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An understanding of Christianity for the 21st century. We look at framing a Christian worldview through the use of themes and the study of genres. Six themes from the Old Testament and six themes from the New Testament. We are understanding Christianity by grounding our themes in a rational, historical reading of Christian Scriptures and then asking the most important question: "So What?" Does Bible knowledge matter anymore? Do these old stories still speak to us in relevant ways in the 21st century?

Winner of a 2004 ECPA Gold Medallion Award! Winner

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of an Award of Excellence in the 2003 Chicago Book Clinic! What is real? What is truth? What can we know? What should we believe? What should we do and why? Is there a God? Can we know him? Do Christian doctrines make sense? Can we believe in God in the face of evil? These are fundamental questions that any thinking person wants answers to. These are questions that philosophy addresses. And the answers we give to these kinds of questions serve as the the foundation stones for consrtucting any kind of worldview. In Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview J.P. Moreland and William Lane Craig offer a comprehensive introduction to

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philosophy from a Christian perspective. In their broad sweep they seek to introduce readers to the principal subdisciplines of philosophy, including epistemology, metaphysics, philosophy of science, ethics and philosophy of religion. They do so with characteristic clarity and incisiveness. Arguments are clearly outlined, and rival theories are presented with fairness and accuracy. Philosophy, they contend, aids Christians in the tasks of apologetics, polemics and systematic theology. It reflects our having been made in the image of God, helps us to extend biblical teaching into areas not expressly addressed in Scripture, facilitates the spiritual discipline of study,

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enhances the boldness and self-image of the Christian community, and is requisite to the essential task of integrating faith and learning. Here is a lively and thorough introduction to philosophy for all who want to know reality.

Christian tradition has largely held three theological affirmations on the resurrection of the physical body. Firstly, that bodily resurrection is not a superfluous hope of afterlife. Secondly, there is immediate post-mortem existence in Paradise. Finally, there is numerical identity between pre-mortem and post-resurrection human beings. The same tradition also largely adheres to a robust doctrine of The

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Intermediate State, a paradisiacal disembodied state of existence following the biological death of a human being. This book argues that these positions are in fact internally inconsistent, and so a new theological model for life after death is required. The opening arguments of the book aim to show that The Intermediate State actually undermines the necessity of bodily resurrection. Additionally, substance dualism, a principle The Intermediate State requires, is shown to be equally untenable in this context. In response to this, the metaphysics of the afterlife in Christian theology is re-evaluated, and after investigating physicalist and constitutionist replacements for

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substance dualist metaphysics, a new theory called "Eschatological Presentism" is put forward. This model combines a broadly Thomistic hylemorphic metaphysics with a novel theory of Time. This is an innovative examination of the doctrine of life after death. It will, therefore, be of great interest to scholars of analytic theology and philosophy of religion.

In an extraordinary way, The Biblical Foundations of Christian Worship is a massive and comprehensive undertaking designed to provide the biblical context out of which worship is celebrated and enacted. It establishes the working definition for worship through

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the specific vocabularies of the Old and New Testaments and highlights the use of symbolism, sacrifice, a sense of the numinous, and the myriad of responses to salvation history. It culminates with the history of Israelite/Jewish and New Testament worship, the biblical institutions of worship and those who lead in its celebration, and then reaches its zenith with the depiction of the use of music and art in its varied forms and other sacred acts which are integral parts of the worship tradition. Richard A. Rollins, Liaison Officer, National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.

Foundations of Christian Scholarship

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Faith, Learning, and the Christian Worldview

The Silence of Adam

Christian Foundations in Locke's Political Thought

A History

When Athens Met Jerusalem

An Introduction to Faith in Our Time

For the well-rounded Christian looking to improve their critical thinking skills, here is an accessible introduction to the study of logic (parts 1 & 2) as well as an in-depth treatment of the discipline (parts 3 & 4) from a professor with 6 academic degrees and over 30 years experience teaching. Questions for further reflection are included at the end of each chapter as well as helpful diagrams and

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charts that are appropriate for use in high school, home school, college, and graduate-level classrooms. Overall, Vern Poythress has undertaken a radical recasting of the study of logic in this revolutionary work from a Christian worldview.

Stanley J. Grenz masterfully leads readers into a theological engagement with moral inquiry that is a first-rate introduction to Christian ethics.

Men today have locked horns with their toughest issue: reclaiming the full potential of manhood. But in the midst of the excitement -- the meetings, rallies, seminars, and high-fives -- is something vital missing? What gives manhood definition and meaning? In The Silence of

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Adam, Dr. Larry Crabb and his colleagues, biblical scholar Don Hudson and counselor Al Andrews, offer a fresh look at how God designed men. They draw from neglected biblical data and their own professional experience to help us explore - manhood's lost vision - the problems of masculine community - the power of mentoring relationships -- The Silence of Adam deals thoughtfully and honestly with men's ongoing struggles and exposes the difficulties they have in relationships. It presents the rich calling men have to reveal God in ways uniquely masculine. And it summons them beyond their paralyzing fear of failure to bold risk-taking, action, deep spirituality, and full-hearted living.

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'Feeding the Flock' is the second volume of Terryl L. Givens's landmark study of the foundations of Mormon thought. In this volume, Givens considers Mormon practice, the authority of the institution of the church and its priesthood, forms of worship, and the function and nature of spiritual gifts in the church's history

The Foundation of Christian Higher Education

On the Resurrection of the Dead

God, Locke, and Equality

The Foundations of Bioethics

The Christian Foundations Course

Christian Platonism

Shaping a Christian Worldview

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A treatment of the evolution of Christian thought from the birth of Christ, to the Apostles, to the early church, to the great flowering of Christianity across the world. The first volume introduces the central figures and debates culminating in the Councils of Nicea and Chalcedon among which the theologies of the early church were hammered out. Volume 2 #9781426721915 Volume 3 #9781426721939 Written by a veteran Christian educator, this readable book describes the relationship between the Christian faith and the world of learning by looking at the five modern

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worldviews competing with Christian theism. "Treated thematically under the headings 'The Gnostic Movement,' 'Christian Platonism,' and 'Fourth Century Developments,' it is possible to see how different ideas of humanity could lead to varieties of theological interpretation."--Donald Skyes

In one systematic volume, James Montgomery Boice provides a readable overview of Christian theology. With scholarly rigor and a pastor's heart, Boice carefully opens the topics of the nature of God, the person and work of Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit in justification and

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sanctification, and ecclesiology and eschatology. This updated edition includes a foreword by Philip Ryken and a section-by-section study guide.

***The Foundations of Christian Living
Separating Modern Myth from Historical Truth
Christian Antioch***

***Foundations of the Christian Faith
Christian Thought and Practice***

***A New Metaphysics of Afterlife for Christian
Thought***

Philosophical Foundations and Critical Practice

Christian theology shaped and is shaping

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many places in the world, but it was the Greeks who originally gave a philosophic language to Christianity. John Mark Reynolds's book When Athens Met Jerusalem provides students a well-informed introduction to the intellectual underpinnings (Greek, Roman and Christian) of Western civilization and highlights how certain current intellectual trends are now eroding those very foundations. This work makes a powerful contribution to the ongoing faith versus reason debate, showing that these two

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dimensions of human knowing are not diametrically opposed, but work together under the direction of revelation.

This book is a comprehensive survey of the history and, more particularly, of the thought of Antioch from the second to the eighth centuries of the Christian era. Dr Wallace-Hadrill traces the religious background of Antiochene Christianity and examines in detail aspects of its intellectual life: the exegesis of scripture, the interpretation of history, philosophy, and the doctrine of the

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nature of God as applied to an understanding of Christ and man's salvation. The community at Antioch stressed history and literalism, in self-conscious opposition to the tendency to allegorise that prevailed at Alexandria. While insisting on the divinity of Christ, they were equally adamant that no other doctrine should be allowed to compromise their central belief that Jesus was really human. Here, a team of award-winning teaching scholars has come together to create an introductory text that offers a truly unique

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and innovative contribution to the discipline of theological studies. This "first book" provides students of any religious tradition with the foundational skills, vocabulary, conceptual understanding, and research abilities that they need to succeed in theology and religious studies. Theological Foundations provides the following: Ten chapters that introduce the major sub-disciplines of theology creating a well-rounded source for understanding the discipline as a whole Contributions that are

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clear, accessible, and steeped in content A strong basis for vigorous intellectual and personal exploration of life and our relation to God Flexibility that allows the instructor to assign readings in any order that fits his or her syllabus A one-of-a-kind, integrated library research component, "From the Reference Librarian," which teaches students the foundational skills needed for successful study in theology and in any academic discipline

The prime purpose of this work is to identify

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what is most radically distinctive about Christian belief. Addressed to a non-technical audience, the book helps the reader to think himself or herself back into the most basic questions concerning Christian faith.

Essays in the Van Til Perspective

Three Coins

A History of Christian Thought Volume I

An Introduction to Classical and Christian Thought

**A Study of Early Christian Thought in the East
Foundations of Christian Theology**

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When you understand it properly, the doctrine of vocation—"doing everything for God's glory"—is not a platitude or an outdated notion. This principle that we vaguely apply to our lives and our work is actually the key to Christian ethics, to influencing our culture for Christ, and to infusing our ordinary, everyday lives with the presence of God. For when we realize that the "mundane" activities that consume most of our time are "God's hiding places," our perspective changes. Culture

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expert Gene Veith unpacks the biblical, Reformation teaching about the doctrine of vocation, emphasizing not what we should specifically do with our time or what careers we are called to, but what God does in and through our callings—even within the home. In each task He has given us—in our workplaces and families, our churches and society—God Himself is at work. Veith guides you to discover God's purpose and calling in those seemingly ordinary areas by providing you with a spiritual framework for thinking about

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such issues and for acting upon them with a changed perspective.

This new, thoroughly recast Second Edition has been acclaimed as "the most important book written since the beginning of that strange project called bioethics" (Stanley Hauerwas, Duke University). Its philosophical exploration of the foundations of secular bioethics has been substantially expanded. The book challenges the values of much of contemporary bioethics and health care policy by confronting their failure to

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secure the moral norms they seek to apply. The nature of health and disease, the definition of death, the morality of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide, germline genetic engineering, triage decisions and distributive justice in health care are all addressed within an integrated reconsideration of bioethics as a whole. New material has been added regarding social justice, health care reform and environmental ethics. The very possibility and meaning of a secular bioethics are re-

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explored.

Christian theology has had a lasting influence a range of modern subjects; a solid introduction to its tenets, traditions, and thinkers benefits students of all disciplines. Natalie Kertes Weaver's *Christian Thought and Practice: A Primer* provides a foundation for those new to the study of Christianity and the opportunity to develop a more sophisticated sense of Christianity for students with prior study. With features to enhance classroom learning, Christian

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Thought and Practice is ideally suited for today's student.

The theology of Vincent of Lérins is often reduced to a memorable slogan: "We hold that faith which has been believed everywhere, always, and by everyone."

Thomas Guarino argues that this "Vincentian canon" has frequently been taken out of context. This book introduces Vincent's thought and its reception in Christian history, exploring Vincent's creative and innovative understanding of the development of doctrine and showing

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how it informed the thought of John Henry Newman. Guarino contends that Vincent's theology contributes significantly to theology and ecumenism in the twenty-first century. The volume is the second in a series on the church fathers edited by Hans Boersma and Matthew Levering. About the Series The Foundations of Theological Exegesis and Christian Spirituality series critically recovers patristic exegesis and interpretation for contemporary theology and spirituality. Each volume covers a specific church father and illuminates the

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exegesis that undergirds the Nicene tradition.

Things Hidden Since the Foundation of the World

Theological Foundations

Christianity and Literature

From the Beginnings to the Council of Chalcedon

The Biblical Foundations of Christian Worship

Safeguarding the Stranger

Did America Have a Christian Founding?

'I found myself praying from Christian Foundations in

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***new ways. Of course, like most academics, I had heard it all before. But I haven't- not this way, at least. It was truly an experience of talking to God while thinking about God- not a bad way to do theology...Needless to say, I will use it with my undergraduates.'* -Dr. Thomas Groome, Boston College**

This three-in-one volume by Oswald Chambers, recognized as an intimate companion of God, substantiates the very basis of the Christian faith. He upholds the moral and spiritual standing of Christians, despite challenges from today's secular, skeptical, and lawless rationalists. Here Chambers addresses the human needs to recognize the ethical

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demands of Scripture, and he challenges readers to act as Jesus did, in the power of His Spirit.

Throughout these pages he upholds the ethical principles of the Christian life by promoting Christian thinking that leads to godly behavior.

Shaping a Christian Worldview presents a collection of essays that address the key issues facing the future of Christian higher education. With contributions from key players in the field, this book addresses the critical issues for Christian institutions of various traditions as the new century begins to leave its indelible mark on education.

Alister E. McGrath begins his book by critically engaging the views of George Lindbeck on doctrine

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before moving on to present a fresh understanding of the nature and function of Christian doctrine within the church. Particular attention is paid to the way in which doctrine acts as a demarcator between communities of faith, providing important insights into contemporary ecumenical debates. McGrath also explores the crucial issue of the authority of the past in Christian theology, focusing especially on how doctrine serves to maintain continuity within the Christian tradition. The Genesis of Doctrine represents an exploration of a "middle way" in relation to the significance of Christian doctrine, rejecting both those approaches that insist on the uncritical repetition of the doctrinal heritage of the

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past and those that disallow the authority of past doctrinal formulations. The book concludes by considering whether doctrine has a future within the church, answering this question in the affirmative on the basis of a number of important theological and cultural considerations.

A Primer

The Spirit of Early Christian Thought

A Study in Christian Origins

The God of Faith and Reason

An Introduction to Theology in Africa and the

Kpelelogical Foundations of Christian Theology

Foundations of Christianity

A Study in the Foundations of Doctrinal Criticism

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Have you ever thought about a Bible study that will clearly equip you with a working knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith? Maybe you are someone seeking spiritual truth and in your pursuit you desire to learn the basics of Christianity. Perhaps you are hosting Bible studies in your home or with co-workers during the lunch break. Are you a Pastor or Bible teacher at your church considering a new Believers curriculum? The Christian Foundations

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Course is a unique Bible study resource that addresses the fundamentals of Christianity in a clear and attainable manner. Its unique format allows it to be used by an individual for personal study, in small group settings, and as a church curriculum. Features such as lesson exams and quizzes, wide margins for note taking, and a teaching itinerary and outline, makes the Christian Foundations Course a very viable Christian education resource for

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virtually any Bible study program. Many of the problems afflicting American education are the result of a critical shortage of qualified teachers in the classrooms. The teacher crisis is surprisingly resistant to reforms and is getting worse. This analysis of the causes underlying the crisis seeks to offer concrete, affordable proposals for effective reform. Vivian Troen and Katherine Boles, two experienced classroom teachers and education

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consultants, argue that because teachers are recruited from a pool of underqualified candidates, given inadequate preparation, and dropped into a culture of isolation without mentoring, support, or incentives for excellence, they are programmed to fail. Half quit within their first five years. Troen and Boles offer an alternative, a model of reform they call the Millennium School, which changes the way teachers work and

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improves the quality of their teaching. When teaching becomes a real profession, they contend, more academically able people will be drawn into it, colleges will be forced to improve the quality of their education, and better-prepared teachers will enter the classroom and improve the profession.

In this book, African Christian theology is introduced as a Kpelelogical reflection about life in

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the context of Africa, which exists in the context of the cosmos. Kpelelogy is the ontological mode of being grasped by the agape of God in Christ by grace through faith in the power of the Holy Spirit. By this mode, African theology is introduced by way of a definition, a principle of paradox, and a description, as well as a critical view of the works of African theologians. It examines the issues of method, criteria, and sources of doing theology

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in Africa and introduces the method of Kpelelogy as an African theological method. This is explored further as a holistic theological method that is conscious of its being in existence, and its life in history, that is driven by faith in the triune God in a pneumatic experience that has been termed in this book as the Kpelelogical ontological mode. The book is ecumenical in view of its engagement with Christian tradition. It presents a

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Kpelelogical theology that is concretely African and universally Christian in the Okpelejen Wulormor—the cosmic Jesus Christ who is and was, but beyond the munus triplex (Priest, King and Prophet, threefold office of Jesus Christ) that is to come. Hence it is a theology which embraces elements of Reformed, Lutheran, Methodist, Pentecostal, Charismatic, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox theological insights in the African

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context.

"What has Jesus Christ to do with English literature?" ask David Lyle Jeffrey and Gregory Maillet in this insightful survey. First and foremost, they reply, many of the world's best authors of literature in English were formed--for better or worse--by the Christian tradition. Then too, many of the most recognized aesthetic literary forms derive from biblical exemplars. And finally, many great works of

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literature demand of readers evaluative judgments of the good, the true and the beautiful that can only rightly be understood within a Christian worldview. In this book Jeffrey and Maillet offer a feast of theoretical and practical discernment. After an examination of literature and truth, theological aesthetics, and the literary character of the Bible, they turn to a brief survey of literature from medieval times to the present,

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highlighting distinctively Christian themes and judgments. In a concluding chapter they suggest a path for budding literary critics through the current state of literary studies. Here is a must-read for all who are interested in a Christian perspective on literary studies.

Foundations of Christian Thought and Practice

A God-Centered Approach to the Foundation of Western Thought

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Seeking the Face of God

Vincent of Lérins and the Development of Christian Doctrine ()

Ethical Principles for the Christian Life

Biblical Ethics / The Moral Foundations of Life / The Philosophy of Sin

Your Christian Vocation in All of Life

Presenting an original global theory of culture, Girard explores the social function of violence and the mechanism of the social scapegoat. His vision is a challenge to conventional views of literature,

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anthropology, religion and psychoanalysis. Rene Gerard is the Andrew B. Hammond Professor Emeritus of French Language, Literature and Civilization at Stanford University, USA.

Publisher Description

On that special night outside of Bethlehem, a young shepherd named Ethan and other shepherds were watching their flocks. A startling event, which begins the transformation of Ethan's life, is the sudden appearance of an angel who joyfully announces that a savior is born in Bethlehem. All the shepherds, except for Ethan, leave to find this child. Ethan is left to tend the sheep. As he stands his watch, a caravan

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with three magi approaches. Learning they are being pursued by Herod's soldiers, Ethan gladly helps them evade their pursuers. In gratitude for his assistance, the magi give him three very large gold coins. The next night, a couple and their newborn baby named Jesus appear. They are also fleeing from Herod's soldiers. They too seek Ethan's aid. As he had with the magi, he leads them to safety. Many years pass but Ethan never forgets those two extraordinary nights. All that time he has kept the coins, believing they are worth much more than their monetary value. His belief is confirmed, when, thirty years later, he sees and hears Jesus preach.

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Although the words of Jesus inspire Ethan, it is without any commitment that he follows this man called the Son of God. He simply believes that Jesus is the only one who can unravel the mystery of the coins. In his efforts to have Jesus reveal their meaning to him, he discovers that there are those who plan to kill Jesus. Once more, Ethan feels compelled to help, and he joins with Peter and John in an attempt to save Jesus' life. Ultimately, God's glory is magnified, and Ethan's life is completely transformed. The coins play their part as well -but not as anyone could have ever imagined.

Rediscovering the Foundations of Christianity is a

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concise study of the major doctrines of the Bible. The studies are divided into 5 individual study books. These include The Doctrine of the Bible, The Doctrine of God, The Doctrine of Humanity, The Doctrine of Sin and the Doctrine of Salvation. Each lesson introduces information and precepts which will be used in subsequent lessons. These five foundations of Christian thought are the basis for contemporary Christian thought, philosophy and lifestyle. Therefore it is important for the Christian to have at least a basic understanding of that upon which their faith should be based.

Rediscovering the Foundations of Christianity Book

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5: Salvation

The Foundations of Mormon Thought : Church and Praxis

Feeding the Flock

Concepts and Methods for Understanding Christian Faith

A Comprehensive & Readable Theology

The Moral Quest

Logic

Provides a systematic and practical study of the fundamental principles of discipleship which, if followed through and applied, stimulates growth towards maturity.

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Donald G. Bloesch's wide-ranging and in-depth reflection on the presence, reality and ministry of the Holy Spirit serves as a landmark to those seeking a faithful theological understanding of the Holy Spirit. In our troubled world, protective hospitality is tragically necessary and requires informed shared action and belief on behalf of the threatened other. In *Safeguarding the Stranger*, Jayme R. Reaves argues that protective hospitality and its faith-based foundations, as seen in the Abrahamic traditions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, merit greater theological attention.

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Reaves shows that the practice of protective hospitality in Christianity can be enhanced by a better understanding of Jewish and Muslim practices of hospitality, as well as of their codes and etiquettes related to honour. *Safeguarding the Stranger* draws on a contextual and political theological approach, informed by liberation and feminist theologies as viewed through the lens of a co-operative and complementary theological view, which is influenced by inter-religious, Abrahamic, and hospitable approaches to dialogue, forecasting the positive role that religions can play in resolving conflicts.

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A distinguished professor debunks the assertion that America's Founders were deists who desired the strict separation of church and state and instead shows that their political ideas were profoundly influenced by their Christian convictions. In 2010, David Mark Hall gave a lecture at the Heritage Foundation entitled "Did America Have a Christian Founding?" His balanced and thoughtful approach to this controversial question caused a sensation. C-SPAN televised his talk, and an essay based on it has been downloaded more than 300,000 times. In this book, Hall expands upon this essay, making

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the airtight case that America's Founders were not deists. He explains why and how the Founders' views are absolutely relevant today, showing that they did not create a "godless" Constitution; that even Jefferson and Madison did not want a high wall separating church and state; that most Founders believed the government should encourage Christianity; and that they embraced a robust understanding of religious liberty for biblical and theological reasons. This compelling and utterly persuasive book will convince skeptics and equip believers and conservatives to defend the idea that

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Christian thought was crucial to the nation's founding--and that this benefits all of us, whatever our faith (or lack of faith).

Theological Anthropology

An Abrahamic Theology and Ethic of Protective Hospitality

Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview

Foundations of Christian Ethics

The Genesis of Doctrine

God at Work

Foundations of Christian Education

Platonism has played a central role in Christianity and is essential to a deep understanding of the Christian

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theological tradition. At times, Platonism has constituted an essential philosophical and theological resource, furnishing Christianity with an intellectual framework that has played a key role in its early development, and in subsequent periods of renewal. Alternatively, it has been considered a compromising influence, conflicting with the faith's revelatory foundations and distorting its inherent message. In both cases the fundamental importance of Platonism, as a force which Christianity defined itself by and against, is clear. Written by an international team of scholars, this landmark volume examines the history of Christian Platonism from antiquity to the present day, covers key concepts, and

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engages issues such as the environment, natural science and materialism.

Works Gifts

Christian Foundations

Addresses to Christian Teachers

The Holy Spirit

Becoming Men of Courage in a World of Chaos