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Dust and Breath
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Kendra G. Hotz and Matthew T. Mathews

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R. Paul Stevens

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Seattle Pacific University

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The Rest of Life
Rest, Play, Eating, Studying, Sex from a Kingdom Perspective
Ben Witherington III

When was the last time you heard a sermon on the theological importance of play? What do rest, eating, studying — and sex — have to do with the Kingdom of God? Strangely, although these activities together take up much of our time, they seldom receive much discussion from a biblical point of view.

In The Rest of Life Ben Witherington explores these subjects in the light of biblical teaching about the Kingdom of God and the Christian hope for the future. He shows why and how all the normal activities of life should be doxological — done to the glory of God and for the edification of others. Focusing as it does on practical, everyday matters in an accessible style, this topical study is ideal for both individual reading and small-group discussion.

“This latest creation of Ben Witherington is a delicious blend of research in Scripture and conversations with theological partners. But what makes this book so helpful is that the subject matter is life, not esoteric theological themes. . . . Witherington makes a unique contribution to the biblical understanding of everyday themes by rooting his discussion in the Kingdom of God. He gives us bifocal lenses so we can look at life both close-up, as it is now, and as it will become in the fullness of God's lovely reign. This is an invigorating book, a delight to read.”

— R. Paul Stevens
author of Work Matters: Lessons from Scripture

Leading God’s People
Wisdom from the Early Church for Today
Christopher A. Beeley

Using the wisdom of the past to address the challenges of the present, Christopher Beeley’s Leading God’s People presents key principles of church leadership as they were taught by great pastor-theologians of the early church, including Gregory of Nazianzus, Ambrose, Augustine, Chrysostom, and Gregory the Great.

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“A foundational and systematic description of the model of leadership in the early Christian community. The author weaves throughout his book excerpts from the epistles of St. Paul and the writings of the church fathers to illustrate that these early theologians understood the essential need for pastoral virtue, humility, holiness, and inspired preaching for effective church leadership. In particular, St. Augustine's insights are very compelling.”

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Dean, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary

Called to Lead
Paul’s Letters to Timothy for a New Day
Anthony B. Robinson and Robert W. Wall

In this sequel to their previous volume, Called to Be Church: The Book of Acts for a New Day, pastoral leader Anthony Robinson and biblical scholar Robert Wall expound Paul’s two pastoral letters to Timothy, which contain crucial messages for churches today. Featuring both careful exegetical study and dynamic contemporary exposition, Called to Lead interprets the text of 1 and 2 Timothy as Scripture and applies it to today’s church — without shying away from vexing issues such as the church’s use of money, leadership succession, pastoral authority, and the role of Scripture.

“For a very long time the pastor-to-pastor Pauline letters to Timothy have been marginalized by some and grossly misinterpreted by others. It is now time for us to rediscover these letters and to put them into imaginative conversation with the contemporary realities of church and culture. That is precisely what this fine study accomplishes with exegetical care, theological acumen, and pastoral insight.”

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Taking Jesus at His Word
What Jesus Really Said in the Sermon on the Mount
Addison Hodges Hart

Blessed are the poor in spirit. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. You cannot serve God and mammon. Judge not, that you be not judged. Though such sayings from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount are very familiar, many people — including Christians! — struggle to fully understand and follow them. For those who are brave enough to reconsider what Jesus really said, Addison Hodges Hart offers Taking Jesus at His Word.

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Addison Hodges Hart is a retired pastor and college chaplain. He is also the author of Knowing Darkness: On Skepticism, Melancholy, Friendship, and God and The Yoke of Jesus: A School for the Soul in Solitude.


Recently released

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Christine D. Pohl

“Pohl reminds us that we are created for, and in the image of, community — but that doesn’t mean it comes easy. This book is about the holy habits we need to cultivate if we are to experience and sustain real community. She is a wise scholar of community, but she’s also sort of a community groupie — of the best sort — she knows all the cool ‘bands’ and has some amazing stories to tell. This new book is a gift to all of us who are longing to know that we are not alone in the world.”

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Center for Parent/Youth Understanding

Thomas E. Bergler is associate professor of ministry and missions at Huntington University, Indiana, where he has taught youth ministry courses for eleven years. He has considerable firsthand experience in various youth ministries and serves as senior associate editor for The Journal of Youth Ministry.

Amplifying Our Witness
Giving Voice to Adolescents with Developmental Disabilities
Benjamin T. Conner

“One of the most astonishing books on Christian formation, youth ministry, and mission that I have ever read… This is not a book about how to do ministry with youth with disabilities; it is about how they are in ministry with us. Brimming with stories of young people you might have overlooked. Amplifying Our Witness reads effortlessly yet plunges us into the deepest questions of what it means to be human, to be Christian, and to be someone who bears God’s image. This book did not just move me — it changed me.”

— Kenda Creasy Dean
author of Practicing Passion and Almost Christian

“Benjamin Conner here calls attention to what it means for the church to minister to and receive the ministry of adolescents across the ability spectrum. This powerful book will transform the way we think about the missio Dei in a world of differing abilities!”

— Amos Yong
author of The Bible, Disability, and the Church

“Disability theology hasn’t had a serious conversation with missiology — until now… With scholarly sensitivity and missiological precision Conner offers an important contribution not only to the fields of practical theology, mission studies, and disability theology but also to the life of the whole church as it seeks to be a community of friendship and faithfulness. This book will make a difference.”

— John Swinton
University of Aberdeen

Benjamin T. Conner has worked with adolescents for twenty years and currently runs a ministry to adolescents with developmental disabilities in Williamsburg, Virginia. He has taught courses at Union Presbyterian Seminary and at Memphis Theological Seminary through the Center for Youth Ministry Training and is the author of Practicing Witness: A Missional Vision of Christian Practices (Eerdmans).


Dementia
Living in the Memories of God
John Swinton

Dementia is one of the most feared diseases in Western society today. Some have even gone so far as to suggest euthanasia as a solution to the perceived indignity of memory loss and the disorientation that accompanies it.

In this book John Swinton develops a practical theology of dementia for caregivers, people with dementia, ministers, hospital chaplains, and medical practitioners as he explores two primary questions: Who am I when I’ve forgotten who I am? What does it mean to love God and be loved by God when I have forgotten who God is?

Offering compassionate, carefully considered theological and pastoral responses to dementia and forgetfulness, Swinton’s Dementia: Living in the Memories of God redefines dementia in light of the transformative counter-story that is the gospel.

“John Swinton has clearly become the premier pastoral theologian of our time. In this book on dementia he approaches this troubled topic with his usual thoroughness, engaging the science with an unapologetic theological voice. This book will become a classic.”

— Stanley Hauerwas
Duke Divinity School

“For the last decade of her life my first wife, Ann, couldn’t speak — not because she couldn’t move her lips but because she could no longer work out what to say. She had dementia… I love Swinton’s statement that people such as Ann ‘remain tightly held within the memories of God,’ and I resonate with his description of the church as ‘a living body of remembering friends.’ Indeed, as I read this book, I kept saying ‘Yes, Yes, Yes!’”

— John Goldingay
Fuller Theological Seminary

John Swinton is professor of practical theology and pastoral care at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, and founding director of the Centre for Spirituality, Health, and Disability at Aberdeen. His other books include Resurrecting the Person, Disability in the Christian Tradition (see page 17), Living Well and Dying Faithfully, and Raging with Compassion.

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The Moral Disciple
An Introduction to Christian Ethics
Kent A. Van Til
Foreword by Richard J. Mouw

“This gem of a volume expertly introduces the rich subject matter of Christian ethics in a lucid and appealing format. Kent Van Til’s scholarly knowledge, pedagogical skill, and lively faith make this text a joy to read. Highly recommended!”

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“Van Til’s primer on Christian ethics introduces students not only to the vocabulary of Christian ethics but also to a broader range of issues surrounding moral agency, moral norms, and moral consequences — and offers a variety of ways of dealing with these issues.

No less importantly, The Moral Disciple attends to Scripture and invites readers to a richer practice of ‘moral discipleship.’”

— Allen Verhey
Duke Divinity School

“With wonderfully readable sentences and vivid illustrations, Van Til offers clear, useful, and comprehensive conceptual distinctions and applies concepts to familiar contemporary issues and ideas, inviting response and discussion. Anyone seeking an introduction to Christian ethics will be grateful for this brief volume.”

— Harlan Beckley
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“A gem of a textbook that shows how exciting ethics is and how it relates to economics, politics, the arts, and hard science.”

— Daniel C. Maguire
Marquette University

“I wish I had been able to assign this fine book by Kent Van Til to my ethics classes when I first started teaching college students over four decades ago. . . . Reading this book has made me more sensitive to the need for more moral honesty in my own soul!”

— Richard J. Mouw (from foreword)
Fuller Theological Seminary

Kent A. Van Til has taught at Hope College, Kuyper College, Marquette University, and ESEPA Seminary in Costa Rica. He is also the author of Less Than Two Dollars a Day: A Christian View of World Poverty and the Free Market.

Should We Live Forever?
The Ethical Ambiguities of Aging
Gilbert Meilaender

In Should We Live Forever? Christian ethicist Gilbert Meilaender puzzles over the implications of the medical advances that have lengthened the human life span, wrestling with what this quest for living longer means for our conception of living well and completely. As he points out in his introduction, “That we often desire, even greedily desire, longer life is clear; whether what we desire is truly desirable is harder to say.” Meilaender argues that a thirst for indefinitely more life, and for a life in which aging and decline are significantly slowed, is surely appealing in many ways and should not simply be resisted, but neither should it be uncritically applauded. If human life is an embodied, organic life, he says, we might suppose that even a flourishing life must include the sort of aging and decline that marks organic life generally. Still more, if human beings are created for life with God, prolongation of this life, however long, may not really satisfy the thirst that moves us.

The six chapters of this book take multiple perspectives on issues surrounding aging and invite readers thoughtfully to consider whether “indefinately more life” is something worth pursuing.

Gilbert Meilaender is Phyllis and Richard Duesenberg Professor in Christian Ethics at Valparaiso University, Indiana. His other books include Neither Beast Nor God: The Dignity of the Human Person and The Way That Leads There: Augustinian Reflections on the Christian Life. He served on the President’s Council on Bioethics from 2002 to 2009.

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Bible, Gender, Sexuality
Reframing the Church’s Debate on Same-Sex Relationships
James V. Brownson
Foreword by Wes Granberg-Michaelson

In Bible, Gender, Sexuality James Brownson argues that Christians should reconsider whether or not the biblical strictures against same-sex relations as defined in the ancient world should apply to contemporary, committed same-sex relationships. He says that the church is stuck on the question of homosexuality, and at the center of this “stuckness” is the question of how we use Scripture in the debate over same-sex relationships. Traditionalists fear that if we can’t follow what they believe to be the “plain sense” of the biblical text on this issue, the church will lose its basic moral grounding. Revisionists fear that if we can’t recognize the work of the Spirit in sanctifying gay and lesbian relationships, we will miss a profoundly new work of God in our time.

Brownson focuses primarily on the Bible while holding together both traditionalist and revisionist concerns. He carefully analyzes each of the seven main texts that appear to address intimate same-sex relations. In the process, he explores key concepts that inform our understanding of the biblical texts, including patriarchy, complementarity, purity and impurity, honor and shame. Central to his argument is the need to uncover the moral logic behind the biblical text. Written in order to serve and inform the ongoing debate in many denominations over the questions of homosexuality, Brownson’s in-depth study will prove a useful resource for Christians who want to form a considered opinion on this important issue.

James V. Brownson is the James and Jean Cook Professor of New Testament at Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan, where he has taught since 1989. An ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America, he is also the author of The Promise of Baptism: An Introduction to Baptism in Scripture and the Reformed Tradition (Eerdmans).

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Bioethics
A Primer for Christians
Third Edition
Gilbert Meilaender

In language that is theologically informed, straightforward, and clear, Gilbert Meilaender’s Bioethics discusses a wide range of pressing bioethical issues: assisted reproduction, abortion, gene therapy and genetic research, prenatal screening, suicide and euthanasia, treatment refusal and decision making, organ donation, and participation in research projects. Meilaender explores the difficulties surrounding each issue and offers a clear statement of how Christians ought to think about them. Throughout he stresses the importance of care for the weakest members of our community and the hope that we have, despite our inability to eliminate all suffering, because we have a God who suffers with us.

This third edition of Meilaender’s primer in Christian bioethics retains the basic structure of the first two editions while updating information on such matters as increased demand for and pressure to find organs for organ donation, recent progress with use of induced pluripotent stem cells as an alternative to embryonic stem cells, and protecting Christian conscience in the practice of medicine as doctors come under legal pressure to provide treatment that is against their conscience.

Meilaender’s Bioethics continues to provide a much-needed discussion of how Christian vision and central Christian beliefs can and should shape our thinking about key issues in bioethics. It also offers a perspective from which we can appreciate both the blessings and the limits of modern medicine.

Gilbert Meilaender is the Duesenberg Professor in Christian Ethics at Valparaiso University, Indiana.

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On Moral Medicine
Theological Perspectives in Medical Ethics
Third Edition
Edited by M. Therese Lysaught and Joseph J. Kotva Jr.
with Stephen E. Lammers and Allen Verhey

“Since 1987 On Moral Medicine has been the indispensable anthology for anyone teaching or studying bioethics. This long-awaited third edition introduces us to new and urgent topics concerning social responsibility, embodiment, and vulnerability and engages human subjects not previously considered: children, people with mental illness, the aging and elderly, and people with disabilities…. In short, the editors offer us a surfeit of vital and relevant insights and a worthy companion for those facing the often-confounding contemporary agenda called medical ethics.”

— James F. Keenan, S. J.
Boston College

“On Moral Medicine is quite simply the single most authoritative sourcebook on Christian medical ethics in the English language today. Not just recommended — indispensable!”

— David P. Gushee
Mercer University

“This will be the definitive teaching resource for Christian bioethics and related courses for the next decade. Lysaught and Kotva are two of the most pedagogically astute and pastorally aware scholars of their generation. They are as wise as they are smart. This volume is a gift to those of us who strive for clarity in a confounding field.”

— Amy Laura Hall
Duke Divinity School

“On Moral Medicine will remain an invaluable resource for those who teach and study the practice of medicine as a testament to our most fundamental commitments.”

— Sondra Wheeler
Wesley Theological Seminary

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The Sacredness of Human Life
Why an Ancient Biblical Vision Is Key to the World’s Future
David P. Gushee

This amazing book is simply the most comprehensive examination ever of the sacredness of human life. David Gushee’s Sacredness of Human Life will become the indispensable source for all future discussions of the biblical roots, theological elaborations, and historical affirmations and rejections of the concept that each and every human life is of unique and incalculable worth and inviolable dignity. Gushee’s substantial study covers a wide array of current ethical challenges — biotechnology, the death penalty, human rights, nuclear weapons, just war theory, creation care, and much more.

“I am continually struck by the quality, depth, and fluency of David Gushee’s thinking on the sacredness of human life. Sacredness of Human Life will stand as the magisterial work on the biblical foundations of this modern phenomenon.”

— Charles Camosy
Fordham University

“This is the most significant book I have ever seen about what it really means to say that human life is sacred. It combines conservative loyalty to preserving the sacredness of human life with liberal loyalty to caring for the basic needs of life.”

— Glen Stassen
Fuller Theological Seminary

David P. Gushee is distinguished university professor of Christian ethics and director of the Center for Theology and Public Life at Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia.

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Wounded Visions
Unity, Justice, and Peace in the World Church after 1968
Jonas Jonson
Translated by Norman A. Hjelm

In Wounded Visions Jonas Jonson, who was directly involved with the ecumenical movement for forty years, offers an inside look at an ever-changing global Christianity. Reviewing worldwide political changes and developments in ecumenism from the 1960s to the present, Jonson discusses the decolonization of mission, interreligious relations, “God’s preferential option for the poor,” and unity in diversity. He also maps the global ecumenical landscape and presents “the fourth church” — charismatic, Pentecostal, and evangelical movements of the twentieth century.

How did the ecumenical movement respond to the fall of communism, the opening of China, and the globalization of financial markets? Why did so many big churches, caught in the whirlwind of change, retreat from their ecumenical commitments in order to promote and protect their own interests? Jonson addresses these questions and more in this comprehensive review of global Christianity and the ecumenical movement.

Jonas Jonson is bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Strängnäs, Church of Sweden.

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Celebrating a Century of Ecumenism
Exploring the Achievements of International Dialogue
John A. Radano, editor
Foreword by Walter Cardinal Kasper

Celebrating a Century of Ecumenism brings readers up to date on one hundred years of global dialogue between many different church traditions, including Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Evangelical, Orthodox, Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Oriental Orthodox, and more. Eighteen essays by authors representing a wide spectrum of denominational interests outline the achievements of this movement toward church unity.

Contributors

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After Vatican II
Trajectories and Hermeneutics
Edited by James Heft, S.M.
with John O’Malley, S.J.

“These essays recognize that the historical and cultural context of the Second Vatican Council should shape the interpretation of the resultant texts. After Vatican II shows that the hackneyed focus on the vexed issue of the ‘spirit’ vs. the ‘letter’ of the text is a blunder: the ‘letter’ cannot be interpreted apart from the acts issuing those ‘letters,’ and the ‘spirit’ cannot be discerned without understanding the trajectories leading into and resulting from the inspired conciliar actions. After Vatican II makes a sterling contribution to the ongoing reception of the act and acts of Vatican II.”

— Terrence W. Tilley
Fordham University

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Worship as Repentance
Lutheran Liturgical Traditions and Catholic Consensus
Walter Sundberg

“American Protestantism is so reflective of the moods of American secular culture that the words ‘sin’ and ‘repentance’ are increasingly banished as dirty language. Sundberg revisits his premise numerous times in this book: the fundamental purpose of worship is to call Christians to self-examination and repentance. …Sober? Yes. Realistic? Without question. Negative? Not really. Repentance is the gateway liturgical act to the renewed life. It’s bad news, sure. But this bad news opens the door to good news. For grace to be grace, sin has to be sin.”

— Tom Raabe
editor at Eerdmans Publishing Co.

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The Meaning of Christian Liturgy
Recent Developments in the Church of Sweden
Oloph Bexell, editor
Foreword by Gordon W. Lathrop

The Church of Sweden is the largest Lutheran church body in the world, with 6.5 million members—about 70% of the Swedish population. The Meaning of Christian Liturgy explains and illuminates the changes that have occurred in the liturgy of the Church of Sweden from 1980 to 2000. In the process, this volume addresses a number of questions of immense importance not only within Sweden but also for Christian churches in the English-speaking world.

“How do we faithfully relate tradition to present reality? What role does anthropology play in our theological constructs? Do human ‘needs’ trump historic theology or confessional ecclesiology? How important is the human body in worship? How does the individual relate to the community? All of these questions and more are present here. The very fact of these questions, of deep importance to us in North America as to Christians throughout the world, being raised in an alternative setting . . . may enable us to think about them afresh and to think about them together with these several remarkable companions.”

— Gordon W. Lathrop (from foreword)

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— Gordon W. Lathrop (from foreword)

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Foreword by Mark A. Noll

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— David Alton (from foreword)

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