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More Than Human Oct 27 2022 A thought-provoking study of the integration of the fields of biology and technology examines the cutting-edge breakthroughs that can transform the human race, analyzing the ethical dilemmas posed by twenty-first-century science and celebrating the potential of these controversial technologies. 25,000 first printing.

Radical Ecopsychology, Second Edition Jun 11 2021 Expanded new edition of a classic examination of the psychological roots of our ecological crisis.

Peace and Justice Shall Embrace Dec 25 2019 This is a penetrating critique of our criminal justice and penal systems from the unique, firsthand experiences of its priest-prisoner author. His conclusion is that they are "sick, broken, rudderless systems that neither correct nor rehabilitate offenders, nor help or heal victims." A compelling case is made—from practical, biblical and humane arguments—for moving from retributive-punishment models of seeking justice to restorative-rehabilitative ones. Restorative justice actively involves victims, offenders and the community in a joint process of working toward healing, restitution, rehabilitation and reconciliation. Incarceration becomes only one option, rather than the foregone conclusion. Specific proposals are made for reforming the justice, prison and parole systems. Examples of working models are presented. Evaluation tools and discussion guides are provided. Christians will find rich meditative material and spiritual challenges, as the author plumbs the scriptures and Catholic social justice teachings for personal moral answers and principled civic policies. One chapter offers examples of what individuals, parishes and dioceses can and are doing to promote restorative justice. A cross-reference is included to the November 2000 document on criminal justice by the U.S. Catholic bishops. Topics covered include: the relationship of poverty, race, mental illness and drug addiction to incarceration; capital punishment; the consequences of three-strikes and minimum-mandatory sentencing; the effects of politics on policy; inadequate legal representation for the poor.

[A Tight Embrace](#) Nov 04 2020 This book provides various examples showing how Europe and Africa can be conceptualized and researched as a single macro-area connected by interrelated, global and multilevel dynamics. What types of relations characterize Europe and Africa today? The nature of the connections is neither clear nor unilinear: rather, they appear dialectical, multifaceted and pointing in different directions. This edited book explores narratives, contemporary dynamics and historical legacies demonstrating the long-standing relations between the continents, suggesting that the entangled Euro-African relations in multiple fields should be intended as a permanent condition for any analyses. The authors provide various evidence of the fact that the two continents are deeply part of shared but uneven structures of global wealth and power. Within those structures, certain dynamics are constantly produced and reproduced, yet new opportunities to subvert existing relations have also emerged recently. Hence, instead of proposing conceptual premises holding Africa and Europe as separate regions that get in touch at specific moments in time, be it colonialism, the Cold War, globalization, migration, this book critically considers that each of the matters explored is anything but an episode in a more complex, intertwined story that ultimately represents the explanatory framework for present Euro-African relations.

[Contemporary American Fiction in the Embrace of the Digital Age](#) Sep 21 2019 This collection aims to examine the relationship between American fiction and innovations that marked the first decades of the 21st century: the Internet, social media, smart objects and environments, artificial intelligence, nanotechnologies, genetic engineering and other biotechnologies, transhumanism. These technological innovations redefine the way we live in and imagine our world, interact with each other and understand the human being in his or her ever closer relationship to the machine a human being no longer, as in the past, cared for or repaired, but now enhanced or replaced. What about our artistic and cultural practices? Are these recent advances changing language and literature? How is fiction transformed by technological progress and what representations of progress can it oppose? Can fiction offer a critique of the new media and the upheavals they precipitate? How does the temporality of literature respond to a technical time subjected to the imperative of efficiency, where the present is a slave to the future? Do virtual worlds challenge the primacy of literary fiction as a privileged mode of escape from daily life? In a context where software can generate literary works, can the force of poetical advent still oppose algorithmic logics? What becomes of the body in a world in which its technical extensions increase the externalization of its cognitive functions in media artifacts and digital networks? In order to explore these questions, scholars here investigate the American fiction of Russell Banks, Don DeLillo, David Foster Wallace, Jonathan Lethem, Tao Lin, Richard Powers, Kenneth Goldsmith, Jennifer Egan or Jonathan Franzen as well as the Cyberpunk genre and the Neuronovel.

[The Emperor's Embrace](#) Oct 23 2019 Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson's "marvelous" (Jane Goodall) New York Times bestseller, *When Elephants Weep*, made us re-evaluate the emotional lives of animals. And in his follow-up New York Times bestseller, *Dogs Never Lie About Love*, Masson reflected with "intelligence and originality" (Los Angeles Times Sunday Book Review) on the emotional world of dogs. Now, in *The Emperor's Embrace*, Masson offers a remarkable look at one of the most fulfilling roles in the animal world: fatherhood. With fascinating insight, impeccable research, and captivating writing, controversial psychoanalyst Jeffrey Masson, a new father himself, introduces us to the world's best dads. He takes us to such places as Antarctica, as he explores how emperor penguin fathers incubate the eggs of their young by carrying them around on their feet for two months, nestled beneath a special brood pouch. And he tells us how, once the babies hatch, the fathers snuggle the babies on their feet until the mother returns from her time at sea, feeding them a special milk-like substance until her arrival. Masson, a superb storyteller, showcases the extraordinary behavior of outstanding fathers, heroes among animals, including: the wolf -- and why wolves make good fathers and dogs don't the beaver, who encourages his young to cling to his tail as he navigates through ponds the sea horse, the only male animal that gives birth to its young the marmoset, the South American monkey who carries his babies for the first two years of their lives wherever he goes. Masson also examines nature's worst fathers: lions, langurs, bears -- and humans. He shows that when a father does care for his young, as with the beaver, we immediately look for a biological and not an emotional explanation. But Masson demonstrates that for these animals, as with humans, fatherhood is a profound, all-encompassing experience. Groundbreaking, compelling,

inspirational, Masson's unique look at one of nature's most venerable institutions takes us to animal habitats around the world, yet always returns to the heart. For animal lovers, fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters everywhere, *The Emperor's Embrace* is a book that will forever change our perceptions of parenthood and family love.

In A Renegade's Embrace Apr 28 2020 *Formerly titled FIREBLOSSOM* Daniel "Fox" Matthews, sent to Little Bighorn by the president to keep an eye on hot-headed General Custer, is haunted by guilt for a battle outcome he couldn't prevent. The raucous gold town of Deadwood, South Dakota seems like the perfect refuge, although it's located in the Black Hills, sacred land to the same Sioux Indians who decimated Custer's troops. Madeleine Avery, raised to be a lady in Philadelphia, is appalled when she arrives in Deadwood with her family. Slowly she unbends, coaxed out of her shell by a powerful attraction to Fox and a journey into the world of the Sioux Indians. *IN A RENEGADE'S EMBRACE* is a compelling tale of cultures colliding and the bittersweet, tender journey of Fox and Maddie as they discover the secrets of their own hearts. **REVIEWS:** "By including historical figures like Calamity Jane and Wild Bill Hickok, Custer and Crazy Horse, Cynthia Wright adds depth and color to an absolutely wonderful novel!" ~ ROMANTIC TIMES "Wright weaves history and fiction together skillfully. Maddie is a proper lady who must learn to unbend. Fox is the presidential adviser who's undercover and trying to live with a decision that left him alive while Custer's men died. Like 'Dances With Wolves,' *IN A RENEGADE'S EMBRACE* paints the Sioux as an idyllic people faced with the end of life as they know it. Wright creates sympathetic Indian characters and populates Deadwood with an array of real-life eccentrics. *IN A RENEGADE'S EMBRACE* again shows why Wright is one of the country's most popular romance novelists." ~ THE SIOUX FALLS ARGUS LEADER Author's note: Maddie's grandmother, Susan Hampshire O'Hara, is the daughter of Lion & Meagan from *TOUCH THE SUN*. She also appears in *HER DANGEROUS VISCOUNT* as a young woman.

Biotechnology and the Human Good Mar 28 2020 Some of humankind's greatest tools have been forged in the research laboratory. Who could argue that medical advances like antibiotics, blood transfusions, and pacemakers have not improved the quality of people's lives? But with each new technological breakthrough there comes an array of consequences, at once predicted and unpredictable, beneficial and hazardous. Outcry over recent developments in the reproductive and genetic sciences has revealed deep fissures in society's perception of biotechnical progress. Many are concerned that reckless technological development, driven by consumerist impulses and greedy entrepreneurialism, has the potential to radically shift the human condition—and not for the greater good. *Biotechnology and the Human Good* builds a case for a stewardship deeply rooted in Judeo-Christian theism to responsibly interpret and assess new technologies in a way that answers this concern. The authors jointly recognize humans not as autonomous beings but as ones accountable to each other, to the world they live in, and to God. They argue that to question and critique how fields like cybernetics, nanotechnology, and genetics might affect our future is not anti-science, anti-industry, or anti-progress, but rather a way to promote human flourishing, common sense, and good stewardship. A synthetic work drawing on the thought of a physician, ethicists, and a theologian, *Biotechnology and the Human Good* reminds us that although technology is a powerful and often awe-inspiring tool, it is what lies in the heart and soul of who wields this tool that truly makes the difference in our world.

Embrace the Darkness Nov 23 2019 An experimental vaccine gives vampire Gerard Delaroche hope for the first time in two centuries--until two people are brutally murdered, and he suspects a conspiracy between vampires and mortals. To solve the crime, he must put his trust in a beautiful detective. But is former soldier and MP turned detective, Amber Buckley, a threat to his existence? Or the answer to his prayers? Amber Buckley and her partner are assigned to do follow up interviews in the *Lifeblood of America* slayings. Amber believes she and Reid are just new eyes on a cold case. That is, until she meets Gerard Delaroche. Something about him teases long-buried memories Amber would rather not chase. However, the two join together, falling into more than resolution of a murder case. It seems Amber has some dark secrets of her own. To find their way into the light, Amber and Gerard must first *EMBRACE THE DARKNESS*.

Posthuman Suffering and the Technological Embrace Jan 18 2022 *Posthuman Suffering* investigates the core assumptions of posthumanist discourse via philosophy, cultural studies, psychoanalytic theory, and close textual and filmic readings of Thomas Pynchon's *The Crying of Lot*

49, Don DeLillo's *White Noise* and Steven Spielberg's film, *AI: Artificial Intelligence*, bringing the more ontological and epistemological implications of posthumanism to the forefront. In the age of technology our own limitations are legitimized as unique to the human condition.

The Apology of Benjamin Ben Mordecai to His Friends, for Embracing Christianity Feb 07 2021

A Time to Embrace Jul 12 2021 *In A Time to Embrace* William Stacy Johnson brilliantly analyzes the religious, legal, and political debates about gay marriage, civil unions, and committed gay couples. This new edition includes updates that reflect the many changes in laws pertaining to civil unions / same-sex marriage since 2006.

Embrace Life, Humanity, and Diversity Jun 23 2022 Life and humanity are integral parts of being a human. Living a human life as an individual interacting with others in a dynamic and rapidly-changing world is not easy. There is often more confusion than clarity and more unknown than known. Complacency can take opportunities to learn away swiftly from one's attention, leaving one puzzling why one is left behind. There are so many areas, issues, and perspectives that one may have to deal with along one's own life trajectory. The majority of them manifest as challenges that may turn into a fortune or misfortune or simply learning experiences depending on how one could deal with them. The conceptual integration of pinpoint moments and illustrative factual illuminations may help one imagine or visualize the processes of image formations and reality manifestations. Metaphorically, the mandalas herein are the imagery displays of a human's cognition concerning beings and life-livings of humans in the context of natural, symbolic, and social environments. The written part of this book includes many aspects of humans' lives accumulated from the writer's learning experiences and observations that may or may not completely resonate with others. It covers only a little fraction, neither comprehensive nor exhaustive, of the reality. It's merely an attempt to lighten the important linkages between (among) humans and societal developments, thereby leading to a wishful promotion of everyone's natural rights and courage to live a meaningful life with dignity, liberty, and peace. Navigation and application of humans' collective intelligence can constructively change the impossible to the possible and the hopeless to the hopeful. A chance to learn and realize the immeasurable values of life and humanity is so important that everyone should have it; humans' love, kindness, empathy, compassion, intelligence, collaborative efforts, and effective actions can make it affordable.

Human Embrace Jul 24 2022

Embracing Epistemic Humility Feb 19 2022 Triumphalists see their world view as the ultimate repository of spiritual truth: all other world views are inferior and their adherents need to be converted forcefully, or silenced, or destroyed to prevent their cancerous views from metastasizing. Triumphalism has infected too many of the adherents in the Abrahamic religious traditions, and must be neutralized by the growth of epistemic humility using a tactic like the five step strategy suggested in this book.

Embracing Our Inheritance Jan 26 2020 Korean American Catholics are celebrating their jubilee after having been officially recognized by the Archdiocese of San Francisco in 1966. This occasion affords the flourishing Korean American Catholic community to take stock of their identity, celebrate this milestone, and prepare for the future. What does it mean to be a Korean American Catholic? What are their particular challenges and hopes? The works contained in this book, articles written by leading Korean American scholars, theologians, and priests, serve to answer those questions and pose new ones, and lay down a marker that will surely one day be recognized as another significant one in the history of this growing voice in the United States religious landscape.

Devoured By Darkness Bundle with When Darkness Comes & Embrace the Darkness Aug 01 2020 *Devoured By Darkness* They are the Guardians of Eternity, strong, skilled, seductive vampires chosen to protect--and to destroy. And they will risk anything to fulfill their duty, and satisfy their desires. . . Tane is a Charon, sworn to hunt and kill rogue vampires. His new assignment seems like a waste of his talents--until he catches up with the jinn he's been sent to capture. Half human, half demon, Laylah has a vulnerable streak that strikes right through to Tane's cold heart. He should be furious when she uses her powers to bind them together, preventing him from dragging her before the Commission. Instead he welcomes any reason to stay close enough to touch, to taste, to seduce. . . Laylah doesn't know why she was chosen to protect a child who may be the catalyst in a war between good and evil. But the mysteries of her past pale compared to the dangers approaching. Tane is devastatingly strong, breathtakingly sensual. And Laylah will

have to trust in every ounce of that strength, because her enemies are drawing near, eager to destroy them both. . . When Darkness Comes Never Tempt Fate It's been a hell of a day for Abby Barlow. In just a few hours, she's survived an explosion, watched her employer die, had a startling dream, and now she finds herself in a seedy Chicago hotel with the sexy, unearthly Dante, a man she both desires and fears. For 341 years, Dante has stood as guardian to The Chalice, a mortal woman chosen to hold back the darkness. A terrible twist of fate has now made Abby that woman. Three hours ago, Dante would have used all his charms to seduce her. Now she is his to protect. And he will do so until his very death. A terrifying plan has been set in motion, one that will plunge Dante and Abby into an epic battle between good and evil--and a desperate race to save their love. . . Embrace the Darkness Is He Her Mortal Enemy Lady Shay is the last of her kind. Half human, half Shalott, her blood is a precious aphrodisiac to vampires, who consider it more precious than gold. Though Shalotts are renowned assassins, a curse held over Shay lands her on the slave auction block, where her fate is uncertain. . . Or The Man Who Will Risk All. . . Viper, the beguiling chief of a deadly vampire clan, can't explain his longing to possess the beautiful Shalott who once saved his life, but now he is free to do anything he wants with her. Strangely, while he desires both Shay's blood and body, he wants her to surrender willingly. To Save Her Life? A hidden evil has been stalking Shay since she left the slave market with Viper. It is an evil that endangers the very existence of Viper's kind, and there's no reason he should court such danger just to protect a Shalott. But the love he feels for Shay is enough to make him willing to go to hell and back if it means spending an eternity with her in his arms. . .

The Guide to the All-Embracing Realm of the Ultimate Apr 09 2021 Is it that with grace, humor and style that we will describe all the realms of life, as well as answer the ultimate questions, some in seriously comedic adventures? We will it. Is the cause of the universe itself causeless? Yes, and we will learn why, just be-cause. Did the laws of the universe come from Nothing? Just about, but there is some further ado about near 'nothing'. Does everything amount to a total Nothing except for the quantum fluctuations of uncertainty? Certainly. Will we disprove the Supernatural? Naturally. What does the sum total of the information content of Everything add up to? Nothing. Nil. Null. Not a thing. Do we really learn Everything here, such as what is the origin of the universe and also the explanation of that which produced it. Yes. Really? Yes, for sure; you can count on it. Are any other of your books kind of like this one? Yes, see 'Butterflies At the Edge of Forever'.

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More Than Human Aug 25 2022 Originally published: New York: Broadway Books, 2005.

Embracing Vulnerability Aug 13 2021 This book brings together legal scholars engaging with vulnerability theory to explore the implications and challenges for law of understanding vulnerability as generative and a source of connection and development. The book is structured into five sections that cover fields of law where there is already significant recourse to the concept of vulnerability. These sections include a main chapter by a legal theorist who has previously examined the creative potential of vulnerability and responses from scholars working in the same field. This is designed to draw out some of the central debates concerning how vulnerability is conceptualised in law. Several contributors highlight the need to re-focus on some of these more positive aspects of vulnerability to counter the way law is being used enable persons to escape the stigma associated with vulnerability by concealing that condition. They seek to explore how law might embrace vulnerability, rather than conceal it. The book also includes contributions that seek to bring vulnerability into a non-binary relationship with other core legal concepts, such as autonomy and dignity. Rather than discarding these legal concepts in favour of vulnerability, these contributions highlight how vulnerability can be entwined with relational autonomy and embodied dignity. This book is essential reading for both students studying legal theory and practitioners interested in vulnerability.

Passionate Embrace Oct 15 2021 Protestant ethics has often been associated with work and duty, excluding sensuality, sexuality and other pleasures. In an age of body worship as well as body loathing, Elisabeth Gerle explores new paths, embarking on a conversation with Martin Luther in dialogue with contemporary theologians on attitudes towards desire, ethics and politics. She draws on Eros theology to challenge

traditional Lutheran stereotypes, such as the dichotomies between different forms of love, as well as between spirit and body. Gerle argues that Luther's spiritual breakthrough, where grace and gifts of creation became central, provides new meaning to sex and desire as well as to work, body and ordinary life. Women are seen in a new light - as companions, autonomous ethical agents, part of the priesthood of all. This had revolutionary consequences in Europe at the time, and it represents a challenge to contemporary theologies with a nostalgic appetite for austerity, asceticism and female submission. Luther's erotic and genderfluid language is a healthy challenge to oppressive political structures centred on greed, profit and competition. A revised Scandinavian creation theology and a deep sense of the incarnational mystery are resources for contemporary theology and ethics.

The Embrace of God's Mercy Jul 20 2019 On July 16, 1983, in an abandoned house on an Italian hillside, Sister Rita Petrozzi, known today as Mother Elvira, opened Comunità Cenacolo. That dilapidated building quickly became God's hope-filled answer to the desperate cries of the many lost, lonely, drug-addicted young people who soon began knocking on its door, seeking to be reborn. A potent apostolate was born. Today - barely thirty-six years later - Comunità Cenacolo consists of seventy houses stretched across the globe that welcome thousands of young people struggling with drug or alcohol addictions as they search for meaning in life. Mission houses in Africa, Central America, and South America shelter abandoned and orphaned street children, inviting them, too, on a journey of rebirth in love. Each house is imbued with God's mercy and forgiveness. There young people live in a simple Christian family environment, transformed by the healing powers of prayer, work, friendship, sacrifice, and love. For decades now and on a daily basis, Mother Elvira's humble spirituality has awakened hope and joy in the souls of the troubled and the lost, giving each of them new life. Open the pages of this wise, uplifting book. That same hope and joy can be yours.

Embrace the Infinite Apr 21 2022 Has the modern scientific world robbed our lives of a deeper sense of meaning and purpose? Has science rendered God irrelevant? Or can science actually bring us towards a deeper spiritual understanding and a greater sense of joy in our daily lives? Space scientist and physicist Anthony Mannucci explores these questions from a unique point of view. He begins by stating the obvious: everyone wants a sense of purpose and meaning to their lives. How to achieve it? Dr. Mannucci's narrative takes us down a path where science is a starting point for something deeper. He reveals an Absolute Truth that is central to science and to our nature as spiritual beings. Dr. Mannucci expertly explains the power and the limitations of science. He reveals that science and spirituality are not distant cousins but in fact share a bond. What follows is an exploration of mind, and how exploring the nature of mind leads us to a deeper appreciation of our spiritual nature. Dr. Mannucci shows how the right words and ideas can change your life. In concluding the book, Dr. Mannucci discusses the importance of mystery and awe, two emotions familiar to every scientist. You will find the ideas in this book original and refreshing, conveying a message of hope and joy. Those who embrace these words will not regret their decision.

Embracing Life Sep 14 2021 Our story is changing. The Universe has given our species everything we need to actualize our potential. Evolution is knocking at our doors. The connected life is here. We are being fed this minute with the very nutrients that can assure that we live the lives that fulfill us and that serve the greater whole. Our natural inheritance, combined with the pattern that connects us with the rest of Life, calls us to be fully ourselves. This has always been the case, but now it is becoming more evident. Our lives are Life's life. The details unfold within.

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Exclusion & Embrace Dec 05 2020 Life at the end of the twentieth century presents us with a disturbing reality. Otherness, the simple fact of being different in some way, has come to be defined as in and of itself evil. Miroslav Volf contends that if the healing word of the gospel is to be heard today, Christian theology must find ways of speaking that address the hatred of the other. Reaching back to the New Testament metaphor of salvation as reconciliation, Volf proposes the idea of embrace as a theological response to the problem of exclusion. Increasingly we see that exclusion has become the primary sin, skewing our perceptions of reality and causing us to react out of fear and anger to all those who are not within our (ever-narrowing) circle. In light of this, Christians must learn that salvation comes, not only as we are reconciled to God, and not

only as we "learn to live with one another", but as we take the dangerous and costly step of opening ourselves to the other, of enfolding him or her in the same embrace with which we have been enfolded by God.

Gaskell's Compendium of Forms, Educational, Social, Legal and Commercial, Embracing a Complete Self-teaching Course in Penmanship and Bookkeeping, and Aid to English Composition ... May 30 2020

In the Embrace of the Swan Jun 18 2019 Myths determine the way cultures understand themselves. The papers in this volume examine culturally specific myths in Britain and the German-speaking world, and compare approaches to the theory of myth, together with the ways in which mythological formations operate in literature, aesthetics and politics - with a focus on the period around 1800. They enquire into the consequences of myth-oriented discourses for the way in which these two cultures understand each other, and in this way make a significant contribution to a more profound approach to intercultural research.

Freedom's Embrace Dec 17 2021 To be free is to escape all limitations and obstacles—or so we think at first. But if we probe further, we discover that freedom embraces its own necessities, a set of conditions without which it could not exist. Freedom's Embrace explores these necessities of freedom. J. Melvin Woody surveys competing conceptions of freedom and traces debates about the nature and reality of freedom to confusions about knowledge, humanity, and nature that are rooted in some of the most fundamental assumptions of modern Western thought. The preemption of freedom as an exclusively human privilege with all nature relegated to mechanical necessity is a fatal error that renders both humanity and nature equally unintelligible. What distinguishes human beings from other animals is not freedom but the use of symbols, which vastly extends the range of available options and enables us to envision freedom as an ideal by which customary institutions and norms may be judged and transformed. By carefully surveying its necessary conditions and limitations, Woody reconciles the salient competing conceptions of freedom and weaves them together into a richer and broader theory that resolves old controversies and opens the way toward an ethics of freedom that can meet the challenges of relativism and nihilism that arise from recognizing the historicity and malleability of culture.

The Lion's Wisdom Aug 21 2019 In this channeled text, a wise lion, distraught by the condition of the world and its people, tutors a human student about the part we all play in creating and preserving balance and harmony on Mother Earth. An exploration of the true nature of the soul and spirituality. The Lion's Wisdom will move you to see the world around you differently.

The Gene Keys Feb 25 2020 Richard Rudd is an international teacher, writer and award-winning poet. He is the founder of the Gene Keys Synthesis, an integral matrix of all human evolutionary potential. Representing a convergence of many lineages and dimensions, Richard's teachings span the chasm between the mystical heights and practical everyday life. A devoted husband and father, Richard lives in Devon, England.

The Holy Embrace Oct 03 2020 "Pursuing and expanding the concept of the "novelized essay" that had served him so well in Navigator of the Flood, his first venture into writing, Brelich here takes up the biblical story of Abraham and Sarah. After the long quiescent interval succeeding the Flood, Abraham, repudiating the idols worshipped by his forebears, "discovers" God - which is to say that the Lord once again takes an interest in human affairs, settling upon another willing but divided patriarch as the instrument for procreating His chosen people. It is Abraham's servile infatuation with his frigid and narcissistic wife Sarah - "the most beautiful woman in the world" - that poses the greatest stumbling block to the Lord's designs. But this is also the story of a long and painful marriage between two mutually exasperating people. How the miracle of the "holy embrace" is finally accomplished - that is, how their son Isaac (whose name means "Laughter") is conceived in accordance with God's command - forms the substance of this profound and witty book." --Book Jacket.

Embracing Diversity Nov 16 2021 Explore a variety of approaches congregations have taken to embrace differences; identify leadership issues diversity creates in congregations; and discover programmatic suggestions drawn from the experience of multicultural congregations to address these issues. This book helps readers to understand their own experience with racial and cultural differences and is a guide for gathering diverse people into the life and mission of the congregation.

In the Embrace of God May 10 2021 Since Karl Rahner posited the importance of the nature of the human as the starting point for theological reflection, the field of Christian anthropology has been one

where very basic questions - and much creative theologizing - have been focused. For example, liberation theologians have had much to say about the presumptions inherent in classical definitions of human being and have pointed up the vital idea of social location as an integral part of human experience. Theological anthropology has come to be of vital interest to Christian feminists as well. As in other disciplines, the study of what is human tends to either ignore gender or to favor one as normative. In the quest to understand the totality of human experience it is necessary to view it from 'lived' experience. At the same time and deeply embedded in the Christian tradition is the recognition that human beings come from God, are going to God, and dwell in the embrace of God. 'In the Embrace of God' provides a well-organized, clearly focused volume of original essays by North American feminist theologians encompassing the major areas of theological anthropology. In addressing the meaning of creation and end-time, fall and redemption, sin and grace, pain and suffering, sexuality and ecology, these contributors offer fresh insights and helpful new ways to approach the rich complexities of human experience.

Nexus Sep 26 2022 Ramez Naam is the H.G. Wells Award-Winning author of *More Than Human: Embracing the Promise of Biological Enhancement*

The Sacred Embrace of Jesus and Mary Mar 08 2021 An examination of how the teachings of Jesus reveal the essential role of sexuality in spiritual growth and transformation • Shows that Jesus did not come to redeem humanity from the life of the flesh, but to honor it as a spiritual path • Uses Hebrew, gnostic, and early Christian source texts to reveal the true context of the words attributed to Jesus • Explores the spiritual and physical relationship shared by Jesus and Mary Magdalene Of all the major religions, Christianity is the only one that has utterly rejected sexuality as one of the many paths that can lead to enlightenment and salvation. But if Jesus was indeed "the Word made flesh" and serious consideration is given to the mystery of his Incarnation, is it reasonable that physical love would have been prohibited to him? Drawing from the canonical and apocryphal gospels, the Hebrew esoteric tradition, and gnosticism, Jean-Yves Leloup shows that Jesus did not come to save humanity from the life of the flesh but to save the life of the flesh so that it would truly transfigure all people. Leloup explains that when Saint Paul said it was good to be without women, he did not cite any words of Jesus in support of this contention. In fact, Paul's statement utterly contradicts the words of God in Genesis: "It is not good that man should be alone." Leloup argues that the elimination of the divine feminine and sacred sexuality set in motion by Paul's words does not reflect the true teachings of Christ, and that the transformation of Jesus into a celibate is the true heresy. His research restores Christ's true human sexuality and shows it to be a vital part of humanity's spirituality. Leloup contends that by understanding the sacred nature of the embrace shared by man and woman as a true reflection of humanity made in God's image, Christianity can again become the powerful path of transfiguration Christ intended.

Heartificial Intelligence May 22 2022 Algorithms will soon know more about us than we know ourselves Where should machine automation end? Is it acceptable to have a digital assistant arrange your calendar, but not to have a robot spouse? Are companion robots acceptable for seniors in need of comfort, but not okay for toddlers exposed to emotional software that could influence their behavior? Is it desirable to live a life within the virtual reality of Facebook's Oculus Rift, but not if your thoughts are sold to advertisers who manipulate your purchases? We've entered an era where a myriad of personalization algorithms influence our every decision, and the lines between human assistance, automation, and extinction have blurred. We need to create ethical standards for the Artificial Intelligence usurping our lives, and allow individuals to control their identity based on their values. Otherwise, we sacrifice our humanity for productivity versus purpose and for profits versus people. Featuring pragmatic solutions drawing on economics, emerging technologies, and positive psychology, Heartificial Intelligence provides the first values-driven approach to algorithmic living—a definitive roadmap to help humanity embrace the present and positively define their future. Each chapter opens with a fictional vignette, helping readers imagine how they would respond to various Artificial Intelligence scenarios while demonstrating the need to codify their values, as the algorithms dominating society today are already doing. Funny, poignant, and accessible, this book paints a vivid portrait of how our lives might look in either a dystopia of robotic and corporate dominance, or a utopia where humans use technology to enhance our natural abilities to evolve into a long-lived, super-intelligent, and altruistic species.

A Graceful Embrace: Theological Reflections on Adopting

Children Jun 30 2020 This book significantly deepens the contemporary discussion of the theology and practice of adopting children. Both interdisciplinary and international, the volume offers a unique and uniquely insightful vision of Christian adoption that unites practical and theoretical perspectives.

Apex Mar 20 2022 The Explosive Conclusion to Nexus and Crux Winner of the Philip K. Dick Award Global unrest spreads through the US, China,

and beyond. Secrets and lies set off shockwaves of anger, rippling from mind to mind. Riot police battle neurally-linked protestors. Armies are mobilized. Political orders fall. Nexus-driven revolution is in here. Against this backdrop, a new breed of post-human children are growing into their powers. And a once-dead scientist, driven mad by her torture, is closing in on her plans to seize planet's electronic systems, and re-forge everything in her image. A new Apex species is here. The world will never be the same. File Under: Science Fiction [Humanity 2.0 | Mind Matters | Hive | This Will Happen]