

# Whose Religion Is Christianity The Gospel Beyond The West

AS RECOGNIZED, ADVENTURE AS CAPABLY AS EXPERIENCE ABOUT LESSON, AMUSEMENT, AS WITH EASE AS ARRANGEMENT CAN BE GOTTEN BY JUST CHECKING OUT A EBOOK **WHOSE RELIGION IS CHRISTIANITY THE GOSPEL BEYOND THE WEST** AS A CONSEQUENCE IT IS NOT DIRECTLY DONE, YOU COULD TOLERATE EVEN MORE IN RELATION TO THIS LIFE, AROUND THE WORLD.

WE PROVIDE YOU THIS PROPER AS CAPABLY AS SIMPLE PRETENTIOUSNESS TO GET THOSE ALL. WE MEET THE EXPENSE OF **WHOSE RELIGION IS CHRISTIANITY THE GOSPEL BEYOND THE WEST** AND NUMEROUS BOOK COLLECTIONS FROM FICTIONS TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN ANY WAY. IN THE MIDST OF THEM IS THIS **WHOSE RELIGION IS CHRISTIANITY THE GOSPEL BEYOND THE WEST** THAT CAN BE YOUR PARTNER.

**STEALING JESUS** - BRUCE BAWER 1998-10-20  
FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE WIDELY ACCLAIMED **A PLACE AT THE TABLE**, THIS IS A MAJOR WORK, PASSIONATELY OUTSPOKEN AND COGENTLY REASONED, THAT EXPOSES THE GREAT DANGER POSED TO CHRISTIANITY TODAY BY FUNDAMENTALISM. THE TIME IS PAST, SAYS BRUCE BAWER, WHEN DENOMINATIONAL NAMES AND OTHER TRADITIONAL LABELS PROVIDED AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF CHRISTIAN AMERICA'S RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRACTICES. THE

MEANINGFUL DISTINCTION TODAY IS NOT BETWEEN PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC, OR BAPTIST AND EPISCOPALIAN, BUT RATHER BETWEEN "LEGALISTIC" AND "NONLEGALISTIC" RELIGION, BETWEEN THE CHURCH OF LAW AND THE CHURCH OF LOVE. ON ONE SIDE IS THE FUNDAMENTALIST RIGHT, WHICH DRAWS A SHARP DISTINCTION BETWEEN "SAVED" AND "UNSAVED" AND WORSHIPS A GOD OF WRATH AND JUDGMENT; ON THE OTHER ARE MORE MAINSTREAM CHRISTIANS WHO VIEW ALL HUMANKIND AS CHILDREN OF A

LOVING GOD WHO CALLS THEM TO BREAK DOWN BARRIERS OF HATE, PREJUDICE, AND DISTRUST. POINTING OUT THAT THE SUPPOSEDLY "TRADITIONAL" BELIEFS OF AMERICAN FUNDAMENTALISM--ABOUT WHICH MOST MAINSTREAM CHRISTIANS, CLERGY INCLUDED, KNOW SHOCKINGLY LITTLE--ARE IN FACT OF RELATIVELY RECENT ORIGIN, ARE DISTINCTIVELY AMERICAN IN MANY WAYS, AND ARE DRAMATICALLY AT ODDS WITH THE VALUES THAT JESUS ACTUALLY SPREAD, BAWER FASCINATINGLY DEMONSTRATES THE WAY IN WHICH THESE BELIEFS HAVE INCREASINGLY COME TO SUPPLANT GENUINELY FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIAN TENETS IN THE AMERICAN CHURCH AND TO BECOME SYNONYMOUS WITH CHRISTIANITY IN THE MINDS OF MANY PEOPLE. STEALING JESUS IS THE RINGING TESTAMENT OF A MAN WHO IS EQUALLY DISTURBED BY THE NOTION OF AN AMERICA WITHOUT CHRISTIANITY AND THE NOTION OF AN AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT LOVE AND COMPASSION.

INTRODUCING CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY - BRIAN M. HOWELL 2019-06-18

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF CULTURE IN HUMAN EXPERIENCE? THIS CONCISE YET SOLID INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY HELPS READERS EXPLORE AND UNDERSTAND THIS CRUCIAL ISSUE FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE. NOW REVISED AND UPDATED THROUGHOUT, THIS NEW EDITION OF A SUCCESSFUL TEXTBOOK COVERS STANDARD CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY TOPICS WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO

CULTURAL RELATIVISM, EVOLUTION, AND MISSIONS. IT ALSO INCLUDES A NEW CHAPTER ON MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY. PLENTIFUL FIGURES, PHOTOS, AND SIDEBARS ARE SPRINKLED THROUGHOUT THE TEXT, AND UPDATED ANCILLARY SUPPORT MATERIALS AND TEACHING AIDS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH BAKER ACADEMIC'S TEXTBOOK eSOURCES.

*DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS* - LAMIN O. SANNEH 2008  
TRACING THE RISE OF CHRISTIANITY TO ITS KEY ROLE IN EUROPE'S MARITIME AND COLONIAL EXPANSION, THIS TEXT SHEDS LIGHT ON THE WAYS IN WHICH SOCIETIES IN AFRICA, ASIA, AND LATIN AMERICA HAVE BEEN DRAWN INTO THE CHRISTIAN ORBIT.

*CHRISTIANITY REDISCOVERED* - DONOVAN, VINCENT J.  
2019-10-29

**THE CASE FOR CHRIST** - LEE STROBEL 1998  
AWARD-WINNING REPORTER AND AUTHOR LEE STROBEL USES HIS INVESTIGATIVE SKILLS TO ADDRESS THE PRIMARY OBJECTIONS TO CHRISTIANITY.

THE DIVINE COMMODITY - SKYE JETHANI 2009-05-26  
THE CHALLENGE FACING CHRISTIANITY TODAY IS NOT A LACK OF MOTIVATION OR RESOURCES, BUT A FAILURE OF IMAGINATION. A GROWING NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE DISTURBED BY THE VALUES EXHIBITED BY THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH. WORSHIP HAS BECOME ENTERTAINMENT, THE CHURCH HAS BECOME A SHOPPING MALL, AND GOD HAS BECOME A

CONSUMABLE PRODUCT. MANY SENSE THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG, BUT THEY CANNOT IMAGINE AN ALTERNATIVE WAY. THE DIVINE COMMODITY FINALLY ARTICULATES WHAT SO MANY HAVE BEEN FEELING AND OFFERS HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF A POST-CONSUMER CHRISTIANITY. THROUGH SCRIPTURE, HISTORY, ENGAGING NARRATIVE, AND THE INSPIRING ART OF VINCENT VAN GOGH, THE DIVINE COMMODITY EXPLORES SPIRITUAL PRACTICES THAT LIBERATE OUR IMAGINATIONS TO LIVE AS CHRIST'S PEOPLE IN A CONSUMER CULTURE OPPOSED TO THE VALUES OF HIS KINGDOM. EACH CHAPTER SHOWS HOW OUR FORMATION AS CONSUMERS HAS DISTORTED AN ELEMENT OF OUR FAITH. FOR EXAMPLE, THE WAY CHURCHES HAVE BECOME CORPORATIONS AND HOW BRANDING MAKES US MORE FOCUSED ON IMAGE THAN REALITY. IT THEN ENERGIZES AN ALTERNATIVE VISION FOR THOSE SEEKING A MORE MEANINGFUL FAITH. BEFORE WE CAN HOPE TO LIVE DIFFERENTLY, WE MUST HAVE OUR MINDS RELEASED FROM CONSUMERISM'S GRIP AND CAPTIVATED ONCE AGAIN BY CHRIST.

*A PROBLEM OF PRESENCE* - MATTHEW ENGELKE  
2007-05-21

THE FRIDAY MASOWE APOSTOLICS OF ZIMBABWE REFER TO THEMSELVES AS "THE CHRISTIANS WHO DON'T READ THE BIBLE." THEY CLAIM THEY DO NOT NEED THE BIBLE BECAUSE THEY RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD "LIVE AND DIRECT" FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT. IN THIS INSIGHTFUL AND SENSITIVE HISTORICAL ETHNOGRAPHY, MATTHEW ENGELKE DOCUMENTS

HOW THIS REJECTION OF SCRIPTURE SPEAKS TO LONGSTANDING CONCERNS WITHIN CHRISTIANITY OVER MEDIATION AND AUTHORITY. THE BIBLE, OF COURSE, HAS BEEN A KEY MEDIUM THROUGH WHICH CHRISTIANS HAVE RECOGNIZED GOD'S PRESENCE. BUT THE APOSTOLICS PERCEIVE SCRIPTURE AS AN UNNECESSARY, EVEN DANGEROUS, MEDIATOR. FOR THEM, THE MATERIALITY OF THE BIBLE MARKS A DISTANCE FROM THE DIVINE AND PROHIBITS THE REALIZATION OF A LIVE AND DIRECT FAITH. SITUATING THE MASOWE CASE WITHIN A BROAD COMPARATIVE FRAMEWORK, ENGELKE SHOWS HOW THEIR REJECTION OF TEXTUAL AUTHORITY POSES A PROBLEM OF PRESENCE—WHICH IS TO SAY, HOW THE RELIGIOUS SUBJECT DEFINES, AND CLAIMS TO CONSTRUCT, A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SPIRITUAL WORLD THROUGH THE SEMIOTIC POTENTIALS OF LANGUAGE, ACTIONS, AND OBJECTS. WRITTEN IN A LIVELY AND ACCESSIBLE STYLE, *A PROBLEM OF PRESENCE* MAKES IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF CHRISTIANITY, THE HISTORY OF RELIGIONS IN AFRICA, SEMIOTICS, AND MATERIAL CULTURE STUDIES.

**THE BIBLE BEYOND RELIGION** - DON MURRAY 2021-02-02  
IN THIS BOOK, DON MURRAY EXPLORES THE WISDOM WE CAN INHERIT FROM THE BIBLE AFTER CHRISTIANITY HAS FADED AS A CREATIVE RELIGIOUS FORCE. WITH CONSCIOUSNESS BECOMING A FOCUS OF OUR CONTEMPORARY SEARCH FOR MEANING, MURRAY SEES THE BIBLE AS A WITNESS TO THE STRUGGLE OF

ONE TRADITION IN LEARNING HOW TO BE HUMAN AND THUS GROWING IN CONSCIOUSNESS. FROM EVE'S FIRST STEP IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN TO THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH OF REVELATION, THE BIBLICAL STORY RECOUNTS OUR LONG JOURNEY TOWARD WHOLENESS, INCLUDING A VISION OF THE WAY AHEAD. "I CARRY FORWARD THE ABIDING INTEREST OF MY SCOTTISH PRESBYTERIAN ANCESTORS IN THE BIBLE, AND ITS WISDOM FOR THEIR TIME, OUR TIME, AND EVERY TIME."

**REVELATION** - 1999-01-01

THE FINAL BOOK OF THE BIBLE, REVELATION PROPHESES THE ULTIMATE JUDGEMENT OF MANKIND IN A SERIES OF ALLEGORICAL VISIONS, GRISELY IMAGES AND NUMEROLOGICAL PREDICTIONS. ACCORDING TO THESE, EMPIRES WILL FALL, THE "BEAST" WILL BE DESTROYED AND CHRIST WILL RULE A NEW JERUSALEM. WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY WILL SELF.

BEYOND THEOLOGY - ALAN W. WATTS 1964

**CHRISTIANITY ENCOUNTERING WORLD RELIGIONS**

**(ENCOUNTERING MISSION)** - TERRY C. MUCK 2009-04-01

THE CURRENT RELIGIOUS CLIMATE POSES UNIQUE CHALLENGES TO THOSE ENGAGED IN MISSION. THUS THE AUTHORS OF THIS BOOK PROPOSE A NEW, YET VERY BIBLICAL, MODEL FOR INTERACTING WITH PEOPLE OF OTHER FAITHS. THEY TERM THIS MODEL GIFTIVE MISSION, AS IT IS BASED ON THE METAPHOR OF FREE GIFT. WE BEAR THE GREATEST GIFT POSSIBLE--THE GOSPEL MESSAGE. ADOPTING THIS PERSPECTIVE NOT ONLY

HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR GREATER MISSIONARY SUCCESS BUT ALSO ENABLES US TO MORE CLOSELY IMITATE GOD'S GRACIOUS ACTIVITY IN THE WORLD. THE CORE OF THE BOOK EXPLORES ELEVEN PRACTICES THAT CHARACTERIZE GIFTIVE MISSION. EACH PRACTICE IS ILLUSTRATED THROUGH THE STORY OF A FIGURE FROM MISSION HISTORY WHO EMBODIED THAT PRACTICE. FURTHER DISCUSSION SHOWS HOW TO INCORPORATE THESE PRACTICES IN SPECIFIC MISSION SETTINGS.

FEARLESS FAITH - JOHN FISCHER 2002-01-01

IDENTIFYING A "SAFETY ZONE" OF CHRISTIAN-SANCTIFIED SCHOOLS, TELEVISION, RADIO, AND ACTIVISM, A CALL TO GREATER ACTION URGES CHRISTIANS TO BREAK AWAY FROM EASIER PRACTICES TO RECONNECT WITH NON-BELIEVERS, ENGAGE IN ACTS OF LOVE AND COMPASSION, AND BUILD A GREATER DEPENDENCE ON CHRIST. ORIGINAL.

**SIMPLY CHRISTIANITY** - JOHN DICKSON 1999-01-01

IMAGINE IF WE WERE ABLE TO STRIP BACK ALL THE RITUALS, MYTHS, AND DOGMA; TO PUT TO ONE SIDE THE HAIRSPLITTING AND DISAGREEMENTS; TO GET BEYOND ALL THE TRAPPINGS OF 'RELIGION' - WHAT WOULD WE FIND? IF WE WERE TO GO BACK TO JESUS HIMSELF, TO THE BIOGRAPHIES ABOUT HIM CONTAINED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, WHAT WOULD WE DISCOVER CHRISTIANITY TO BE ABOUT?

BEYOND BELIEF - ELLE HARDY 2022-01-15

HOW HAS A CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT, FOUNDED AT THE TURN OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY BY THE SON OF FREED SLAVES,

BECOME THE FASTEST-GROWING RELIGION ON EARTH? PENTECOSTALISM HAS 600 MILLION FOLLOWERS; BY 2050, THEY'LL BE ONE IN TEN PEOPLE WORLDWIDE. THIS IS THE RELIGION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WITH BELIEVERS DIRECTLY EXPERIENCING GOD AND HIS BLESSINGS: SUCCESS FOR THE MIND, BODY, SPIRIT AND WALLET. PENTECOSTALISM IS A SOCIAL MOVEMENT. IT SERVES IMPOVERISHED PEOPLE IN AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA, AND INSPIRES ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT LEADERS FROM TRUMP TO BOLSONARO. IN AUSTRALIA, EUROPE AND KOREA, IT THROWS ITSELF INTO CULTURE WARS AND SOCIAL MEDIA, OFFERING MEANING AND COMMUNITY TO THE ROOTLESS AND MARGINALIZED IN A FRAGMENTING WORLD. REPORTING THIS REVOLUTION FROM TWELVE COUNTRIES AND SIX US STATES, ELLE HARDY WEAVES A TIMELESS TALE OF MIRACLES, MONEY AND POWER, SET IN OUR VOLATILE AGE OF EXTREMES. BY TURNS TROUBLING AND ENTERTAINING, BEYOND BELIEF EXPOSES THE PENTECOSTAL AGENDA: NOT JUST SAVING SOULS, BUT TRANSFORMING SOCIETIES AND CONTROLLING POLITICS. THESE MODERN PROPHETS, EMBEDDED IN OUR INSTITUTIONS, HAVE THE CASH AND THE INFLUENCE TO WAGE THEIR HOLY WAR.

**BEYOND CHRISTIANITY** - DARNISE C. MARTIN 2005-03-01  
BEYOND CHRISTIANITY DRAWS ON RICH ETHNOGRAPHIC WORK IN A RELIGIOUS SCIENCE CHURCH IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, TO ILLUMINATE THE WAYS A GROUP OF AFRICAN AMERICANS HAS ADAPTED A RELIGION TYPICALLY THOUGHT OF AS WHITE

TO FIT THEIR NEEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS PREDOMINANTLY AFRICAN AMERICAN CONGREGATION IS AN ANOMALOUS PHENOMENON FOR BOTH RELIGIOUS SCIENCE AND AFRICAN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES. IT STANDS AT THE INTERSECTION OF NEW THOUGHT DOCTRINE, CHARACTERIZED BY PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT TEACHINGS, AND A CULTURALLY FAMILIAR LITURGICAL STYLE REMINISCENT OF BLACK PENTECOSTALS AND BLACK SPIRITUALISTS. THIS GROUP CHALLENGES OVERSIMPLIFIED CONCEPTS OF THE BLACK CHURCH EXPERIENCE AND BROADENS THE CONCEPT OF BLACK RELIGION OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF CHRISTIANITY—RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN AFRICAN AMERICAN CONGREGATION, AND ABOUT THE NATURE OF BLACKNESS ITSELF. BEYOND CHRISTIANITY ADDS A NEW DIMENSION TO THE SCHOLARSHIP ON BLACK RELIGION.

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK** - 1999-01-01  
THE EARLIEST OF THE FOUR GOSPELS, THE BOOK PORTRAYS JESUS AS AN ENIGMATIC FIGURE, STRUGGLING WITH ENEMIES, HIS INNER AND EXTERNAL DEMONS, AND WITH HIS DEVOTED BUT DISCONCERTED DISCIPLES. UNLIKE OTHER GOSPELS, HIS PARABLES ARE OBSCURE, TO BE EXPLAINED SECRETLY TO HIS FOLLOWERS. WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY NICK CAVE  
**REORGANIZED RELIGION** - BOB SMETANA 2022-08-30  
UNCOVER THE WAYS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS CHANGED IN RECENT YEARS—FROM THE DECLINE OF THE MAINLINE

DENOMINATIONS TO THE MEGA-CHURCHIFICATION OF AMERICAN CULTURE TO THE RISE OF THE NONES AND EXVANEGICALS—AND A HOPEFUL REIMAGINING OF WHAT THE CHURCH MIGHT LOOK LIKE GOING FORWARD. THE UNITED STATES IS IN THE MIDDLE OF AN UNPRECEDENTED SPIRITUAL, TECHNOLOGICAL, DEMOGRAPHIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION— MOVING FROM AN OLDER, MOSTLY WHITE, MOSTLY PROTESTANT, RELIGION-FRIENDLY SOCIETY TO A YOUNGER DIVERSE, MULTIETHNIC, PLURALISTIC CULTURE, WHERE NO ONE FAITH GROUP WILL HAVE THE ADVANTAGE. AT THE SAME TIME, MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ARE ABANDONING ORGANIZED RELIGION ALTOGETHER IN FAVOR OF DISORGANIZED DISBELIEF. REORGANIZED RELIGION IS AN IN-DEPTH AND CRITICAL LOOK AT WHY PEOPLE ARE LEAVING AMERICAN CHURCHES AND WHAT WE LOSE AS A SOCIETY AS IT CONTINUES. BUT IT ALSO ACCEPTS THE DISMANTLING OF WHAT HAS COME BEFORE AND TRY TO HELP READERS REINVENT THE PATH FORWARD. THIS BOOK LOOKS AT THE FUTURE OF ORGANIZED RELIGION IN AMERICA AND OUTLINE THE OPTIONS FACING CHURCHES AND OTHER FAITH GROUPS. WILL THEY RETREAT? WILL THEY BECOME IRRELEVANT? OR WILL THEY FIND A NEW PATH FORWARD? WRITTEN BY VETERAN RELIGION REPORTER BOB SMETANA, REORGANIZED RELIGION IS A JOURNALISTIC LOOK AT THE STATE OF THE AMERICAN CHURCH AND ITS FUTURE. IT DRAWS ON POLLING DATA, INTERVIEWS WITH EXPERTS, AND REPORTING ON HOW FAITH COMMUNITIES

OLD AND NEW ARE COPING WITH THE CHANGING RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPE, ALONG WITH PERSONAL STORIES ABOUT HOW FAITH IS LIVED IN EVERYDAY LIFE. IT ALSO PROFILES FAITH COMMUNITIES AND LEADERS WHO ARE FINDING INTERESTING WAYS TO REIMAGINE WHAT CHURCH MIGHT LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE AND DISCUSS VARIOUS WAYS WE CAN REINVENT THIS ORGANIZATION SO IT SURVIVES AND THRIVES. THE BOOK ALSO REFLECTS THE HOPE THAT PERHAPS PEOPLE OF FAITH CAN LEARN TO BECOME, IF NOT FRIENDS WITH THE LARGER CULTURE, THEN AT LEAST BETTER NEIGHBORS.

*TRANSLATING THE MESSAGE* - LAMIN O. SANNEH 2009  
A THOROUGH UPDATING OF THE BOOK THAT REVOLUTIONIZED THE WAY THE WE UNDERSTAND THE ORIGINS OF CHRISTIANITY AND HOW THE TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH ASSISTED LOCAL CULTURES DURING THE COLONIAL ERA. EVERY CHAPTER HAS BEEN REVISED AND A NEW ONE ON THE INFLUENCE OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE HAS BEEN ADDED, DRAWING ON THE LATEST SCHOLARSHIP, ADDING ILLUSTRATIONS AND NEW TABLES OF LANGUAGES INTO WHICH THE BIBLE HAS BEEN TRANSLATED. BOOK JACKET.

A THEOLOGY OF MARK'S GOSPEL - DAVID E. GARLAND  
2015-10-06

A THEOLOGY OF MARK'S GOSPEL IS THE FOURTH VOLUME IN THE BTNT SERIES. THIS LANDMARK TEXTBOOK, WRITTEN BY LEADING NEW TESTAMENT SCHOLAR DAVID E. GARLAND, THOROUGHLY EXPLORES THE THEOLOGY OF MARK'S GOSPEL.

IT BOTH COVERS MAJOR MARKAN THEMES AND ALSO SETS FORTH THE DISTINCTIVE CONTRIBUTION OF MARK TO THE NEW TESTAMENT AND THE CANON OF SCRIPTURE, PROVIDING READERS WITH AN IN-DEPTH AND HOLISTIC GRASP OF MARKAN THEOLOGY IN THE LARGER CONTEXT OF THE BIBLE. THIS SUBSTANTIVE, EVANGELICAL TREATMENT OF MARKAN THEOLOGY MAKES AN IDEAL COLLEGE- OR SEMINARY-LEVEL TEXT.

**TRANSLATING THE MESSAGE** - LAMIN SANNEH 2015-02-25

*THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN* - 1999

THE PUBLICATION OF THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE, TRANSLATED BETWEEN 1603 AND 1611, COINCIDED WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY FLOWERING OF ENGLISH LITERATURE AND IS UNIVERSALLY ACKNOWLEDGED AS THE GREATEST INFLUENCE ON ENGLISH-LANGUAGE LITERATURE IN HISTORY. NOW, WORLD-CLASS LITERARY WRITERS INTRODUCE THE BOOK OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE IN A SERIES OF BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED, SMALL-FORMAT VOLUMES. THE INTRODUCERS' PASSIONATE, PROVOCATIVE, AND PERSONAL ENGAGEMENTS WITH THE SPIRITUALITY AND THE LANGUAGE OF THE TEXT MAKE THE BIBLE COME ALIVE AS A STUNNING WORK OF LITERATURE AND REMIND US OF ITS OVERWHELMING CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE.

**THE WILEY BLACKWELL COMPANION TO WORLD CHRISTIANITY** - LAMIN SANNEH 2016-05-23

THE WILEY-BLACKWELL COMPANION TO WORLD

CHRISTIANITY PRESENTS A COLLECTION OF ESSAYS THAT EXPLORE A RANGE OF TOPICS RELATING TO THE RISE, SPREAD, AND INFLUENCE OF CHRISTIANITY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. FEATURES CONTRIBUTIONS FROM RENOWNED SCHOLARS OF HISTORY AND RELIGION FROM AROUND THE WORLD ADDRESSES THE ORIGINS AND GLOBAL EXPANSION OF CHRISTIANITY OVER THE COURSE OF TWO MILLENNIA COVERS A WIDE RANGE OF THEMES RELATING TO CHRISTIANITY, INCLUDING WOMEN, WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS, MUSIC, VISUAL ARTS, ARCHITECTURE, AND MANY MORE EXPLORES THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS OVER THE PAST TWO CENTURIES ACROSS SEVERAL CONTINENTS AND THE RISE IN SECULARIZATION

**MERE CHRISTIANITY** - C. S. LEWIS 2009-06-02

IN THE CLASSIC MERE CHRISTIANITY, C.S. LEWIS, THE MOST IMPORTANT WRITER OF THE 20TH CENTURY, EXPLORES THE COMMON GROUND UPON WHICH ALL OF THOSE OF CHRISTIAN FAITH STAND TOGETHER. BRINGING TOGETHER LEWIS' LEGENDARY BROADCAST TALKS DURING WORLD WAR TWO FROM HIS THREE PREVIOUS BOOKS THE CASE FOR CHRISTIANITY, CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR, AND BEYOND PERSONALITY, MERE CHRISTIANITY PROVIDES AN UNEQUALED OPPORTUNITY FOR BELIEVERS AND NONBELIEVERS ALIKE TO HEAR THIS POWERFUL APOLOGETIC FOR THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

THE CHANGING FACE OF CHRISTIANITY - LAMIN SANNEH 2005-03-10

OVER THE PAST CENTURY, CHRISTIANITY'S PLACE AND ROLE IN THE WORLD HAVE CHANGED DRAMATICALLY. IN 1900, 80 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S CHRISTIANS LIVED IN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA. TODAY, MORE THAN 60 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S CHRISTIANS LIVE OUTSIDE OF THAT REGION. THIS CHANGE CALLS FOR A REEXAMINATION OF THE WAY THE STORY OF CHRISTIANITY IS TOLD, THE METHODOLOGICAL TOOLS FOR ITS ANALYSIS, AND ITS MODES OF EXPRESSION. PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANT IS THE ROLE OF AFRICA AS THE NEW CHRISTIAN HEARTLAND. THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT CHRISTIANITY AND ITS CONTEMPORARY MISSION NOW BEING DEVELOPED IN THE AFRICAN CHURCHES WILL HAVE ENORMOUS INFLUENCE IN THE YEARS TO COME. THIS VOLUME OFFERS NINE NEW ESSAYS ADDRESSING THIS SEA-CHANGE AND ITS IMPORTANCE FOR THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIANITY. SOME CONTRIBUTIONS CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF "NON-WESTERN" FORMS OF CHRISTIANITY, OTHERS LOOK AT THE IMPACT OF THESE NEW CHRISTIANITIES IN THE WEST. THE AUTHORS COVER A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS, FROM THE INTEGRATION OF WITCHCRAFT AND CHRISTIANITY IN NIGERIA AND THE PEACEMAKING ROLE OF CHURCHES IN MOZAMBIQUE TO THE AMERICAN BAPTIST RECEPTION OF ASIAN CHRISTIANITY. THE CHANGING FACE OF CHRISTIANITY SHOWS THE STRIKING CULTURAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE NEW WORLD CHRISTIANITY AND ITS WESTERN COUNTERPART. BUT WITH SO MANY NEW IMMIGRANTS IN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA,

THE FAITH'S FAULT LINES ARE NOT PURELY GEOGRAPHICAL. THE NEW CHRISTIANITY NOW THRIVES IN AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN SETTINGS, AND NORTHERNERS NEED TO KNOW THIS FAITH BETTER. AT STAKE IS THEIR ABILITY TO BE GOOD NEIGHBORS-AND PERHAPS TO BE GOOD CHRISTIAN CITIZENS OF THE WORLD.

WONDER BEYOND BELIEF - NAVID KERMANI 2017-11-22  
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ONE OF GERMANY'S MOST IMPORTANT WRITERS, HIMSELF A MUSLIM, IMMERSSES HIMSELF IN THE WORLD OF CHRISTIAN ART? IN THIS BOOK, NAVID KERMANI IS AWESTRUCK BY A RELIGION FULL OF SACRIFICE AND LAMENTATION, LOVE AND WONDER, THE IRRATIONAL AND THE UNFATHOMABLE, THE DEEPLY HUMAN AND THE DIVINE - A CHRISTIANITY THAT TODAY'S CHRISTIANS RARELY SPEAK OF SO EARNESTLY, BOLDLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY. WITH THE OPEN-MINDED CURIOSITY OF A NON-BELIEVER - OR RATHER A BELIEVER IN ANOTHER FAITH - KERMANI ENGAGES WITH CHRISTIAN ART IN ITS GREAT RICHNESS AND DIVERSITY. THE RESULT IS AN ENCHANTING REFLECTION WHICH REINVESTS IN CHRISTIANITY BOTH ITS SPECTACULAR BEAUTY AND ITS TERROR. KERMANI STRUGGLES WITH THE CROSS, FALLS IN LOVE AT THE SIGHT OF MARY, EXPERIENCES THE ORTHODOX MASS AND APPRECIATES THE GREATNESS OF ST FRANCIS. HE TEACHES US TO SEE THE QUESTIONS OF OUR PRESENT-DAY LIVES IN THE PICTURES OF OLD MASTERS SUCH AS BOTTICELLI, CARAVAGGIO AND REMBRANDT - NOT WITH



LECTURES ON ART HISTORY OR THEOLOGY, BUT WITH AN INTELLIGENT EYE FOR THE ESSENTIAL DETAILS AND THE UNDERLYING RELATIONS TO SEEMINGLY REMOTE WORLDS, TO LITERATURE AND TO MYSTICAL ISLAM. KERMANI'S POETIC SCHOOL OF SEEING DRAWS US IN AS WE ARE CARRIED ALONG BY HIS UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON CHRISTIANITY, REKINDLING OUR INTEREST IN GREAT ART AT THE SAME TIME. WE ARE CAPTIVATED BY HIS UNIQUE AND BRILLIANT ISLAMIC READING OF THE WEST.

**CHANGING SIGNS OF TRUTH** - CRYSTAL L. DOWNING  
2012-05-15

CRYSTAL DOWNING BRINGS THE POSTMODERN THEORY OF SEMIOTICS WITHIN REACH FOR TODAY'S EVANGELISTS. FOLLOWING THE IDEA OF THE SIGN THROUGH SCRIPTURE, CHURCH HISTORY AND THE ACADEMY, DOWNING SHOWS YOU HOW SIGNS WORK AND HOW SENSITIVITY TO THEIR DYNAMICS CAN MAKE OR BREAK AN ATTEMPT TO COMMUNICATE TRUTH.

AFTER JESUS BEFORE CHRISTIANITY - ERIN VEARNCOMBE  
2021-11-02

FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF THE SCHOLARLY GROUP BEHIND THE GROUNDBREAKING JESUS SEMINAR COMES THIS PROVOCATIVE AND EYE-OPENING LOOK AT THE ROOTS OF CHRISTIANITY THAT OFFERS A THOUGHTFUL RECONSIDERATION OF THE FIRST TWO CENTURIES OF THE JESUS MOVEMENT, TRANSFORMING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELIGION AND ITS EARLY DISSEMINATION. CHRISTIANITY HAS

ENDURED FOR MORE THAN TWO MILLENNIA AND IS PRACTICED BY BILLIONS WORLDWIDE TODAY. YET THAT LONGEVITY HAS CREATED DIFFICULTIES FOR SCHOLARS TRACING THE RELIGION'S ROOTS, DISTORTING MUCH OF THE HISTORICAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE FIRST TWO CENTURIES OF THE JESUS MOVEMENT. BUT WHAT IF CHRISTIANITY DIED IN THE FOURTH OR FIFTH CENTURIES AFTER IT BEGAN? HOW WOULD THAT CHANGE HOW HISTORIANS SEE AND UNDERSTAND ITS FIRST TWO HUNDRED YEARS? CONSIDERING THESE QUESTIONS, THREE BIBLE SCHOLARS FROM THE WESTAR INSTITUTE SUMMARIZE THE WORK OF THE CHRISTIANITY SEMINAR AND ITS EFFORTS TO OFFER A NEW WAY OF THINKING ABOUT CHRISTIANITY AND ITS ROOTS. SYNTHESIZING THE INSTITUTE'S MOST RECENT SCHOLARSHIP—BRINGING TOGETHER THE MANY ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND TEXTUAL DISCOVERIES OVER THE LAST TWENTY YEARS—THEY HAVE FOUND: THERE WERE MULTIPLE JESUS MOVEMENTS, NOT A SINGULAR ONE, BEFORE THE FOURTH CENTURY THERE WAS NOTHING CALLED CHRISTIANITY UNTIL THE THIRD CENTURY THERE WAS MUCH MORE FLEXIBILITY AND DIVERSITY WITHIN JESUS'S MOVEMENT BEFORE IT BECAME CENTRALIZED IN ROME, NOT ONLY REGARDING THE BIBLE AND RELIGIOUS DOCTRINE, BUT ALSO UNDERSTANDINGS OF GENDER, SEXUALITY AND MORALITY. EXCITING AND REVOLUTIONARY, AFTER JESUS BEFORE CHRISTIANITY PROVIDES FRESH INSIGHTS INTO THE REAL HISTORY BEHIND HOW THE JESUS MOVEMENT BECAME

CHRISTIANITY. AFTER JESUS BEFORE CHRISTIANITY INCLUDES MORE THAN A DOZEN BLACK-AND-WHITE IMAGES THROUGHOUT.

**THE GOSPEL OF INCLUSION** - CARLTON PEARSON  
2009-03-10

FOURTH-GENERATION FUNDAMENTALIST CARLTON PEARSON, A CHRISTIAN MEGASTAR AND HOST, TAKES A COURAGEOUS AND CONTROVERSIAL STAND ON RELIGION THAT PROPOSES A HELL-LESS CHRISTIANITY AND A GOSPEL OF INCLUSION THAT CALLS FOR AN END TO LOCAL AND WORLDWIDE CONFLICTS AND DIVISIONS ALONG RELIGIOUS LINES. THE GOSPEL OF INCLUSION EXPLORES THE EXCLUSIONARY DOCTRINES IN MAINSTREAM RELIGION AND CONCLUDES THAT ACCORDING TO THE EVIDENCE OF THE BIBLE AND IRREFUTABLE LOGIC, THEY CANNOT BE TRUE. BISHOP PEARSON ARGUES THAT THE CONTROLLING DOGMAS OF RELIGION ARE THE SOURCE OF MUCH OF THE WORLD'S ILLS AND THAT WE SHOULD TURN OUR BACKS ON PROSELYTIZING AND HOLY WARS AND FOCUS ON THE REAL GOOD NEWS: THAT WE ARE ALL BOUND FOR GLORY, EVERYBODY IS SAVED, AND IF WE BELIEVE GOD LOVES ALL MANKIND, THEN WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO HAVE THE SAME ATTITUDE OURSELVES. THE GOSPEL OF INCLUSION ALSO TELLS THE STORY OF A POWERFUL RELIGIOUS FIGURE WHO WATCHED EVERYTHING HE HAD CRUMBLE DUE TO A SCANDAL. WHY? HE DIDN'T STEAL MONEY NOR DID HE HAVE INAPPROPRIATE SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS. FOLLOWING A

REVELATION FROM GOD, HE BEGAN TO PREACH THAT A LOVING GOD WOULD NOT CONDEMN MOST OF THE HUMAN RACE TO HELL BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT CHRISTIAN. HE PREACHES THAT GOD BELONGS TO NO RELIGION. THE GOSPEL OF INCLUSION IS THE JOURNEY OF ONE MAN'S QUEST TO PREACH A NEW TRUTH.

**MANY COLORS** - SOONG-CHAN RAH 2010-09-01

THE UNITED STATES IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING THE MOST RAPID DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFT IN ITS HISTORY. BY 2050, WHITE AMERICANS WILL NO LONGER COMPRISE A MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION. INSTEAD, THEY'LL BE THE LARGEST MINORITY GROUP IN A COUNTRY MADE UP ENTIRELY OF MINORITIES, FOLLOWED BY HISPANIC AMERICANS, AFRICAN AMERICANS, AND ASIAN AMERICANS. PAST SHIFTS IN AMERICA'S DEMOGRAPHICS ALWAYS RESHAPED THE COUNTRY'S RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPE. THIS SHIFT WILL BE NO DIFFERENT. SOONG-CHAN RAH'S BOOK IS INTENDED TO EQUIP EVANGELICALS FOR MINISTRY AND OUTREACH IN OUR CHANGING NATION. BORROWING FROM THE BUSINESS CONCEPT OF "CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE," HE EXPLORES HOW GOD'S PEOPLE CAN BECOME MORE MULTICULTURALLY ADEPT. FROM DISCUSSIONS ABOUT CULTURAL AND RACIAL HISTORIES, TO REVIEWS OF CASE-STUDY CHURCHES AND CHRISTIAN GROUPS THAT ARE SUCCEEDING IN BRIDGING ETHNIC DIVIDES, RAH PROVIDES A PRACTICAL AND HOPEFUL GUIDEBOOK FOR CHRISTIANS WANTING TO MINISTER MORE EFFECTIVELY IN DIVERSE SETTINGS. WITHOUT GUILT TRIPS OR BROWBEATING, THE

BOOK WILL SPUR INDIVIDUALS, CHURCHES, AND PARACHURCH MINISTRIES TOWARD MORE EFFECTIVELY BEARING WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, THE GOOD NEWS FOR PEOPLE OF EVERY RACIAL AND CULTURAL BACKGROUND. ITS MESSAGE IS POSITIVE; ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT, TRANSFORMATIVE.

**WOMEN IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH** - LEANNE M.

DZUBINSKI 2021-04-20

WOMEN HAVE BEEN CENTRAL TO THE WORK OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FROM THE TIME OF JESUS TO THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY. YET THE STORY OF CHRISTIANITY IS TOO OFTEN TOLD AS A STORY OF MEN. THIS ACCESSIBLY WRITTEN BOOK TELLS THE STORY OF WOMEN THROUGHOUT CHURCH HISTORY, DEMONSTRATING THEIR INTEGRAL PARTICIPATION IN THE CHURCH'S MISSION. IT HIGHLIGHTS THE LEGACIES OF A WIDE VARIETY OF WOMEN, SHOWING HOW THEY HAVE OVERCOME OBSTACLES TO THEIR MINISTRIES AND HAVE TRANSFORMED CULTURAL CONSTRAINTS TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL AND BUILD THE CHURCH.

GOD IS NOT GREAT - CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS 2008-11-19

CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS, DESCRIBED IN THE LONDON OBSERVER AS "ONE OF THE MOST PROLIFIC, AS WELL AS BRILLIANT, JOURNALISTS OF OUR TIME" TAKES ON HIS BIGGEST SUBJECT YET—THE INCREASINGLY DANGEROUS ROLE OF RELIGION IN THE WORLD. IN THE TRADITION OF BERTRAND RUSSELL'S WHY I AM NOT A CHRISTIAN AND SAM HARRIS'S RECENT BESTSELLER, THE END OF FAITH, CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS

MAKES THE ULTIMATE CASE AGAINST RELIGION. WITH A CLOSE AND ERUDITE READING OF THE MAJOR RELIGIOUS TEXTS, HE DOCUMENTS THE WAYS IN WHICH RELIGION IS A MAN-MADE WISH, A CAUSE OF DANGEROUS SEXUAL REPRESSION, AND A DISTORTION OF OUR ORIGINS IN THE COSMOS. WITH ELOQUENT CLARITY, HITCHENS FRAMES THE ARGUMENT FOR A MORE SECULAR LIFE BASED ON SCIENCE AND REASON, IN WHICH HELL IS REPLACED BY THE HUBBLE TELESCOPE'S AWESOME VIEW OF THE UNIVERSE, AND MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH GIVE WAY TO THE BEAUTY AND SYMMETRY OF THE DOUBLE HELIX.

**SUMMONED FROM THE MARGIN** - LAMIN SANNEH

2012-09-24

SUMMONED FROM THE MARGIN TELLS THE STORY OF LAMIN SANNEH'S FASCINATING JOURNEY FROM HIS UPBRINGING IN AN IMPOVERISHED VILLAGE IN WEST AFRICA TO EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE TO A DISTINGUISHED CAREER TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF YALE, HARVARD, ABERDEEN, AND GHANA. HE GREW UP IN A POLYGAMOUS HOUSEHOLD IN THE GAMBIA AND ATTENDED A GOVERNMENT-RUN MUSLIM BOARDING SCHOOL. A CHANCE ENCOUNTER WITH HELEN KELLER'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY TAUGHT HIM THAT EDUCATION AND FAITH ARE THE KEY TO OVERCOMING PHYSICAL AND PERSONAL HARDSHIP AND INSPIRED HIS JOURNEY. BURNING THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD'S NATURE AND HUMAN SUFFERING EVENTUALLY LED SANNEH TO CONVERT

FROM ISLAM TO CHRISTIANITY AND TO PURSUE A CAREER IN ACADEMIA. HERE HE RECOUNTS THE UNUSUALLY VARIED LIFE EXPERIENCES THAT HAVE MADE HIM WHO HE IS TODAY.

WATCH THE TRAILER:

**WEST AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY** - LAMIN SANNEH  
2015-03-24

*A HISTORY OF GOD* - KAREN ARMSTRONG 2004

A STUDY OF THE DEITY OF THE WORLD'S THREE DOMINANT MONOTHEISTIC RELIGIONS: JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY, AND ISLAM. IN A DYNAMIC INTERPLAY BETWEEN RELIGION AND SOCIETY'S EVER-CHANGING BELIEFS, VALUES, AND TRADITIONS, HUMAN BEINGS' IDEAS ABOUT GOD HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED. IDEAS ABOUT GOD HAVE BEEN MOLDED TO APPLY TO THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO WORSHIP HIM IN A PARTICULAR PLACE AND TIME. THE AUTHOR EXPLORES AND ANALYZES THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESSION OF THE VARIOUS PERCEPTIONS OF GOD FROM THE DAYS OF ABRAHAM TO PRESENT TIMES--ADAPTED FROM BOOK JACKET.

**SONGS OF THE LISU HILLS** - AMINTA ARRINGTON  
2020-01-10

THE STORY OF HOW THE LISU OF SOUTHWEST CHINA WERE EVANGELIZED ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO BY THE CHINA INLAND MISSION IS A FAMILIAR ONE IN MISSION CIRCLES. THE SUBSEQUENT HISTORY OF THE LISU CHURCH, HOWEVER, IS

MUCH LESS WELL KNOWN. SONGS OF THE LISU HILLS BRINGS THIS HISTORY UP TO DATE, RECOUNTING THE UNLIKELY STORY OF HOW THE LISU MAINTAINED THEIR FAITH THROUGH TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF GOVERNMENT PERSECUTION AND ILLUMINATING HOW LISU CHRISTIANS TRANSFORMED THE TEXT-BASED RELIGION BROUGHT BY THE MISSIONARIES INTO A FAITH CENTERED AROUND AN EMBODIED SET OF CHRISTIAN PRACTICES. BASED ON ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELDWORK AS WELL AS ARCHIVAL RESEARCH, THIS VOLUME DOCUMENTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF LISU CHRISTIANITY, BOTH THROUGH LARGER SOCIAL FORCES AND THROUGH THE STORIES OF INDIVIDUAL BELIEVERS. IT EXPLORES HOW THE LISU, MOST OF WHOM REMAIN SUBSISTENCE FARMERS, HAVE ORIENTED THEIR FAITH LESS AROUND COGNITIVE NOTIONS OF BELIEF AND MORE AROUND PARTICIPATION IN A RHYTHM OF SHARED CHRISTIAN PRACTICES, SUCH AS LINE DANCING, ATTENDING CHURCH AND FESTIVALS, EVANGELIZING, WORKING IN ONE ANOTHER'S FIELDS, AND SINGING TRANSLATED WESTERN HYMNS. THESE EMBODIED PRACTICES DEMONSTRATE HOW CHRISTIANITY DEVELOPED IN THE MOUNTAINOUS MARGINS OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST ATHEIST STATE. A MUCH-NEEDED EXPANSION OF THE LISU STORY INTO A COMPLEX STUDY OF THE EVOLUTION OF A WORLD CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY, THIS BOOK WILL APPEAL TO SCHOLARS WORKING AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF WORLD CHRISTIANITY, ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION, ETHNOGRAPHY, CHINESE CHRISTIANITY, AND MISSION STUDIES.

*Whose Religion Is Christianity?* - LAMIN SANNEH  
2003-10-09

AN ANALYSIS OF THE GROWTH OF GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY.  
AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY - RAY C. STEDMAN 2011-07-01  
RAY STEDMAN'S PASSION ENCOURAGES YOU TO BE AN AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN—TO MOVE YOU BEYOND RELIGION, DOCTRINES, RULES, AND RITUALS—AND INTO THE LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE OF BEING GENUINELY AND INTIMATELY CONNECTED WITH CHRIST. AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY TAKES A LOOK AT 2 CORINTHIANS TO SHOW YOU HOW TO LIVE A LIFE OF FAITH WITH INTEGRITY AND REGAIN THE PURPOSE, SIMPLICITY, AND INSPIRATION OF GENUINE FAITH—THE KIND OF LIFE THAT COMPELS OTHERS TO SEEK ITS SOURCE.

**CHURCHES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE** - RONALD J. SIDER  
2002-04-01

CHURCHES OVER THE PAST GENERATIONS HAVE BEEN WEAKENED BY A FAILURE TO MEET BOTH THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. MANY HAVE ADOPTED A NARROW VISION, FOCUSING ON ONLY ONE ASPECT OF MINISTRY. BUT IN TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT OF FAITH-BASED OPPORTUNITIES MANY CHRISTIANS ARE EAGER TO START REACHING OUT TO THEIR WORLD WITH BOTH GOOD NEWS AND GOOD WORKS, AND THEREFORE THEY ARE SEARCHING FOR APPROPRIATE WAYS TO INTEGRATE BOTH INTO THEIR MINISTRY. IN **CHURCHES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE**, BEST-SELLING AUTHOR RON SIDER AND HIS COAUTHORS GIVE THOSE

INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH A COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCE FOR DEVELOPING HOLISTIC MINISTRY--A BALANCE OF EVANGELISM AND SOCIAL OUTREACH. ILLUSTRATIONS AND HELPFUL ORGANIZATIONAL TIPS DETAIL THE HOW-TO'S OF AN EFFECTIVE HOLISTIC MINISTRY. CASE STUDIES THAT SHOW HOW DIFFERENT CHURCHES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES REACH OUT TO THEIR COMMUNITIES PROVIDE A VARIETY OF IDEAS AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS. USER-FRIENDLY TOOLS ARE INCLUDED AS WELL FOR CONGREGATIONAL STUDIES, SURVEYS, EVALUATIONS, AND COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS. THE AUTHORS DRAW ON EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WITH CHURCH MINISTRIES AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AS THEY SHARE THE LIFE-CHANGING VISION AND BIBLICAL MANDATE FOR LIVING THE WHOLE GOSPEL. CHURCH LEADERS WILL BE ENCOURAGED IN THEIR PROCESS OF DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING A HOLISTIC MINISTRY, AND LOCAL CHURCHES WILL REDISCOVER A PASSION FOR LOVING THE WHOLE PERSON THE WAY JESUS DID.

**BEYOND CONVERSION AND SYNCRETISM** - AVID,  
2011-10-30

THE GLOBALIZATION OF CHRISTIANITY, ITS SPREAD AND APPEAL TO PEOPLES OF NON-EUROPEAN ORIGIN, IS BY NOW A WELL-KNOWN PHENOMENON. SCHOLARS INCREASINGLY REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIVES RATHER THAN FOREIGN MISSIONARIES IN THE PROCESS OF EVANGELIZATION. THIS VOLUME CONTRIBUTES TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF THIS

PROCESS THROUGH CASE STUDIES OF ENCOUNTERS WITH CHRISTIANITY FROM THE PERSPECTIVES OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WHO CONVERTED. MORE IMPORTANTLY, BY EXPLORING OVERARCHING, GENERAL TERMS SUCH AS CONVERSION AND SYNCRETISM AND BY SHOWING THE VARIETY OF STRATEGIES AND PROCESSES THAT ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE, THESE STUDIES LEAD TO A MORE NUANCED UNDERSTANDING OF CROSS-CULTURAL RELIGIOUS INTERACTIONS IN GENERAL-FROM ACCEPTANCE TO RESISTANCE-THUS ENRICHING THE VOCABULARY OF RELIGIOUS INTERACTION. THE CONTRIBUTORS TACKLE THESE ISSUES FROM A VARIETY OF DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES-HISTORY, ANTHROPOLOGY, RELIGIOUS STUDIES-AND PRESENT A BROAD

GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD OF CASES FROM CHINA, VIETNAM, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, SOUTH AND WEST AFRICA, NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA, AND THE CARIBBEAN.

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