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### The Digital Evangelicals Wipf and Stock Publishers

The academic fields of religion and values have become the focus of renewed interest in contemporary thinking about human activity and its motivations. The Routledge International Handbook of Education, Religion and Values explores and expands upon a range of international research related to this revival. The book provides an authoritative overview of global issues in religion and values, surveying the state of the academic area in contributions covering a wide range of topics. It includes emerging, controversial, and cutting-edge contributions, as well as investigations into more established areas. International authorities Arthur and Lovat have brought together experts from across the world to examine the complexity of the field of study. The handbook is organised around four key topics, which focus on both the importance of religion and values as broad fields of human enquiry, as well as in their application to education, inter-agency work and cross-cultural endeavours: -The Conceptual World of Religion and Values -Religion and Values in Education -Religion and Values in Inter-agency Work -Religion and Values in Cross-cultural Work. This comprehensive reference work combines theoretical and empirical research of international significance, and will be valuable reading for students, researchers and academics in the field of education.

### *Threshold of Discovery* Wipf and Stock Publishers

Drawing from Scripture, church history, and the author's own ministry experiences among those who live on the margins, *Vulnerable Faith* bridges the often enormous gap between the conceptual ideal of faithfulness we talk about in church and a genuine, practical, radical obedience to Jesus. "This book is an invitation to radical faithfulness found in willing vulnerability. Jamie Arpin-Ricci guides readers through a process of transformation, which exposes our pretense and promises new life through and beyond the cross of Christ." –Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, author of *Dead Man Walking* "The urgency of the invitation to each of us in *Vulnerable Faith* cannot be ignored. In a world of terror and hatred, of protection and retaliation, it is a bold and important reminder to Christians of the radical nature of our witness as followers of Jesus. He is the Word made flesh, the vulnerable incarnation of God's love for each and every one of us." –Jean Vanier, from the foreword "In *Vulnerable Faith* the life of St. Patrick meets the spirituality of the Twelve Steps. It is a surprising, potent and challenging combination, one that Jamie Arpin-Ricci uses to profound effect in setting before us a vision of Christian community characterized by loving vulnerability, sacrificial generosity and a radical welcome of the stranger into the Shalom of God's Kingdom. An inspiring and life-changing book." –Richard Beck, author *Unclean and Slavery of Death* "If you are intrigued by the life of early Celtic leader St. Patrick, and if you see a need for transformation in your own life, *Vulnerable Faith* is your invitation to take some time to explore what greater faithfulness in the people of God might look like. Jamie juxtaposes the life of St. Patrick with lessons learned from AA's Twelve Steps in a way that is refreshing and challenging. This is not for the faint-hearted but for those who want to take steps deeper into the love of God. I loved it, was inspired by it and recommend it to all who take their faith seriously." –Christine Sine, author of *Return to Our Senses* "Using an array of examples that is both wide and deep, Jamie Arpin-Ricci draws us into a very deep place. This place of questions, trembling, fear, hope, faith, is at the heart of our vulnerability. It is in this very place that we most intimately find God and one another" –Fran Rossi Szpylczyn, Catholic blogger, contributed to *Homilists for the Homeless* "Jamie is an expert storyteller who with compassion and imagination seamlessly weaves together the old and the new, the saint and the sinner, the practical wisdom of the 12 Steps with the timeless wisdom of the Scriptures. But his greatest feat in *Vulnerable Faith* is showing how transformative spirituality can be woven into the context of restorative community, where it belongs. Using the life of Saint Patrick as his guide, Jamie paves a way for all of us – on our own and in community – to approach a

vulnerability worthy of our redemption. *Vulnerable Faith* is a primer on authentic community, a personal devotional book, and an insightful look into the human heart, all in one" –Amy Hollingsworth, author of *The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers* and *Runaway Radical* "Jamie Arpin-Ricci knows only too well that spiritual growth and transformation are the result of God's grace. In '*Vulnerable Faith*', he masterfully shows how the 12 Steps help facilitate an openness to God with the life of St. Patrick as our guiding example. I heartily recommend this book to anyone interested in teaching that has stood the test of time." –Albert Haase, O.F.M., author of *Catching Fire, Becoming Flame: A Guide for Spiritual Transformation* "In *Vulnerable Faith*, Jamie Arpin-Ricci has found a unique way to blend the life struggles of St Patrick to help us restore our own dilemma of neglected discipleship. Referencing the 12 Steps model, the reality of Patrick's life and the need for Christ in our own lives slowly unfolds into an understanding of how Christ fulfills shalom in all the areas of our lives. We all need this book". –Randy Woodley, author of *Shalom and the Community of Creation: An Indigenous Vision* "Vulnerable Faith is a wonderfully creative exploration of missional life that draws from the story of St. Patrick as well as contemporary culture. The artful retelling of the story of St. Patrick is done with imagination and care. Each chapter's installment of the story of the beloved saint is followed by theological reflection that probes and prods the reader toward holiness. This book is a fine resource for clergy, congregations, and missional communities." –Elaine Heath, author *We Were the Least of These* "In this age of self-reliance and faux invincibility, the spiritual discipline of vulnerability is a rare thing indeed. Gently and yet provocatively, Jamie Arpin-Ricci uses the life and teaching of St Patrick to show us that it is only through accepting our common weakness, our brokenness and our unequivocal need for grace that we can find the opportunity for fullness of life and true freedom." –Michael Frost, author of *Incarinate* "With creativity, skill, vulnerability, and insight Jamie Arpin-Ricci reintroduces readers to the risk of Christian faith, the hope of prophetic witness, and the true reward of costly grace for our time. St. Patrick and the tenets of the twelve-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous serve as new and inspiring companions as Arpin-Ricci guides us along the path toward renewing our commitment to be missionary disciples of Christ." –Daniel P. Horan OFM, author, *The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton*

### A Faithful Public-Prophetic Witness LIT Verlag Münster

With the poetic force of Kathleen Norris and the pastoral warmth of Eugene Peterson, Kansas pastor Roth sets forth a vision for vibrant rural churches, for ministry in congregations that bear a profound sense of both loss and possibility, and for harvesting fruits of transformation and renewal. Rooted in stories from Scripture, his own ministry, and interviews with rural church leaders, Roth offers a sturdy theological and practical alternative to church-growth strategies that rely on success stories and flashy metrics. Reclaiming God's vision for the rural church, Roth writes, means learning how to praise, abide, watch, pray, grow, work the edges, die, befriend, and dream. In God's Country, rediscover the stunning abundance of God's presence in rural communities. Name the ways that the rural church testifies to God's glory and goodness. Learn to live and love and minister right where you are, no matter how small or unassuming it may seem. Winner of the Award of Merit, Christianity Today 2018 Book Awards, The Church / Pastoral Leadership category. Free downloadable study guide available here.

### The Other Journal: Environment Rowman & Littlefield

-- Author is based in Bloomington, IN -- The author was International Studies Research Fellow in a project called Lived Religion in the Digital Age. For half of this study, he spent five years with a progressive religious community in Bloomington. He has knowledge of our local that can have a global influence. His writing moves swiftly between narrating stories from his fieldwork to outlining how these stories contributed to discoveries about religion in a booming digital culture. -- This book stands out as the only that combines online observations and analyses of online interaction with detailed observations of everyday evangelical life, focusing on a group of Midwestern evangelicals and digital connoisseurs. Comparative titles with overlap don't go beyond evangelical bloggers. -- The method behind the author's expertise is to look at media within the cultural contexts of the human experience. This relates directly to a strategic building opportunity from IUP's 2017 plan for the film and media list. -- Target audience includes our film and media studies, religious studies, and anthropology lists. Midwesterners interested in religion generally might pick this up.

### Making Marriage Beautiful InterVarsity Press

Acclaimed teaching pastor Daniel Grothe speaks to the sense of loneliness that many feel in today's age of hypermobility and noncommittal wandering, reminding us of the ancient vow of stability and teaching us how we can lead a richer life of friendship, community, and purpose. Unlike previous generations that had to stay put, many people today have unprecedented access to a lifestyle of mobility. We can explore and bounce from place to place, never settling down or making anywhere home. And while it feels freeing to be able to try something new whenever we want--whether it's a new job, a new city, a new group of friends, or even a new church--somewhere along the way, we discover we're missing something. We may be paying our bills and have a roof over our heads, but we're lonely and unfulfilled, disconnected and unsatisfied. What's that

all about? What is the missing piece? In *The Power of Place*, pastor Daniel Grothe speaks to the human ache for home and makes a countercultural case for staying put. He calls us to reject the myth of Christian individuality and instead embrace the richness of commitment and community, arguing that we must stay in one place as long as we can, plant our lives, and let roots take hold. Because only then can we experience the deep fulfillment, friendship, and fruitfulness God created us for.

The New Parish Oxford University Press

In today's fast-food world, Christianity can seem outdated or archaic. The temptation becomes to pick up the pace and play the game. But Chris Smith and John Pattison invites us to leave franchise faith behind and enter the kingdom of God, where people know each other well and love one another as Christ loves the church.

[Slow Church](#) Indiana University Press

What makes a marriage beautiful? Honesty? Compatibility? Physical and emotional intimacy? All of these are important, but there's one component that determines the quality and longevity of a marriage more than anything else: a willingness to grow. Because a wedding joins together two imperfect people, all couples experience disappointment, conflict, and pain. How husbands and wives respond to these challenges determines the kind of people they will become and the kind of marriage they will have. *Making Marriage Beautiful* reveals how the pursuit of Christ results in profound transformation for both the individual and the marriage. Rather than offering clichés and formulas, Greco relies on candor, humor, and real life stories to bring encouragement and wisdom to all couples, regardless of whether they have been married four weeks or forty years.

[Emergence Christianity](#) David C Cook

How does a missional mindset or perspective impact the way we read Scripture? How does the Bible speak to and through a missional disciple?

And seriously, what kind of God is God? A missional reading of Scripture is pivotal to helping the church find its way back to its true vocation and to helping newly forming missional communities follow the triune God revealed in Jesus. To the extent that the church is absorbed with itself and its own comfort and agendas, it has forsaken the God revealed in Jesus, whom we claim to follow. The mission of God will lead us to confront the injustices in our society, shed light on the lies we tell ourselves, and name the sickness in our midst. Reading the Bible with (and as) a missional church means we approach the Bible with the assumption that God is actually up to something in this world, that we are all called to play an active role in that something, and that the Bible is the story of that something. What kind of God is God? We invite you to read with us, and see for yourself.

God's Country Rose Publishing

Here is the long-awaited volume that provides both the theoretical foundations and practical guidance for developing new monastic and missional communities in contexts that are theologically progressive, racially and economically diverse, and multicultural. This book contains the wisdom and perspectives of people who live and serve in missional, new monastic communities in United Methodist and other mainline traditions, and it describes new forms of theological education that are emerging to resource a new generation of Christian leaders. Heath and Duggins challenge Methodists, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and other Christians to reach into their own robust, mainline heritage for resources to develop small, intentional communities that practice a rigorous life of prayer, hospitality, and justice.

Kingdom Come Lantern Books

When Sarah and Tom Arthur were appointed to a suburban church after three years in an urban Christian community, they faced a unique challenge: how to translate the practices of "radical" faith into their new context. Together with their friends and fellow church members Erin and Dave Wasinger, the Arthurs embarked on a yearlong experiment to implement twelve small practices of radical faith--not waiting until they were out of debt or the kids were out of diapers or God sent them elsewhere, but right now. This book is Sarah and Erin's story, told with humor, theological reflection, and practical insight, exploring such practices as simplicity, hospitality, accountability, sustainability, and social justice--but, most of all, discernment. Along the way readers will consider how God might be calling them to embark on their own year of small but radical changes, right where God has planted them. Each chapter includes discussion questions and suggested readings. Foreword by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove. For more information, visit [www.YearofSmallThings.com](http://www.YearofSmallThings.com).

[God's Economy](#) MennoMedia, Inc.

The culture in North America is shifting out from under the Christian church. This book demonstrates how this shift is calling for change in the church and the art of Jesus proclamation. On the one hand, the church is losing its place of influence within greater society, but on the other hand, this post-Christian citizenry are more open (less anxious) when faced with many Christian expressions. One particular hope for the church, as it discovers a new life within post-Christendom, will be found in historically grounded, liturgical worship. *Welcome to the Table* was written by a churchman who is also a citizen of post-Christian culture. It provides a thoughtful discussion of the place of liturgical worship within the culture shift, addressing it thematically and providing specific and practical suggestions for the administration of ancient forms.

Rooted Church Publishing, Inc.

Nothing embodies the mystery of faith quite like prayer. Although sometimes an elusive practice that may baffle and confuse, prayer is not otherworldly, for it is in prayer, in talking and listening to our infinite, loving creator, that we truly find our way in this world. In the twenty-first issue of *The Other Journal*, contributors consider the transformative mystery of prayer in all its questions and practicalities. They carefully think through intercessory prayer and prayerful political theology and what it means to commune with God and one another. They dance, laugh, and pray like fools. The issue features essays and reviews by Emmanuel Katongole, Erin Lane, Timothy McGee, L. Roger Owens, Andrew Prevot, Carl Raschke, and Lauren Smelser White; interviews by Kate Rae Davis, Ashleigh Elser, Jen Grabarczyk, and SueJeanne Koh with Sarah Coakley, Peter Ochs, Dominique Ovalle, and Richard Twiss; and fiction, creative nonfiction, and poetry by Mary M. Brown, Kate Rae Davis, Denise Frame Harlan, Katie Manning, Tania Moore, Jillena Rose, Nicholas Samaras, and Robert Vander Lugt.

Vulnerable Faith Wipf and Stock Publishers

Find a way back to a God that can be trusted, loved, and worshipped after a traumatic event.

[The Wisdom of Stability](#) InterVarsity Press

Church leaders need to show up, stay put, and see what God is doing in their midst. Pastor Jos   Humphreys recognizes how deeply our faith is tied to our particular stories in our particular places. Combining spiritual formation with activism, vivid narrative with exhortation, and realism with hopefulness, Humphreys offers pastors and church planters a thoughtful look at discipleship in a complex world.

Exploring the Future of Christian Monasticisms Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

American Theological Inquiry (ATI) reaches thousands of Christian scholars, clergy, and other interested parties, primarily in the U.S. and U.K. The journal was formed in 2007 by Gannon Murphy (PhD Theology, Univ. Wales, Lampeter; Presbyterian/Reformed) and Stephen Patrick (PhD Philosophy, Univ. Illinois; Eastern Orthodox) to open up space for Christian scholars who affirm the Ecumenical Creeds to contribute research throughout the broader Christian scholarly community in America and the West. The purpose of ATI is to provide an inter-tradition forum for scholars who affirm the historic

Ecumenical Creeds of Christendom to constructively communicate contemporary theologies, developments, ideas, commentaries, and insights pertaining to theology, culture, and history toward reforming and elevating Western Christianity. ATI seeks a critical function as much or more so as a quasi-ecumenical one. The purpose is not to erase or weaken the distinctives of the various ecclesial traditions, but to widen the dialogue and increase inter-tradition understanding while mutually affirming Christ's power to transform culture and the importance of strengthening Western Christianity with special reference to Her historic, creedal roots. "Theologians, would-be theologians, and the theologically attentive will want to check out *American Theological Inquiry*." ~

Richard John Neuhaus (1936-2009), *First Things*

[Desert Daughters, Desert Sons](#) Paraclete Press

This practical guide to the good life details how to enjoy a rich, satisfying lifestyle, no matter how much or how little money you have. Rather than being at the mercy of unpredictable market factors, you'll learn how to thrive in God's economy of abundance as you tap into a wealth of community and generosity.

[Small Batch](#) Paraclete Press

Small Batch explores the emerging denominational movement into planting missional communities. As the church finds its way into the new millennium, it is faced with the need to think of its mission as an ancient future Christian community. Theology to practical guide, stories from the front and communities to discover, books to read, and small group study questions make Small Batch a handbook for individuals interested in the growing movement of planting new Christian communities. Through the movement of the spirit and shared common life and staying deeply rooted in the ancient practices of Christian community, the denominational church is being reborn in a new mission context. Small batch communities are popping up across the country with a new mission fervor. They are locally focused. They are organic and deeply rooted in the community and derive their strength from the care they give to local concerns. They are sustainable because they begin to find new economies that support the work. Bishop Doyle explores the sending churches that are planting greenfield ministries and multiplying churches who are spinning off new contextually oriented mission communities. What we discover in Small Batch is that the gospel will not be deterred by size or economic realities, and we are even now able to see the future shape of very diverse Christian mission.

The New Evangelical Social Engagement Zondervan

The first detailed exegetical treatment of Paul's letters from the emerging discipline of missional hermeneutics, Michael Gorman's *Becoming the Gospel* argues that Paul's letters invite Christian communities both then and now to not merely believe the gospel but to become the gospel and, in doing so, to participate in the life and mission of God. Showing that Pauline churches were active public participants in and witnesses to the gospel, Gorman reveals the missional significance of various themes in Paul's letters. He also identifies select contemporary examples of mission in the spirit of Paul, inviting all Christians to practice Paul-inspired imagination in their own contexts.

Hopeful Realism in Urban Ministry Paraclete Press

What can we do when we feel stuck? Sam Van Eman has found that our spiritual lives need disruptive experiences to jolt and reorient us. Filled with concrete examples of how ordinary people are shaped by pursuing these out-of-the-ordinary experiences, this book provides a path to deeper faith on purpose.

Post-Traumatic God Church Publishing

Begin to live this radical vision for a kinder world . . . There is no need to be afraid as we walk through life—afraid of the unknown, the unexpected, even other people. Deep within the heart of Christian spirituality lies a remedy to fear, anger, and suspicion: hospitality. Sharing monastic wisdom as well as stories from her own life, Pratt encourages us to embrace the true meaning of love for the other, by welcoming the stranger—into both our homes and hearts. This new edition of a contemporary classic has been updated thoroughly, including two new chapters, a new introduction, and more ancient and contemporary monastic insight. Praise for the first edition: "A quietly dazzling book, overflowing with small stories, teaching by illustration how to attempt to live the Benedictine Rule." --John McQuiston, II, author of *Always We Begin Again: The Benedictine Way of Living* "A bountiful feast. The way of Benedict is food for the soul. I hope you savor it as I did." --Philip Gulley, bestselling author of the *Harmony* series.