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# Theology/Christian Doctrine web catalog

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## "DOWN AND DIRTY" GUIDE TO THEOLOGY

McKim, Donald K.			Westminster John Knox Press, 2011		BOOK
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This brief, humorous introduction to theology by noted educator and author Don McKim will provide seminarians, college students, and general readers with a fun way to learn the basics. The book covers the key movements, thinkers, definitions, and questions of theology in a lighthearted way. Includes illustrations by Ron Hill.

## CALVIN: AN INTRODUCTION TO HIS THOUGHT

Parker, T.H.L.					BOOK
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## CHRIST IN A CHANGING WORLD

### AN ETHICAL CHRISTOLOGY FOR PRESENT-FUTURE TIME

Younken, Edward L.			The Divinity School of Harvard University		BOOK
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Christology

## CHRIST THE RECONCILER

### A THEOLOGY OF OPPOSTIES, DIFFERENCES AND ENEMIES

Schmiechen, Peter			William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company		BOOK
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After first analyzing the dysfunctional state of America's churches--with their capitulation to modern culture--Schmiechen argues convincingly that the church can be renewed only through the recovery of Christ's gospel of reconciliation.

## CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

### REVISED EDITION

Guthrie, Shirley C.			Westminster John Knox Press, 1994		BOOK
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A contemporary survey of the teachings of Christianity, planned around The Apostles' Creed. Dr. Guthrie gives a classic introduction to basic theological concepts in an accessible and engaging manner. He discusses changes in the church and society and takes into account new works in Reformed theology, gender references in the Bible, racism, pluralism, ecological developments, and liberation theologies.

## CREDO: HISTORICAL AND THEOLOGICAL GUIDE TO CREEDS AND

### CONFESSIONS OF FAITH IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION

Pelikan, Jaroslav			Yale University Press, 2003		BOOK
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Eminent theologian Jaroslav Pelikan has been translating, editing, and studying the Christian creeds and confessions of faith for sixty years. The author addresses essential questions about the Christian tradition: the origins of creeds; their function; their political role; how they relate to Christian institutions, worship, and service; and how they help to explain the major divisions of the Christian church and of Christian history.

## CREEDS OF THE CHURCHES, THIRD EDITION

Leith, John H., editor			John Knox Press		BOOK
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A reader in Christian doctrine from the Bible to the present. A brief introduction to each creed explains its place in the developing theology of the Christian community. This resource is a valuable introduction to the history of the church and a summary of the church's faith.

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**DIGNITY OF DIFFERENCE**

**HOW TO AVOID THE CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS**

Sacks, Jonathan

Continuum Books

BOOK

The year 2001 began as the United Nations Year of Dialogue between Civilizations. By its end, the phrase that came most readily to mind was 'the clash of civilizations.' The tragedy of September 11 intensified the danger caused by religious differences around the world. As the politics of identity begin to replace the politics of ideology, can religion become a force for peace? The Dignity of Difference is Rabbi Jonathan Sacks's radical proposal for reconciling hatreds.

**ENGAGING THE POWERS**

**DISCERNMENT AND RESISTANCE IN A WORLD OF DOMINATION**

Wink, Walter

Augsburg Press, 1992

BOOK

Vol. 3 in The Powers Trilogy. In the finale to the Powers Trilogy, Walter Wink engages the Powers with brilliant exegesis and a profoundly creative non-violence, revealing the way to the Powers' and our own transformation.

**ENGENDERING GOD: MALE AND FEMALE FACES OF GOD**

Raschke, Carl A. and Susan Doughty Raschke

Westminster/John Knox Press

BOOK

The authors contend that God's own self-revelation is neither exclusively male nor female but both at once. Basing their findings on historical, anthropological, and biblical scholarship, they believe that this awareness of God's dual nature was widely accepted and understood in the early years of Christianity but became obscured later.

**FACING THE ABUSING GOD: A THEOLOGY OF PROTEST**

Blumenthal, David R.

Westminster/John Knox Press

BOOK

The author maintains that having faith in a post-holocaust and child abusive world means admitting that while God is often loving and kind, fair and merciful, God is also capable of acts so "unjust" they can only be described as abusive.

**FOUND IN THE MIDDLE! THEOLOGY AND ETHICS FOR CHRISTIANS**

**WHO ARE BOTH LIBERAL AND EVANGELICAL**

Wildman, Wesley J. & Stephen Chapin Garner

The Alban Institute, 2009

BOOK

There exists a deep and broad population of Christians who feel the labels of "liberal" and "evangelical" both describe their faith and limit their expression of it. By working to reclaim the traditional, historical meanings of these terms, and showing how they complement rather than oppose each other, the authors stake a claim for the moderate Christian voice in today's polarized society.

**GOD AND THE NEW ATHEISM**

**A CRITICAL RESPONSE TO DAWKINS, HARRIS, AND HITCHENS**

Haight, John F.

Westminster John Knox Press, 2008

BOOK

The author gives clear, concise, and compelling answers to the charges against religion laid out in recent best-selling books by "new atheists". The treatment of religion in those books are riddled with logical inconsistencies, shallow misconceptions, and crude generalizations. Can God really be dismissed as a mere delusion? Is faith really the enemy of reason? And does religion really poison everything?

**GOD VIEWS**

**THE CONVICTIONS THAT DRIVE US AND DIVIDE US**

Haberer, Jack

Geneva Press, 2001

BOOK

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**GOD VIEWS**

**THE CONVICTIONS THAT DRIVE US AN DIVIDE US**

Haberer, Jack	Geneva Press,2001	BOOK
<p>How can the Church be one body and of one Spirit bu still disagree about so many issues? The author, a Presbyterian minister, helps clarify five interconnected God-views that shape the way Christians relate mutually with one another. Haberer counsels for the recognition of differences and for viable resolutions when opinions vary within the church.</p>		

**GODS AND THE ONE GOD**

Grant, Robert M.	Westminster Press	BOOK
<p>This book, edited by Wayne A. Meeks, is part of the Library of Early Christianity Series, Vol. 1. Explores the similarities and differences between beliefs of the emerging Christian movement and the religious practices and views of the larger world at the time the New Testament was written.</p>		

**HERE I STAND: A LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER**

Bainton, Roland	Festival Books, Abingdon	BOOK
<p>A vivid portrait of the man, who because of his unshakable faith in his God, helped to bring about the Protestant Reformation. Biography of Luther.</p>		

**I AND THOU, SECOND EDITION**

Buber, Martin	Charles Scribner's Sons	BOOK
<p>Translated by Ronald Gregor Smith, this book specifically addresses specialists--educators, doctors, politicians, sociologists, biblical critics, poets, theologians, and philosophers. Best known for his philosophy of dialogue and modern influence on Jewish thought, he has also affected scores of Christian thinkers.</p>		

**INSTITUTES OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION**

Calvin, John	Wm. B. Eerdmans Publlising Co., 1989	BOOK
<p>John Calvin, theologian par excellence of the Reformation, wrote this as a theological introduction to the Bible and a vindication of Reformation principles. Translated by Henry Beveridge and originally published in two volumes, this work is now in a one-volume paperback. The appendix contains aphroisms, summarizing the contents of each of the four books.</p>		

**INTERPRETATION: THE RESURGENCE OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY**

Kingsbury, Jack Dean, ed.	Union Theological Seminary in Virginia	PERIODICAL
<p>This issue is designed to help pastors or students determine which works of systematic theology are the most usable and comprehensive.</p>		

**INTERPRETATION: THEOLOGY AND ECOLOGY**

**(JANUARY 1996)**

	Union Theological Seminary in Virginia	BOOK
<p>A Journal of Bible and Theology. Only at its peril can the church ignore the ecological crisis. Resources to cope with the crisis reside in Scripture, in the church's theological and ethical traditions, and ultimately in God.</p>		

**LIVING THE PRESENCE OF THE SPIRIT**

Haberer, Jack	Geneva Press, 2001	BOOK
<p>Jack Haberer tracks the doctrine of the Spirit through the Bible, contemporary experiences, and church life and examines the way it applies to social issues in the world today. Haberer's clear presentation makes this book a standout among those on the Spirit and spirituality.</p>		

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**NAMING THE POWERS**

**THE LANGUAGE OF POWER IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Wink, Walter

Fortress Press, 1984

BOOK

Vol. 1 in The Powers Trilogy. The pages of this book represent the quest of a man intent on discerning the nature of structural evil in light of the biblical evidence. Wink's experience of living for a time in Latin America and witnessing extensive social and political oppression appears to have moved him profoundly. The end result is a book that is a model of the attempt to integrate scholarship with faith.

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PCUSA

PAMPHLET

Prepared by the Office of Theology and Worship, this pamphlet includes all the material available to the 210th General Assembly (1998) as it voted to strike the present English translation and insert the contemporary translation prepared by the English Language Liturgical Consultation.

**OTHER JESUS: REJECTING A RELIGION OF FEAR FOR THE GOD OF LOVE**

Garrett, Greg

Westminster John Knox Press, 2011

BOOK

According to recent surveys, many Americans associate the label "Christian" with judgmental attitudes, hypocrisy, fear of hell, and a commitment to right-wing politics. Author Greg Garrett suggests another way, arguing that a faith that focuses solely on personal morality and the afterlife misses much of the point of Jesus' message. The other way of following Christ is not concerned with an array of commandments or with holding the "right" beliefs. Rather it is centered on loving each other and loving God, or as Garrett puts it, "love, where the rubber meets the road, where faith meets the world." Personal and moving, the book relates the author's personal experience growing up in--and leaving--a disapproving conservative church and then finding his way back to a different kind of Christian community, which is communal, missional, just, and loving. Garrett draws upon popular culture to illustrate his spiritual points, showing how authentic Christian truth can be found in unlikely places.

**POWER OF GOD AND THE GODS OF POWER**

Migliore, Daniel L.

Westminster John Knox Press, 2008

BOOK

What is the power of God? Revered professor Daniel Migliore here shows how different it is from the powers that surround us. First demonstrating the ways the triune God's power is at work in the world, providing meaning and form to the Christian life, he concludes with a chapter looking at the power of God in the witness of both Christianity and Islam.

**POWERS THAT BE: THEOLOGY FOR A NEW MILLENNIUM**

Wink, Walter

Augsburg Fortress, 1998

BOOK

Copy 2. Companion to The Powers That Be Trilogy.

**POWERS THAT BE: THEOLOGY FOR A NEW MILLENNIUM**

Wink, Walter

Augsburg Fortress, 1998

BOOK

Companion to The Powers That Be Trilogy. The author, a renowned theologian and biblical scholar, helps the us reformulate our ancient religious concepts - such as God and Satan, angels and demons, principalities and powers - in light of what we know now. Wink's theology is shaped as much by his study of the Bible as by his involvement in the civil rights movement and the fight against apartheid in South Africa.

**PRESERVATION OF THE TRUTH**

Small, Joseph D.

Witherspoon Press, 2005

BOOK

In this volume, Dr. Joseph Small describes the Great Ends of the Church as "a holistic vision of the church's life." He provides a clear understanding of the truth in the context of this vision. Many indeed to ask, "What, exactly, is truth?" This is a welcome question in this era when so many presumptive truths compete for attention.

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**PROFESSOR REINHOLD NIEBUHR: A MENTOR TO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY**

Stone, Ronald H.

Westminster/John Knox Press

BOOK

This biography of Niebuhr by his last graduate assistant lets us watch Niebuhr grow as a professor and reveals his passion for the development of an intellectually equipped, socially concerned Christian ministry.

**REFORMED READER: A SOURCEBOOK IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY, VOL. 1: CLASSICAL BEGINNINGS 1519-1799**

Johnson, William Stacy and John H. Leith

Westminster/John Knox Press

BOOK

Arranged thematically according to major doctrines, this resource presents short, meaningful selections from major Reformed theologians of Europe, the British Isles, and America during the classical period. Shows the distinct but diverse Reformed thinking.

**REFORMED READER: A SOURCEBOOK IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY, VOL. 2: CONTEMPORARY TRAJECTORIES 1799-**

Stroup, George W., editor

Westminster/John Knox Press

BOOK

Demonstrates a central Reformed conviction--that theology must honor the historic witness of the church as catholic while being faithful to the new tasks of the present-day church. The result is a map of a theological movement that honors the heritage of Reformed theology and presents this theology as a vital, living voice in today's world.

**SCREWTAPE LETTERS AND SCREWTAPE PROPOSES A TOAST**

Lewis, C.S.

Macmillan Paperbacks, 1961

BOOK

In *The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis provides a series of lessons in the importance of the Christian life and Christian morality by portraying a typical human life, with all its attendant temptations and failings, as seen from the devil's viewpoint. First published in 1943, this paperback edition includes preface by the author who tells the reader something of the writing of the book. It also includes the short piece, *Screwtape Proposes a Toast*.

**SURPRISED BY MEANING: SCIENCE, FAITH, AND HOW WE MAKE SENSE OF THINGS**

McGrath, Alister E.

Westminster John Knox Press, 2011

BOOK

We live in an age when the growth of the Internet has made it easier than ever to gain access to information and accumulate knowledge. But information is not the same as meaning, nor is knowledge identical with wisdom. Many people feel engulfed by a tsunami of facts in which they can find no meaning. In thirteen short, accessible chapters McGrath, author of the bestselling *The Dawkins Delusion*, leads the reader through a nontechnical discussion of science and faith. How do we make sense of the world around us? Are belief in science and the Christian faith compatible? Does the structure of the universe point toward the existence of God? McGrath's goal is to help readers see that science is neither antithetical to faith, nor does it supersede faith. Both science and faith help with the overriding human desire to make sense of things. Faith is a complex idea. It is not a blind leap into the dark but a joyful discovery of a bigger picture of wondrous things of which we are all a part.

**THEOLOGY FOR LIBERAL PRESBYTERIANS AND OTHER ENDANGERED SPECIES**

Ottati, Douglas F.

Geneva Press, 2006

BOOK

Theologian Doug Ottati argues that liberal Presbyterians and other liberal Protestants still have much to contribute to the contemporary world. Offering an alternative to evangelical and conservative thought that he believes now pervades the larger culture, Ottati presents what he sees as the foundations of liberal, theological thought.

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**UNMASKING THE POWERS**

**THE INVISIBLE FORCES THAT DETERMINE HUMAN EXISTENCE**

Wink, Walter

Fortress Press, 1986

BOOK

Vol. 2 in The Powers Trilogy. A powerful, incisive treatment of the evils which afflict our society and our church. With wisdom, scholarship, and evangelical zeal, Walter Wink deals with the many ways that the powers of evil infiltrate our lives. The real test of the canon of Scripture is whether it has the power, in each new age, to evoke life, to strike fire, to convey the stark reality of God's hunger to be known. Scripture still has the power!

**WESTMINSTER DICTIONARY OF THEOLOGICAL TERMS**

McKim, Donald K.

Westminster John Knox Press

BOOK

This comprehensive volume contains brief and concise definitions of nearly 6,000 theological terms covering a broad range of theological and related disciplines.

**WESTMINSTER HANDBOOK TO REFORMED THEOLOGY**

McKim, Donald K., ed.

Westminster John Knox Press

BOOK

A comprehensive discussion of the major themes and topics of Reformed theology by major scholars of the Reformed tradition. It presents clear, concise, up-to-date articles on Reformed Theology introducing the main figures and ideas of a movement impacted upon Christian history and modern thought.

**WHAT'S THEOLOGY GOT TO DO WITH IT?**

**CONVICTIONS, VITALITY, AND THE CHURCH**

Robinson, Anthony B.

The Alban Institute, 2006

BOOK

Theology can be a loaded word for mainline Protestant congregations. It often suggests the dogmatic or implies fault lines for conflict. But when unleashed from its narrow academic sense, "theology" offers a powerful way to get at many of the issues that impact the health and vitality of congregations.

**WHY JESUS MATTERS**

Stroup, George W.

Westminster John Knox Press, 2011

BOOK

Perhaps no topic is more central to Christianity than the fundamental study of who Jesus Christ is and what he has done. This illuminating and necessary book on Christology considers "why Jesus matters." It offers a thoroughly accessible discussion of central issues about Jesus Christ. The author takes into account important issues from the last three decades, incorporating new and diverse voices of theologians and thinkers from around the globe who all consider from their own unique perspectives: does Jesus matter?