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### **Christian Ritualizing and the Baptismal Process**

#### **Understanding Religious Conversion**

If you are warring against worries, fears, or anxieties, you are not alone. There are millions of people around the world who are suffering and paralyzed by circumstances that prevent them from walking in complete peace which God has purposed for them. The author Severo Carneiro desires to equip the readers of this book with the Word of God in order to have power over thoughts and negative attitudes that prevent them from being winners. Through the message penned on these pages, Severo shows practical and clear Biblical principles that will destroy forever the traps of the enemy in each reader's life. The reader will learn: What God's plans are for his life How to have a full life We were created in the image of God Regarding the power of restoration Be encouraged! Your victory is about to happen! Your life will be full of peace and joy when you recognize the ability of God in you.

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## **The Gospel Unhindered**

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A cross-religious exploration of conversion on the early modern English stage offering fresh readings of canonical and lesser-known plays.

### **Stop Asking Jesus Into Your Heart**

### **A Tree Full of Angels**

Recent theological discussions between Catholics and Evangelicals have generated a renewed appreciation for God's ongoing use of Scripture for self-mediation to the Church. Noting the significant influence of Henri de Lubac (one of the drafters of *Dei Verbum* and proponent of a renewal of the Patristic and Medieval emphasis on a spiritual sense of Scripture), and Kevin Vanhoozer (the leading Evangelical proponent of a theological interpretation of Scripture), Kevin Storer seeks to draw Evangelical and Catholic theologians into dialogue about God's ongoing use of Scripture in the economy of redemption. Storer suggests that a number of traditional tensions between Catholics and Evangelicals, such as the literal or spiritual sense of Scripture, a sacramental or a covenantal model of God's self-mediation, and an emphasis on the authority of Scripture or the authority of the Church, can be eased by shifting greater focus upon God's ongoing use of creaturely realities for the building of the Church in union with Christ. This project

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seeks to enable Evangelicals to appropriate the insights of de Lubac's Catholic Ressourcement project, while also encouraging Catholic theologians to appreciate Vanhoozer's Evangelical emphasis on God's use of the literal sense of Scripture to build the Church.

### **Reading Scripture to Hear God**

#### **The Continuous Atonement**

God's friend—that's what the book of James calls Abraham, the father of the Israelite nation. Friendships take time, trust, and sacrifice, and in this insightful study Oswald Chambers examines each step of Abraham's faith-journey toward intimate friendship with his creator. Chambers shows us how this great pioneer of faith reacted to God's call, the claims of companions, clashing circumstances, and the terrific cost of God's friendship. Not Knowing Whither asks Christians today to look each faith challenge in the eye—to face the unknown—and pursue friendship with God.

#### **The Works of the Rt. Rev. Charles C. Grafton: A Catholic atlas; or, Digest of Catholic theology**

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The God Delusion caused a sensation when it was published in 2006. Within weeks it became the most hotly debated topic, with Dawkins himself branded as either saint or sinner for presenting his hard-hitting, impassioned rebuttal of religion of all types. His argument could hardly be more topical. While Europe is becoming increasingly secularized, the rise of religious fundamentalism, whether in the Middle East or Middle America, is dramatically and dangerously dividing opinion around the world. In America, and elsewhere, a vigorous dispute between 'intelligent design' and Darwinism is seriously undermining and restricting the teaching of science. In many countries religious dogma from medieval times still serves to abuse basic human rights such as women's and gay rights. And all from a belief in a God whose existence lacks evidence of any kind. Dawkins attacks God in all his forms. He eviscerates the major arguments for religion and demonstrates the supreme improbability of a supreme being. He shows how religion fuels war, foments bigotry and abuses children. The God Delusion is a brilliantly argued, fascinating polemic that will be required reading for anyone interested in this most emotional and important subject.

### **Paul's Message and Ministry in Covenant Perspective**

### **Pastoral Life in the Power of the Spirit**

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This book is the follow-up volume to *Pentecostalism and Christian Unity: Ecumenical Documents and Critical Assessments*. The first volume documented the history and ecumenical engagement of Pentecostals during the twentieth century. This new collection traces the ecumenical developments, narratives, and conversations during the first decade of the twenty-first century. The ecumenical community and Pentecostals have consistently lamented the absence of a comprehensive gathering of resources for both groups. This particular volume provides two significant assets in this regard: (1) documentation of new and emerging conversations that have not yet produced official reports, and (2) official reports from continuing conversations. The book begins with an overview of a century of Pentecostal participation in Christian unity. Part One contains ecumenical narratives on the Joint Consultative Group of Pentecostals and the World Council of Churches, Lutherans and Pentecostals, the Global Christian Forum, and Christian Churches Together in the USA. Part Two contains the extensive reports from the official dialogue of Pentecostals with the Roman Catholic Church, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, and the Oneness-Trinitarian Pentecostal dialogue. This collection presents an invaluable resource for teachers, scholars, and pastors interested in engaging the global Christian arena from the worldwide and ecumenical perspectives of Pentecostalism.

### **St Francis and the Foolishness of God**

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Most people, even non-Christians, know that Christians gather for worship once a week, and that they are right there to support each other when there is a baptism or a wedding or a funeral. But what about other poignant, vulnerable, or life-changing times? How does the church help people handle changes that in the past, in Christendom, were considered "secular"? Does the church have a role at retirement when one's ministry changes, or when a family's children leave home and familiar patterns seem to grind to a halt? Is there any rite possible for someone who is called to Christian ministry but not to ordination? Or to someone whose vows are broken in divorce? Christian Ritualizing and the Baptismal Process asserts that baptism marks the beginning of a process of participation in Christ's ministry, so that no part of life can finally be considered secular. Susan Marie Smith shows how every passage, healing, and ministry vocation is "holy," and she lays the groundwork needed for every church to create the rituals necessary to lament and celebrate the endings and beginnings that happen in every Christian life.

### **Ongoing Conversion: From Good to Better**

Western society is now a very different, very difficult mission field. In such a situation, the mission of evangelism cannot succeed with an attitude of "business as usual." This volume builds a theology of evangelism that has its focus on the church itself. Darrell Guder shows that the church's missionary calling requires that the theology and practice of evangelism be fundamentally rethought and

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redirected, focused on the continuing evangelization of the church so that it can carry out its witness faithfully in today's world. In Part 1 Guder explores how, under the influence of reductionism and individualism, the church has historically moved away from a biblical theology of evangelism. Part 2 presents contemporary challenges to the church's evangelical ministry, especially those challenges that illustrate the church's need for continuing conversion. Part 3 discusses what a truly missional theology would mean for the church, including sweeping changes in its institutional structures and practices. Written for teachers, church leaders, and students of evangelism, this volume is vital reading for everyone engaged in mission work.

### **Not God's Type**

While many books tell clergy how to run a capital campaign, handle conflict, and lead a vestry, this book helps pastors, chaplains, and lay professionals appreciate the spiritual depth of their calling and reminds them that parish ministry is Christ worki

### **The Confessions of St. Augustine**

The rustic small-scale business owner chances on money after many years as a

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labor leader. He decides to get into politics and runs for the governorship of his state and loses. Another unsuccessful shot at the congress seat leaves him almost pauperized. He is rescued from starvation by an appointment as a board chairman in a central government-owned industry. Following the pattern of the colossal and unmitigated corruption in his country, he aims for a kill and lands the megabillions from the loose coffers of the oil-rich republic. A rather belated attempt at atonement through religion alienates him from the barbaric political culture that had enabled his meteoric rise. His alienated former colleagues aim for his jugular. The swallowed billions had not quite sunk in when the military struck. A story of unimaginable intrigues, corruption, and betrayals. Is there hope for the upcoming generation of the children of Mungeruun?

### **The Nearness of God**

### **The Thinker**

Understanding Religious Conversion begins with emphasis on the value of respecting religious/theological interpretations of conversion while coordinating social scientific studies of how personal, social, and cultural issues are relevant to the human transformational process. It encourages us to bring together the

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perspectives of psychology, sociology, anthropology, and religious studies into critical and mutually-informing conversation for establishing a richer and more accurate perception of the complex phenomenon of religious conversion. The case of St. Augustine's conversion experience superbly illustrates the complicated and multidimensional process of religious change. By critically extending the contributions of the literature within Lewis Rambo's interdisciplinary framework, Dong Young Kim presents a more integrated picture of how personal, social, cultural, and religious/theological components interact with one another in the process of Augustine's conversion. In doing so, he has struggled with how to relocate more effectively and practically the conversion narrative of Augustine within the context of pastoral care and ministry (and the field of the academy)--in order to facilitate a better understanding of the conversion stories of the church members as well as to enhance the experiences of religious conversion within the Christian community.

### **Discrimination in Doctrine. [A sermon on Jer. xv. 19.]**

### **Casuistical Morning-exercises**

“If there were a Guinness Book of World Records entry for ‘amount of times having

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prayed the sinner's prayer,' I'm pretty sure I'd be a top contender," says pastor and author J. D. Greear. He struggled for many years to gain an assurance of salvation and eventually learned he was not alone. "Lack of assurance" is epidemic among evangelical Christians. In *Stop Asking Jesus Into Your Heart*, J. D. shows that faulty ways of presenting the gospel are a leading source of the confusion. Our presentations may not be heretical, but they are sometimes misleading. The idea of "asking Jesus into your heart" or "giving your life to Jesus" often gives false assurance to those who are not saved—and keeps those who genuinely are saved from fully embracing that reality. Greear unpacks the doctrine of assurance, showing that salvation is a posture we take to the promise of God in Christ, a posture that begins at a certain point and is maintained for the rest of our lives. He also answers the tough questions about assurance: What exactly is faith? What is repentance? Why are there so many warnings that seem to imply we can lose our salvation? Such issues are handled with respect to the theological rigors they require, but Greear never loses his pastoral sensitivity or a communication technique that makes this message teachable to a wide audience from teens to adults.

### **Too Deep for Words**

## **Spirituality in Clinical Practice**

Volume II develops a sacramental theology that addresses the needs of all adult Christians. The chapters on Marriage show how conversion both humanizes and Christianizes human sexuality, providing the context for a foundational rethinking of the meaning of the context for a foundational rethinking of the meaning of Christian Marriage. The discussion of Orders examines the responsibilities of ordained leaders and throws light on the rise of clericalism and on the meaning of priestly identity and ministry, in addition to clarifying the relationship between the priesthood of the laity and that of the ordained. A discussion of Christian nurture explains the practical and theoretical meaning of infant Baptism. This volume also examines the three sacraments that most foster ongoing conversion: Reconciliation, Anointing and Eucharist. After situating each of these rituals in its Biblical and historical setting, the author shows how each contributes to ongoing Christian conversion.

## **Pentecostalism and Christian Unity, Volume 2**

The essays presented here represent over twenty-five years of thinking about the theology and life of the Apostle Paul who, as a "slave of Jesus Christ" (Rom 1:1), was a "servant of the new covenant" with a "ministry of the Spirit" (2 Cor 3:6, 8).

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Taking the questions raised by the history of scholarship since F. C. Baur as their starting point, Hafemann's exegetical studies focus on how Paul's self-understanding shaped his message, the motivations of his ministry, and his consequent call to suffer for the sake of his churches. Hafemann's work reveals that Paul's views of redemption, of his own redemptive mission, and of the life of the redeemed derived from his eschatological conviction that the purpose of the new covenant realities inaugurated by the Christ is to prepare for their promised consummation when Christ returns to judge the world.

### **(re)Aligning with God**

A comprehensive examination of conversion thinking across Christian traditions that recovers ancient wisdom for today's church.

### **Horae Homileticae, Or Discourses Now First Digested Into One Continued Series and Forming a Commentary Upon Every Book of the Old and New Test**

Taking the Long View argues in a series of engagingly written essays that remembering the past is essential for men and women who want to function effectively in the present--for without some knowledge of their own past, neither

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individuals nor institutions know where they have been or where they are going. The book illustrates its thesis with tough-minded examples from the Church's life and thought, ranging from more abstract problems like the theoretical role of historical criticism to such painfully concrete issues as the commandment of Jesus to forgive unforgivable wrongs.

### **Not Knowing Whither**

Spirituality in Clinical Practice includes perspectives not found in other texts such as a developmental perspective integrating moral and spiritual development, the interface of spiritual development with personality functioning, and insights from object relations, self psychology and transpersonal psychotherapy as they relate to various spiritual traditions and contemporary spiritual practices. This brief, reader-friendly text is written in a highly accessible style and is destined to set a precedent for excellence in the emerging field of spirituality in clinical practice or psychotherapy and counseling.

**A Treatise of Conversion, Preached and Now Published for the Use of Those that are Strangers to a True Conversion, Especially the Grosly Ignorant and Ungodly**

## **The Continuous Conversion**

### **The Continuing Conversion of the Church**

Holly Ordway should never have become a Christian. A young, white, highly educated atheist and professor of English, she represents the kind of person that many observers of religion say cannot be converted anymore—a demographic supposedly beyond the reach of the church in postmodern America. Yet through a series of conversations with a wise and patient mentor, Ordway not only became convinced of God's existence, but also embraced Jesus as her Savior and Lord. In this memoir of her conversion, Ordway turns her analytical mind toward the path that leads from darkness to light—from death to life. Simultaneously encouraging and bracing, she offers a bold testimony to the ongoing power of the Gospel—a Gospel that can humble and transform even self-assured, accomplished, and secular-minded young professionals like herself.

### **Taking the Long View**

This book is a compilation of homilies of Fr. Henry Charles composed and delivered over a period of at least twenty years. The homilies were written out and were

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eventually typed up and it is possible that Fr. Henry had himself thought about publishing them, though we do not know this for sure. While many persons were privileged to receive emailed copies and others actually heard his preaching, the homilies were thought to be deserving of a wider audience. The underlying message of his preaching is that discipleship of Jesus Christ requires not only the grace of faith but also demands perseverance, courage and discipline, critical elements of the process he terms "ongoing conversion." In addition, Fr. Henry advocates moral excellence, not settling for the merely moderate or the mediocre, but striving always to "be perfect." Fr. Henry faces up to and wrestles with the "perplexities" of the Gospel and he believed that one of the keys to overcoming these is an appreciation of its many paradoxes and that as a consequence, we are required to see things from a different perspective, not as we are normally inclined to see them, but as God sees them. The homilies have been arranged thematically On God; On Jesus; What Jesus Calls Us To Be; What Jesus Calls Us To Do; Faith; Hope; Love; Loss, Suffering, Death and Heaven; Virtues and Vices; Human Dignity; Spirituality; Church, Liturgy and Ritual and Culture Society and Leadership. There is of course considerable overlap among the various themes. The subjects he refers to and the examples he gives are contemporary and relevant, not only to a Caribbean audience, but we think to audiences globally. The style is informal and conversational for the most part and this quality of the writing has been maintained. The homilies have been edited for clarity and for obvious errors and omissions in the transcripts, and some have been retitled, but they have otherwise

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been reproduced and stand as he wrote them.

### **The Way of Unknowing**

In this book, László Fosztó investigates a village in Transylvania populated by members of two minority groups, Hungarians and Roma. The need for public affirmation among minorities is acute, but the forms of ritual they adopt differ. Fosztó demonstrates that, even within a small community, different segments may opt for divergent forms of religious and cultural revival.

### **Changed Through His Grace**

How do we communicate the message of the Scriptures in our twenty-first-century, post-Christian context? (re)Aligning with God: Reading Scripture for Church and World answers this question by presenting the Scriptures through the lens of mission and by teaching a method for reading Scripture with a missional hermeneutic. The biblical story seeks to convert us to its perspective and to transform its readers and hearers into God's missional community that exists to reflect and embody God's character to/for/in the world. Ready to revolutionize your reading of the Bible and expand your ability to unleash the Scriptures in your context? (re)Aligning with God will give you rich content and practical tools to

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become a profound, inspiring, and confident reader of the Bible for all who are seeking to hear its good news.

### **Religious Conversion in Early Modern English Drama**

In this age of growing divisions within the Church and society, we need reconciliation and healing now more than ever. *Healing GodÆs People* brings together the thought of these theologians and pastors: Francine Cardman, M. Shawn Copeland, Frank Desiderio, CSP, Kate Dooley, OP, Peter Fink, SJ, Raymond G. Helmick, SJ, Thomas A. Kane, CSP, Melissa M. Kelley, Michael McGarry, CSP, Hoffsman Ospino, Rodney L. Petersen, Thomas W. Porter, Thomas P. Ryan, CSP, Robert J. Schreiter, CPPS, Thomas Stegman, SJ, The fruit of two conferences held at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry in 2009 and 2011, this collection of essays aims to introduce the reader to the complexity of the issues and suggest practical pastoral responses. Book jacket.

### **Guidebook for Confessors**

This guidebook was written to help Catholic priests appreciate better the beauty and power of Confession and to administer it more effectively to the faithful. Beginning with the Gospel call to holiness for all souls, it points out ways for

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confessors to serve the faithful by helping them to acknowledge their sins and to confess them sincerely. Among other features, the book includes: Leading insights of classical moral theology on the nature of the human person, including knowledge, free will, and responsibility. Practical ideas on how to catechize and motivate people to use the sacrament of God's mercy more frequently. Effective experience in giving advice to many different kinds of people: old and young, married and single, penitents with special needs such as recidivists, those with addictions or mental disorders, and the scrupulous or lax. Suggestions on helping penitents to make complete and sincere confessions, especially in the area of personal and marital chastity. Specific approaches to guide and support persons to live faith, hope, charity, and justice, based on real contemporary situations. Three informative appendices which include leading quotes from the Magisterium on the Sacrament of Penance, a description of censured sins from the Code of Canon Law, and excerpts from the Holy See's Vademecum for Confessors. The book draws ideas from the long and proven tradition of holy and effective confessors in the Catholic Church, along with spiritual insights of saints such as John of the Cross, Philip Neri, John Vianney, and Josemaría Escrivá. In addition, insightful quotations from the recent writings of Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI are offered.

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The Benedictine tradition and practice of divine reading made accessible for

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