

Prospects For Growth A Biblical View Of Population Resources And The Future Turning Point Christian Worldview Series

"In the appendix we find the conclusions of Professor Christy, upon the future prospects of Africa..."--The Morning Post (London, England), Issue 24176, Thursday, June 05, 1851.

Ours is a time of rapid cultural change with new economic challenges. People look to their governments for leadership and solutions. But what can and should government do to meet the difficulties that beset a nation? What can citizens expect from their elected representatives? What is reasonable? And what should citizens do? What are their responsibilities? This book addresses such fundamental issues through the eyes of Scripture and against the backdrop of North America's dual heritage of Christianity and humanism. Government, politics, and the Bible do not seem like a good mix. But as this book aims to show, the Bible has much wisdom to teach us about the place and role of government and its citizens. Biblical principles work because God knows how his world and his servant governments are supposed to function. After all, he ordained the governing authorities, and the principles enunciated in his Word are timeless and remain practical. This book introduces fundamental biblical principles that apply to government and politics. The intent is to inform and to motivate the reader to get involved where possible in the political processes of the day. Our legislators need the input and help from their knowledgeable Christian constituents.

src="http://www.youtube.com/v/WCj_wojf4SQ&rel=0" /> Many people are tormented by a lack of genuine Christian assurance, simply because of theological and practical misunderstandings. Woodrow W. Whidden II addresses common questions and misunderstandings as he explores the Seventh-day Adventist doctrines of grace, law, salvation, judgment, and final events. His findings reveal biblical teachings that will inspire a deep, refreshing sense of the assurance of salvation as he explores such issues as: How can believers know with certainty that they are saved? Does the Bible teach a cosmic, pre-Advent investigative judgment based on works? Who will survive the latter rain, the close of probation, and the time of trouble? What do believers do with failure, backsliding, and the fear of judgment? Are Ellen G. White's writings a help or a stumbling block when understanding salvation? This powerful and comprehensive book will help believers become assured and balanced Christians, able to understand and explain the biblical teachings on judgment and assurance.

Megachurches

African Christian Leadership

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

The Rise of Christianity in China

Biblical Precedent, Colonialism and the Erasure of Memory

The Compassionate Use of Resources in a World of Scarcity

Global Innovations in Christian Witness

How to Do Mission Action Planning (SPCK, 2009) was the first book to appear on the MAP process, at a time when it was beginning to have a significant impact. In this fully revised and expanded edition, the authors offer further critical evaluation and theological reflection, by drawing on the experiences of people who have been using the MAP process in different contexts from their own: Fr

Damian Feeney, parish priest and Catholic Missioner of Lichfield diocese Canon David Banbury, leader of Parish Mission Support, Blackburn diocese The Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans Dr Stephen Hance, Canon Missioner of Southwark diocese Linda Rayner, the United Reformed Church co-ordinator for Fresh Expressions 'This is a rare book – a refreshing meditation on planning for mission – and one that is rooted in spirituality. As the authors show, the church and its mission arise from our vision of God. And once that vision has been realised, churches are able to become more intentional about their mission. Our vocation to share God's love is not an option or an afterthought. It is the heart and soul of our faith. Mission – and our planning of it – should not fill us with fear or foreboding. Rather, as the authors argue, the call to share God's love can be evermore meaningful, even as mission becomes more methodical.' **The Very Revd Prof. Martyn Percy, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford 'This is a must-read for anyone using MAP. The rich theological reflection, the detailed unpacking of the 4 MAP phases and the learning offered by the 5 guest practitioners add up to an impressive offering. This book enables good questions to be asked, overflows with wise reflection and contains oodles of practical examples, ideas and resources. I commend it to all local church leaders who are seeking to discern how best to translate the prayer 'your kingdom come' into appropriate church and congregational action.'** **John Dunnett, General Director, CPAS 'This timely revision is honest, well researched and carefully put together - an important contribution to the necessary change of culture required in today's Church.'** **Julian Henderson, Bishop of Blackburn**

Our religious world is changing and many traditional expressions of Christianity seem to be in serious decline. By way of contrast, a relatively new type of church - in the form of large megachurches - appears to be growing to the point where they are replacing traditional denominational churches in size and influence. This book traces the origins and development of megachurches in Australia, in particular through a careful and detailed study of the origins and growth of the Christian Outreach Centre movement. It explores reasons for the growth of the megachurches and the lessons that can be learnt from this form of church. It examines their revivalist religious experiences, their organisational structures and leadership styles; and asks how these have helped the growth of megachurch, as well as their expansion into new activities such as schools, social welfare and political lobbying. It also considers lessons to be learnt from their ability to develop an affiliated network of smaller churches, local and overseas missions, and the growth of new national and international megachurch denominations. Based on a ten year study that explores the historical, social and religious dimensions of Australia's megachurches, the book examines reasons why this experiential form of religion seems attractive to many Australians when many traditional mainstream religious institutions struggle to attract adherents. It evaluates the contribution of such churches to the lives of participants, the wider mission of Christianity and their role in Australian society. It also reflects on the future of the megachurches as they continue to change in order to maintain attendances and support their large staff and resource base, and addresses the question of how successful they are in preserving core Christian beliefs,

practices and mission commitments.

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Foundations of Economics

Welcome!

Realities, Opportunities, and Impact

Prayer, process and practice

Christian Scholarship in the Twenty-First Century

Christian Scholar's Review

A New Vision for the Sunday School

International relations is an increasingly important topic for the average American. It determines job prospects, economic growth and decline, war, peace, and whether or not a foreign entity uses a weapon of mass destruction. The practice and theory of international relations by today's presidents and dictators is grounded in ideologies that have shaped societies throughout history—ideologies that dominate the world of the Bible. Whether it was the Babylonian and Egyptian Empires, the influence of Greek Hellenism, or the Romans' critical role, international relations are an omnipresent backdrop. There can be no story of Exodus, no Babylonian captivity, no explanation for the constant war in Syria, no publicans or Roman governors, no judgment by Pontius Pilate, and no St. Paul's story as a Roman citizen, without considering the role of international affairs.

Foundations of Economics: A Christian View is an introduction to economics from an explicitly Christian perspective. It maintains that there is no conflict between Christian doctrine and economic science, properly understood. Therefore, Foundations of Economics has three goals: to demonstrate that the foundations of economic laws are derived from a Christian understanding of nature and humanity; to explain basic economic principles of the market economy and apply them to various economic problems, such as poverty and economic development; and to show the relationship between Christian ethics and economic policy. Foundations of Economics: A Christian View accomplishes these goals by rooting the fundamental principles of human action in the Christian doctrines of creation and humanity, and integrating them with the Christian ethic of private property. This volume explains the relevance of economics for fulfilling the cultural mandate set forth in the first two chapters of Genesis, by demonstrating how economics can help us in our task to be fruitful and multiply and have dominion over the earth, without spoiling creation, starving to death, or descending into a barbaric struggle for survival.

The Bible provides ancient wisdom and values that can lead to a life of great success today. After years of biblical study and personal experience, William Douglas and Rubens Teixeira have identified twenty-five key principles that are of central importance to the pursuit of a successful career and life. In this practical and powerful book, readers will learn - twenty-five biblical laws of success - cures for seven sins that block success - what Solomon teaches in Proverbs about professional accomplishments - the mindset that encourages personal development - ten personal virtues coveted by the market - how to have money and success with harmony and balance in life Anyone who wants to succeed in a career or business will benefit from The 25 Biblical Laws of Success.

A Biblical View of Population, Resources, and the Future
Text and Commentary

A Critical Guide to the Literature

Ecology, Justice, and Christian Faith
100 Tools for Building Successful Kingdom Growth
Growth
Chalcedon Report

We live in a world with millions in need, a nation torn by conflicting ideologies that offer failing remedies for economic ills. Yet the gospel calls Christians to feed the hungry and care for the poor. But how? Prosperity and Poverty offers clear teaching on Biblical principles of stewardship and economics, enabling us to make informed choices in these areas. The stakes are high. Our decisions mean the difference between starvation and plenty, between liberty and oppression, for tens of millions of people.

The Christian tradition provides a wealth of insight into perennial human questions about the shape of the good life, human happiness, virtue, justice, wealth and poverty, spiritual growth, and much else besides -- and Christian scholars can do great good by bringing that rich tradition into conversation with the broader culture. But what is the nature and purpose of distinctively Christian scholarship, and what does that imply for the life and calling of the Christian scholar? What is it about Christian scholarship that makes it Christian? Ten eminent scholars grapple with such questions in this volume. They offer deep and thought-provoking discussions of the habits and commitments of the Christian scholar, the methodology and pedagogy of Christian scholarship, the role of the Holy Spirit in education, Christian approaches to art and literature, and more.

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Leading educators show step by step how your Sunday School can experience new growth.
Building Sunday School by the Owner's Design

Occupational Outlook Handbook

The 25 Biblical Laws of Success

The State of Missiology Today

The International Relations of the Bible

Origins, Ministry, and Prospects

Reveals why all growth is spiritual growth and how readers can grow in ways they never thought possible.

This update of a classic text evaluates contemporary ethical options and pressing issues of the day from a biblical perspective.

For many churches the Sunday school can be one of the best vehicles to apply the principles of effective evangelism and assimilation. But also in many churches, the Sunday school must undergo a significant paradigm shift before this occurs. Danny Von Kanel's book is a helpful resource to begin making this shift in your church. Charles "Chip" Arn President, Church Growth Inc. Monrovia, California A strong Sunday school program is a key component of any flourishing church -- and Building Sunday School By The Owner's Design provides a comprehensive toolbox jam-packed with 100 ideas for improving every aspect of your religious education program. Building on the framework of his book Built By The Owner's Design, Danny Von Kanel demonstrates how God's Word offers a proven blueprint for effective outreach and growth -- and he offers you a wide array of practical approaches for making Sunday school the

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vital centerpiece of a spiritually thriving ministry. Von Kanel discusses the strengths and shortcomings of both traditional and contemporary "church growth movement" approaches to Sunday school, then points out how following God's design offers a better method for igniting exciting growth. Convenient "Tool Time" and "Tool Resource" sections offer specific steps for implementing these ideas in your church. Building Sunday School By The Owner's Design is an essential resource for pastors, teachers, and other religious professionals -- it offers everything you need to develop a life-changing Sunday school program that produces enthusiastic, deeply committed followers of Christ. Danny Von Kanel has been involved in ministry, freelance writing, and church growth consulting for more than twenty years. He has served congregations in Mississippi, Alabama, and Illinois, and is currently the Minister of Music and Education at First Baptist Church in Franklinton, Louisiana. Von Kanel is the author of Built By The Owner's Design (CSS), and his articles have appeared in numerous church leadership magazines, including Journal of the American Society for Church Growth, Growing Churches, Church Administration, Rev., Ministries Today, Today's Christian Preacher, and many others. He is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

How to do Mission Action Planning

Biblical Principles for Today: An Introduction and Resource

What the Bible Reveals about Personal Growth

Biblical Illustrator Vol. 41 - Mark

The Judgment and Assurance

Websites Designed for Growth

New Outlook

Believers need to learn to defend the Christian worldview. In today's world of varying religions, it's becoming more important for a Christian to know what they believe and why they believe it. In Transformed Thinking, Tom Wheeler clearly lays out the most fundamental beliefs of Christianity and compares them to other worldviews, providing arguments to support his beliefs. Even though this book is purposed for the classroom setting, it would be a beneficial read for any believer who wants to have a firm foundation on which to share their beliefs with unbelievers. From the beginning of the world to the inerrancy of Scripture, Transformed Thinking will provide you with solid answers for your faith. Advance Praise for Transformed Thinking: "Transformed Thinking is a veritable encyclopedia of knowledge that provides foundational aspects in developing a Christian worldview." Dr. Brian Fairchild D.Min./ Pastor, Colonial Bible Church, Midland, Texas "This book is a must read for every Christian layperson and leader in the Church." Dr. Sidney Dyer, Ph.D. Professor of Greek and New Testament/ Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary "In the years I've taught high school seniors, Tom Wheeler's Transformed Thinking has proved to be truly effective in establishing and strengthening Biblical thinking in a world full of opposing views." Dr. Drew Conley, Ph.D. Pastor for Preaching and Teaching/ Hampton Park Baptist Church, Greenville, SC

It is difficult to be hopeful in the midst of daily news about the effects of climate change on people and our planet. While the Christian basis for hope is the resurrection of Jesus, unfortunately far too many American Protestant Christians do not connect this belief with the daily witness of their faith. This book argues that the

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resurrection proclaims a notion of hope that should be the foundation of a theology of creation care that manifests itself explicitly in the daily lives of believers. Christian hope not only inspires us to do great and courageous things but also serves as a critique of current systems and powers that degrade humans, nonhumans, and the rest of creation and thus cause us to be hopeless. Belief in the resurrection hope should cause us to be a different sort of people. Christians should think, purchase, eat, and act in novel and courageous ways because they are motivated daily by the resurrection of Jesus. This is the only way to be hopeful in the age of climate change.

Abraham Lincoln did not take his family Bible to the White House. And the reason he did not use the Bible in his first inaugural address was not because it failed to arrive in his baggage. Freed concentrates on what Abraham Lincoln himself says instead of what others say about him, which yields insights into understanding Lincoln's speech before the Young Men's Lyceum, his reply to the "Loyal Colored People of Baltimore," and his Second Inaugural Address. The author shows that much of what has been written about Lincoln's knowledge of the Bible and its influence on his thought is myth. Although his language was replete with vocabulary from the Bible, Lincoln's knowledge of it was superficial, and he did not use the Bible to promote religion. He was always a politician, but with a moral sensitivity. With the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution, he used the Bible to help him achieve his political ambitions and to support the emancipation of slaves. A unique book on a subject never treated so thoroughly, this is a must-read for all Lincoln admirers.

Biblical Counsel

Contemporary Issues and Options

The Dynamics of Personal Salvation

Black Theology in Dialogue

Resources for Renewal : an Annotated Topical Bibliography of Works Containing Biblical Counsel for Persons Seeking Lasting Solutions to Life's Problems

Or, The Means of Her Relief Illustrated by the Growth and Prospects of Liberia

Transformed Thinking: A Defense of the Christian Worldview, English Standard Version

Throughout the history of European imperialism the grand narratives of the Bible have been used to justify settler-colonialism. "The Zionist Bible" explores the ways in which modern political Zionism and Israeli militarism have used the Bible - notably the Book of Joshua and its description of the entry of the Israelites into the Promised Land - as an agent of oppression and to support settler-colonialism in Palestine. The rise of messianic Zionism in the late 1960s saw the beginnings of a Jewish theology of zealotocracy, based on the militant land traditions of the Bible and justifying the destruction of the previous inhabitants. "The Zionist Bible" examines how the birth and growth of the State of Israel has been shaped by this Zionist reading of the Bible, how it has refashioned Israeli-Jewish

collective memory, erased and renamed Palestinian topography, and how critical responses to this reading have challenged both Jewish and Palestinian nationalism.

Whether your congregation is moving confidently toward a bright future or flinching from bleak prospects, this book can be a key resource.

Appropriate methods will vary. Ervin R. Stutzman explains how any congregation can tap that great asset: newcomers. Drawing on lively anecdotes, his own experience, sociological analysis, and church growth research, Stutzman shows how congregations close their doors to newcomers. Then he explains how they can throw their doors open, welcoming the new energy and vision newcomers bring.

Challenging all who are concerned about religion in today's world, J. Deotis Roberts outlines a new way of looking at the essential questions. Roberts proposes a theology concerned with concrete and specific situations that also retains a universal vision. In discussing the relationship of American black thought to African, liberation, feminist, Asian, and Euro-American theologies, he covers significant religious issues such as love, justice, power, and evil.

The Biblical Commission's Document "The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church"

Lincoln's Political Ambitions, Slavery, and the Bible

Prospects for Growth

Creation Care This Side of the Resurrection

Transformed Thinking: A Defense of the Christian Worldview, King James Version

Purgatory

The Bible, Ecology, and Environment

Companion to: Heaven: The logic of eternal joy (2002).

The first comprehensive and critical overview of Christian perspectives on the relationship between social justice and ecological integrity, this annotated bibliography focuses on works that include ecological issues, social-ethical values and problems, and explicitly theological or religious reflection on ecological and social ethics and their interrelations. This body of moral reflection on the relationship between ecological ethics and social and economic justice (sometimes called eco-justice) will be of interest to those involved in religious education, research, liturgical renewal, public policy recommendations, community action, lay witness, and personal life-style transformation. The work is comprised of an introductory review essay followed by over 500 complete annotations. As a contemporary subject, much has been written in the past 30 years about the Christian approaches to the relationship between ecological integrity and social justice. The literature comes from a variety of disciplines and perspectives: from biblical studies to philosophical theology and cultural criticism; and from evangelical theory to process, feminist, and creation-centered theologies. Although there have been significant movements and developments in this literature, much writing seems unaware of other or earlier discussions of the interrelationships. This volume brings all the works together.

This is Volume I of an encyclopedia representing the scholarship of hundreds of evangelical contributors who have prepared articles on virtually every person, place, and term mentioned in the Bible. The encyclopedia is based on the Revised Standard Version, but is cross-referenced so that readers of other versions can easily utilize it.

Hope in the Age of Climate Change

Powerful Principles to Transform Your Career and Business

A Star in the East

God and Government

A Biblical and Practical Guide to Receiving New Members

A Christian View

Prosperity and Poverty

Your school is throwing a party - a joyful experience in which children discover their unique gifts and talents and grow into leaders. The only problem is that this party is by invitation only, and those who are on the outside can't experience what could happen for their children. Parents begin education research online during pregnancy and continue throughout the parenting experience. And since every child you enroll for the next decade will be the child of a millennial, expectations for what they find online is very high. Even before middle school, student opinions start to determine school choice, and online viewing tells those students a lot about the school. The conversation between prospects and someone at the school only happens after 80% of the decision is already made. Before they meet you, they've already done their research. And they are doing it online. Websites have to deliver an experience that is much more than just academic information. The way we approach marketing and the school website is actually a question of stewardship - not simply how little we can spend, but how it can most effectively support the growth of the school. Here are the essentials - what to build, how to build it and the process that creates real growth. Changing the way we view website marketing is the first step toward building an effective way to connect with more parents and students to build enrollment. The book delivers fresh research on how Christian schools and colleges are doing online, and what they should do about it. Avoiding pitfalls and adopting a different way of thinking about the online presence begins the journey toward better marketing and growing enrollments.

Describes 250 occupations which cover approximately 107 million jobs. What is the state of Christianity in China, really? Some scholars say that China is invulnerable to religion. Some say that past efforts of missionaries have failed, writing off those who were converted as nothing more than "rice Christians," or cynical souls who had frequented the missions for the benefits they provided. Some wonder if the Cultural Revolution extinguished any chances of Christianity in China. Rodney Stark and Xiuhua Wang offer a different perspective, arguing that Christianity is alive, well, and even on the rise. Stark approaches the topic from an extensive research background in both Christianity and Chinese history, and Wang provides an inside look at Christianity and its place in her home country of

China. Both authors cover the history of religion in China, disproving older theories concerning not only the number of Christians, but the kinds of Christians that have emerged in the past 155 years. Stark and Wang claim that when just considering the visible Christians, those not part of underground churches, there are still thousands of Chinese being converted to Christianity each day, and forty new churches opening each week. A Star in the East draws on two major national surveys to sketch a close-up of religion in China. A reliable estimate is that by 2007 there were approximately 60 million Christians in China. If the current rate of growth were to hold until 2030, there would be more Christians in China—about 295 million—than in any other nation on earth. This has significant implications, not just for China but for the greater world order. It is probable that Chinese Christianity will splinter into denominations, likely leading to the same kinds of political, social, and economic ramifications seen in the West today. Whether you're new to studying Christianity in China, or whether this has been your area of interest for years, A Star in the East provides a reliable, thought-provoking, and engaging account of the resilience of the Christian faith in China and the implications it has for the future.

The Reformation Digest

The Zionist Bible

Marketing Essentials for Christian Schools and Colleges

The Logic of Total Transformation

How People Grow

Africa Redeemed

Crosswinds

The 2015 Missiology Lectures at Fuller Theological Seminary marked the fiftieth anniversary of the School of Intercultural Studies. The papers from that conference explore the developments and transformations in the study and practice of mission, as contributors chart the current shape of mission studies and its prospects in the twenty-first century.

Under date of April 15, 1993, the Pontifical Biblical Commission published in French a document on the interpretation and use of the Bible in the Church. The English translation of the original French document, "The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church", appeared on November 18, 1993. The purpose of the document is "to indicate the paths most appropriate for arriving at an interpretation of the Bible as faithful as possible to its character both human and divine". The English translation of the document is published in its entirety in the present volume, together with a clarificatory commentary by Fr. Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J., a member of the Biblical Commission. A detailed bibliography is included. Also published are English translations of the address of His Holiness Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the publication of the French original on April 15, 1993, and of the preface to the document by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, President of the Biblical Commission.

The warnings are loud and clear: the world is dangerously

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overpopulated; natural resources are becoming scarce; catastrophic manmade global warming could lead to the death of our planet. Are these accurate predictions we ignore at our own peril, or are they politically motivated scare tactics designed to promote a radical agenda? In this important book, respected author E. Calvin Beisner brings biblical principles of theology, anthropology, and ethics to bear on these crucial questions. What do the Scriptures say about population, freedom/civil government, natural resources, and management of the environment? Is man meant to be servant, master, or steward of the earth? This compelling study will help everyone concerned about the future of the earth make informed decisions on strategic issues of our day.

Christian Ethics

Prospects and Perils