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**Eternity Is Now in Session** Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing  
In the latest addition to the Ancient Christian Texts series, David Maxwell renders a service to students of patristics and New Testament studies alike. The first complete English translation of Cyril of

Alexandria's Commentary on John since the nineteenth century, this volume unveils one of the brightest lights in the Alexandrian tradition. Eucharistic Participation University of Pennsylvania Press Winner of the Christianity Today Book Award in Theology/Ethics To see God is our heart ' s desire, our final purpose in life. But what does it mean to see God?

And exactly how do we see God—with our physical eyes or with the mind ' s eye? In this informed study of the beatific vision, Hans Boersma focuses on “ vision ” as a living metaphor and shows how the vision of God is not just a future but a present reality. Seeing God is both a historical theology and a dogmatic articulation of the beatific vision—of how the invisible God becomes visible

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to us. In examining what Christian thinkers throughout history have written about the beatific vision, Boersma explores how God trains us to see his character by transforming our eyes and minds, highlighting continuity from this world to the next. Christ-centered, sacramental, and ecumenical, Boersma's work presents life as a never-ending journey toward seeing the face of God in Christ both here and in the world to come. *The Reception of the Virgin in Byzantium* Anchor Embodiment in the theology of

Gregory of Nyssa is a much-debated topic. Hans Boersma argues that this-worldly realities of time and space, which include embodiment, are not the focus of Gregory's theology. Instead, Boersma suggests, the key to Gregory's theology is anagogy-going upward in order to participate in the life of God. *Sacramental Preaching* Brazos Press Containing: The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, The Athanasian Creed, The Confession of Chalcedon, The Confession of Dositheus, The

Shorter and Longer Catechisms of St. Philaret of Moscow, The Catechism of St. Peter Mogila, and The Synodikon of Orthodoxy. The present collection of official and formally approved statements of faith of the Eastern Orthodox Church is, as far as the present compiler is aware, the first time such an endeavor has been attempted in the English language. The reason for such a collection is quite simple:

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The instruction of the faithful and their edification unto all godliness. Although in these confused days there is an abundance of opinions, there are, sadly, a paucity of clear, thorough, authoritative, and readily available summaries of the Orthodox Faith that have both stood the test of time and also received the official approbation of the Church. The current climate, therefore, needs such a collection, for too many seek to present the faith in the light of their own wisdom. But, as we pray in the prayers after the Divine Liturgy to be delivered from the slavery of our own reasoning, it is the editor's prayer that this collection of sacred Creeds, Confessions, and Catechisms will raise up a generation of faithful Orthodox Christians who, through meditating again and again on the holy truths contained herein, will be both well rounded and deeply grounded in the Faith that was once for all delivered to the saints, and able to withstand in the evil day the ever blowing winds of diverse and strange doctrines and destructive heresies.

God Without Being  
Baker Academic  
Terrence Malick's  
stunning film *The Tree of Life* is a modern Job story, an exploration of suffering and glory, an honest look at strife within a Texas family in the 1950s. In *Shining Glory*, Peter J. Leithart examines the biblical and theological motifs of the film and illuminates how Malick exploited the

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visual poetry of film to produce one of the most spiritually challenging and theologically sophisticated films ever made.

Evangelical Theology

John Wiley & Sons  
Offers a new model for understanding the atonement, sensitive to both the Christian tradition and its postmodern critics.  
Commentary on John University of Chicago Press

Around a table sit men and women with distinct roles: The Interpreter, the Theologian, the Virtuous, the Philosopher, the Scientist, the Artist, the Minister, and the Historian. Each is ready to engage in a passionate discussion centered on God, his works, and his ways.

Regardless of which role you play at the same table, you're invited. You simply need to pull up a chair and join the conversation. But how? What do you say when you take your seat? Where do you start? What are the "rules" of the dialogue? A Practical Primer on Theological Method will help you answer these questions. This primer is not only a "how-to" manual for doing theology, but a handbook of etiquette for doctrinal discussions with other believers. This popular-level introductory text presents the proper manner, mode, and means of engaging fruitfully in theology. Violence, Hospitality, and the Cross Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing  
A pioneering study of ancient and medieval

Christology.

Employing a range of interdisciplinary methods, Stephen J. Davis shows how Christian identity in Egypt was shaped by a set of replicable 'christological practices'. He thus enables readers to trace the Coptic church's theological and cultural transition from late antiquity to Dar al-Islam.

**Wonderful Blood**  
Baker Academic

We're all going to die. Yet in our medically advanced, technological age, many of us see death as a distant reality--something that happens only at the end of a long life or to other people. In The End

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of the Christian Life, Todd Billings urges Christians to resist that view. Instead, he calls us to embrace our mortality in our daily life and faith. This is the journey of genuine discipleship, Billings says, following the crucified and resurrected Lord in a world of distraction and false hopes. Drawing on his experience as a professor and father living with incurable cancer, Billings offers a personal yet deeply theological account of the gospel's expansive hope for small, mortal

creatures. Artfully weaving rich theology with powerful narrative, Billings writes for church leaders and laypeople alike. Whether we are young or old, reeling from loss or clinging to our own prosperity, this book challenges us to walk a strange but wondrous path: in the midst of joy and lament, to receive mortal limits as a gift, an opportunity to give ourselves over to the Lord of life. Taking the Long View Review and Herald Pub Assoc This study takes the reader to the intriguing debates

on justification in seventeenth-century English Puritan thought. Richard Baxter (1615-91), the well-known Kidderminster pastor and theologian, insisted that the Calvinists of his day, with their unyielding emphasis on the sola fide of the Reformation, ran the danger of ignoring the conditions that came with God's gift of the covenant of grace. Justification, Baxter insisted, required at least some degree of faith and works as the human response to the love

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of God. As one of his antagonists, John Crandon, put it: "If we magnify one grain of our own pepper to that height that we make it a part of that righteousness by which to stand at God's tribunal this one grain will sink us down to hell, so hot a poison is Mr. Brs pepper-corn." The mix of theological differences and unbending personality traits resulted in years of acrimonious and unyielding debate. Building on previous studies of Baxter's soteriology, this study maintains

that Baxter is best understood as an eclectic scholastic covenantal theologian for whom the distinction between God's conditional covenant and his absolute will is key to the entire theological enterprise. Five Things Biblical Scholars Wish Theologians Knew Zondervan Academic Something in us is waiting—for what, we don't know. Something different? Something better? For Christians, perhaps the deepest expression of what we're waiting for is found in the phrase "eternal life." But

what is eternal life? Why do we want it? And how do we know if we have it? In *Eternity Is Now in Session*, bestselling author John Ortberg dispels the myth that eternal life is something way out in outer space that we can only hope to experience after we die—and that being saved is merely about meeting the minimal requirements for getting into heaven. Instead, John unpacks the reality that the moment we trust Christ, we are initiated into "eternal living" with God as a here and now reality, one that will continue beyond our life on this earth. Jesus

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defined eternal life just once, in John 17:3: “. . . that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ” The kind of “ knowing God ” that is eternal life is an interactive relationship, not just an affirmation of certain facts about God. Once we begin the transformative journey of truly knowing God, we can start to experience His presence, favor, and resurrection power right here on this earth—in the details, tasks, and challenges of daily, ordinary life. And as we begin to know God this way, we ’ ll realize each moment of our lives is a vehicle to the

eternity we ’ ve been longing for all along. Participation in God The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Seldom have God matters been treated with such verve, sense, rigour and humour as in this collection of writings by Herbert McCabe. The book demonstrates the depth and clarity of his theology and philosophy of God, his appetite for controversy, both political and theological, as well as a traditional Catholic concern for prayer, liturgy, Mary and St Dominic. The

articles, which range widely, and represent over twenty years of characteristically dominican enterprise, reveal a personality that is itslef clear evidence that God matters. [The Oxford Handbook of Sacramental Theology](#) InterVarsity Press Offers a substantial discussion of a central theme in Christian theology - that everything comes from and depends upon God. Heavenly Participation Orb Books A faith that changed history: this is the story of William Wilberforce's struggle to abolish the Slave Trade and reform the morals of Great



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Britain. In God's Politician, Garth Lean provides an insightful and stirring account of how Wilberforce and his colleagues in the Clapham circle put their faith into action and changed the course of history. Their legacy was one of far-reaching moral renewal as well as testimony to the power of the individual to effect change in his world. Foreword by Charles W. Colson

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Th é ologie and Sacramental

Ontology Oxford University Press on Demand

NATIONAL BESTSELLER •

From the author of *Into the Wild* and *Into Thin Air*, this extraordinary work

of investigative journalism takes readers inside America ' s isolated Mormon Fundamentalist communities. Defying both civil authorities and the Mormon establishment in Salt Lake City, the renegade leaders of these Taliban-like theocracies are zealots who answer only to God; some 40,000 people still practice polygamy in these communities. At the core of Krakauer ' s book are brothers Ron and Dan Lafferty, who insist they received a commandment

from God to kill a blameless woman and her baby girl. Beginning with a meticulously researched account of this appalling double murder, Krakauer constructs a multi-layered, bone-chilling narrative of messianic delusion, polygamy, savage violence, and unyielding faith. Along the way he uncovers a shadowy offshoot of America ' s fastest growing religion, and raises provocative questions about the nature of religious belief.

The Joy of the Gospel Baker

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Academic  
Heavenly  
Participation Wm.  
B. Eerdmans  
Publishing  
Embodiment and  
Virtue in Gregory  
of Nyssa Heavenly  
Participation  
This work argues  
that the heart of  
patristic exegesis is  
the attempt to find  
the sacramental  
reality (real  
presence) of Christ  
in the Old  
Testament  
Scriptures. Leading  
theologian Hans  
Boersma discusses  
numerous sermons  
and commentaries  
of the church  
fathers to show  
how they regarded  
Christ as the  
treasure hidden in

the field of the Old  
Testament and  
explains that the  
church can and  
should retrieve the  
sacramental reading  
of the early church  
today. Combining  
detailed scholarly  
insight with clear,  
compelling prose,  
this book makes a  
unique  
contribution to  
contemporary  
interest in  
theological  
interpretation.  
Grand Entrance  
Cambridge University  
Press  
The time is the  
Beginning. The place  
is Heaven. The story is  
the Revolt of the  
Angels—a war of  
magic, corruption and  
intrigue that could  
destroy the universe.  
To Reign in Hell was

Stephen Brust's second  
novel, and it's a  
thrilling retelling of the  
revolt of the angels,  
through the lens of  
epic fantasy. At the  
Publisher's request, this  
title is being sold  
without Digital Rights  
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The Holy  
Standards Oxford  
University Press,  
USA  
Is there an  
' Anglican  
identity ' ? Or is  
living with the  
tension between  
different  
temperaments and  
histories itself at the  
heart of the genius  
of Anglicanism? An  
glican Identities  
draws together  
studies and profiles  
by Rowan

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Williams that sympathetically explore approaches to scripture, tradition, and authority that are very different – yet at the same time distinctively Anglican. William Tyndale, Richard Hooker, George Herbert, B. F. Westcott, Michael Ramsey, and John A. T. Robinson are among the writers and theologians whose work he explores. Anglican Identities conveys the richness of the Anglican mosaic without ducking the difficult question of how far diversity can stretch.

Transubstantiation Independently Published Surveying the barriers that contemporary thinking has erected between the natural and the supernatural, between earth and heaven, Hans Boersma issues a wake-up call for Western Christianity. Both Catholics and evangelicals, he says, have moved too far away from a sacramental mindset, focusing more on the here-and-now than on the then-and-there. Yet, as Boersma points out, the teaching of

Jesus, Paul, and St. Augustine indeed, of most of Scripture and the church fathers is profoundly otherworldly, much more concerned with heavenly participation than with earthly enjoyment. In Heavenly Participation Boersma draws on the wisdom of great Christian minds ancient and modern Irenaeus, Gregory of Nyssa, C. S. Lewis, Henri de Lubac, John Milbank, and many others. He urges Catholics and evangelicals alike to retrieve a sacramental

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worldview, to cultivate a greater awareness of eternal mysteries, to partake eagerly of the divine life that transcends and transforms all earthly realities. Hans Boersma makes a superb contribution to evangelical theological reflection in this well-designed book, and it goes a long way to drawing us back from the brink of a fashionable evangelical tendency to reductive historicism. His re-situation of the doctrine of the Incarnation in its

historic sacramental language and thought opens up the way to a deeper understanding of the truths of faith that evangelicals and Catholics alike seek to comprehend and nurture. David Lyle Jeffrey Baylor University Theology at its best, says Hans Boersma, is less interested in comprehending the truth than in participating in it. Skillfully marshalling passages from the church fathers and medieval theologians and drawing judiciously on contemporary evangelical and

Catholic thinkers, Boersma shows that theology is not primarily an intellectual enterprise but a spiritual discipline by which one enters into the truth and is mastered by it. Though this sacramental tapestry, as he calls it, is as old as the church, it is refreshing to have it presented anew in this engaging book. Robert Louis Wilken University of Virginia