding Release From Anger and Bitterness.

Nashville: Word, 1998.

We all know that we should forgive those who have offended us, but we find it easier to cherish our anger. Here’s a book that shows us why we should, how we can begin, and what to say and do. Practical.

MacArthur, John F., Jr.

Charismatic Chaos.

Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1992.

This book is for those who have asked what “signs and wonders,” “speaking in tongues,” “health, wealth, and prosperity,” “prophets,” “praying in the spirit,” “healing,” and “miracles,” is all about. MacArthur is clear in his articulation of Scripture, and he leaves no one in doubt about what the Bible teaches. Pro-pentecostal preachers will need to answer MacArthur, not by pointing to experience but by reasoning with him from God’s Word.

MacArthur, John F., Jr.

Saved Without a Doubt.

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1992.

The periodic restatement of the Bible’s teaching on one’s assurance of salvation is essential to peace of mind and growth in grace of the believer. In this book MacArthur has done an excellent job of reaffirming the teaching of Scripture on the subject of eternal security, and it is must

reading for all who may at one time or another have doubts about their salvation. It is also an essential work for all church libraries.

MacArthur, John F., Jr.

The Freedom and Power of Forgiveness.

Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 1998.

Nine sermons covering the place and importance of forgiveness in the Christian life. As always, MacArthur leaves little room for disagreement. An appendix contains sermons by C. H. Spurgeon and Alexander Maclaren. Other appendixes deal with forgiveness, the atonement and the unpardonable sin.

Mathews, Robert Arthur.

Born for Battle: 31 Studies on Spiritual Warfare.

Wheaton, IL: Harold Shaw Publishers, 1993.

First published in 1978. Mathews shows that the history of the saints in every age is one of conflict. In this book he calls on Christians to engage in the spiritual battle spoken of in the Bible, and he challenges them to take on the offensive. The book is designed to be used as devotional reading for a month.

Mayhue, Richard.

The Healing Promise.

Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1994.

A well-informed, readable book that fully explains what the Bible teaches. Answers the questions, "Does God heal today?" "Why are some people healed and others not?" and "What about faith healers?" Recommended.

Middleton, J. Richard, and Brian J. Walsh.

Truth Is Stranger than It Used To Be: Biblical Faith in a Postmodern Age.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1995.

Takes a philosophical/theological approach to the problems of evil and redemption. Applies appropriate passages of Scripture (didactic as well as biographical) to the crises of our times. Provides a valid critique of the kinds of dilemmas people face. Insightful.

Moyer, R. Larry.

Free and Clear: Understanding and Communicating God's Offer of Eternal Life.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1997.

Deals with salvation, evangelistic work, and witness bearing. Tackles issues that often confuse Christians. Explains the essence of the gospel with clarity and precision.

Packer, James Innell.

Growing In Christ.

Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1994.

Originally published under the title *I Want To Be a Christian* (1977). Covers the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments. Provocative.

Peterson, David.

Possessed by God: A New Testament Theology of Sanctification and Holiness.

Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995.

Throughout this engaging study, Peterson builds his case on careful exegesis and relevant NT texts. At the same time he shows the pastoral strength of his findings by demonstrating that positional sanctification offers the greatest incentive for godly living and growth.

Rademacher, Earl D.

Salvation.

Nashville: Word, 2000.

A definitive work. Deals with the doctrine of salvation in the best evangelical tradition. Leads readers through the maze of conflicting views. Concludes with two Appendixes: "Will Infants Who Die Go to Heaven?" and "Repentance and Salvation." An excellent work.

Robinson, Martin.

Why the Cross?

London: Monarch, 2000.

A perceptive, evangelical work showing the absolute necessity of the death of Christ for mankind's salvation.

Ryken, Philip Graham.

The Message of Salvation: By God's Grace, for God's Glory.

Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2002.

Based on a series of sermons delivered to the congregation of the Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. Explains the message of salvation as the gracious message that glorifies God and persuades sinners to believe in Christ. An excellent discussion.

Ryrie, Charles Caldwell.

So Great Salvation: What It Means to Believe in Jesus Christ.

Chicago: Moody, 1997.

Theologians are not known for writing simply. Ryrie is an exception. His thinking is clear and his ability to articulate the essence of salvation—what it is and what it isn't—places all readers in his debt. Here is a book that can be read with confidence!

Sandberg, Jessie R.

Letting People Off the Hook.

Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1995.

"This is a book about beginnings--not endings," says the author. "It is about the first step all of us must make in the process of finding solutions to the problem of living in a sinful world. It will not eliminate the necessity of having to deal with ... the anger and hurt that come with living in a

flawed world where human beings, even those who love each other, cause pain.” Sandberg then explores the options available to each one of us as he points the way to building a forgiving lifestyle.

Sanders, John.

No Other Name: An Investigation Into the Destiny of the Unevangelized.

Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1992.

This book has many pluses. It is well-researched and well-written. And the author is serious about his desire to reconcile the tension between the belief that God desires the salvation of all mankind with the knowledge that salvation is found only in Christ. By citing the opinions of liberal theologians, Sanders further shows how additional tensions have been created for evangelicals. These quotations are helpful, but when the discussion centers in the criticisms/opinions of others the real issue, viz., “What does the Scripture teach?” is overlooked. In the end Sanders advocates a “wider hope” which allows good people eternal life, and requires the gospel to be preached to those who have turned their backs on God (p. 285).

Schmidt, Kenneth A.

Finding Your Way Home: Freeing the Child Within You and Discovering Wholeness in the Functional Family of God.

Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1990.

It's about time we looked at codependence through biblical eyes. Schmidt discusses the journey from bondage to bonding with such clarity that we feel compelled and encouraged to begin our restoration process immediately. He gives rejuvenating hope to all who choose to be set free.

Stanley, Charles F.

The Reason for My Hope.

Nashville: Nelson, 1997.

Stanley shows that, regardless of the difficulties and/or crises we face, there is a God who is at work intent upon bringing about our ultimate good and eternal glory. His great love is the foundation of our hope and the source of our confidence. These messages are timely and relevant.

Stromberg, John Frederick.

Shall Never Perish: Eternal Security Examined.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1991.

First published in 1936. “We doubt very much if a finer treatise on the assurance of salvation and the eternal security of the believer in Christ has ever been published, or can be written.... If anyone can remain a ‘doubting Thomas’ after perusal of this classic work on eternal security, he must be past conviction on the subject.”--The Witness

Wiersbe, Warren Wendell, comp.

Classical Sermons on Hope.

Selected for their significance, these sermons inspire hope, confidence, and patience. They also exude encouragement. Recommended. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1994.

Winslow, Octavius.

Help Heavenward: Guidance and Strength for the Christian's Life-Journey.

Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth, 2000.

First published in 1869. The Foreword by Joel R. Beeke provides a chapter by chapter summary of the contents showing the author's progressive thought. Readers will find that Winslow's grasp of the gospel is clear and unshakable, and his heart yearned to see believers rooted and grounded in the truth. Though not as inspirational as some have claimed, preachers will find a great deal of useful information within these pages.

Angelology

Anderson, Neil T., and Steve Russo.

The Seduction of Our Children.

Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1991.

"It's later than you think." This book serves as a wake-up call to parents. It presents in no uncertain terms the way children across the United States are being seduced into supposedly innocent practices through games (Ouija boards and parlor games) that are Satanic in their origin. The authors expose Satan's strategy and make strong recommendations to parents to alert them to what is happening, and encourage them to explain to their children the subtle dangers that face them.

Bubeck, Mark I.

The Rise of Fallen Angels: Victory Over the Adversary Through Spiritual Renewal.

Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.

"I wish every Christian would read *The Rise of Fallen Angels* and take its burning message to heart. Bubeck writes from the trenches, not from the ivory tower; and what he says is biblical and practical. If churches don't get back to the battle, our country is done for. Without warfare praying and confrontation with the enemy, there is no hope for the nation. The situation is desperate--but the Lord is able."--Warren W. Wiersbe.

Dean, Robert., Jr., and Thomas Ice.

What the Bible Teaches About Spiritual Warfare.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2000.

Previously published as *Overrun by Demons: The Church's New Preoccupation* with the Demonic (1990). These chapters avoid the hysteria and heterodoxy that has characterized the church's teaching for the past quarter of a century. The truths presented by the writers are on target and encourage believers to resist the devil and rest in the knowledge that God has given us in His Word.

Graham, William Franklin.

Angels.

Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1994.

Devotional thoughts on the ministry of angels to believers as well as their role as God's agents to all mankind. A good mix of theology and piety.

Jeremiah, David.

What the Bible Says About Angels: Powerful Guardians, a Mysterious Presence, God's Messengers.

Sisters, OR: Multnomah, 1996.

Within these pages there is one of the best, most reliable and practical discussions of angelology to appear in many years. Jeremiah's presentation is clear and logical, and it is devoid of the excesses found in similar works. Recommended.

Lightner, Robert Paul.

Angels, Satan and Demons: Invisible Beings that Inhabit the Spiritual World.

Nashville: Word, 1998.

Here is a complete book on angelology that lay people can enjoy. It is also reliable, bring free from fanciful speculation. Lightner deals first with the origin of angels and their beneficent ministry as God's messengers. Next he discusses the sin of Satan and those angels who accompanied him when he was cast out of heaven. Two excurses treat the "sons of God" in Genesis 6 and the "spirits in prison" in 1 Peter 3. This is followed by a discussion of Satan and his evil minions—as well as a discourse on spiritual warfare—the limitations of demonic power and their final destiny. We are indebted to Lightner for this commendable treatment of a neglected and often misunderstood area of theology.

Mayhue, Richard.

Unmasking Satan: Understanding Satan's Battle Plan and Biblical Strategies for Fighting Back.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2001.

First published in 1988. "[This book] is a practical study that shows you how to recognize the enemy, understand his strategy, and defeat him."—Warren Wiersbe.

Morey, Robert A.

Satan's Devices.

Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1993.

The cover carries the subtitle, "Breaking Free From the Schemes of the Enemy." All the books Morey has produced to date have been worthwhile, and this work is no exception. In it he provides his readers with a wise, well-informed treatise that covers all the bases. He moves the reader away from the false teachings abroad today and offers instead a balanced approach that will equip all who read this book with the kind of knowledge that will enable them to discern truth from falsehood and recognize Satan's game-plan. They can then take appropriate action. Helpful.

Rhodes, Ron.

Angels Among Us.

Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1994.

Expounds the Bible's teaching on angelic beings and their ministry o God's elect. Explains what is real and what isn't. Then provides solid answers to the pressing questions of our day.

Richards, Lawrence O.

Every Good and Evil Angel in the Bible.

Nashville: Nelson, 1997.

Interest in angelic beings has soared over the past decade. Here is an up-to-date discussion that highlights the Bible's teaching. It ably treats the Angel of the Lord while also discussing the roles of good angels. Adequate warning is contained in the chapters that treat fallen angels. An important corrective to mistaken emphases current today.

Russo, Steve.

The Devil's Playground.

Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1994.

Helps readers find out about spiritual warfare, learn to recognize Satan's influence in the world, and formulate a "battle plan." Straightforward; revealing.

Spurgeon, Charles Haddon.

Spurgeon's Sermons on Angels.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1996.

In twelve popular messages the "prince of expository preachers" of the last century explains the ministry of angels. Spurgeon also exposes the activities and future of fallen angels. Eye-opening. Makes rewarding reading.

Wagner, C. Peter, ed.

Engaging the Enemy: How to Fight and Defeat Territorial Spirits.

Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1991.

Unblushingly pro-charismatic. John Dawson writes of this book: "Our ancient adversary can be overcome. We need to lift ourselves out of a self-centered spirituality, a mentality that says we are victims rather than warriors. Fiery darts will come, but as we raise the shield of faith, we must take up the sword of the Spirit and join with others in contending for cities and nations. When we follow Jesus into battle our small steps of faith and obedience always contribute to a bigger victory than our own."

Wagner, C. Peter.

Warfare Prayer: How to Seek God's Power and Protection in the Battle to Build His Kingdom.

Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1992.

A mixture of charismatic confusion coupled with concern for the church. Uses and misuses Scripture often wresting quotations from the OT and NT from their context, and mixing pleasing annotations with practical exhortation.

Eschatology

Couch, Mal, ed.

Dictionary of Premillennial Theology.

Chicago: Moody, 1996.

Here is a fact-filled book that covers the biblical covenants, hermeneutics, theologians of all persuasions, amillennialism and other approaches to prophecy, the theology of different books of the Bible, different expressions (e.g., “birth pangs”), Judaism’s past, present and future (as portrayed in Romans 9—11), and much more. Significant articles have representative bibliographies appended to them. This is a most important, practical book that people of all persuasions should read. Recommended.

Ellisen, Stanley A.

Three Worlds in Conflict: The High Drama of Biblical Prophecy.

Sisters, OR: Multnomah, 1998.

Chapter 1 is appropriately titled “God’s Preview of Tomorrow,” and it sets the stage for the rest of the book. Though published posthumously, this work provides readers with a satisfactory survey of God’s eternal program for His creatures (angelic and human), from the beginning in the Garden of Eden to the consummation of God’s plan for the ages. Ellisen’s approach is thoroughly biblical, and throughout he keeps his readers focused on God’s sovereign control of all things (including the machinations of Satan and the self-will of human beings). Ellisen’s thought is clear and his style is convincing. Here’s a good book. Read it ... and you’ll be blessed.

LaHaye, Tim, and Thomas Ice.

Charting the End Times,

Eugene, OR: Harvest, 2001.

While all readers will not agree with everything the authors present, the book provides a well constructed overview of the prophetic scriptures. The authors move beyond the seven dispensations to correlate the teaching of God’s Word with events past and present. Premillennial.

Mathison, Keith A.

Postmillennialism: An Eschatology of Hope.

Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 1999.

A definitive work in which the author critiques premillennialism, is tolerant of amillennialism, and makes a strong plea for postmillennialism.

Mayhue, Richard L., and Robert L. Thomas, gen. eds.

The Master’s Perspective on Biblical Prophecy.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2002.

Contains essays selected from articles published in *The Master’s Seminary Journal*. Covers God’s plan and purpose for Israel, the future Davidic Kingdom, Israel’s mission to the nations (Isaiah 40—55), and much more. An excellent compendium.

Walvoord, John Flipse.

Prophecy in the New Millennium: A Fresh Look at Future Events.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2001.

Walvoord has rightly been called the “dean” of eschatology. His writings span most of the 20th century. In this volume he draws upon his vast knowledge of God’s prophetic word to explain how what was predicted centuries ago is beginning to be fulfilled in our day. Here is a book that will stimulate readers to eagerly anticipate the coming of the Lord.

Walvoord, John Flipse.

Prophecy: Fourteen Essential Keys to Understanding the Final Drama.

Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1993.

Walvoord is a recognized authority in the field of Biblical eschatology. He explains the essentials to understanding prophecy in this book. Using hundreds of Scripture references, he shows us how to interpret prophecy and sift through the confusion of differing points of view. Clear and easy-to-understand, this is an excellent work for lay people. Recommended.

West, Nathaniel.

The Thousand Year Reign of Christ.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 19993.

Originally published in 1899 under the title *Studies in Eschatology*. Contains a foreword by Wilbur M. Smith, who calls this book “One of the greatest volumes of prophetic study ever published in this country [and] in many ways, the most learned work on this aspect of Biblical prophecy ever to appear in the English language.” Recommended.

Zuck, Roy B., ed.

Vital Prophetic Issues: Examining Promises and Problems in Eschatology.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Resources, 1995.

A compilation of essays from *Bibliotheca Sacra* that deal with the essentials of prophetic interpretation, the nature of the Millennium, and the scope of God’s Kingdom program in the OT and NT. After this the contributors explain key passages like Matthew 24--25 and 1 Thessalonians 4--5. Insightful. Deals adequately with the need to maintain Biblical distinctions.

New Testament Prophecy

End Of The Church Age, Signs Of The Times

Benware, Paul N.

Understanding End Times Prophecy: A Comprehensive Approach.

Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.

This book meets a real need. It is readable, relevant, and reliable. Benware begins by establishing a basis for the interpretation of Bible prophecy. Upon this premise he proceeds to discuss the different approaches people have taken to understanding God's prophetic Word. His own approach is shown to be clear and consistent in his interpretation of different passages of Scripture. Of great importance is Benware's handling of Daniel's "Seventieth Week." Several appendices conclude this book. Readers will find *Understanding End Times Prophecy* to be a practical and insightful work.

Chandler, Russell.

Racing Toward 2001.

Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1992.

Forecasting is not new. In business, and depending on the type of company, sales figures are projected for future quarters, and five and ten year prognostications are made. These are done with monotonous regularity. In this book, Chandler has indulged in some forecasting of his own. As a news reported, he has spent years dealing with demographic shifts in population, economic trends and revolutions in international politics, ethical quandaries and mass communication. Now, to these issues must be added the World Wide Web and the Information Highway. Where is all this leading? Most certainly to change; quite possibly to chaos; but most assuredly also to the consummation of the age. Here is a book about what might take place in the near future. It differs from most others in that it was written by a journalist, not a theologian.

Dyer, Charles H.

World News and Bible Prophecy.

Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1993.

Focuses on Israel and the Middle East. Explains world news in light of predictions found in the Bible. Shows how events predicted millennia ago are coming to pass. A sane, sound, insightful discussion. Recommended to all who desire to have their faith quickened and strengthened.

Dyer, Charles H., and A. E. Hunt.

The Rise of Babylon: Sign of the End Times.

Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1991.

These chapters grew out of the author's visits to Iraq and his personal examination of Saddam Hussein's building of a "new" Babylon next to the ruins of Nebuchadnezzar's capital. Information about Hussein's megalomania is almost as interesting as Dyer's pulling together of Biblical passages dealing with the role of Babylon in the end times.

Hindson, Ed.

Final Signs.

Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1996.

With remarkable restraint, Hindson interprets contemporary events in light of the prophetic Scriptures. He discusses the coming world government, the rise of the Antichrist and the False Prophet, includes a description of the events that will precede Armageddon, and clarifies mistaken views about the signs that precede of Christ's return. Recommended.

Ice, Thomas, and Kenneth L. Gentry, Jr.

The Great Tribulation: Past or Future. Two Evangelicals Debate the Question.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1999.

Structured in the form of a debate, Gentry begins by explaining why he believes the tribulation is past. His opening essays are followed by Ice's presentation of the premillennial position. Each then critiques the others views.

Ice, Thomas, and Timothy Demy, eds.

When the Trumpet Sounds.

Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1995.

This collection of essays attempts to sort out the questions relating to Christ's second coming, and do so in a way that will inform prophecy "buffs" as well as those who are eager to understand what the future holds. Written from a pretribulational perspective. The 21 contributors to this book discuss exegetically and practically the rapture passages in the Old and New testaments, describe the signs that will precede Christ's second coming, and then assess the early church's understanding of the rapture. Each chapter is grounded in the Scriptures, and what emerges is a consideration of the issues that is both encouraging and enlightening.

LaHaye, Tim F.

No Fear of the Storm: Why Christians Will Escape All the Tribulation.

Sisters, OR: Multnomah Press, 1992.

Though popularly written, these chapters cover all of the issues and treat carefully and honestly the events of the Rapture and the Tribulation. Here is a book that will answer the questions many believers have been afraid to ask.

Pate, C. Marvin, and Calvin B. Haines, jr.

Doomsday Delusions: What's Wrong with Predictions About the End of the World.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1995.

The authors believe in the imminence of Christ's return. Their tension is with the misinterpretations and misapplications of the Scriptures that result in the fixing of dates or in aberrant behavior. They examine the social and psychological consequences of such erroneous teaching, and that is what makes their book so unique. Read it for a healthy balance.

Rausch, David A.

The Middle East Maze: Israel and Her Neighbors.

Chicago: Moody Press, 1991.

Provides essential information for all who are interested in understanding the Middle East malaise. Informative chapters set the stage for what will happen in the future by dealing with the history of the different countries and why they are opposed to Israel. Then Egypt and Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, Iraq and Iran, Lybia and the PLO, and Saudi Arabia are discussed in sequence. This is a valuable introduction to understanding what lies behind the news.

Ryrie, Charles Caldwell.

Come Quickly, Lord Jesus: What You Need to Know About the Rapture.

Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1996.

Writing in a clear and understandable manner, and illustrating his material with line drawings, Ryrie leads the reader through the conflicting theories relating to Christ's second coming. Ideal for lay people.

Showers, Renald E.

The Pre-Wrath Rapture: An Examination and Critique.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2001.

Critiques Rosenthal's Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church and Van Kampen's The Sign, both of which see the return of Christ coming after most of the 70th week of Daniel 9 has been fulfilled.

Swenson, Richard A.

Hurling Toward Oblivion: A Logical Argument for the End of the Age.

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1999.

"Here in a brief and highly readable form is a fascinating and amazingly comprehensive catalog of the many puzzling and significant global forces in our present world. Here are no simplistic proposals, rather foundational grist for the mill of the fearless believer. These facts won't wear out."—Ralph D. Winter.

Walvoord, John Flipse.

End Times: Understanding Today's World Events in Biblical Prophecy.

Nashville: Nelson, 1998.

Walvoord was one of the clearest thinkers on biblical prophecy. His breadth of understanding is awesome, and in this book he ably fulfills the subtitle while answering the kind of questions people are asking.

Walvoord, John Flipse.

The Church in Prophecy: Exploring God's Purpose for the Present Age. Rev. ed.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1999.

First published in 1964. An essential work that meets a very real need in eschatological literature.

Second Advent, Rapture

Campbell, Donald K., and Jeffrey L. Townsend, eds.

A Case for Premillennialism: A New Consensus.

Chicago: Moody Press, 1992.

A team of nationally recognized scholars write to correct misimpressions about Premillennialism that have been circulating for far too long.. They keep the focus of readers on "the blessed hope." Though from diverse theological backgrounds, what these scholars have to say is worth reading.

They also present evidence that should convince skeptics of the Biblical correctness of their beliefs. Recommended.

Ice, Thomas, and Timothy J. Demy, eds.

The Return: Understanding Christ's Second Coming and the End Times.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1999.

Differs from other works on this subject in that it interacts with current theories. Provides an excellent discussion of 1 Thessalonians 4 and 2 Thessalonians 2. "Here is a book that will help answer questions people have concerning various aspects of eschatology, including the time of the rapture. It deals with the interpretation of relevant passages of Scripture, hermeneutics, immanency, history, and other subjects important to a proper understanding of the rapture."—Charles C. Ryrie.

Noe, John.

The Apocalypse Conspiracy.

Brentwood, TN: Wolgemuth and Hyatt, 1991.

The thrust of the book is that the world may not end soon--certainly not as soon as premillennialists expect. Noe challenges readers to consider what they should be doing between now and the consumation of the age. He realizes that some of his readers may be unsaved and appeals to them to place their faith in Christ as their Savior, maintain a lifestyle of dedication to the will of God, and keep the world in perspective by adhering to the historic Christian faith. He states that those who expect the imminent return of Christ are wrong. This assumption is based on the fact that two millennia have passed and Christ still has not returned. Noe, having repudiated some of the tenets of Bible prophecy that proponents of an imminent advent believe and teach, does not hesitate to label those who teach such doctrine "conspirators." And having said that, he claims that those who hold to a literal interpretation of prophetic passages have deliberately deluded people, distorted the truth, and used fear as a motivational technique. In reality, what Noe does is constantly set up straw men only to knock them down. Knowledgeable readers will find that the author repeatedly distorts the truth because and bases many of his conclusions on misinformation. What will surprise many is that a work such as this one was published by a supposedly conservative publishing house.

Van Kampen, Robert.

The Sign.

Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1992.

Van Kampen believes that the Church will go through the great tribulation brought on by the Antichrist, but be raptured before the wrath of God is outpoured on the earth. This view can only be held because the author sees the great tribulation as the work of Antichrist and so can distinguish it from the outpouring of God's wrath during the Day of the Lord. But his thesis is no stronger than his initial premise, and it is difficult to maintain such a view when compared to other Scriptures (e.g., Isaiah 3:7, 18; 4:1ff.; 11:10--12:6; 24:21-23; etc.) that indicate a definite period of time. On the positive side, this work has been thoroughly researched and deserves consultation.

Wiersbe, Warren Wendell, comp.

Classic Sermons on the Second Coming and Other Prophetic Themes.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1992.

Contains 12 sermons by preachers of the caliber of C. H. Spurgeon, H. A. Ironside, C. E.

Macartney, William Culbertson, James S. Stewart, and others. What they committed to writing is valuable for the ideas each message contains as well as the techniques each preacher used.

Millennium, Kingdom Age

Campbell, Donald Keith, and J. L. Townsend, eds.

The Coming Millennial Kingdom: A Case for Premillennial Interpretation.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1997.

First published in 1992 under the title *A Case for Premillennialism*. Provides evidence that proves beyond doubt a future, literal Kingdom of Christ upon the earth. Collectively these essays make a most convincing case for premillennialism.

Culver, Robert Duncan.

The Earthly Reign of Our Lord with His People: Biblical Millennialism without Covenantal or Dispensational Presuppositions. 3d Rev. ed.

Rushford, MN: Vinegar Hill, 1999.

Originally published in 1977 under the title *Daniel and the Latter Days*. Worthy of repeated consultation.

Future State

Blanchard, John.

Whatever Happened To Hell?

Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1995.

Most people today do not believe in a personal devil or a place called “hell.” In this work an evangelical pastor deals with the absolutes that undergird the fundamentals of the faith, and demonstrates from Scripture that what the Bible teaches about the place of eternal punishment is true.

Fudge, Edward William, and Robert A. Peterson.

Two Views of Hell: A Biblical and Theological Debate.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2000.

Fudge has previously written on the topic of conditional mortality. His views have been accepted by those who do not believe that “eternal punishment” is eternal. Peterson has likewise written on the subject in *Hell on Trial: The Case for Eternal Punishment*. Here is a dialogue that is well informed and likely to prompt discussion in a variety of theological contexts.

Lutzer, Erwin Wesley.

One Minute After You Die: A Preview of Your Final Destination.

Chicago: Moody, 1997.

Combines apologetics with biblical eschatology to provide a clear, concise explanation of the future destiny of the believer. Discusses death, the New Jerusalem, Hell, the body, and the assurance of eternal life. Insightful.

Lutzer, Erwin Wesley.

Your Eternal Reward: Triumph and Tears at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Chicago: Moody, 1998.

Challenges readers with the prospect of standing before Christ's judgment. Explains what believers can gain as well as what they may lose. Deals persuasively with the way Christians can lay up for themselves treasure in heaven. A timely discussion that is highly recommended.

Stowell, Joseph M., III.

Eternity: Reclaiming the Passion for What Endures.

Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.

In this profoundly disturbing and imminently practical book, Stowell shows that when heaven is a practical reality in a person's life, the individual's actions and responses become radically rearranged. His or her life has a new focal point that brings all of life into balance. Well-illustrated, this work is must reading for every Christian.

Wall, Joe L.

Going for the Gold.

Chicago: Moody Press, 1991.

"A fine, in-depth study of what lies ahead for believers at the judgment seat of Christ that will encourage, convict, and motivate all who read it."--Charles C. Ryrie.

Death

Habermas, Gary R., and James Porter Moreland.

Beyond Death: Exploring the Evidence for Immortality.

Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 1998.

Divided into three sections: (1) The Evidence for Immortality, (2) The Nature of Immortality, and (3) The Implications of Immortality. Brings scientific, philosophical, anthropological, ethical, and biblical data together to provide a reliable treatise from which all readers can profit. Highly recommended!

Harvey, Nicholas Peter.

Death's Gift: Chapters on Resurrection and Bereavement.

Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans publishing Co., 1995.

Harvey sheds new light on Jesus' death and resurrection by examining the experiences of the disciples from the perspective of their bereavement. He demonstrates that fruitful parallels can be drawn between what happened to the disciples following the death of Christ and our own experience of bereavement. In drawing out the range of such parallels, Harvey shows that Jesus' resurrection is intelligible only in the context of a particular bereavement which, in its turn, informs our own sense of mortality.

Lightner, Robert Paul.

Safe in the Arms of Jesus: God's Provision for the Death of Those Who Cannot Believe.
Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2000.

Breathes comfort to all who have lost a child. Recommended.

Rawlings, Maurice S.

To Hell and Back: Life After Death--Startling New Evidence.
Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1993.

Is there life after death? How reliable are "near death" testimonies? Rawlings, a physician, shares with his readers the experiences of some of his patients. "Only the inquiring mind of a medical research scientist could produce such a powerful book."--David Mainse.

Immortality

Habermas, Gary R., and James Porter Moreland.

Immortality: The Other Side of Death.
Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1992.

Answers the questions everyone asks at one time or another. Contains the latest scientific evidence on life after death, and also provides a realistic explanation of "near-death experiences." The authors present compelling evidence for life after death. So what really happens to a person when he or she dies? This book has the answer. Read it and find out the truth.

Zodhiates, Spiros.

Life After Death.
Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 1989.

Contains 38 brief chapters based on selected passages from the OT and NT. The material is presented in a clear, compelling manner. Each chapter offers proof in support of life after death, both for the righteous and the unrighteous.

Judgment, Destiny Of The Wicked

Crockett, William, ed.

Four Views of Hell.
Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1992.

Scholars--representing (1) the literal view of hell as a place of fiery torment, (2) the metaphoric view of hell as a place of eternal, conscious torment, (3) the Roman Catholic doctrine of purgatory, and (4) a place where sin is atoned for and then the wicked is annihilated--provide articles in support of their viewpoint. Each article is then critiqued by the others, with a final response by original writer. This process allows the reader to interact with the pros and cons of each view.

Heaven

Donnelly, Edward.

The Biblical Teaching on the Doctrines of Heaven and Hell.

Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth, 2001.

Begins with a brief discussion of the biblical teaching on Hell. Against this somber background the author paints a vivid picture of heaven. Makes the final destiny of the believer a glorious reality.

MacArthur, John F., Jr.

The Glory of Heaven: The Truth About Heaven, Angels and Eternal Life.

Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1996.

In this book MacArthur steps into the arena to salvage the Biblical doctrines mentioned in the subtitle from the limbo to which proponents of New Age beliefs have relegated them. Important chapters include "What Heaven Will Be Like," the "New Jerusalem," and "What We Will Be Like In Heaven." Four important appendices--each a sermon by a renowned Reformed theologian--complete this book.

Morrow, Barry L.

Heaven Observed: Glimpses of Transcendence in Everyday Life.

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2001.

"I love this portrait of Heaven. It makes an otherwise inscrutable truth into an understandable reality that you can grasp with your head and heart."—Tim Timmons.

Rhodes, Ron.

The Undiscovered Country.

Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1996.

Answers the question, "What can we expect beyond the doorway to eternity?" In eleven chapters Rhodes places before his readers one of the best and most reliable books about heaven ever to come from a printer's press. Breathes encouragement and reassurance. Of particular value to all who are approaching life's inevitable exodus. Recommended.

Apologetics

Abanes, Richard.

Cults, New Religious Movements, and Your Family: A Guide to Ten Non-Christian Groups Out to Convert Your Loved Ones.

Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 1998.

In this well-researched and lucidly written book, Abanes deals with some of the sociologically mainstream religious groups, demonstrating how they seek to lead people away from the God of Scripture.

Ankerberg, John, and John Weldon.

Ready with an Answer.

Eugene, OR: Harvest, 1997.

Here is a book of rare apologetic value. The contents covers three primary areas: Jesus Christ as the most unique man in history; creation and the unique phenomenon of existence; and the Bible as the most unique book on earth. Well-researched. Recommended.

Ankerberg, John, and John Weldon.

The Coming Darkness.

Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1993.

Ably introduced by Walter R. Martin, this book is at once timely and discerning. The authors face the evils of occultism head on and expose the harmful effects that sooner or later occur in the lives of practitioners. The excellencies of their presentation are many. Their book deserves to be read over and over again.

Boa, Kenneth D., and Robert M. Bowman, Jr.

Faith Has Its Reasons: An Integrative Approach to Defending Christianity.

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2001.

The merits of this book are legion. It deals comprehensively with the history of apologetics as well as the leading apologists from each school of thought. Though written from a strongly Reformed point of view, the authors favor an integrative approach. The book concludes with information about apologetic websites and a 37 page bibliography. This book is not for lazy minds. It will reward those who are prepared to invest the time to master the authors' lucid discussions. Recommended.

Clifford, Ross, ed.

Leading Lawyers Look At the Resurrection.

Claremont, CA: Albatross Books, 1991.

This book is a valuable apologetic resource. It contains chapters by people of yesteryear as well as some by contemporary thinkers. Included among the contributors are Judge Edmund Bennett, John Warwick Montgomery, Sir Robert Anderson, Lord Hailsham, Sir Norman Anderson, and others. Reading what these learned men have written is a mind-stretching experience. Appendix I is comprised of an annotated bibliography that in and of itself is worth more than the price of the book. All things considered, this is an excellent monograph. Highly recommended!

Colson, Charles W., and Anne Morse.

Burden of Truth: Defending the Truth in an Age of Unbelief.

Wheaton, IL: Tyndale, 1997.

“The key to carrying any burden is balance, and no one conveys the truth with more reason, compassion, and balance than Chuck Colson. To read [this book] is to walk through the dazzling ruins of our time with the wisest of Christian companions.”—Gary Bauer.

Culver, Robert Duncan.

A Wakeup Call.

Clayton, CA: Witness, Inc., 1993.

In this well-written monograph, Culver, for many years a professor of theology at Wheaton College and the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, exposes the false teaching about the resurrection of Christ, the soul of man, and the believing dead, that is being propagated by certain faculty members at the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, IL. Readers of this book will find that Culver is a careful scholar, and that what he has written demands a response. This is a fine example of a competent, evangelical critique of a pervasive error that threatens to spread through the Evangelical Free Church of America and to churches pastored by those graduates of TEDS who have accepted these unsound theories.

Evans, C. Stephen.

Why Believe? Reason and Mystery as Pointers to God.

Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1996.

First published in 1986 under the title, *The Quest for Faith*. This book provides a clear, cogent presentation of the connection between faith and reason. Evans makes a solid case for historic Christian belief, and tackles head-on common objections like “Why does a good God permit evil?” “Is Christian belief unscientific?” “Is Christianity sexist?” “If Christianity is true, why have so many social evils been done in the name of Christ?” Reformed.

Geisler, Norman Leo.

Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics.

Grand Rapids: Baker, 1999.

This is a goldmine of valuable information! Well-indexed. Covers everything from “Absolute Truth” to “Zen Buddhism.” Extensive articles on such topics as “Agnosticism,” “Annihilationism,” “Bible, Alleged Errors in,” “Gnosticism,” “Miracles in the Bible,” “New Testament Manuscripts,” and “Objections to Resurrection,” “Big Bang Theory,” “Edward John Carnell,” “Christ, Death of,” are only a few of the insightful essays in this masterful work. Each article has been written in an understandable way, and a 28 page bibliography forms a valuable source for further research. An excellent resource. Buy it!

Geivett, R. Douglas, and Gary R. Habermas, eds.

In Defense of Miracles: A Comprehensive Case for God's Actions in History.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1997.

A valuable compendium of essays beginning with two that seek to refute the miraculous. These are followed by sections on the possibility of miracles, the theistic context for miracles, and specific case studies. Included are studies that treat fulfilled prophecy and the incarnation and resurrection of Christ.

Greenleaf, Simon.

The Testimony of the Evangelists: The Gospels Examined by the Rules of Evidence Administered in Courts of Justice.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1995.

The contents of this book was first published as the introduction to Greenleaf's harmony of the gospels that was issued in 1874. Using the laws of evidence, Greenleaf shows the remarkable accuracy of the gospel records and how their united testimony confirms their message. This is a valuable apologetic work. Recommended!

Groothuis, Douglas R.

Deceived By the Light.

Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1995.

What are Christians to make of near-death experiences on the one hand, and the writings of people such as Betty Eadie and her book *Embraced By the Light* on the other? Groothuis, whose earlier works included *Unmasking the New Age*, asks some probing questions about these death-like experiences and then provides some sorely needed answers. Recommended.

Guinness, Os.

The Journey: Our Quest for Faith and Meaning, ed. by G. Koloszye.

Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2001.

Uses the writings of individuals from Plato and the Apostle Paul to C. S. Lewis and Martin Luther King, Jr., to illustrate the importance of questions arising out of one's culture, the need to provide realistic answers, the place of evidences, and the importance of a commitment to the truth. Stimulating.

Horton, Michael Scott.

We Believe: Recovering the Essentials of the Apostles' Creed.

Nashville: Word, 1998.

Though written for lay people, this work deals adequately with each aspect of this historic creed. Horton outlines the history of redemption as well as the basic beliefs of the early church. This is not a dry "manual" on theology, but a useful resource for Christians living in a postmodern world.

Jeremiah, David, and C. C. Carlson.

Invasion of Other Gods: Protecting Your Family from the Seduction of New Age Spirituality.

Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1995.

Two decades ago the New Age movement aroused relatively little interest. Now it pervades every area of our lives. The authors expose the inroads of error made by this movement, and encourage

their readers to take a stand for what is right. This is a powerful, well-written apologetic. Recommended.

Johnson, Phillip E.

Defeating Darwinism by Opening Minds.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1997.

A sequel to *Darwin on Trial*. Exposes the illogical and misleading claims of evolutionary naturalism, and explains the devastating impact of Darwinism on different disciplines.

Recommended.

Johnson, Phillip E.

Objections Sustained: Subversive Essays on Evolution, Law and Culture.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1998.

This is a provocative and enlightening expose of the impact Darwinian evolution has had on science and society. Johnson combines a broad knowledge of biology with the incisive logic of a jurist. Everyone who is concerned about education and contemporary sociology must read this book!

Johnson, Phillip E.

Reason in the Balance: The Case Against Naturalism in Science, Law and Education.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1995.

Johnson fires a major salvo at current proponents of antisupernatural materialistic philosophers. "No one who cares to understand the contemporary culture wars and be involved in their resolution can afford to neglect this book."—J. P. Moreland.

Kreeft, Peter, and Ronald Keith Tacelli.

Handbook on Christian Apologetics: Hundreds of Answers to Crucial Questions.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1994.

Two professors from Boston College team up and tackle a variety of issues, including faith and reason, the existence of God, the problem of evil, the deity of Christ (in particular His resurrection), and much more. Provocative; helpful.

Lee, Richard, and Ed Hindson.

Angels of Deceit: The Masterminds Behind Religious Deceptions.

Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1993.

Why are various cults so successful at luring thousands or even millions of followers? "Never have we been confronted by as many false teachers as we are today. [This is] an interesting, informative book that exposes all the most popular deceivers and their followers. [It is] a book well worth reading, one you will refer to again and again."--Tim LaHaye.

Mayers, Ronald B.

Balanced Apologetics: Using Evidences and Presuppositions in Defense of the Faith.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1996.

First published in 1984 under the title *Both/And*. Champions the use of the Bible and reason in the defense of Christianity. Provides believers with a solid foundation upon which to build and defend their faith.

Morris, John D.

Noah's Ark and the Ararat Adventure. 2d ed.

Colorado Springs, CO: Master Books, 1994.

First published in 1988. Designed for ages 8 through adult. Colonel James Irwin wrote of it: "This work is one of the most accurate, entertaining, and educational books available.... Readers will enjoy it again and again." Recommended.

Newport, John P.

The New Age Movement and the Biblical Worldview.

Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998.

The postmodern claim that secular science, materialism, and traditional Christianity are defunct has produced a worldview crisis for contemporary society. Since the late 1960s the New Age movement has become an increasingly acceptable alternative to traditional worldviews. Its influence has become so widespread that many Christians have become caught up in certain phases of its teaching. Within these pages is a comprehensive expose of the New Age movement and the impact of its beliefs on contemporary Christian culture.

Phillips, Timothy R., and Dennis L. Okholm, eds.

Christian Apologetics in the Postmodern World.

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1995.

Examines religious pluralism and provides a deft analysis of our postmodern society. Suggests an effective strategy for reaching those within our culture who are infatuated with secular approaches and psychological solutions to spiritual issues.

Scott, Brad.

Embraced by the Darkness: Exposing New Age Theology from the Inside Out.

Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1996.

In answer to New Age books that emphasize encountering a bright light, this book, by a former yogi, deals with the major tenets of the sect and in place of error offers the truth of God's Word. An excellent apologetic. Buy it!

Storey, Dan.

Defending Your Faith: Reliable Answers for a New Generation of Seekers and Skeptics.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1997.

First published in 1992. "This may be the most important apologetics book for lay readers since Josh McDowell's *Evidence that Demands a Verdict*."—Elliot Miller.

Story, Dan.

Christianity on the Offensive: Responding to the Beliefs and Assumptions of Spiritual Seekers.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1998.

Centered in the quest for truth, this book exposes the increasingly antagonistic attitude of the “politically correct” toward those who do not adhere to their rejection of the truth as it is contained in the Bible. Brief and powerful, this book deserves repeated reading.

Wakely, Michael.

Can It Be True? A Personal Pilgrimage Through Faith and Doubt.

Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2002.

Have you ever wondered if the claims of Christianity are true? If so, then you will find help and assurance in the author's honest discussion of the issues.

Weston, Paul.

My Problem With Christianity Is

Wheaton, IL: Harold Shaw Publishers, 1992.

This book is designed to get people thinking. No matter where they are on their spiritual journey--whether they're already Christians or are opposed to Christianity--this book offers a sympathetic, well-informed response to their personal needs. It is “provocative” in the best sense of the word.

Wilder-Smith, Arthur Ernest.

He Who Thinks Has To Believe.

Translated by P. Wilder-Smith. Costa Mesa, CA: TWFT Publishers, 1991.

A remarkably perceptive little volume that deals with the way we perceive truth. Wilder-Smith then applies this principle to the theory of evolution. This is a valuable apologetic.

Zacharias, Ravi.

Jesus Among Other Gods: The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message.

Nashville: Word, 2000.

A well-reasoned, realistic assessment of the pressures brought to bear on Christians in the present pluralistic age.

Zuck, Roy B., ed.

Vital Apologetic Issues: Examining Reason and Revelation in Biblical Perspective.

Grand Rapids: Kregel Resources, 1995.

Divided into three parts. Discusses problems such as the nature and origin of evil; creation and evolution; and Biblical revelation. Answers questions inquirers are asking, and does so in a reasoned and responsible way. Recommended.

