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Communion in the Spirit H&E Publishing

A full history of the origins and direction of fundamentalism in America traces the important influence of this religious movement and their conservative Christian views on American culture, social institutions, politics, education, and more.

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The Soul of the American University  
Oxford University Press

"The passing of reformed theology as a major influence in American life during the nineteenth century was not a spectacular event, and its mourners have been relatively

few. Calvinism, when it is mentioned, is still often portrayed as a dark cloud that hovered too long over America, acting as an unhealthy influence on the climate of opinion. Nonetheless, the transition from the theologically oriented and well-formed Calvinism characteristic of much of American Protestantism at the beginning of the nineteenth century to the nontheologically oriented and often poorly informed conservative Protestantism firmly established in middle-class America by the end of the same century remains a remarkable aspect of American intellectual and ecclesiastical history. The twentieth-century attitude, itself a product

of this transition, has placed strong emphasis on nineteenth-century Protestant activities - their organizations, their revivals, and their reforms. The mind of American Protestantism in these transitional years deserves at least equal consideration." -from the Introduction  
Turning Points in the History of American Evangelicalism U of Nebraska Press  
Exploring the richness of American thought and experience in the mid-eighteenth century, Alan Heimert develops the intellectual and cultural significance of the religious divisions and debates engendered by one of the most critical episodes in American intellectual history, the Great Awakening of the 1740's. The author's concern throughout is to discover what were the essential issues in a dispute that was not so much a controversy

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between theologians as a vital competition for the ideological allegiance of the American people. This is not a standard history of any one area of ideas. Mr. Heimert's sources include nearly everything published in America from 1735. His study, in its range and conception, is an original contribution to an understanding of the relationship between colonial religious thought and the evolution of American history.

C. S. Lewis's Mere Christianity

Cambridge University Press

The life and times of C. S. Lewis's modern spiritual classic *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis's eloquent defense of the Christian faith, originated as a series of BBC radio talks broadcast during the dark days of World War Two. Here is the story of the extraordinary life and afterlife of this influential and inspiring book.

George Marsden describes how Lewis gradually went from being an atheist to a committed Anglican—famously converting to Christianity in 1931 after conversing into the night with his

friends J. R. R. Tolkien and Hugh Dyson—and how his plainspoken case for Christianity went on to become one of the most beloved spiritual books of all time.

*The Holy Grail* University of Notre Dame Press Long recognized as 'America's theologian', Jonathan Edwards (1703–1758) is seen as instrumental in the Great Awakening of the 1740s that gripped much of New England and that laid the groundwork for an American Protestant religious identity. This Cambridge Companion offers a general, comprehensive introduction to Jonathan Edwards and examines his life and works from various disciplinary perspectives including history, literature, theology, religious studies, and philosophy. The book consists of seventeen chapters written by leading religious scholars, historians and literary critics on Edwards' life, work, and legacy. The Companion will be an invaluable aid to teachers and scholars and will be

imminently accessible to those just encountering Edwards for the first time.

**Religion and American Culture** P & R Publishing

Jonathan Edwards is one of the most extraordinary figures in American history. Arguably the most brilliant theologian ever born on American soil, Edwards (1703–1758) was also a pastor, a renowned preacher, a missionary to the Native Americans, a biographer, a college president, a philosopher, a loving husband, and the father of eleven children. George M. Marsden -- widely acclaimed for his magisterial large study of Edwards -- has now written a new, shorter biography of this many-sided, remarkable man. A Short Life of Jonathan Edwards is not an abridgment of Marsden's earlier award-winning study but is instead a completely new narrative based on his extensive research. The result is a concise, fresh retelling of the Edwards story, rich in scholarship yet compelling and readable for a much wider audience, including students. Known best for his famous sermon "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," Jonathan Edwards is often viewed as a proponent of fire, brimstone, and the wrath of God. As Marsden shows, however, the focus of Edwards's preaching was not God's wrath but rather his overwhelming and all-encompassing love. Marsden also rescues Edwards from the high realms of intellectual history, revealing him more

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comprehensively through the lens of his everyday life and interactions. Further, Marsden shows how Edwards provides a window on the fascinating and often dangerous world of the American colonies in the decades before the American Revolution. Marsden here gives us an Edwards who illumines both American history and Christian theology, an Edwards that will appeal to readers with little or no training in either field. This short life will contribute significantly to the widespread and growing interest in Jonathan Edwards. Abraham Kuyper Moody Publishers

Jonathan Edwards Jr. (1745-1801) is well-known for his governmental theory of the atonement; however, aside from a biography produced in 1978 not much has been done to interact with his thinking on other theological matters. Further, he is often portrayed as a metaphysical preacher who drove away his congregation with cerebral abstractions. Accordingly, this received caricature also describes Edwards Jr. as distorting the Edwardsean legacy through theological innovation. This negative caricature of Edwards Jr. was produced by the early liberalism of the Civil War era and has stuck to Edwards Jr. for nearly two hundred years. This treatise provides a greater interaction with primary

sources, taking into account his upbringing, awakening, tragedy, pastoral challenges, as well as his actual pulpit notes. Of particular interest to scholars will be the interaction with new source materials derived from the preaching manuscripts used in his weekly preaching ministry. Harry Stout has observed that the weekly sermon was the heart and soul of New Englanders prior to the American Revolution. Notably in this treatise, Edwards Jr.'s Sermon on the Mount Manuscripts, which cover his whole thirty-year pulpit ministry, are examined and found to be strongly reliant upon his father's Religious Affections. Furthermore, Edwards Jr.'s systematic theology of the Holy Spirit demonstrates a received pneumatology, which is essentially the same as his father's system. A received pneumatology can be reconstructed out of the student notebook of Maltby Gelston, as well as the published and unpublished sermons of Edwards Jr. From primary documents this volume demonstrates how the younger Edwards's is important to Edwardsean study. The thinking of Hopkins, Bellamy, and Edwards Jr. are relevant as receivers of Edwards Sr.'s thinking, but also as

improvers of his thoughts. Without an adequate study of his son's biography and writing, the Edwardsean theology has, at times, suffered from an apparent decline for failure to develop the thinking of the younger Edwards. This volume begins to address a lacuna in the New England Theological project. REVIEWS The "other" Jonathan Edwards has never received the attention his work as New Haven pastor, dedicated theologian, and interpreter of his famous father's legacy deserves. With especially fruitful use of the younger Edwards' manuscript sermons, this carefully researched book goes a long way to redress that undeserved neglect. Mark Noll, author of *In the Beginning Was the Word: The Bible in American Public Life, 1492-1783* Jonathan Edwards, Jr. played a crucial but still largely unappreciated role as a conduit of his father's varied legacies. In this fine study by an up-and-coming scholar, that role is paid respect and Edwards Jr.'s own honor and legacy are defended against their critics, past and present. Many thanks to John Banks for coloring in our understanding of the Edwardsean tradition in Revolutionary America. Douglas A. Sweeney, Dean

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of Beeson Divinity School, Samford University This study offers an engaging account of a pastor and divine whose career included an early exposure to missions among Mohican and Mohawks, public debates about the culture of reason and Calvinism, the American Revolution, contestations over the abolition of slavery, and changes in the practice of collegiate education in New England. Based on deep original archival research and a solid grasp on current scholarship, it brings to life the complications and tensions in the career of the namesake son of Jonathan Edwards. In so doing, it gives us a humane and lucid narrative of theology and its relation to social life when America became a nation. Mark Valeri, The Reverend Priscilla Wood Neaves Distinguished Professor, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, Washington University in St. Louis

### **Christian America?**

Eerdmans Publishing Company

Jonathan Edwards, a leader in the Great Awakening during the eighteenth century, still has much to teach the church. Evangelicals are rediscovering him through

the efforts of several authors (John Gerstner, Iain Murray, Harry Stout, and others) and publishers (Banner of Truth, Soli Deo Gloria, and Crossway). Stephen Nichols offers Jonathan Edwards as an introduction, a gateway into the vast and rewarding life, thought, and writings of Jonathan Edwards. He intends it for anyone who wants to read Edwards but who needs a little help.

### **Jonathan Edwards and the Stockbridge**

### **Mohican Indians: His Mission and Sermons**

Oxford University Press Jonathan Edwards is well known as perhaps the greatest theologian the United States has ever produced. He is equally noted for his preaching and writing. But in this Long Line Profile, Dr. Steven J. Lawson considers the unique focus and commitment with which Edwards sought to live out the Christian faith. Lawson examines Edwards' life through the lens of the seventy resolutions he penned in his late teens, shortly after his conversion, which cover everything from glorifying

God to repenting of sin to managing time. Drawing on Edwards' writings, as well as scholarly accounts of Edwards' life and thought, Lawson shows how Edwards sought to live out these lofty goals he set for the management of his walk with Christ. In Edwards' example, he finds helpful instruction for all believers.

### **Understanding**

### **Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism**

Liap Media Corporation

The story of the Stockbridge Mohican Indians, unlike that portrayed in the legendary Last of the Mohicans, is a story of tragedy and deceit, and yet one of endurance and strength. This proud people, despite the many efforts to remove their identity and eradicate their unique culture, have endured and continue to flourish, ensuring future generations will benefit from their rich legacy. This book chronicles the history of the Mohican people, highlighting their desire to know more about the "Great, Good Spirit," by asking for a Christian minister to come to them. After the untimely

death of their first missionary, John Sergeant, they were blessed by the ministry of Jonathan Edwards, the foremost theologian in American history. He has been described as, "an activist, preacher, contemplative, missionary, philosopher, and theologian." Not only did Edwards bring them the Word of God, he fought relentlessly for their rights. Herein lies a glimpse into the history of this noble people and Edwards' efforts for their physical and spiritual well-being. *Evangelicalism and Modern America* Yale University Press

Jonathan Edwards  
*The Essential Jonathan Edwards* Harvard University Press

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The Unwavering Resolve of Jonathan Edwards Oxford University Press, USA  
RELIGION AND AMERICAN CULTURE focuses on the relationship of religion to the social and cultural dynamics of American history. Because most survey texts provide only brief coverage of this topic, Marsden's narrative is designed to explore the role of religion in American culture.

**The Oxford Handbook of Jonathan Edwards** Wipf and Stock Publishers  
Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) was preeminent as a theologian in the eighteenth century American colonies, deeply involved in the religious revival known as the Great Awakening. He was also the first American Puritan, or Calvinist, to

recognize the challenges to traditional views of the world posed by figures like John Locke and Isaac Newton. Thus he is a pivotal figure as American thought evolved from heavily religious beginnings toward populism and a new rationalism in the young nation. His many books include *Freedom of the Will*, *Religious Affections*, and *Original Sin*, although he is probably best known for a legendary sermon he titled "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." ø Perry Miller's study of Jonathan Edwards as a writer and an artist is regarded as one of the great studies of "the life of a mind." He challenges readers to understand Edwards as an intellectual who, living in his own time and place, wrestled with issues relevant to the modern world. This Bison Books edition, with an introduction by John F. Wilson, will help to introduce Jonathan Edwards to a new generation of readers. Inspiration to Live Your Magic! Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing  
"This volume ... is a revision and updating of *The Soul of*

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the American University:  
From Protestant  
Establishment to Established  
Nonbelief

(1994)"--Acknowledgments  
Jonathan Edwards Basic  
Books (AZ)

Traces the varied history,  
legends, and myths of the  
Holy Grail, from the  
medieval Church's  
religious version of the  
secular ideal and Chrétien  
de Troyes's twelfth-  
century romances to  
popular best sellers of the  
late twentieth century.

**Edwards on the Christian  
Life** Wm. B. Eerdmans  
Publishing

In the aftermath of World  
War II, the United States  
stood at a precipice. The  
forces of modernity  
unleashed by the war had  
led to astonishing advances  
in daily life, but technology  
and mass culture also  
threatened to erode the  
country's traditional moral  
character. As award-winning  
historian George M.  
Marsden explains in *The  
Twilight of the American  
Enlightenment*, postwar  
Americans looked to the  
country's secular, liberal  
elites for guidance in this  
precarious time, but these  
intellectuals proved unable  
to articulate a coherent  
common cause by which  
America could chart its  
course. Their failure lost

them the faith of their  
constituents, paving the way  
for a Christian revival that  
offered America a firm new  
moral vision—one rooted in  
the Protestant values of the  
founders. A groundbreaking  
reappraisal of the country's  
spiritual reawakening, *The  
Twilight of the American  
Enlightenment* shows how  
America found new purpose  
at the dawn of the Cold War.  
*The Evangelical Mind and  
the New School*

*Presbyterian Experience*  
Princeton University Press  
A sequel and companion to  
the author's widely acclaimed  
*Fundamentalism and  
American Culture*, this book  
uses the history of Fuller  
Theological Seminary as a  
lens through which to focus  
an examination of the  
broader story of  
evangelicalism and  
fundamentalism since the  
1940s.

**A Short Life of Jonathan  
Edwards** Oxford  
University Press on  
Demand

*The Oxford Handbook of  
Jonathan Edwards* offers  
a state-of-the-art  
summary of scholarship  
on Edwards by a diverse,  
international, and  
interdisciplinary group of  
Edwards scholars, many  
of whom serve as global  
leaders in the burgeoning  
world of research and

writing on 'America's  
theologian'. As an early  
modern clerical polymath,  
Edwards is of interest to  
historians, theologians,  
and literary scholars. He is  
also an interlocutor for  
contemporary clergy and  
philosophical theologians.  
All such readers—and  
many more—will find here  
an authoritative overview  
of Edwards' life, ministry,  
and writings, as well as a  
representative sampling of  
cutting-edge scholarship  
on Edwards from across  
several disciplines. The  
volume falls into four  
sections, which reflect the  
diversity of Edwards  
studies today. The first  
section turns to the  
historical Edwards and  
grounds him in his period  
and the relevant contexts  
that shaped his life and  
work. The second section  
balances the historical  
reconstruction of Edwards  
as a theological and  
philosophical thinker with  
explorations of his  
usefulness for constructive  
theology and the church  
today. In part three, the  
focus shifts to the different  
ways and contexts in  
which Edwards attempted  
to realize his ideas and  
ideals in his personal life,  
scholarship, and ministry,

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but also to the ways in which these historical realities stood in tension with, limited, or resisted his aspirations. The final section looks at Edwards' widening renown and influence as well as diverse appropriations. This Handbook serves as an authoritative guide for readers overwhelmed by the enormity of the multi-lingual world of Edwards studies. It will bring readers up to speed on the most important work being done and then serve them as a benchmark in the field of Edwards scholarship for decades to come.

The Legacy of Jonathan Edwards Wipf and Stock Publishers

Jonathan Edwards is widely hailed as the greatest theologian in American history. In *Edwards on the Christian Life*, Dane Ortlund invites us to explore the great eighteenth-century pastor's central passion: God's resplendent beauty. Whether reflecting on the nature of love, the preeminence of Scripture, or the glory of the natural world, the concept of beauty stood at the heart of Edwards's theology and permeated his portrait of the Christian life. Clear and engaging, this accessible volume will inspire you to embrace Edwards's magnificent vision of what it

means to be a Christian: enjoying and reflecting of the beauty of God in all things. Part of the Theologians on the Christian Life series.