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## **Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White**

Imagine Jesus from Mary's point of view—proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and mission, guided by love for

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him as a person and so much more. In this book, Adam Hamilton begins at the end, with Mary at the crucifixion and resurrection; travels back in time as she witnesses his life and ministry; and ends at the beginning, with the Christ child born in a stable, Mary's beautiful baby. This year, experience Advent and Christmas with Mary. The five sessions are: 1. Beginning with the End 2. The Piercing of Mary's Soul 3. Amazed, Astounded, and Astonished 4. Mary, Full of Grace 5. It Was Not a Silent Night

### **Exploring the Nicene Creed**

Everyone agrees that America is polarized, with ever-hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another. No one agrees on what to do about it. One solution that hasn't yet been tried, says Adam Hamilton, is for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide us. Hamilton rejects the easy assumptions and sloppy analysis of black and white thinking, seeking instead the truth that resides on all sides of the issues, and offering a faithful and compassionate way forward. He writes, "I don't expect you to agree with everything I've written. I expect that in the future even I won't agree with everything I've written here. The point is not to get you to agree with me, but to encourage you to think about what you believe. In the end I will be inviting those of you who find this book resonates with what you feel is true, to join the movement to pursue a middle way between the left and the right - to make

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your voices heard - and to model for our nation and for the church, how we can listen, learn, see truth as multi-sided, and love those with whom we disagree." Read more about this title Adam Hamilton's *Seeing Gray* Blog Now available! *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White* - DVD UPC: 843504001902 A five-session video resource featuring Adam Hamilton teaching these concepts on DVD for group or individual study. Includes leader's guide as well as bonus video. Click below to view a preview of each video session. *Where Faith and Politics Meet* *Christ Christians and the Culture Wars* *How should we live,* *The Ethics of Jesus* *Spiritual Maturity* and *Seeing Gray* *What Would Jesus Say to America?*

### **Not a Silent Night**

For hundreds of years the Apostles' Creed has been a central part of church worship and liturgy. Every week the familiar words "I believe in God" are repeated in churches all over the world. But what do these oft-repeated words mean? George Philip has taken this ancient yet timeless document and explained it - phrase by phrase - to give us a clearer understanding of what we believe.

### **Loving the Questions**

Many young Christians today cannot fully answer this question. In contrast to previous generations, today's believers were not taught the basic core beliefs of Christianity as children, but they want to know. They need to know. *Common Ground* by Keith Drury caters

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to this rising desire for doctrinal knowledge. Using the Apostle's Creed as its guide, the book beautifully describes the core beliefs that all Christians at all times and everywhere have believed—God as Creator and loving Father, the virgin birth and divinity of Jesus, His death and resurrection, the Holy Spirit, the church, the second coming, final judgment, and eternal life.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

This thoughtful, fully accessible exploration of the creed, the list of beliefs central to the Christian faith, delves into its origins and illuminates the contemporary significance of why it still matters. During services in Christian communities, the members of the congregation stand together to recite the creed, professing in unison the beliefs they share. For most Christians, the creed functions as a sort of “ABC” of what it means to be a Christian and to be part of a worldwide movement. Few people, however, know the source of this litany of beliefs, a topic that is further confused by the fact that there are two different versions: the Apostle’s Creed and the Nicene Creed. In *The Creed*, Luke Timothy Johnson, a New Testament scholar and Catholic theologian, clarifies the history of the creed, discussing its evolution from the first decades of the Christian Church to the present day. By connecting the deep theological conflicts of the early Church with the conflicts and questions facing Christians today, Johnson shows that faith is a dynamic process, not based on a static set of rules. Written in a clear, graceful style and

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appropriate for Christians of all denominations, *The Creed* is destined to become a classic of modern writings on spirituality.

### **All You Need to Believe**

Creeds and confessions throughout Christian history provide a unique vantage point from which to study the Christian faith. To this end, Donald Fairbairn and Ryan Reeves construct a story that captures both the central importance of creeds and confessions over the centuries and their unrealized potential to introduce readers to the overall sweep of church history. The book features texts of classic creeds and confessions as well as informational sidebars.

### **The Creed**

Modern Christians have often hesitated to embrace the ancient creeds because of our “nothing but the Bible” tradition. In *What Christians Ought to Believe* Michael Bird opens our eyes to the possibilities of the Apostle’s Creed as a way to explore and understand the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Bringing together theological commentary, tips for application, and memorable illustrations, *What Christians Ought to Believe* summarizes the basic tenets of the Christian faith using the Apostle’s Creed as its entryway. After first emphasizing the importance of creeds for the formation of the Christian faith, each chapter, following the Creed’s outline, introduces the Father, the Son, and the Spirit and the Church. An appendix includes the Apostles’ Creed in the original Latin and

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### **What Christians Believe about the Bible**

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join Adam Hamilton in this 5-week Bible study to search for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Scripture. The clichés include: Everything happens for a reason. God helps those who help themselves. God won't give you more than you can handle. God said it, I believe it, that settles it. Love the sinner, hate the sin.

### **"I Believe"**

Provides an overview of the major characteristics and themes of the ecumenical movement, which has sought to bring unity to the various Christian churches.

### **I Believe in God**

What do Christians believe about God the Father, Jesus Christ, the church, salvation, eternal life, and more? This contemporary classic from theologian R.

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C. Sproul provides a matchless introduction to the basics of the Christian faith.

### **What Christians Ought to Believe**

The Nicene Creed is an ancient Christian statement of belief. It encapsulates the core beliefs of Christianity and is a vibrant creed for today. Walk with M.R. Hyde on this journey through what Christians believe and how you can embrace this creed as your own.

### **Credo for Today**

Devotions based on Adam Hamilton's powerful book *24 Hours That Changed the World* In his best-selling book, *24 Hours that Changed the World*, pastor and popular author Adam Hamilton helped readers relive the one day in history that changed everything. Now, on this Special Edition Book and DVD package, Hamilton invites both readers and viewers to experience and understand the significance of Jesus' final hours. Drawing on insights from history, archaeology, geography, and the Bible, Hamilton takes us to the Holy Land and provides a deeper understanding of the most amazing day in history. We visit the sites where those earth-shaking events took place, and we walk where Jesus walked along the road that led to the pain and triumph of the cross. Now, in a companion volume that can also function beautifully on its own, Hamilton offers 40 days of devotions enabling us to pause, reflect, dig deeper, and emerge changed forever. The devotions, ideal for use in Lent or any other time of the year, include Scripture,

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reflection on the events of Jesus' final day, stories from Hamilton's own ministry, and prayer.

## **Faith of Our Fathers**

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## **The Walk**

The Apostles' Creed is the oldest, most beautiful succinct summary of Christian beliefs. Though often recited in unison during worship services, the creed begins with the phrase "I believe," making it a deeply personal profession of faith. But when was the last

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time you examined it closely? In *Affirming the Apostles' Creed*, an excerpt from *Growing in Christ*, noted Bible scholar and author J. I. Packer explains the meaning and implications of each phrase of this great creed. Each concise chapter serves as an invitation to dive further into the creed-and as a result, into the essentials of the Christian faith-by concluding with discussion questions and Bible passages for further study.

### **Affirming the Apostles' Creed**

In the spirit of nineteenth-century philosopher John Stuart Mill's admonition to fully, frequently, and fearlessly" discuss what we profess to be true in order that it remain a "living truth" rather than dead dogma, Thomas P. Rausch gives us *I Believe in God: A Reflection on the Apostles' Creed*. Rausch carefully explores the controversies that led to the development of the Creed and thereby brings the Creed to life for modern readers. More important, he maintains that the Creed is most fully alive when those who profess it do so as a personal response to their baptismal call. *I Believe in God* carefully unpacks the three articles of the Creed but does so always with an eye and heart toward communion with God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As baptized Christians, to profess the Creed is to be committed to enter more deeply into this trinitarian relationship and thus more fully into communion with one another. Rausch clearly shows that the Apostles' Creed is grounded in Scripture, first came to expression in the church's baptismal liturgy, and can be better understood in

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light of contemporary theological reflection. Attentive to the ways in which the language of the Creed is relevant to the experience of twenty-first-century Christians, he leads us to understand what Pope Benedict meant when he said the Creed is "a tiny summa in which everything essential is expressed." With Rausch's guidance, readers will confess those essentials with greater conviction and appreciation. Thomas P. Rausch, SJ, is the T. Marie Chilton Professor of Catholic Theology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He is the author of *Being Catholic in a Culture of Choice*, *Towards a Truly Catholic Church*, *Who is Jesus?*, *Catholicism in the Third Millennium*, and editor of the bestselling *The College Student's Introduction to Theology*, published by Liturgical Press. "

## **Creed**

Alister McGrath unpacks the content of the Apostles' Creed and introduces us to the essential truths about God the Father, the person and work of Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

## **What We Believe**

Christians talk frequently about the Bible, yet they do not always have an informed and wide-ranging understanding of varied Christian views about its nature. Don Thorsen and Keith Reeves combine their biblical and theological knowledge to create such a unique introduction to the Bible. This book not only provides an introduction to the interpretation of the

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Bible but also to the history and theological understanding behind it, equipping students to think critically about their own tradition's approach to Scripture. It is perfect as a supplemental textbook in both introductory biblical studies and theology courses, but it will also be of interest to adult education classes.

### **Creed I Believe Card Pack**

This handy pack of 25 personal reference cards makes learning or refreshing The Apostle's Creed easy. Designed for the Creed Bible study program by Adam Hamilton, these cards are also ideal for prayer and diary book marks, memorization, bulletin inserts, small group studies, and leaving in doctor's offices and hospitals. The crystal clear, durable lamination makes it perfect for a variety of settings and age groups.

### **Credo**

Written by an L. A. County homicide detective and former atheist, *Cold-Case Christianity* examines the claims of the New Testament using the skills and strategies of a hard-to-convince criminal investigator. Christianity could be defined as a “cold case”: it makes a claim about an event from the distant past for which there is little forensic evidence. In *Cold-Case Christianity*, J. Warner Wallace uses his nationally recognized skills as a homicide detective to look at the evidence and eyewitnesses behind Christian beliefs. Including gripping stories from his career and

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the visual techniques he developed in the courtroom, Wallace uses illustration to examine the powerful evidence that validates the claims of Christianity. A unique apologetic that speaks to readers' intense interest in detective stories, *Cold-Case Christianity* inspires readers to have confidence in Christ as it prepares them to articulate the case for Christianity.

### **When Christians Get It Wrong**

Recent years have seen a number of high profile scholars converting to Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy while a trend in the laity expresses an eclectic hunger for tradition. The status and role of confessions stands at the center of the debate within evangelicalism today as many resonate with the call to return to Christianity's ancient roots. Carl Trueman offers an analysis of why creeds and confessions are necessary, how they have developed over time, and how they can function in the church of today and tomorrow. He writes primarily for evangelicals who are not particularly confessional in their thinking yet who belong to confessional churches—Baptists, independents, etc.—so that they will see more clearly the usefulness of the church's tradition.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

In every generation, the Christian church must interpret and restate its bedrock beliefs, answering the challenges and concerns of the day. This accessible overview walks readers through centuries of creeds, councils, catechisms, and confessions—not

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with a dry focus on dates and places, but with an emphasis on the living tradition of Christian belief and why it matters for our lives today. As a part of the KNOW series, *Know the Creeds and Councils* is designed for personal study or classroom use, but also for small groups and Sunday schools wanting to more deeply understand the foundations of the faith. Each chapter covers a key statement of faith and includes a discussion of its historical context, a simple explanation of the statement's content and key points, reflections on contemporary and ongoing relevance, and discussion questions.

### **Common Ground**

If God has spoken, then the highest human aspiration must be to hear what the Creator has said. God has indeed spoken, through the Ten Commandments, and Al Mohler explores this revelation of God and the implications for His people. The promise is to hear, to obey, and to live. These "Ten Words" tell us who God is and what His people should look like. Mohler is a respected voice on the state of our culture (and the church) today. The Ten Commandments speak to current issues today such as the exclusivity of the Christian God, the essence of worship, capital punishment, just war, business ethics and the postmodern definition of truth.

### **The Story of Creeds and Confessions**

This reader-friendly yet robust introduction to the Christian faith explores the essentials of Christianity

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and the impact they have on life, worldview, and witness. Written in an accessible and engaging voice for college-age readers, the book connects the biblical plotline, the Apostles' Creed, the comparative distinctiveness of Christianity, and life's big questions. The author shows how the Christian metanarrative speaks to questions about purpose, worth, ethics, personhood, and more, and helps readers understand what it means to be a Christian in a post-Christian world.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

The Christian Belief for Everyone series comprises five guides to the basic ideas of the Christian faith. Full of stories and helpful illustrations, these guides have been written primarily for ordinary churchgoers, though they will no doubt also appeal to interested readers outside the church. The approach Alister McGrath adopts is non-denominational, very similar to the 'mere Christianity' advocated by C. S. Lewis. Indeed, the series may be seen as a guide to 'mere Christianity', focusing clearly as it does on the life of faith. We look at why Christians believe what they do; how we can best understand these ideas, and the difference they make to the way we think about ourselves and our world. The first volume, *Faith and the Creeds*, concentrates on the nature of faith and the history and relevance of the Creeds, in a thrilling reflection on what we really mean when we say 'I believe'. This is excellent preparation for exploring the leading themes of the Creeds in four subsequent volumes: *The Living God*, *Lord and Saviour - Jesus of*

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Nazareth, Spirit of the Living God and The Christian Life and Hope.

### **The Creed: Professing the Faith Through the Ages**

For those who yearn for a deeper walk in faith, their journey can begin here. Dr. Sproul takes theology down off of the dusty shelves of theological libraries and expounds in clear and simple terms over one hundred major Christian doctrines. He offers readers a basic understanding of the Christian faith that will kindle a lifelong love for truth, which is foundational to maturity in Christ. Here are theologically sound explanations of the biblical concepts every Christian should know, written in a way that we can all understand. Sproul's homespun analogies and illustrations from everyday life make this book interesting, informative, and easy to read.

### **Christian Belief for Everyone: Faith and Creeds**

In this small, lucid gem of a book, the controversial Swiss theologian Hans Kung offers his thoughtful explanation of what the ancient profession of Christian faith can mean for us today. In doing so, Kung also flings a challenging response to the new Catechism of the Catholic Church, for 'Credo' is a fresh answer to the conservative stance of today's Vatican - a salvo that cannot be ignored. While controversy inevitably surrounds all of Kung's books, 'Credo' is his most accessible and straightforward

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work to date, written simply for all readers. It is the summation of a lifetime of theological thought by one of Christianity's most profound and original thinkers - a book that reaches out to non-Catholic Christians, as well as to Jews, Moslems, and those of the Eastern religions, and that gives everyone the dignity he or she deserves. Kung asks the big questions: Can we still believe in God? In the Virgin birth? In the divinity of Jesus? In his resurrection? In eternal life? And Kung also asks many unusual questions: Did Auschwitz disprove the existence in God? Is there any real difference between Jesus and the Buddha? Is resurrection from the dead un-Jewish? Must the Church be undemocratic? The answers he gives are, as always, profound and unexpected. This is not a book just for Catholics or even just for Christians, but a book for anyone with an interest in how religion can be integrated into contemporary life. Here is a great modern intellect - at his most reader friendly.

### **Among the Gentiles**

Presenting a fresh inquiry into early Christianity and Greco-Roman paganism, Luke Timothy Johnson begins with a broad definition of religion as a way of life organized around convictions and experiences concerning ultimate power.

### **The Basics of Christian Belief**

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The

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apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life. In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church. In each chapter, Hamilton explores one of these practices, its New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith. Additional components for a six-week adult study include a comprehensive Leader Guide and a DVD featuring the engaging teachings of author and pastor Adam Hamilton. Also available are resources for children and youth.

### **Half Truths**

Why were the early Christians willing to die to protect a single iota of the creed? Why have the Judeans, Romans, and Persians—among others—seen the Christian creed as a threat to the established social order? In *The Creed: Professing the Faith Through the Ages*, bestselling author Dr. Scott Hahn recovers and conveys the creed's revolutionary character. Tracing the development of the first formulations of faith in the early Church through later ecumenical councils, *The Creed* tells the story of how the very profession of

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our belief in Christ fashions us for heavenly life as we live out our earthly days.

## **Words From the Fire**

The president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary reveals how understanding and living out of the oldest summary of Christian belief leads to a confident, bold, joy-filled existence in a world of confusion and uncertainty. The Apostles' Creed has shaped and guided Christian faith for almost two thousand years. Few documents in the history of the church have similar influence on the life of ordinary believers. Shared by Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox traditions, the Apostles' Creed is perhaps the most compelling and formidable statement of Christian doctrine the world has ever known. But do we know what it really means--and how it applies to us today? In *The Apostles' Creed*, renowned theologian and pastor R. Albert Mohler Jr. works line-by-line and phrase-by-phrase through each section of the Creed, explaining in clear terms what it means and how it equips Christians to live faithfully in a post-Christian culture. From understanding the nature of the Trinity and the miracle of the Incarnation to the world-shaking truth of the resurrection and the hope of Christ's return, the theological heritage contained in this ancient statement has the power to shape us for vibrant and steadfast living today. The Apostles' Creed shows us how.

## **The Creedal Imperative**

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Pope Benedict XVI writes eloquently and persuasively about the importance for followers of Christ to understand well what they believe in order to live as a serious Christian in today's secular world.

## **Cold-Case Christianity**

What do you believe? With the vast array of religions and beliefs that have surfaced in the world today, how can Christians be sure of what we believe? And how can we know that what we believe about our God truly meets the biblical standard? What do we need to believe? From his vast knowledge of the Scriptures and his experience as a missionary, Pastor Donald Cole shares the simple yet profound truths of the gospel through the Apostles' Creed. He touches on every facet of the Creed, referencing the biblical texts that support them. While there are some things about God and His ways that shall remain veiled until we reach heaven, the Bible is very clear about many things, including the person and work of Jesus Christ. Learn All You Need to Believe from the Apostles' Creed through the excellent teaching of pastor Donald Cole.

## **Essential Truths of the Christian Faith**

Do you believe? Today, we're flooded with opinions and ideas. And they all might be interesting, but are they true? Would you die for them? Benjamin Myers re-introduces the Apostles' Creed, helping us to see how difficult and counter-cultural the Creed really is. It doesn't give us sweet, empty words. It's a faith that

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demands we die so that we might live. In the early church, many converts died for their faith so they needed to have a good idea what they might die for. Early church pastors and theologians used the Apostles' Creed as the essential guide to the basics of the Christian life. The Apostles' Creed has united Christians from different times, different places, and different traditions. The truths proclaimed in the Creed are eternal. Will you trust them?

### **Catholicism For Dummies**

It's not whether you have a creed or not, just which. No creed but Christ. This claim tries to remove the mess of doctrinal controversy. After all, doesn't everyone know that ?doctrine divides But would avoiding creeds and confessions really clear away confusion? What do you believe about Jesus? Was he really God? The answers to these important questions make a creed, even if it's only poorly worded or false. Creeds are unavoidable. As the church's first ?official? ecumenical creed, the Nicene Creed has protected and shaped the life of God's people for centuries. L. Charles Jackson's popular study walks readers through every line of the Nicene creed, highlighting its history and contemporary application, and revealing its grounding in Scripture. It shows us a Nicene Creed that is pastoral, practical, and personal.

### **Know the Creeds and Councils**

We're all searching. Sometimes the search is easy: simply type a question and the answer pops up. But

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sometimes our questions are complicated, and the answers are difficult to see and harder to articulate. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. In this book for Lent, Easter, and beyond, Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality, and truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters. Chapters include: God Jesus Christ The Holy Spirit The Church at the Communion of Saints The Forgiveness of Sins The Resurrection of the Body Creed: What Christians Believe and Why is also part of a six-week church-wide program that includes a Leader Guide, DVD, and youth and children resources.

### **The Spirit of Early Christian Thought**

Taking us through the creed step-by-step, Maryanne Micks not only poses the questions most asked by contemporary Christians, but also teaches us to delight in the questions themselves. Faith accompanied by doubt, she believes, is far healthier than faith

### **The Ecumenical Movement**

### **The Apostles' Creed - Teen Bible Study Leader Kit**

A comprehensive and definitive guide to the Catholic

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faith Whether you're a member of the faith or just interested in it, *Catholicism For Dummies*, 3rd Edition offers a casual, straightforward introduction to the ins and outs of the contemporary church. It explores the moral foundations of Catholicism and explains such sacraments as weddings, Baptisms, funerals, Confirmations, and First Communions. It also covers the basics of Catholic belief, including the story of creation, the origin of sin, and even the end of the world. New to this edition, the book covers the succession of Pope Francis, the "People's Pope," whose message of reconciliation among religions and focus on social issues like poverty and inequality have made him immensely popular, even among non-Catholics. Explains where the church and the Pope stand on important moral and social issues Covers modern questions of moral importance to Catholics, like gay marriage, abortion, and the death penalty Reveals what modern life is like in the priesthood Written by the co-hosts of the popular weekly television program "Crash Course of Catholicism" In this accessible guide, you'll take a full and rich look at this diverse and vibrant religion and understand what it is to be a Catholic today.

### **What Christians Ought to Believe**

Following Jesus can be more about serving others rather than judging them.

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Many of the problems afflicting American education are the result of a critical shortage of qualified teachers in the classrooms. The teacher crisis is surprisingly resistant to reforms and is getting worse. This analysis of the causes underlying the crisis seeks to offer concrete, affordable proposals for effective reform. Vivian Troen and Katherine Boles, two experienced classroom teachers and education consultants, argue that because teachers are recruited from a pool of underqualified candidates, given inadequate preparation, and dropped into a culture of isolation without mentoring, support, or incentives for excellence, they are programmed to fail. Half quit within their first five years. Troen and Boles offer an alternative, a model of reform they call the Millennium School, which changes the way teachers work and improves the quality of their teaching. When teaching becomes a real profession, they contend, more academically able people will be drawn into it, colleges will be forced to improve the quality of their education, and better-prepared teachers will enter the classroom and improve the profession.

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