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The Confessions - Saint Augustine 2008-08-14 In his own day the dominant personality of the Western Church, Augustine of Hippo today stands as perhaps the greatest thinker of Christian antiquity, and his Confessions is one of the great works of Western literature. In this intensely personal narrative, Augustine relates his rare ascent from a humble Algerian farm to the edge of the corridors of power at the imperial court in Milan, his struggle against the dominance of his sexual nature, his renunciation of secular ambition and marriage, and the recovery of the faith his mother Monica had taught him during his childhood. Now, Henry Chadwick, an eminent scholar of early Christianity, brings anew to the English-speaking world the first new translation in thirty years of this classic spiritual journey. Chadwick renders the details of Augustine's conversion in clear, modern English. We witness the future saint's fascination with astrology and with the Manichaeans, and then follow him through scepticism and disillusion with pagan myths until he finally reaches Christian faith. There are brilliant philosophical musings about Platoism and the nature of God, and act. Augustine's beloved mother, of St. Ambrose of Milan, and of other early Christians like Victorinus, who gave up a distinguished career as a rhetorician to adopt the orthodox faith. Augustine's concerns are often strikingly contemporary, yet his work contains many references and allusions that are easily understood only with background information about the ancient social and intellectual setting. To make The Confessions accessible to contemporary readers, Chadwick provides the most complete and informative notes of any recent translation, and includes an introduction to establish the context. The religious and philosophical value of The Confessions is unquestionable--now modern readers will have easier access to St. Augustine's deeply personal meditations. Chadwick's lucid translation and helpful introduction clear the way for a new experience of this classic. About the Series: For over 100 years Oxford World's Classics has made available the broadest spectrum of literature from around the globe. Each affordable volume reflects Oxford's commitment to scholarship, providing the most accurate text plus a wealth of other valuable features, including expert introductions by leading authorities, helpful notes to clarify the text, up-to-date bibliographies for further study, and much more.

The Flight from Desire - R. Edwards 2016-04-30 This book reformulates the master narrative of erotic discourse in medieval literature. Individual characters offer fresh readings of the nature and claims of erotic attachments in Abelard and Heloise, Marie de France, Jean de Meun, Dante, Boccaccio, and Chaucer - writers profoundly influenced by Augustine and Ovid. Augustine: A Very Short Introduction - Henry Chadwick 2001-02-22 Very Short Introductions offer stimulating, accessible introductions to a wide variety of subjects, demonstrating the finest contemporary thinking about their central problems and issues. 'Magisterial and highly readable.' - Bookseller Bodily and Spiritual Hygiene in Medieval and Early Modern Literature - Albrecht Classen 2017-03-20 While most people today take hygiene and medicine for granted, they both have had their own history. We can gain deep insights into the pre-modern world by studying its health-care system, its approaches to medicine, and concept of hygiene. Already the early Middle Ages witnessed great interest in bathing (hot and cold), swimming, and personal hygiene. Medical activities grew over time, but even early medieval monks were already great experts in treating the sick. The contributions examine literary, medical, historical texts and images and probe the information we can glean from them. The interdisciplinary approach of this volume makes it possible to view this large field in a complex and diversified manner, taking into account both early medieval and early modern treaties on medicine, water, bathing, and health. Such a cultural-historical perspective creates a most valuable bridge connecting literary and scientific documents under the umbrella of the history of medicine and hygiene. The volume does not aim at idealizing the past, but it definitely intends to deconstruct modern myths about the 'dirty' and 'unhealthy' Middle Ages and early modern age.

Augustine of Hippo - Henry Chadwick 2010-08-05 The life and works of Augustine of Hippo (354-430) have shaped the development of the Christian Church, sparking controversy and influencing the ideas of theologians through subsequent centuries. His words are still frequently quoted in devotions throughout the global Church today. His key themes retain a striking contemporary relevance - what is the place of the Church in the world? What is the relation between nature and grace? Augustine's intellectual development is recounted with clarity and warmth in this newly rediscovered biography of Augustine, as interpreted by the acclaimed church historian, the late Professor Henry Chadwick. Augustine's intellectual journey from schoolboy and student to Bishop and champion of Western Christendom in a period of intense political upheaval, is narrated in Chadwick's characteristically rigorous yet sympathetic style. With a foreword by Peter Brown reflecting on Chadwick's distinctive approach to Augustine.

The Cardinal and the Deadly - Karl Clifton-Soderstrom 2015-01-07 What makes for a good life? The seven deadly vices and seven holy virtues, ingrained in our cultural imagination, help us answer this perennial question. For two millennia, these fourteen character traits have stirred our imagination of human nature and desire. Sometimes, however, lists like the seven deadly sins remain mere caricatures that shame and exclude. The world, however, is not divided up into priests and convicts, saints and sinners, virtuous and vicious people. Much of the time, we live between the boundaries of vice and virtue. The Cardinal and the Deadly challenges simplistic bifurcations in order to reimagine a more faithful, hopeful, and loving life. It adopts a unique approach to examining the virtues and vices by pairing them in unexpected ways to reveal something significant about being human. Hope redirects greed; wisdom corrects pride; faith enlivens sloth. Bringing ancient and contemporary authors into dialogue, the book offers a concrete and accessible introduction to virtue ethics for students, pastors, and churches. Its ultimate goal is to engage the reader's intellect and imagination, so that we may respond creatively to the ethical challenges of living together.

Antigone; Oedipus the King; Electra - Sophocles 2008-08-14 Love and
loyalty, hatred and revenge, fear, deprivation, and political ambition: these are the motives which thrust the characters portrayed in these three Sophoclean masterpieces on to their collision course with catastrophe. Recognized in his own day as perhaps the greatest of the Greek tragedians, Sophocles’ reputation has remained undimmed for two and a half thousand years. His greatest innovation in the tragic medium was his development of a central tragic figure, faced with a test of will and character, risking obloquy and death rather than compromise his or her principles: it is striking that Antigone and Electra both have a woman as their intransigent ‘hero’. Antigone dies rather neglect her duty to her family, Oedipus’ determination to save his city results in the horrific discovery that he has committed both incest and parricide, and Electra’s unrelenting anger at her mother and her lover keeps her in servitude and despair. These vivid translations combine elegance and modernity, and are remarkable for their lucidity and accuracy. Their sonorous diction, economy, and sensitivity to the varied metres and modes of the original musical delivery make them equally suitable for reading or theatrical performance. ABOUT THE SERIES: For over 100 years Oxford World’s Classics has made available the widest range of literature from around the globe. Each affordable volume reflects Oxford’s commitment to scholarship, providing the most accurate text plus a wealth of other valuable features, including expert introductions by leading authorities, helpful notes to clarify the text, up-to-date bibliographies for further study, and much more.

The Spirituality of Following Jesus in John’s Gospel—Sean Seongik Kim 2017-10-12 Research on “following Jesus” has mostly been done in terms of what Jesus’ followers ought to do. In this unprecedented study, Kim presents “following Jesus” in John’s Gospel through the perspective of what Jesus does for his followers. “Following Jesus” is a journey towards the place where Jesus leads his followers, that is, to a relationship with the Father. It is ultimately a participation in the Son’s communion with the Father. Jesus, who was in the bosom of the Father, descended from him and ascends to him, taking his followers with him, so that they may be with him where he is with the Father in glory and love. Kim develops this thesis by examining the term akolouthēn (“to follow”) and correlated motifs in John’s Gospel.

Finding All Things in God—Hans Gustafson 2017-05-25 In Finding All Things In God, Hans Gustafson proposes pansacramentality as holding the potential to find the divine in all things and all things in the divine. Such a proposition carries significant implications, particularly in the practice of theology. Presupposing theological practice as divorced from spirituality (lived religious experience), Gustafson presents pansacramentality as a bridge between the two. In so doing, Gustafson offers a history of spirituality, sketching the foundations of a classical approach to sacramentality (through Aquinas) as well as a contemporary approach to the same (through Rainer and Chadwick). Through these fascinating case studies, this book presents particular instances of sacramentality in lived religious experience. Gustafson offers an exciting method of ‘doing theology’, one which is entirely compatible with the interdisciplinary field of interreligious studies.

How to Be Present in an Absent World—Daniel Montgomery 2020-02-25 How to Be Present in an Absent World is about cultivating self-awareness that empowers you to take ownership of your life in every area of influence—church, family, the marketplace, and your relationships. Daniel Montgomery, Eboni Webb, and Kenny Silva guide you through a series of five questions that uncover the five realities of life and leadership—Time (When?), Place (Where?), Body (Who?), Social System (What?), and Story (Why?). When we better understand ourselves we are able to untangle the knotted strands of human personality and move from reflection to a clear call to action. Montgomery, Webb, and Silva explore the nature of Time, Place, Body, Social System, and Story, equipping you with the kind of self-understanding that allows you to overcome obstacles that were previously discouraging and insurmountable. Through radical self-understanding, psychological obstacles are explained, external obstacles are contextualized, and tactics align to manifest one’s truest, best, most beautiful life.

Divine Sex—Jonathan Grant 2015-07-14 The digital revolution has ushered in a series of sexual revolutions, all contributing to a perfect storm for modern relationships. Online dating, social media, internet pornography, and the phenomenon of the smartphone generation have created an avalanche of change with far-reaching consequences for sexuality today. The church has struggled to address this new moral ecology because it has focused on clarity of belief rather than quality of formation. The real challenge for spiritual formation lies in addressing the underlying moral intuitions we carry consciously, which are shaped by the convictions of our age. In this book, a fresh new voice offers a persuasive Christian vision of sex and relationships, calling young adults to faithful discipleship in a hypersexualized world. Drawing from his pastoral experience with young people and from cutting-edge research across multiple disciplines, Jonathan Grant helps Christian leaders understand the cultural forces that make the church’s teaching on sex and relationships ineffective in the lives of today’s young adults. He also sets forth pastoral strategies for addressing the underlying fault lines in modern sexuality.

Apatheism—Kyle Beshears 2021-03-15 How can you share the gospel with someone who doesn’t care? As Western culture becomes increasingly indifferent to questions of faith, diverted by secularism, comfort, and distraction, believers encounter many people who don’t so much doubt God as they are apathetic toward him. In Apatheism, Kyle Beshears urges us to recapture the joy of our faith and demonstrates how to faithfully display the love of Christ to apatheist friends and neighbors.

Jason and the Golden Fleece (The Argonautica)–Apollonius (Rhodius.) 2009-02-26 It is a task that no man has ever completed: to bring back a magical ram’s fleece that lies hidden in a far-off land, guarded by an all-seeing serpent. But, one man, Jason, must try. His life depends on it. Upon the orders of the King, Jason must cross deadly seas with the crew of his ship.

Henry Chadwick, Selected Writings—Chadwick 2017 Rare scholarly insight into the early church -- still relevant for the church today This anthology offers a choice selection of writings by one of the twentieth century’s premier church historians, Sir Henry Chadwick. Many of Chadwick’s considerable contributions to a fuller understanding of the early church were unpublished or not circulated widely during his lifetime, but here they are compiled in a convenient, accessible form. Reflecting Chadwick’s wide-ranging expertise, this volume contains his essays on a variety of themes pertaining to the early church, including the emerging faith’s relationship to classical culture; the interaction between piety, politics, and theology; the early church as the source of all music in the church; and more. As relevant for the study of early Christianity today as when they were first written, Chadwick’s essays remain a valuable resource for better understanding the church both past and present, shedding light on ecumenical problems that still keep Christians visibly divided.

How the Light Gets In—Graham Ward 2016 “I will then outline some basic orientations that govern the theological reasoning that follow before ending this first volume with a clarification of the title for all four volumes: ethical life” — Preface.

Augustine in a Time of Crisis—Boleslaw Z. Kabala

The Spiritual Senses—Paul L. Gavrilyuk 2011-11-10 Is it possible to see, hear, touch, smell and taste God? How do we understand the biblical promise that the ‘pure in heart’ will ‘see God’? Christian thinkers as diverse as Origen of Alexandria, Bonaventure, Jonathan Edward and Hans Urs von Balbhart have all approached these questions in distinctive ways by appealing to the concept of the ‘spiritual senses’. In focusing on the Christian tradition of the ‘spiritual senses’, this book discusses how these senses relate to the physical senses and the body, and analyzes their relationship to mind, heart, emotions, will, desire and judgement. The contributors illuminate the different ways in which classic Christian authors have treated this topic, and indicate the epistemological and spiritual import of these understandings. The concept of the ‘spiritual senses’ is thereby reintroduced for contemporary theological anthropology and philosophy of religion.

On Order—Saint Augustine 2020-10-27 A fresh, new translation of Augustine’s third work as a Christian convert The first four works written by Saint Augustine of Hippo after his conversion to Christianity are dialogues that have influenced prominent thinkers from Boethius to Bernard Lonergan. Usually called the “Cassiciacum dialogues,” these four works are of a high literary and intellectual quality, combining Ciceronian and neo-Platonic philosophy, Roman comedy and Vergilian poetry, and early Christian theology. They are also, arguably, Augustine’s most charming works, exhibiting his whimsical levity and ironic wryness. On Order is the third work in this tetralogy, and it is Augustine’s only work explicitly devoted to theodicy, the reconciliation of Almighty God’s goodness with evil’s existence. In this dialogue, Augustine argues that a certain kind of self-knowledge is the key to unlocking the answers to theodicy’s vexing
questions, and he devotes the latter half of the dialogue to an excursus on biological findings on the other. This book sets a path for an honest look at biological findings on the other.

On the Road with Saint Augustine—James K. A. Smith 1999-11-24 In this second volume of the Call to Holiness trilogy, Smith continues his exploration of Augustine’s thought and practice. Smith argues that Augustine’s pairing of rigorous intellectual inquiry with practical applications offers a model for contemporary Christians. Smith traces Augustine’s life and work, highlighting his contributions to Christian thought and practice, and then applies his insights to the contemporary context. The result is a thought-provoking exploration of the intersection of faith, reason, and action.

Representing Multiculturalism in Comics and Graphic Novels—Caroline Ayaka 2014-11-20 Multiculturalism, and its representation, has long presented challenges for the medium of comics. This book presents a wide-ranging survey of the ways in which comics have dealt with the diversity of creators and characters and the (lack of) visibility for characters who don’t conform to particular cultural stereotypes. Contributors engage with ethnicity and race across forms from Israel, Romania, North America, South Africa, Germany, Spain, U.S. Latino and Canada and consider the ways in which comics are able to represent multiculturalism through a focus on the formal elements of the medium. Discussion themes include education, countercultures, monstrosity, the quotidian, the notion of the ‘other,’ anthropomorphism, and colonialism. Taking a truly international perspective, the book brings into dialogue a broad range of comics traditions.

Knowledge and Evolution—Michael Chaberek 2021-08-31 The question of the origins of the universe is probably one of the most debated upon and argued about over the last couple of centuries. Ever since Charles Darwin proposed his theory, evolutionists and creationists want to settle the issue on their sides. But science did not stop at Darwin’s time. It progressed enormously, creating significant problems for Darwinian explanations. Is there a better answer than the dominant neo-Darwinian synthesis? Even more fundamental is the question of whether natural science, by itself, can explain the origins of nature. What are the limits of science and where should we turn to philosophy and theology? How do these three domains—science, philosophy, and theology—relate when addressing the question of origins? Thesis evolution, the idea of God using evolution as a means of creating the universe, faces problems from both classic Christian theology as well as classic metaphysics. Today things do not look good for the dominant views. The time has come to propose a new faith and science synthesis, one that offers a serious approach to the Bible on the one hand and an honest look at biological findings on the other. This book sets a path to such a new synthesis.

Henry Chadwick—Henry Chadwick 2017 Crossing the Rubicon—Emmanuel Falque 2016-06-01 In France today, philosophy—phenomenology in particular—finds itself in a paradoxical relation to theology. Some debate a “theological turn.” Others disavow theological and philosophical arguments which would tarnish their intellectual integrity, while nevertheless carrying out theology in other venues. In Crossing the Rubicon, Emmanuel Falque seeks to end this face-off. Convinced that “the more one theologizes, the better one philosophizes,” he proposes a counterblow by theology against phenomenology. Instead of another philosophy of “the threshold” or “the leap”—and through a retrospective and forward-looking examination of his own method—he argues that an encounter between the two disciplines will reveal their mutual fruitfulness and their true distinctive borders. Falque shows that he has made the crossing between philosophy and theology and back again with audacity and perhaps a little recklessness, knowing full well that no one thinks without exposing himself to risk.

Cinderella Church: the Story of Early Christianity—R. John Kinkel 2008-09-29 Christianity is the largest religion in the world with approximately 2.1 billion adherents. Nonetheless, when measured by the gold standard—early Christian teachings and practice—we find considerable slippage. Two words describe current church problems and failures: dull and devious. At the highest levels of Catholic leadership, for example, we find scandals galore. Top officials pilfer $40 million in Detroit to build national shrines, Cardinals and bishops cover up priest sexual abuse, and the pope most recently ignores high ranking bishops and cardinals’ pleas to allow Catholics to prevent priest sexual abuse. Falque argues that the devious part. At the lower end of the totem pole are priests and laity that just don’t get it. They say their prayers, go to mass, and have their baptisms; they wonder why their kids don’t go to church any more. Not enough priests? We will close the small churches and build a mega church. One small city in Wisconsin (pop. 40,000) did this at the cost of $12 million. Care to measure the cost of celibacy? Pay, pray, and obey is the mantra and the young people don’t like it. Little wonder that only 1 in 3 Christians practice their faith to any appreciable degree and fail to pass religious traditions on to the next generation. Instead of going after the lost sheep, the pope says maybe we need a small dedicated remnant of believers. Interesting strategy when you have driven the sheep away with questionable policies: no women priests, no married priests, no condoms to practice their faith to any appreciable degree and fail to pass religious traditions on to the next generation. Instead of going after the lost sheep, the pope says maybe we need a small dedicated remnant of believers. Interesting strategy when you have driven the sheep away with questionable policies: no women priests, no married priests, no condoms to fight AIDS.

The Oxford History of the Classical World—John Boardman 1988

Downstream from Eden—David L Knight 2012-05-30 Downstream from Eden is a celebration of water in a less-than-perfect world. It will inspire you and bring you hope. Probably the most comprehensive study of water and the Bible you will find anywhere. Well-researched and highly readable, with stories from Icelandic waterfalls to the Aral Sea, from the origins of the universe to the Apocalypse, the author weaves a conversation that turns water into wine. You read withpage by page. Water is an urgent global concern with 800 million people living today in parched conditions or with unsafe water. The UN Water for Life Decade 2005-2015 highlights the need for sustainable water solutions. Downstream from Eden adds a unique voice to this discussion with insights from the Bible, science, history and literature on issues of social justice, the environment and personal spirituality. Fascinating material! David Knight is a profound, reflective and interesting writer. - Ramez Atallah, The Bible Society of Egypt A beautiful study of water. Read it slowly and enjoy. You will be refreshed – spirit and soul! - Barry Mackay, Habitat for Humanity India (retired). Includes "A Manifesto for Action: Ten Disciplines for Living Downstream from Eden" and Questions for Small Group and Book Club discussion.

Strengthening Spirit-Releasing Potential—Bernadette Miles 2021-02-09 Have you ever wondered what releasing spiritual potential in the workplace might do for your organization? In today’s climate of colossal and incredibly fast global change, the world needs new ways to develop discerning leaders to consciously lead us out of life into life. The world needs leaders who can, with many books on leadership, they rarely engage the importance and relevance of spiritual development and spiritual accompaniment in organizational discernment and leadership development. Spiritual formation through spiritual direction has the potential to transform the way we lead organizations in secular and religious settings. Drawing on the wisdom and experience of leaders and spiritual directors, this book, first, broadens our understanding of how spiritual direction can be a resource for leadership and organizational development; second, supports spiritual directors in developing their corporate practice and their understanding of the relevance of spiritual direction for a wider community.

Escape From Evil’s Darkness—Robert J. Spitzer 2021-02-19 In this second volume of the Called Out of Darkness trilogy, Father Robert Spitzer, S.J., draws together some of the best advice given by Catholic spiritual masters across the ages and brings it into harmony with modern scientific research, offering practical ways to live out the gospel in our busy days. It is a roadmap to a deeper relationship with the Lord and to authentic transformation through the imitation of Christ. Giving evidence that Jesus established just one Church, with Peter as its head, Spitzer shows that the Catholic Church—with its rich array of sacraments, teachings, prayer traditions, and lived examples of holiness—continues to be fertile ground for profound Christian conversion. But no true conversion is purely spiritual; it must bear fruit in our daily lives. Father Spitzer guides readers through the workings of moral transformation, with detailed sketches of all the cardinal and theological virtues, especially love. Using insights from Saint Ignatius of Loyola, as well as from modern psychology, Escape from Evil’s Darkness concludes with an in-depth study of the sacrament of confession and the staggering power of God’s loving mercy.
offers a fresh articulation of Christianity that speaks to our deepest hunger, fears, and hopes.

Wendell Berry and Higher Education—Jack R. Baker 2017-06-13 Why the university should focus on community: “An enlightening interpretation of Wendell Berry’s philosophy for the pursuit of a holistic higher education.” —Publishers Weekly Prominent author and cultural critic Wendell Berry is well known for his contributions to agrarianism and environmentalism, but his commentary on education has received comparatively little attention. Yet Berry has been eloquently unmasking America’s cultural obsession with restless mobility for decades, arguing that it causes damage to both the land and the character of our communities. The education system, he maintains, plays a central role in this obsession, encouraging students’ minds the American dream of moving up and moving on. Drawing on Berry’s essays, fiction, and poetry, Jack R. Baker and Jeffrey Bilbro illuminate the influential thinker’s vision for higher education in this path-breaking study. Each chapter begins with an examination of one of Berry’s fictional narratives and then goes on to consider how the passage inspires new ways of thinking about the university’s mission. Throughout, Baker and Bilbro argue that instead of training students to live in their careers, universities should educate students to inhabit and serve their places. The authors also offer practical suggestions for how students, teachers, and administrators might begin implementing these ideas. Baker and Bilbro conclude that institutions guided by Berry’s vision might cultivate citizens who can begin the work of healing their communities—graduates who have been educated for responsible membership in a family, a community, or a polity.

Family Vocation—Gene Edward Veith Jr. 2012-02-29 What does it mean to be called as a husband, a wife, a parent, a child? How does the grace of the gospel impact how we fulfill our particular roles? These are important questions that do not lack their difficulties. Gene Veith joins forces with his daughter Mary Moerbe to explore these kinds of questions as well as the roles of calling and vocation in family life. Though we have little control over who is in our family (other than choosing a spouse and deciding to have children) God has placed us with specific people for specific reasons. Veith and Moerbe address the common problems facing contemporary families: the crosses, the weaknesses, and the uncertainties. They articulate a compelling, biblical paradigm for creating and sustaining loving and forgiving families who maintain hope in the face of cultural pressure. This book is an important resource for all Christians, including pastors, counselors, and those working in family ministry.

The Soul’s Upward Yearning—Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D. 2015-10-03 Western culture has been moving away from its Christian roots for several centuries but the turn from Christianity accelerated in the 20th century. At the core of this decline is a loss of a sense of our own transcendence. Scientific materialism has seriously impaired our understanding of human transcendence that many people find it difficult to believe in God and the human soul. This anti-transcendent perspective has not only cast its spell on the natural sciences, psychology, philosophy, and literature, it has also negatively impacted popular culture through the writings of Richard Dawkins, Daniel Dennett, and many others. The warning signs of this loss of transcendence have been expressed by thinkers as diverse as Carl Jung (psychiatrist), Mircea Eliade (historian of religion), Gabriel Marcel (philosopher), C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien. These warnings were validated by a 2004 study in the American Journal of Psychiatry which showed that the absence of religion alone was responsible for a marked increase in suicide rates, sense of meaninglessness, substance abuse, separation from family, and other psychiatric problems. Thus, the loss of transcendence is negatively affecting not only individuals’ sense of happiness, dignity, ideals, virtues, and destiny, but also the culture. Ironically, the evidence for transcendence is greater today than in any other period in history. The problem is – this evidence has not been compiled and propagated. Fr. Spitzer’s book provides a bright light in the midst of this cultural darkness by presenting both traditional and contemporary evidence for God and a transphysical soul from several major sources. He also shows how human consciousness and intelligence is completely special – and cannot be replicated by artificial intelligence or animal consciousness. We are transcendent beings with souls capable of surviving bodily death – self-reflective beings capable of goodness, and beauty. We are beings with an unrestricted capacity to know and create science, law, culture, art, music, literature, and so much more. The evidence reveals that we have the dignity of being created in the very image of God, and if we underestimate it, we will undervalue one another, undervalue our lives, and underestimate our destiny. This work is the most comprehensive treatment of human transcendence available today.

Networks for Faith Formation—Steve Emery-Wright 2017-05-19 The spiritual formation of young people can often focus on encouraging their personal spiritual practices, and perhaps linking them to a local youth group. While both are important, Father for Faith Formation argues that a far wider set of relationships are needed to help faith grow. The aim of Networks for Faith Formation is to describe and commend eight key networks, relational bonds that nurture and nourish faith. The eight networks are “bedroom practices” (personal faith), church, family, friends, mentors, small groups, events, gatherings, mission and service. The description of each network draws on biblical studies, practical theology, and the social sciences, and practical ideas for helping young people engage with such networks are included throughout the book. In a context where some overlook the complexity of spiritual formation, Networks for Faith Formation is an important resource for church leaders, youth ministers, and parents seeking to help young people grow in faith. Since relational bonds are key for people of any age, it can also help all within the church understand the need for relationships in spiritual growth.

God’s Mind in That Music—Jamie Howison 2012-10-17 As part of the growing literature on theology and the arts, God’s Mind in That Music explores the substantial theological insight expressed in the music of jazz legend John Coltrane. Focusing on eight of Coltrane’s pieces, themes under consideration include lament (“Alabama”), improvisation (“My Favorite Things” and “Ascension”), grace (“A Love Supreme”), and the Trinity (“The Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost”). By attending to the traditions of theology, jazz, and the life of the Spirit, Father Spitzer provides the biblical and theological background of Jesus’ victory over Satan. The author also explores the reality of the Devil, including extraordinary manifestations of diabolical activity such as possession. He recalls the true story of the famous possession case on which the novel and film The Exorcist were based. In the final sections of the book the author explains: how diabolical spiritual forces operate how temptation works, and what to do to defeat it the “deadly sins” and how to overcome them.


The Lives of the Poets—Samuel Johnson 2009-05-28 The Lives of the Poets is one of the greatest works of English criticism, but also one of the most diverting. This is the only one-volume paperback edition to make available Johnson’s most substantial Lives in unabridged form. Texts are drawn from Roger Lonsdale’s authoritative complete edition, and introduced by John Mullan.

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