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I Wear the Black Hat Mar 03 2020 One-of-a-kind cultural critic and New York Times bestselling author Chuck Klosterman “offers up great facts, interesting cultural insights, and thought-provoking moral calculations in this look at our love affair with the anti-hero” (New York magazine). Chuck Klosterman, “The Ethicist” for The New York Times Magazine, has walked into the darkness. In *I Wear the Black Hat*, he questions the modern understanding of villainy. When we classify someone as a bad person, what are we really saying, and why are we so obsessed with saying it? How does the culture of malevolence operate? What was so Machiavellian about Machiavelli? Why don't we see Bernhard Goetz the same way we see Batman? Who is more worthy of our vitriol—Bill Clinton or Don Henley? What was O.J. Simpson's second-worst decision? And why is Klosterman still haunted by some kid he knew for one week in 1985? Masterfully blending cultural analysis with self-interrogation and imaginative hypotheticals, *I Wear the Black Hat* delivers perceptive observations on the complexity of the antihero (seemingly the only kind of hero America still creates). As the Los Angeles Times notes: “By underscoring the contradictory, often knee-jerk ways we encounter the heroes and villains of our culture, Klosterman illustrates the passionate but incomplete computations that have come to define American culture—and maybe even American morality.” *I Wear the Black Hat* is a rare example of serious criticism that's instantly accessible and really, really funny.

Philosophy and the City Jan 01 2020 This volume provides an invaluable resource for advanced-level students of place and space in philosophy, geography, sociology and urban studies. It includes coverage of all the major terms, theories and concepts, examines specific cities and historical contexts, and explores future directions for a philosophy of the city.

Cascade Companion to Evil Jul 27 2019 A guide to evil from a Christian point of view. In this wide-ranging and concise study, philosopher Charles Taliaferro explores: -the idea that evil is the destruction or privation of what is good -sin -divine commands -redemption from evil -hell and heaven -the problem of evil -and the multiple ways Christians seek to overcome evil with good.

Found Theology May 05 2020 How can theology respond to changing historical circumstances imaginatively and creatively? This book seeks to answer this question.

[Atonement and the Logic of Resurrection in the](#)

[Epistle to the Hebrews](#) Nov 30 2019 Hebrews appears to have little interest in Jesus' resurrection. Drawing on contemporary studies of Jewish sacrifice, Jewish apocalyptic literature, and fresh exegetical insights, this volume argues that Jesus' resurrection forms the conceptual center of Hebrews' Christological and soteriological reflection.

Christianity Apr 27 2022 Provides an overview of the Christian faith including key tenets of Christian doctrine, ritual, and belief, and offers varying interpretations of such topics as the Resurrection and the Virgin Birth.

God Nov 03 2022 An introduction to the mysteries of the divine reveals ideas from ancient Greek tales, key philosophers, modern film, and other sources, and discusses societal influences on people's knowledge and understanding of a higher force.

[The Big Questions in Science and Religion](#) Dec 24 2021 Explores ten questions that consider if religious beliefs can survive in the scientific age.

Doing Cultural Studies Aug 27 2019 In recent years 'culture' has become a central concern in a wide range of fields and disciplines. This book introduces the main substantive and theoretical strands of this 'turn to culture' through the medium of a particular case study: that of the Sony Walkman. Using the example of the Walkman, the book indicates how and why cultural practices and institutions have come to play such a crucial part in our lives, and introduces some of the central ideas, concepts and methods of analysis involved in conducting cultural studies.

Truth May 17 2021 The author of the highly popular book *Think*, which Time magazine hailed as "the one book every smart person should read to understand, and even enjoy, the key questions of philosophy," Simon Blackburn is that rara avis—an eminent thinker who is able to explain philosophy to the general reader.

Now Blackburn offers a tour de force exploration of what he calls "the most exciting and engaging issue in the whole of philosophy"—the age-old war over truth. The front lines of this war are well defined. On one side are those who believe in plain, unvarnished facts, rock-solid truths that can be found through reason and objectivity—that science leads to truth, for instance. Their opponents mock this idea. They see the dark forces of language, culture, power, gender, class, ideology and desire—all subverting our perceptions of the world, and clouding our judgement with false notions of absolute truth. Beginning with an early skirmish in the war—when Socrates confronted the sophists in ancient Athens—Blackburn offers

a penetrating look at the longstanding battle these two groups have waged, examining the philosophical battles fought by Plato, Protagoras, William James, David Hume, Hans-Georg Gadamer, Jacques Derrida, Michel Foucault, Richard Rorty, and many others, with a particularly fascinating look at Nietzsche. Among the questions Blackburn considers are: is science mere opinion, can historians understand another historical period, and indeed can one culture ever truly understand another. Blackburn concludes that both sides have merit, and that neither has exclusive ownership of truth. What is important is that, whichever side we embrace, we should know where we stand and what is to be said for our opponents.

[Orthodoxy](#) Jul 07 2020

On Being the Church Feb 11 2021 This book re-examines Baptist theology and practice in the light of contemporary biblical, theological, ecumenical, and missiological perspectives. It is not a study in denominationalism, but rather attempts to revision historical insights from the believers' church tradition, seeking to re-appropriate forgotten emphasis, bringing them together in a revised ecclesiology.

Comparative Theology Aug 08 2020 Keith Ward's great contribution to theological scholarship is his exploration of what he calls comparative theology. He describes this as, a way of doing theology in which scholars holding different world-views share together in the investigation of concepts of ultimate reality, the final human goal, and the way to achieve it. This book is devoted to that theme with essays on the central topics of his mature work: revelation, creation, human nature and community.

Bound by Law? Jun 25 2019 "A documentary is being filmed. A cell phone rings, playing the "Rocky" theme song. The filmmaker is told she must pay \$10,000 to clear the rights to the song. Can this be true? "Eyes on the Prize," the great civil rights documentary, was pulled from circulation because the filmmakers' rights to music and footage had expired. What's going on here? It's the collision of documentary filmmaking and intellectual property law, and it's the inspiration for this new comic book. Follow its heroine Akiko as she films her documentary, and navigates the twists and turns of intellectual property. Why do we have copyrights? What is "fair use"? *Bound By Law* reaches beyond documentary film to provide a commentary on the most pressing issues facing law, art, property and an increasingly digital world of remixed culture"--

Is Religion Dangerous? Oct 22 2021 Many

commentators today claim that religion is dangerous and harmful. In addressing this question, Keith Ward begins by defining what religion actually is and how most human harm has been caused. He then looks at why people say that religion is dangerous, focusing particularly on religious wars and conflicts and on specific attacks on religion, such as the claims that God is wrathful, that religion is intolerant, that religious morality is primitive and cruel. Keith Ward argues that religion produces great good - for example, in terms of hospitals, the abolition of slavery, great art and music, moral heroism, and philosophy and science. Religion, he concludes, is the best rational basis for morality.

Out of Order? (Routledge Revivals) Jan 31 2020 First published in 1991, this book evaluates and compares the problematic relationships that have sometimes existed between police and Afro-Caribbean people in Britain and in the United States of America. Contributors from both sides of the Atlantic assess conflicting claims from police and black communities, as to whether some police are racist or too brutal in their operations. Although this book was written in the early 90s, many of the issues discussed remain interesting and relevant to our society today.

Derrida: A Guide for the Perplexed Aug 20 2021 This guide provides students with a clear, unimposing introduction to Derrida, the key concepts and ideas associated with his work and the major subjects he addresses.

Pushing Cool Apr 15 2021 Prologue: Pushers in the city of my youth -- Introduction -- The crooked man: influence, exploitation, and menthol's expanding web -- Selling the menthol sensation -- For people susceptible to cancer anxiety -- Building a black franchise -- Urban hustles and suburban dreams -- Uptown's aftertaste.

God, Chance and Necessity May 29 2022 The "new materialism" argues that science and religious belief are incompatible. This book considers such arguments from cosmology, biology, and microbiology view points, and shows that modern scientific knowledge does not undermine belief in God, but points to the existence of God.

A Guide for the Perplexed Sep 01 2022 This book, by the author of 'Small is Beautiful' is about the different ways in which people may see and the blindness of only seeing in one particular way. The arguments Schumacher presents are invigorating, provoking and often dramatic.

Confessions of a Recovering Fundamentalist Jul 31 2022 Can theology be expounded almost entirely in jokes? This is an attempt to do so. But it is also a record of how one person recovered from fundamentalism, and found a different, more positive spirituality within Christian faith. It seeks to speak to those who only know an exclusive and dogmatic version of Christianity, and who feel the need for something more universally compassionate and friendly to informed scientific thought. Ward argues that we need to escape from the image of a vindictive, wrathful, judgmental God, who saves just a few people from endless torture for no obvious reason. He proposes instead a view of the universe as evolving towards a goal, guided by a supreme cosmic consciousness, which manifests its nature in this historical

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process. Jesus is the human image of this consciousness, an image of universal self-giving love and a foreshadowing of the transformation of human lives by their union with the divine. The jokes are there because Christian faith should be really joyful, hopeful, and positive good news for everyone—that there is a spiritual basis and goal of the universe which wills everyone without exception to share in its unlimited wisdom and love.

Debating Christian Theism Jun 29 2022 This volume offers groundbreaking dialogue by many of the most prominent scholars in the field in a definitive treatment of central issues in theism and Christian faith.

What the Bible Really Teaches Jun 17 2021 Keith Ward believes passionately in the importance of the Bible, and describes himself as a born-again Christian. This is a vigorous and lively contribution to the debate on the authority of scripture-how we read the Bible and how, he believes, a fundamentalist reading is unsustainable.

Turtle Moon Dec 12 2020 'She is a born storyteller' ... and Turtle Moon is one of her best' Entertainment Weekly The New York Times bestselling author of *Second Nature* and *Here on Earth* presents "a captivating ... truly original novel" (*Cosmopolitan*), the story of a divorced woman, her disillusioned teenage son, and the events that change their lives in ways both simple and extraordinary. When Keith Rosen runs away from his Florida home - inexplicably taking along a motherless baby - his mother is perplexed and terrified. She takes off on her own journey to find him. And Turtle Moon follows their path, in a suspenseful and beautifully written story that confirms once again the exquisite talent of Alice Hoffman.

Encountering God through Expository Preaching Sep 28 2019 Preaching occurs when a holy man of God opens the Word of God and says to the people of God, "Come and experience God with me in this text." Encountering God through Expository Preaching ushers preachers of all levels of experience through the practical steps necessary to preach with power. The authors not only cover the exegetical skills and homiletical techniques necessary for sound preaching, but they also dive deeper to emphasize how a pastor's character and reliance upon the Holy Spirit are essential to preaching God's word effectively. As the preacher encounters God in preaching, he will preach with spiritual power and see lives transformed and churches strengthened.

Why There Almost Certainly Is a God Mar 27 2022 Pronounced atheist Richard Dawkins has claimed that no theologian has ever produced a satisfactory response to his arguments that there most likely is not a God. In this open-minded and innovative philosophical challenge, theologian David Ward addresses Dawkins's various ideas with sharp, clear arguments. He points out that when Dawkins? a scientist? enters the world of philosophy and religion, his passion often leads his argumentation to descend into stereotyping, pastiche, and mockery. Stimulating and thought-provoking, this study both locates the flaws in Dawkins's arguments and makes a perfectly rational case for the existence of God.

Peirce: A Guide for the Perplexed Oct 10 2020 A clear and thorough account of Peirce's

life and thought, his major works and ideas, providing an ideal guide to this important and complex thinker.

Concepts of God Jul 19 2021 Is there a universal concept of God? Do all the great faiths of the world share a vision of the same supreme reality? In an attempt to answer these questions, Keith Ward considers the doctrine of an ultimate reality within five world religions - Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism and Christianity. He studies closely the works of definitive, orthodox writers from each tradition - Sankara, Ramanuja, Asvaghosa, Maimonides, Al-Ghazzali and Aquinas - to build up a series of 'images' of God, a common core of belief. Ward discovers that while the great religious traditions of the world retain their differences, there are convergences of thought at the deepest level, with a broad similarity of structure in concepts of God. He concludes that a recognition of these beliefs, as well as encouraging a clearer acceptance of the mystery of the divine, might also lead to an increase in understanding and tolerance of other faiths, to the enrichment of one's own.

Pentecostal Theology Mar 15 2021 Pentecostals (traditionally) do not think theologically so much as do it practically. This book will present Pentecostal theology as well as the particular style of Pentecostal thinking and praxis that makes it different. Pentecostalism is not just distinctive because of its belief base but also because of the worldview it owns. The latter is based on a certainty that a religion that does not work is not worth much. Consequently, they look for expressions of life and vitality in their faith. These dominate, rather than an expression of the cerebral, though this is changing. Nevertheless, the sense of the immediate, the God of the now not the distant past, underlie how they do theology. Pentecostal theology tends to be seen through the eyes of people, not theologians; through the community, not traditions (though they have them); through their faith and worship, not ancient creeds. It is a theology of the dynamic, seen through the lens of experience. It is a functional theology that exists to operate; to incorporate an experiential dimension.

Pentecostal theology does not operate as other theologies which often only detail a list of beliefs; it does this but also and (more) importantly, it explores them in the context of praxis. Thus, this volume incorporates praxis as part of the enquiry relating to theology.

Rethinking Church Jan 13 2021 In *Rethinking Church*, veteran church leader, theologian, and professor Ron Highfield tells the story of how he came to the conclusions that most institutions we call "churches" are really parachurch organizations, much of the "church work" we do focuses on making something happen on Sunday mornings, and much of the money we give goes to pay staff to keep the parachurch functions running. Highfield writes for older believers who feel burned out and disillusioned by years of institutional maintenance. He addresses young people who have never seen the relevance of institutional churches to their lives. To all who view institutional churches as self-serving, hypocritical, money grubbing, growth obsessed, clergy dominated, and backward, Highfield offers a different vision of church life. This church is simple, small, requires no money,

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needs no clergy, and possesses no property. It does not run like a business, is not organized like a corporation, and does not feel like a theater. It feels like a family, meets around a table, and focuses on the Lord. Highfield invites you to join him in Rethinking Church for your life. "The vibrancy of "church" envisioned in the Bible tends to happen in smaller settings, while traditional church is hamstrung by numerous programs and other commitments. Truth be told, for many who seek authentic and transformative fellowship, going to church is discouraging. Yet there is hope. Rethinking Church is a compelling and biblically refreshing read, penned by the clearest thinker (and most concise writer) I know. " -Douglas Jacoby, Lincoln Christian University "The widespread frustration with, and apparent social demise of, the institutional church is of grave concern. And if you share such frustrations, it may be important to know that there are creative and faithful and compelling options for "being church." Ron Highfield's description of "simple church" is one of those options which takes church seriously without off-putting dogmatism. Realistic and practical, while also hopeful, this is a genuinely helpful resource for those who are looking for something different before they give up on "church" altogether. " -Lee C. Camp, host of Tokens Show (www.TokensShow.com) " With thoughtfulness and discernment, Ron Highfield deconstructs our expectations of what church must be, inviting us to expand our thinking by thinking smaller. In doing so he offers us a needed moment to take a step back and catch our breath. He beckons us to sit down and sort through our heavy suitcases and consider that traveling light might be a possibility for the family of God. " -Amy Wilson Kendall, College Minister, Boulder Colorado

What the Bible Really Teaches Jan 25 2022 This prominent theologian adds his contribution to the authority of Scripture debate An impassioned contribution to the debate about the authority of scripture - how we read the Bible, and how, the author believes, a fundamentalist reading is unsustainable. This book will infuriate many and delight others, and will make a valuable contribution to the debate, which we plan to join with voices from many corners. The book works through a series of Bible passages often cited as 'proof texts', and explores how they can be read, and how they are used.

Perspectives on an Evolving Creation Nov 22 2021 According to the authors of this book, who explore evolutionary theory from a clear Christian perspective, the common view of conflict between evolutionary theory and Christian faith is mistaken. Written by contributors representing the natural sciences, philosophy, theology, and the history of science, this thought-provoking work is informed by both solid scientific knowledge and keen theological insight. The three sections of the book address (1) relevant biblical, historical, and scientific background, (2) the scientific evidence for an evolving creation, and (3) theological issues commonly raised in connection with evolution, including the nature of God's creative activity, the meaning of the miraculous, and the uniqueness of humankind. Woven through the volume are short meditations designed to direct readers toward worshipping the God of providence.

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Christianity Oct 02 2022 Providing a systematic guide to the Christian faith, this book examines every aspect the faith, discussing everything from the big bang through the Old Testament to the New and beyond into modern theological thinking.

Love Is His Meaning Sep 20 2021 Jesus' teaching has changed the world. Yet his sayings can often seem cryptic and hard to understand. In *Love Is His Meaning*, Keith Ward explores the various figures of speech and images that Jesus used, and finds they are all ways of expressing and evoking the self-giving love of God, manifested supremely in Jesus' life. They communicate spiritual truths, often not in a literal but in a poetic way. They encourage us to take our own moral decisions with sensitivity and care for others. They show that God's love will never abandon anyone, and that it extends to everyone in the world without exception. And they promise a fulfilment of our hopes for a just and peaceable world that surpasses anything we might describe or imagine. Putting aside literalist, authoritarian, legalistic, judgemental and divisive presentations of Jesus' teachings, the author shows that what remains is the gospel of a divine love - a love stronger than death, and the only power that can and will redeem our disordered world.

Breathe Oct 29 2019 Drawing from his experiences as a family practice physician for the past 30 years, Dr. McAfee provides true and captivating stories from his career in medicine. Ranging from humorous to heart-rending, these narratives offer brief glimpses into the lives of Dr. McAfee's patients, with practical lessons regarding prayer woven into each account. Intellectual study of the subject of prayer, valuable as that is, typically does not move our hearts to deeper prayer in the same way that stories do. For Christians young and old who wish to live a life of enriched prayerknowing Gods presence as well as His preceptsthese stories help provide the tangible means to achieve that goal.

The Historical Jesus: A Guide for the Perplexed Apr 03 2020 The introduction to this new guide sets out the sources (Graeco-Roman, Jewish and Christian), noting the problems connected with them, paying particular attention to the nature of the gospels, and the Synoptic versus the Johannine tradition. A substantial section will discuss scholarship on Jesus from the nineteenth century to the explosion of works in the present day, introducing and explaining the three different 'quests' for the historical Jesus. Subsequent chapters will analyse key themes in historical Jesus research: Jesus' Galilean origins; the scope of his ministry and models of 'holy men', particularly that of prophet; Jesus' teaching and healing; his trial and crucifixion; the highly contentious question of his resurrection; and finally an exploration of the links between the Jesus movement and the early church. Throughout, the (often opposing) positions of a

variety of key scholars will be explained and discussed (eg. Sanders, Crossan, Dunn, Wright, Brown).

The Stickman Chronicles Feb 23 2022 The Stickman Chronicles: Perplexed By: Keith J. Doucet Told through a series of journal entries, Keith J. Doucet shares the struggles of changing your way of life. Based loosely on real events, dive into the mind of a man overcoming his "Stickman" ways, from breaking and broken hearts to drug use and criminal acts, and evolving into a new person after the birth of his son. Real and raw, this journey is sure to captivate and enlighten anyone looking to change their own life for the better.

Calvinism Sep 08 2020 DIVThis briskly told history of Reformed Protestantism takes these churches through their entire 500-year history—from sixteenth-century Zurich and Geneva to modern locations as far flung as Seoul and São Paulo. D. G. Hart explores specifically the social and political developments that enabled Calvinism to establish a global presence./divDIV /divDIVHart's approach features significant episodes in the institutional history of Calvinism that are responsible for its contemporary profile. He traces the political and religious circumstances that first created space for Reformed churches in Europe and later contributed to Calvinism's expansion around the world. He discusses the effects of the American and French Revolutions on ecclesiastical establishments as well as nineteenth- and twentieth-century communions, particularly in Scotland, the Netherlands, the United States, and Germany, that directly challenged church dependence on the state. Raising important questions about secularization, religious freedom, privatization of faith, and the place of religion in public life, this book will appeal not only to readers with interests in the history of religion but also in the role of religion in political and social life today./div

Incarnational Realism Jun 05 2020 A re-reading of the Pneumatology in Western theology, particularly in Augustine and Barth.

Christians, Muslims and Jesus Nov 10 2020 Prophet or messiah, the figure of Jesus serves as both the bridge and the barrier between Christianity and Islam. In this accessible and revelatory book, Muslim scholar and popular commentator Mona Siddiqui explores the theological links between the two religions, showing how Islamic thought has approached and responded to Jesus and Christological themes from its earliest days to modern times. The author finds that the philosophical overlap between the two religions is greater than previously imagined, and this being so, her book brings with it the hope of improving interfaith communication and understanding./divDIV DIVThrough a careful analysis of selected works by major Christian and Muslim theologians during the formative, medieval, and modern periods of both religions, Siddiqui focuses on themes including revelation, prophesy, salvation, redemption, grace, sin, eschatology, law, and love. How did some become the defining characteristics of one faith and not the other? Which—and why—do some translate between the two religions? With a nuanced and carefully considered analysis of critical doctrines of

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Christianity and Islam, the author provides a refreshing counterpoint to contemporary

polemical arguments and makes an important

contribution to reasoned interfaith conversation./div