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Post-Traumatic Church Syndrome
Reba Riley 2016-03-15 Hardcover edition published under the title: Post-traumatic church syndrome: a memoir of humor and healing

Angels Are for Real
Judith MacNutt 2012-02-01 Leading Expert Demystifies Angels and How They Interact with People Angels have a vital role in the Kingdom of God—and in the lives of believers. Yet many Christians treat the existence of angels lightly or fail to consider them at all. In Angels Are Real Judith MacNutt pulls back the curtain on this intriguing topic, recounting inspiring, true-life stories and miraculous interactions, revealing what the Bible says about these heavenly beings, and offering insight into the spiritual realm. She draws on solid scriptural support to explore · what angels look like · what they do · why they are important in believers' lives · the heavenly hierarchy · what fallen angels are · and more. Angels Are Real is an accessible, comprehensive, and captivating work. This is a must-read for all who wish to understand the significance of angels to God—and themselves—they will better understand God's power and his extraordinary love.

The Father Effect
John Finch 2017-10-24 Based on the feature film of the same name, The Father Effect is a must-read for the millions of men and women who have lost their fathers through divorce, death, or disinterest. John Finch always struggled after his father committed suicide when he was eleven, but it wasn't until he was raising his own three daughters that he truly understood their futures relied on his coming to terms with his difficult past. To move forward, he needed to forgive both his father for choosing to leave, and himself for not being the best father he could be. This journey led to The Father Effect, a book containing practical help for anyone, man or woman, with a deep father wound from losing a dad through divorce, death, or disinterest. Through positive lessons on forgiveness and approachable advice on how to change your legacy as a parent, partner, and person, The Father Effect is the ultimate healing tool for anyone who has suffered the absence of a dad.

Church Reset
Jack Wilkie 2020-04-30 In Church Reset: God's Design for So Much More, Jack Wilkie traces the problem back to its roots to show how we've deviated from God's plan and how we can get back on track. How can we stop operating as an organization and start living like a family? How do we abandon man-made strategies and track? How can we stop operating as an organization and start living like a family? How do we abandon man-made strategies and start making dedicated disciples? How do we abandon man-made strategies and rediscover the power of God's design? Church Reset casts an exciting vision for what Christ's church can be by pointing back to what it was meant to be from the very start.

Secondhand Jesus
Glenn Packiam 2009 Poses an argument that today's Christians inappropriately count on religious experts to define or set the standards for living one's faith, arguing that settling for another's description renders one vulnerable to doubts in the face of difficult challenges, in a guide that offers counsel on how to get to know God for oneself. Original. 10,000 first printing.

Worship and the Reality of God
John Jefferson Davis 2010-10-07 Is God missing from our worship? Obstacles to true worship are not about contemporary or traditional music, electronic gadgetry or seeker sensitivity. Rather it is the habits of mind and heart, conditioned by our surrounding culture, that hinder our faith in the real presence of the transcendent God among his people. Sensing a real need for renewal, John Jefferson Davis offers a theology of worship that uncovers the most fundamental barriers to our vital involvement in the worship of our holy God. His profound theological analysis leads to fresh and bracing recommendations that will be especially helpful to all those who lead worship or want to more fully and deeply encounter the glory and majesty of God.

Kids' Travel Guide to the Armor of God
Group Children's Ministry Resources 2004 The Kids' Travel Guide series takes children from kindergarten through 5th grade on life-impacting explorations that engage them with activities, stories, prayer, and much more. Each of the seven themed Kids' Travel Guides includes 13 imaginative, interactive Bible lessons. Lead your Sunday school or midweek program on a travel adventure packed with fun activities, creative options, and take-home pages that kids tuck into their very own travel journals. The world is a scary place, but God is greater than it all! Kids' Travel Guide to the Armor of God is the newest edition of the Kids' Travel Guide series taking your kids on a 13-week Scripture-based exploration of the armor of the Lord. Lead them to have a faith so bold they'll be able to stand firm in the midst of terrifying or unclear situations. Children will explore how to be strong in the decisions they make and in relationships with others. It's an exciting travel experience with pit-stops on prayer, self-discovery, and spiritual commitment. Additional Features include: Tour Guide Tips: Ideas teachers can use to adapt the lesson for different ages. Items to Pack: Supplies and props for the journey. Scenic Routes: to give you more creative options for kids. Fun Facts: Jokes and interesting tidbits related to the lesson. Reproducible Handouts: Games, and journal "souvenirs". Kids' Travel Guide Series includes: Kids' Travel Guide to the Beatiudes (9781470704230) Kids' Travel Guide to the Lord's Prayer (9780764422249) Kids' Travel Guide to the 10 Commandments (9780764440052) Kids' Travel Guide to the Parables (9780764440134) Kids' Travel Guide to the 23rd Psalm (9780764440052) Kids' Travel Guide to the Fruit of the Spirit (9780764429390) Kids' Travel Guide to the Armor of God (9780764426957)

The World-Tilting Gospel
Dan Phillips 2011-07-13 The first generation of Christians were not popular. They were ridiculed, persecuted, yet according to Acts 17:6-7, they “turned the world upside down.” As a result, their message was communicated louder and clearer than any message before or since. Even with today’s social medias, big-name celebrities, and shiny evangelism techniques that add glitz and glamour to the gospel, today’s Christians fail to communicate as effectively as the first followers of Christ. Simply put, the early church turned the world upside down, but today’s church has been turned upside down by the world. The Seven Rules of Wall Street: Crash-Tested Investment Strategies That Beat the Market Sam Stovall 2009-03-08 “Sell in May, and then go away.” It’s an old saying, but this Wall Street adage is as relevant today as when it was first uttered. It worked once again during the market decline that began in 2008. In The Seven Rules of Wall Street, Sam Stovall, master investment strategist and expert on stock market history, presents seven familiar sayings that not only convey enduring truths but also serve as superb investment strategies. In this engaging guide, Stovall subjects his chosen sayings to the facts of history and to his own personal experience. When it comes to building a portfolio, for instance, should you “let your winners ride, but cut your losers short”? Absolutely. “On average,” Stovall writes, “the ‘winners’ beat the market by a near two-to-one margin. The winners also beat the losers most years: seven out of every 10 years.” Other Wall Street one-liners that emerge as timeless truisms include: As goes January, so goes the year Don’t get mad—just cut your losers short? Absolutely. “On average,” Stovall writes, “the ‘winners’ beat the market by a near two-to-one margin. The winners also beat the losers most years: seven out of every 10 years.” Other Wall Street one-liners that emerge as timeless truisms include: As goes January, so goes the year Don’t get mad—just cut your losers short? Absolutely. “On average,” Stovall writes, “the ‘winners’ beat the market by a near two-to-one margin. The winners also beat the losers most years: seven out of every 10 years.”
Message translation, reads like a novel and invites readers to experience the Nativity with fresh wonder. To Eugene Peterson’s The Message Bible translation, John Blase adds his own storytelling voice, exploring the familiar events from multiple first-person viewpoints. What emerges is the intimate story of unlikely people—a frightened teenaged girl, a worried carpenter; a collection of senior citizens, a disillusioned young shepherd—meeting up with the divine as they tumble and stumble toward the realization that the little one just born is the One. This retold story of Word made flesh invites readers to react appropriately—with eyes opened wide in wonder, jaws dropped in amazement, and hearts rejoicing. The beautiful design and Amanda Jollane’s lively line drawings make this book a fitting gift as well as a Christmas tradition that families will treasure for years to come.

Following (Pastoring for Life: Theological Wisdom for Ministering Well) Jason Byassee 2021-08-10 [An] insightful exploration of Christian discipleship in the digital age. "--Publishers Weekly This book offers theological perspectives on the challenges of discipleship in a digital age, showing how new technologies and the rise of social media affect the way we interact with each other, ourselves, and the world. Written by a Ken Y. Ham, The Millennial digital native, Fast-forward expounds a faithful response to today’s technology as we celebrate our embodied roles as followers of Christ in a disembodied time.

Unfriend Yourself Kyle Tennant 2013-01-01 Three days. No Facebook. No Twitter. No social media. Just time to detox, discern, and decide. Take a three-day social media fast with Unfriend Yourself and learn to examine your use of social media from a Christian perspective. This book will guide you in evaluating your fast by asking challenging questions such as: What happens when I broadcast myself on the Internet? Do I see a difference between my interactions on social media and my interactions face-to-face? Do I rule my media, or do my media rule me? While reading Unfriend Yourself, you will learn to think critically, biblically, and practically about social media. Whether you choose to leave the social media scene, engage in it less, or engage in it more after your social media fast, your perspective on social media will never be the same.

Loving God When You Don’t Love the Church Chris Jackson 2007-09-01 Many Christians who experience hurt in the church don’t just leave their own churches; they leave the church altogether. Whether they have been wounded by pastors or people in the pews, these believers have had enough and are jumping ship in massive numbers. Pastor and churchgoer Chris Jackson is honest about his own failings as well as those of the church at large. He identifies with many of the hurts churchgoing Christians have experienced. In Loving God When You Don’t Love the Church, he hopes to provide healing to wounded and disillusioned believers and restore the wonder of a genuine relationship with Jesus and his bride, the church. Jackson’s humility, compassion, and practical advice for healing and restoration will touch those who have left the church and those who love them.

Religion without God Ronald Dworkin 2013-10-01 In his last book, Ronald Dworkin addresses timeless questions: What is religion and what is God’s place in it? What are death and immortality? He joins a sense of cosmic mystery and beauty to the claim that value is objective, independent of mind, and immanent in the future of Christianity. In America. In his last book, Dworkin addresses timeless questions: What is religion and what is God’s place in it? What are death and immortality? He joins a sense of cosmic mystery and beauty to the claim that value is objective, independent of mind, and immanent in the life. Belief in God is one manifestation of this view, but not the only one. A Select Library of the Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church: Sermon on the mount. Harmony of the Gospels. Homilies on the Gospels Philip Schaff 1996

Hunga Dunga Phil Polizotto 2008-11-01 A story about that brief but unforgettable time in our history when flower children were sure love and peace would guide the planet. -- Back cover Flashbang Mark Steele 2005-07 Written in the memoir style of comedic and sometimes poignant life stories, this book includes true accounts of the author suffering 40 days of facial paralysis, soiling himself and performing at the Inauguration of President George W. Bush, receiving treatments of shock therapy from a Millennial digital native, Fast-forward explores a faithful response to today’s technology as we celebrate our embodied roles as followers of Christ in a disembodied time.

Almost Christian Kenda Creasy Dean 2010-07-16 Based on the National Study of Youth and Religion—the same invaluable data as its predecessor, Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers—Kenda Creasy Dean’s compelling new book, Almost Christian, investigates why American teenagers are at once so positive about Christianity and at the same time so apathetic about genuine religious practice. In Soul Searching, Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton found that American teenagers have embraced a "Moralistic Therapeutic Deism"--a hodgepodge of banal, self-serving, feel-good beliefs that bears little resemblance to traditional Christianity. But far from faulting teens, Dean places the blame for this theological watering down squarely on the churches themselves. Instead of proclaiming a God who calls believers to lives of love, service and sacrifice, churches offer instead a bargain religion, easy to use, easy to forget, and hardly demanded less. But what is to be done? In order to produce ardent young Christians, Dean argues, churches must rediscover their sense of mission and more than an understanding of being Christian as not something you do for yourself, but something that calls you to share God's love, in word and deed, with others. Dean found that the most committed young Christians shared four important traits: they could tell a personal and powerful story about God; they belonged to a significant faith community; they exhibited a sense of vocation; and they possessed a profound sense of hope. Based on these findings, Dean presents an approach to Christian education that places the idea of mission at its core and offers a wealth of concrete suggestions for inspiring teens to live more authentically engaged Christian lives. Persuasively and accessibly written, Almost Christian is a wake-up call no one concerned about the future of Christianity in America can afford to ignore.

Living: Addiction and Virtue Kent Dunnington 2011-07-26 In this interdisciplinary work, Kent Dunnington brings the neglected resources of philosophical and theological analysis to bear on the problem of addiction. Drawing on the insights of Aristotle and Thomas Aquinas, he formulates a compelling alternative to the two dominant models of addiction—addiction as disease and addiction as choice. Game On Emmitt Smith 2011-08-25 Emmitt Smith, the NFL’s all-time leading rusher of the Dallas Cowboys, Dancing with the Stars champion, and successful real-estate investor, outlines the principles that helped him become a winner on and off the football field. In this book he encourages you to live your God-given dream, now. Emmitt reveals that it’s not only vision and talent that propel us toward our dreams, but also a combination of determination, persistence, humility, courage, and faith. Game On is more than self-help. The book gives readers practical tools to empower them to pursue their God-given purpose with all their mind, heart, and soul.

Exploring the Story Adam Barr 2011-04-19 Many people today encounter strange events, names and/or people when they pick up their Bible to read. The world of the Bible can seem very distant to modern readers, even if they are reading a contemporary translation. To help readers gain a better understanding of the world of the Bible, Zondervan has developed a one-volume, handy-size reference resource that will take readers from Genesis to Revelation and provide helpful insights along the way through the use of full-color photos, maps, charts, timelines, character descriptions, special articles on important biblical topics and background information about the nations, and places and customs that they will encounter in their reading
of the Bible. What sets this reference resource apart from others is that it is designed to serve as a companion to The Story, a Bible that allows the events, poems, and teachings to the Bible to read like a novel. This reference resource is arranged according to the chapters as found in The Story with each section containing vital information for understanding the biblical text. The Story Reference Companion is a must-have resource volume for teachers and participants engaged in Bible study, especially those reading through The Story.

Crazy Good Sex
Les Parrott 2009 In this practical guidebook filled with straight talk, psychologist and bestselling author Dr. Les Parrott shares six secrets to help men and their wives experience the best sex they've ever had.

The Second Christianity
John Hick 2009-08-01 In the contemporary world, John Hick argues, there are two Christianities. In one the Bible is seen as uniquely inspired and authoritative, and the Christian worldview is accordingly identified with that of the late first-century church. The gospel is an offer of personal salvation and often a call to us-against-them religious patriotism. In the other, there is an overriding concern for our one world and global problems of nuclear destruction, the squandering of precious energy resources, the divide between rich and poor in the world and the population explosion. The great religious traditions are seen as representing different awarenesses of and different responses to a divine Reality which transcends all our human thoughts and images, scriptures and cults. Hick's book describes the religious core of this 'second Christianity', the Christianity which is not the tribal religion of one section of humanity over against the rest, but rather one way amongst others of living out our common humanity in relation to a divine Presence which grasps us all. It has grown out of two earlier works, Christianity and the Centre and The Centre of Christianity.

Called
Susan Robb 2019-02-05 Throughout the Bible, God interrupts the lives of ordinary men and women, calling and empowering them to lives of service they never could have imagined on their own! Discover how to hear God's call today by understanding the hidden stories of ordinary people found in the Bible. Called will examine the lives of the Abraham, Samuel, Esther and Mary Magdalene, Jonah, and the beloved disciple. The same call that God made to these unlikely characters still calls you, too, to bring hope and transformation to the world. Additional components are available for purchase separately to create a six-week group study include a DVD featuring Susan Robb and a comprehensive Leader Guide.

Holy Disunity
Layton E. Williams 2019-10-08 These days, there's no dirtier word than “divisive,” especially in religious and political circles. Claiming a controversial opinion, talking about our differences, even sharing our doubts can be seen as threatening to the goal of unity. But what if unity shouldn't be our goal? In Holy Disunity, Layton E. Williams proposes that our primary calling as humans is not to create unity but rather to seek authentic relationship with God, ourselves, one another, and the world around us. And that means actively engaging those with whom we disagree. Our religious, political, social, and cultural differences can create doubt and tension, but disunity also provides surprising gifts of perspective and grace. By analyzing conflict and rifts in both modern culture and Scripture, Williams explores how our disagreements and differences—our disunity—can ultimately redeem us.

The World and the Word
Eugene H. Merrill 2011 Three esteemed Old Testament professors introduce students to the first eighty percent of the Bible-freshly illuminating the text as a rich source of theology and doctrine packed with practical principles for modern times.

That All Shall Be Saved
David Bentley Hart 2019-09-24 A stunning reexamination of one of the essential tenets of Christian belief from one of the most provocative and admired writers on religion today. The great fourth-century church father Basil of Caesarea once observed that, in his time, most Christians believed that hell was not everlasting, and that all would eventually attain salvation. But today, this view is no longer prevalent within Christian communities. In this momentous book, David Bentley Hart makes the case that nearly two millennia of dogmatic tradition have misled readers on the crucial matter of universal salvation. On the basis of the earliest Christian writings, theological tradition, scripture, and logic, Hart argues that if God is the good creator of all, he is the savior of all, without fail. But if he is not the savior of all, the Kingdom is only a dream, and creation something considerably worse than a nightmare. But it is not so. There is no such thing as eternal damnation; all will be saved. With great rhetorical power, wit, and emotional range, Hart offers a new perspective on one of Christianity’s most important themes.

Christianist
Mark Steele 2013-02-15 It may feel like authentic faith. It may even look like the real deal. Yet it's often easy to settle for the souvenier t-shirt—the appearance of a transformed heart—instead of taking the actual trip through true life-change. We find ourselves settling for a personal faith that's been polluted by culture, and diluted by other people's take on spirituality. Christianist tells the story of one man's journey to move from the in-between to a life that's centered on Christ. To move forward, author Mark Steele goes back to the beginning, to examine Christ's words and works. Through stories and insights that are sometimes profound, often hilarious, and always honest, Mark delivers a compelling look at what our faith is all about.

On Guard
William Lane Craig 2010-03-01 Renowned scholar William Lane Craig offers a readable, rich training manual for defending the Christian faith. This concise guide is filled with illustrations, sidebars, and memorizable steps to help Christians stand their ground and defend their faith with reason and precision. In his engaging style, Dr. Craig offers four arguments for God's existence, defends the historicity of Jesus' personal claims and resurrection, addresses the problem of suffering, and shows why religious relativism doesn't work. Along the way, he shares his story of how God's call in his own life. This one-stop, how-to-defense-of-faith manual will equip Christians to advance faith conversations deliberately, applying straightforward, cool-headed arguments. They will discover not just what they believe, but why they believe—and how being on guard with the truth has the power to change lives forever.

Restart
Scott L. Engle 2013-06 This guide seeks to help you reenergize your faith by coming to a fuller understanding of the biblical story and essential Christian beliefs.

Traveling Mercies
Anne Lamott 2000-09-05 Anne Lamott claims the two best prayers she knows are: “Help me, help me, help me” and “Thank you, thank you, thank you.” She has a friend whose morning prayer each day is “Whatever,” and whose evening prayer is “Oh, well.” Anne thinks of Jesus as “Casper the friendly savior” and describes God as “one crafty mother.” Despite—or because of—her irreverence, faith is a natural subject for Anne Lamott. Since Operating Instructions and Bird by Bird, her fans have been waiting for her to write a memoir. Finally, her readers have been rewarded with the story of her personal and spiritual awakening to the big-hearted, grateful, and generous spirit that she so often alluded to in her two earlier nonfiction books. The people in Anne Lamott’s memoir are the characters in a favorite series for her readers—her friend Pammy, her son, Sam, and the many funny and wise folk who attend her church are all familiar. And Traveling Mercies is a welcome return to those lives, as well as an introduction to new companions Lamott treats with the same candor, insight, and tenderness. Lamott’s faith isn’t about easy answers, which is part of what endears her to believers as well as nonbelievers. Against all odds, she came to believe in God and then, even more miraculously, in herself. As she puts it, “My coming to faith did not start with a leap but rather a series of staggers.” At once tough, personal, affectionate, wise, and very funny, Traveling Mercies tells in exuberant detail how Anne Lamott learned to shine the light of faith on the darkest part of ordinary life, exposing surprising pockets of meaning and hope.

Post-Traumatic Church Syndrome
Reba Riley 2015-08-18 An important inspirational debut, Post-Traumatic Church Syndrome is much more than a memoir about reclaiming faith and overcoming chronic illness. Written with humor and personality, it tackles the universal struggle to heal what life has broken. This is a book for questioners, doubters, misfits, and seekers of all faiths; for the spiritual, the religious, and the curious. Reba Riley’s twenty-ninth year was a terrible time to undertake a spiritual quest. But when untreatable chronic illness forced her to her metaphorical (and physical) derriere on her birthday, Reba realized that even if she couldn’t fix her body, she might be able to heal her injured spirit. And so began a yearlong journey to recover from her whopping case of Post-Traumatic Church Syndrome by visiting thirty religions before her thirtieth birthday. During her spiritual sojourn, Reba: -Was interrogate by Amish grandparents about her sex life -Danced the disco in a Buddhist temple -Went to church in virtual reality, a move from the in-between to a life that's centered on Christ. To move forward, author Mark Steele goes back to the beginning, to examine Christ's words and works. Through stories and insights that are sometimes profound, often hilarious, and always honest, Mark delivers a compelling look at what our faith is all about.

Half-Life/ Die Already
Mark Steele 2008 With nonstop humor and out-there insights, Steele suggests the
route to real living is dying to self. He chronicles his journey-in-progress with often hilarious results.

(Christian)

This Heavy Silence  Nicole Mazzarella 2018-08 Spanning a decade, the story explores the power of the vows we make to others, and, more binding, those we make to ourselves. Evoking the hardship, spring-fed beauty, and complexities of community in the rural Midwest ...

Agnostic-Ish  Josh Buoy 2016-04-09 This is a book about science, religion, and the world in between. I was born into a Christian family, but fell out of religion and in love with the scientific method. I had little need of faith, I thought, when science could tell me so much more about the world, and ask so little of me in return. But as I aged into young adulthood, a new chapter of my story began. Did I really know why I believed what I believed? How could I be so certain of my convictions when I hadn't even honestly considered the evidence? This book traces my journey through the furthest reaches of thought, a journey that took me through the realms of psychology, biology, physics, and belief. Could I find a place for faith in the modern world? Or was I right to cast it off as I did?

Following Jesus  Carolyn Slaughter 2008-08-01 First produced by Ginghamsburg United Methodist Church, this 12-session study is perfect for groups just beginning their faith walk or for anyone looking for a deeper foundation. Follow Jesus leads adults to rediscover Jesus, grow in the spirit and learn to live in faith and in service to the church, community and world. Part 1 - Rediscovering Jesus Jesus the Messiah Unique Characteristics of Jesus Savior of the World Our Lord Part 2 - Growing in the Spirit The Holy Spirit Understanding Spiritual Fruit Understanding Spiritual Gifts Sharing the Spirit Part 3 - Living in Faith and Service Session Nine: Spiritual Disciplines: Keys to God’s Heart Session Ten: The Church Session Eleven: Understanding God’s Call Session Twelve: God’s Place for You Also available: Following Jesus Leader’s Guide 9780687649488

The Most Important Thing Happening  Mark Steele 2013-01-10 Fantastical Stories of Timeless TruthsA boardwalk peddler selling one ounce of God. A gentle mute who unwittingly triggers a tragic chain of events. Two businessmen declaring war over the Very Last Sandwich in the Entire World. The characters in the eleven short stories of The Most Important Thing Happening move through the whimsical, the mysterious, and the introspective toward the hope your soul longs for. So allow these stories to unfold before you one at a time. Chew on them. Let them haunt you. Go ahead and make a few fictional friends. Take a look at the world in a new way. You may come out the other side transformed.