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## *The Subversion of Christianity*

ReJesusReJesus asks the following questions: \* What ongoing role does Jesus the Messiah play in shaping the ethos and self understanding of the movement that originated in him? \* How is the Christian religion informed and shaped by the Jesus that we meet in the Gospels? \* How do we assess the continuity required between the life and example of Jesus and the subsequent religion called Christianity? \* In how many ways do we domesticate the radical Revolutionary in order to sustain our religion and religiosity? \* How can a rediscovery of Jesus renew our discipleship, the Christian community, and the ongoing mission of the church? These questions take us to the core of what the church is all about. Rather than

reformation, the authors call their task re-founding the church because it raises the issue of the Church's true Founder or Foundation. This theme is of particular importance at the dawn of the twenty-first century as many attempt to address Christianity's endemic and long trended decline in the West. The authors feel that a spiritual, theological, missional, and existential crisis looms in the West. Untamed (Shapevine) Life without church. It's getting easier to imagine. And maybe you already left. A leaver, then. Committed to Jesus, not an institution. Perhaps you've left your church in spirit, remaining in the pew. Outwardly silent. Secretly bored. In either case, Brian Sanders has a word for you. Out of his own experience as a leaver, Brian distills the

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complex problem into two viable options: Stay. Remain in your church with the blessing of Christ and in the power of his great vision for the church to come. Take the path of revolutionary leaving. Move purposefully, seeking the kingdom of God that is beyond institutions. Whether Sunday mornings find you alone in a one-bedroom apartment or isolated in a church of thousands, Brian reminds you to keep listening for God's call. Reform the church that is Christ's. Be it from the inside out, or the outside in.

A Scandalous Freedom 100movements  
Publishing

In the pages of this book, Alan Hirsch takes us on a really deep dive into the fivefold (APEST) typology of ministry as articulated in Ephesians 4:1-16, but he takes us to a depth and scope

that few (if any) have ventured before. By laying out the most comprehensive model of APEST to date--one that incorporates deep theology as well as innovative practice--Hirsch once again demonstrates his almost uncanny capacity to change not only the conversation itself, but also the scorecard on how we understand calling, church, leadership, and organization.

If Jesus Is Lord Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

In *The Shaping of Things to Come* Australians Frost and Hirsch present an innovative vision of how the church can be more relevant and responsive to the spiritual hunger seen in the Western world.

*On the Verge* NavPress

Imagined as a sequel to the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, *The Last Testament* features visual accounts and stories of seven men around the world who claim to be the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Building on biblical form

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and structure, chapters dedicated to each Jesus include excerpts of their scriptural testaments, laying out their theology and demands on mankind in their own words. Jonas Bendiksen takes at face value that each one is the true Messiah returned to Earth, to forge an account that is a work of apocalyptic journalism and compelling artistic imagination.

Missional Church Wipf and  
Stock Publishers

A new brand of apostolic  
ministry for today's world  
The Permanent Revolution is a  
work of theological re-  
imagination and re-  
construction that draws from  
biblical studies, theology,  
organizational theory,  
leadership studies, and key

social sciences. The book  
elaborates on the apostolic  
role rooted in the five-fold  
ministry from Ephesians 4  
(apostles, prophets,  
evangelists, shepherds, and  
teacher), and its significance  
for the missional movement. It  
explores how the apostolic  
ministry facilitates ongoing  
renewal in the life of  
the church and focuses on  
leadership in relation to  
missional innovation and  
entrepreneurship. The authors  
examine the nature  
of organization as reframed  
through the lens of

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apostolic ministry. Shows how to view the world through a biblical perspective and continue the "permanent revolution" that Jesus started. Outlines the essential characteristics of apostolic movement and how to restructure the church and ministry to be more consistent with them. Alan Hirsch is a leading voice in the missional movement of the Christian West. This groundbreaking book integrates theology, sociology, and leadership to further define the apostolic movement. *The Permanent Revolution* First

Fruits Press

A warm, inspiring, and practical handbook for at-home moms, by a television celebrity and mother of five. National television personality and mother of five Rachel Campos-Duffy presents a new way of looking at stay-at-home motherhood that will transform the way readers view their days, their family, and their home. With practical advice and candid, engaging stories from her own life and other moms who are making it all work, mothers will learn about: ? Embracing the choice to stay home with joy and confidence ? Taking care of yourself, guilt-free ? How rekindling your relationship with your husband benefits the whole family ?

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Reveling in the chance to explore  
new passions and creative outlets ?  
And the 10 things that no mom can  
live without!

### Jesus and the Essenes

InterVarsity Press

It has recently become  
acceptable, and even  
fashionable, to refer to  
one's church as "missional."  
But many churches  
misunderstand the concept,  
thinking of "going missional"  
as simply being a necessary  
add-on to church-as-usual.  
This domestication of what is  
actually a very bold paradigm  
shift makes missional nothing

more than one more trick to  
see church growth. With a  
light hand and a pastoral  
spirit, Michael Frost points  
out how church practitioners  
are not quite there yet. He  
reestablishes the ground  
rules, redefines the terms  
accurately, and insists that  
the true prophetic essence of  
"being missional" comes  
through undiluted. This clear  
corrective will take ministry  
leaders from "not missional  
yet" to well on their way.  
*Exiles* Yale University Press  
What would a theology of the  
Church look like that took

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seriously the fact that North America is now itself a mission field? This question lies at the foundation of this volume written by an ecumenical team of six noted missiologists—Lois Barrett, Inagrace T. Dietterich, Darrell L. Guder, George R. Hunsberger, Alan J. Roxburgh, and Craig Van Gelder. The result of a three-year research project undertaken by The Gospel and Our Culture Network, this book issues a firm challenge for the church to recover its missional call right here in North America, while also offering the tools to help it do so. The authors examine North America's secular culture and the church's loss of dominance in today's society. They then present a biblically based theology that takes seriously the church's missional vocation and draw out the consequences of this theology for the structure and institutions of the church.

*Hide This in Your Heart*  
InterVarsity Press

Written after his wife's tragic death as a way of surviving the "mad midnight moment," *A Grief Observed* is C.S. Lewis's honest reflection on the fundamental issues of life, death, and faith in the midst of loss. This work contains his concise, genuine reflections on that period: "Nothing will shake a man -- or at any rate a man like me -- out of his merely verbal thinking and his merely

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notional beliefs. He has to be knocked silly before he comes to his senses. Only torture will bring out the truth. Only under torture does he discover it himself." This is a beautiful and unflinchingly honest record of how even a stalwart believer can lose all sense of meaning in the universe, and how he can gradually regain his bearings. Life After Church Ozark Mountain Publishing

ReJesus

**Incarnate** Thomas Nelson

A reader's delight, A Scandalous Freedom sometimes shocks with challenges to prevailing wisdom, but it follows up with compelling validations of our need to

celebrate real, unstinted freedom in Christ. Christians do not trust freedom. As author Steve Brown explains in this brave new book, they prefer the security of rules and self-imposed boundaries, which they tend to inflict on other Christians. Brown asserts that real freedom means the freedom to be wrong as well as right.

Christianity often calls us to live beyond the boundaries, bolstered by the assurance that we cannot fall beyond God's love. Freedom is dangerous, but the alternative is worse—boxing ourselves up where we cannot celebrate our unique gifts and express our joy in Christ. Each of the book's eleven chapters explores a common pharisaic, freedom-stifling tendency, then



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opens the door to the fresh air of a remedial liberty.

5Q Baker Books

How the Church can recover her original, apostolic ways and become a high-impact Jesus movement again in the West. The church is on the verge of massive, category shifting, change. Contemporary church growth, despite its many blessings, has failed to stem the decline of Christianity in the West, and we are now facing the fact that more of the same will not produce different results. We are already seeing this new form of the church emerge in our day—an apostolic,

reproducing Movement that's driven by a desire to see Biblical Christianity reestablished. Alan Hirsch and Dave Ferguson call this the "apostolic movement" because it's more resonant with the form of church that we witness in the New Testament and in the great missional movements of history. And we are on the verge of a new apostolic movement... In this book, Christian thought-leaders Hirsch and Ferguson share a rich array of theology, theory, and best practices, along with inspiring stories about leaders who have rightly diagnosed their churches' failure to embrace a

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biblical model of mission and have moved toward a fuller expression of the gospel. On the Verge will help church leaders: Imagine the contemporary Church from the apostolic perspective—how we got from there to here. Shift our mindset from technique (how to "do church") to embodiment (how to live as Christ's Church) Learn how to value, approach, and understand innovation. Move whole-heartedly toward the apostolic, missional movement. Many of the best and brightest leaders in the contemporary church are now making shifts in the way they think, lead, and organize. On the Verge will help church leaders discover how these forerunners and their insights are launching a new apostolic movement?and how any church can get involved.

**The Shaping of Things to Come**  
Saint Andrew Press

Alan Hirsch's paradigm-shifting classic remains the definitive statement of the church as dynamic missional movement. The bestselling first edition ignited a conversation about how to harness the power of movements for the future growth of the church. In this

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major update, Hirsch shares significant insights gained along the way, provides fresh new examples of growing churches, and reflects on the last ten years of the missional movement. The new edition has been thoroughly updated and revised throughout and includes charts, diagrams, an expanded glossary of terms, new appendices, an index, a new foreword by Ed Stetzer, and a new afterword by Jeff Vanderstelt. Known for his innovative approach to mission, Hirsch is widely acknowledged as a thought leader and mission strategist for churches across the Western world. He considers *The Forgotten Ways* the guiding work to all of his other writings. The book explores the factors that come together to generate high-impact, exponentially explosive, spiritually vibrant Jesus movements in any time and context. This extensive update to Hirsch's influential work offers a system of six vital keys to movements that will continue shape the future of the missional movement for years to come.

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*Untamed (Shapevine)* Baker Books  
In The Gospel in the Western  
Context, Gert-Jan Roest  
presents how Hendrikus Berkhof  
and Colin Gunton read the  
Western context and  
contextualize Christology. In  
"dialogue" with them he  
presents a Western gospel for  
mission in the 21st Century.

**Rewilding the Church** Simon and  
Schuster

Sixty years ago, most biblical  
scholars maintained that Israel's  
religion was unique—that it stood  
in marked contrast to the faiths  
of its ancient Near Eastern  
neighbors. Nowadays, it is widely  
argued that Israel's religion  
mirrors that of other West Semitic

societies. What accounts for this  
radical change, and what are its  
implications for our understanding  
of the Old Testament? Dr. John N.  
Oswalt says the root of this new  
attitude lies in Western society's  
hostility to the idea of  
revelation, which presupposes a  
reality that transcends the world  
of the senses, asserting the  
existence of a realm humans cannot  
control. While not advocating a  
"the Bible says it, and I believe  
it, and that settles it" point of  
view, Oswalt asserts convincingly  
that while other ancient  
literatures all see reality in  
essentially the same terms, the  
Bible differs radically on all the  
main points. The Bible Among the  
Myths supplies a necessary

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corrective to those who reject the Old Testament's testimony about a transcendent God who breaks into time and space and reveals himself in and through human activity.

Stay Home, Stay Happy

Hendrickson Pub

God is altering history, birthing the new creation all around us, and we have been invited to join God in that task. With groundbreaking ideas and practical illustrations from around the globe, missional leaders Michael Frost and Christiana Rice introduce the metaphor of a midwife to depict us as God's birthing attendants, partnering in God's restorative mission.

**Kinship by Covenant** Aperture

"In this new resource by two leaders of the worldwide missional church movement, Scripture memorization is put to new use, helping believers in Jesus to become active partners in proclaiming and demonstrating that the Kingdom of God is living and active and good for the world." -- Back cover.

The Bible among the Myths Wipf and Stock Publishers

As Helen Keller observed, "Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding

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danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing." To Michael Frost and Alan Hirsch, so much of how we have learned to experience and understand the faith has been divorced from the overarching adventure inherent in our God and in our calling. This book is a corrective to the dull, adventureless, risk-free phenomenon that describes so much of contemporary Christianity. It explores the nature of adventure, risk, and courage and the implications for church, discipleship, spirituality, and leadership.

*Reframation* Baker Academic

In a time when the need for and the relevance of the Gospel has seldom been greater, the relevance of the church has seldom been less. *The Shaping of Things to Come* explores why the church needs to rebuild itself from the bottom up. Frost and Hirsch present a clear understanding of how the church can change to face the unique challenges of the twenty-first century. This missional classic has been thoroughly revised and updated.

*The Faith of Leap* Baker Books

At first glance, it may seem as though the Bible is populated with the stories of faithful men, courageous men, or nefarious men, men who were either enemies or

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friends of God. Mostly stories view, and this unspoken role of men. Added to the for women across time. But a difficulty of seeing women in second glance reveals the the pages of Scripture is the stories of often-unnamed women effort it takes to "hear" as living faithfully and their voices and understand courageously for God (as well their stories. The Bible as some living powerfully and itself was written largely villainously against God). from the male perspective, Regardless of whose point of concentrating on male heroes view is reflected in and villains. (Only the books Scripture's stories, women as of Ruth and Esther focus on a much as men have contributed woman, and neither one is to the great narrative of God written from an explicitly and humanity. May their grit female lens.) Women most often and tenacity, their dignity become supporting characters. and tragedy embolden you and Without thinking about it, me to live out our faith to we've accepted this point of the full.