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Natural Law and the Two Kingdoms David VanDrunen 2010 Conventional scholarship holds that the theology and social ethics of the Reformed tradition stand at odds with concepts of natural law and the two kingdoms. But David VanDrunen here challenges that status quo through his careful, thoroughgoing exploration of the development of Reformed social thought from the Reformation to the present. - from publisher description.

God's Big Picture Vaughan Roberts 2012-12-17 Sixty-six books, forty authors, written over nearly 2,000 years, in many different genres. A worldwide best-seller published in countless translations and languages. A book that has been sworn by in court, fought over, and quoted in arguments. Clearly, the Bible is no ordinary book. So how can we begin to read and understand the Bible as a whole? In this excellent overview, Vaughan Roberts paints the big picture, showing how the different parts of the Bible fit together under the theme of the kingdom of God. He offers us tools to read it with confidence, enthusiasm and understanding. Vaughan points us to the Bible's supreme subject, Jesus Christ, and the salvation God offers through him.

Holy Bible Zondervan Publishing House 2013-01-21 A reasonably priced, quality black hardcover pew and ministry Bible featuring a large 12-point font.

Anointed for the Market Place Allan Kiuna 2016-10-28 Let me begin by saying that our Christian experience must be translated from the four walls of the church and into our day to day lifestyle. It is in the heartbeat of our calling that we should translate the love of God as we pick it up from church and take it to our workplaces. My mandate through this book is to strategically position you into a place of influence in your nation of calling within the marketplace. For a long time the marketplace has remained the reserve of the children of this world. 'The children of this world are in their generation

wiser than the children of light' (Luke 16:8). By failing to take our position of dominion in the marketplace, we have put our God to shame. The name of God has been profaned by many people in this world. Have you realized that anytime you mention that you are born again in your workplace, you encounter ridicule, rejection and even persecution? People have continued to shamelessly talk foul things concerning Christianity and this has to stop. God is saying that He is ready to sanctify His great name that has been profaned. God wants to do this through you. God desires that you prosper in all that you do within the marketplace, and this you must remember is for His purposes. He is not doing it for you to be proud. God is doing it "that they may see and know, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it" (Isaiah 41:20). God wants to introduce and establish His Kingdom in the marketplace through you. He will show Himself strong on your behalf for His purposes to be fulfilled in the earth. To many Christians, there has been and there remains to be a great misconception on the perception towards serving God. We see service in the full time ministry position as the only way to serve God. In everything we do, it is important to understand that it is because of the purposes of God that we were created. God is a wise investor and the gifting He invested in you is for the expansion of His Kingdom. God wants to show Himself strong through you. The Kingdom of God is within you and as such, you are supposed to carry it into your marketplaces. It has to manifest through you at your place of work, business and even in your relationships. You should remember that He chose you. You did not choose Him. To quite a number of Christians, business is secular work, whereas serving God in church is the only way to ascribe to ministry. This tendency is so prevalent in the church that many well meaning Christians do their business or work in offices without connecting it to ministry. That is why many Christians have this 'holier than thou' attitude when in church doing the things of God but when they get to their work stations they exhibit lucre luster performances, oblivious of the fact that we are commanded to work as unto God. Many Christians may be concerned with church work and even support it financially, but fail to see the connection between service at their work place and their Christian life. Some even think that if you really are serious about ministry, you ought to quit your job or give up your business in order to pursue a role in full time ministry. The object matter of this book is to bring every believer to the realization that we all were created for a purpose and that the faster we realize this and take up our positions the better. As Christians we are cut out and mandated to fulfill a specific assignment for God here on earth. Our mission is to honour God in our service by extending His will to all our activities.

Martin Luther's Understanding of God's Two Kingdoms William J. Wright 2010-01 A leading Reformation scholar historically reassesses the original breadth of Luther's theology of the two kingdoms and the cultural contexts from which it emerged.

Politics after Christendom David VanDrunen 2020-04-21 For more than a millennium, beginning in the early Middle Ages, most Western Christians lived in societies that sought to be comprehensively Christian--ecclesiastically, economically, legally, and politically. That is to say, most Western Christians lived in Christendom. But in a gradual process beginning a few hundred years ago, Christendom weakened and finally crumbled. Today, most Christians in the world live in pluralistic political communities. And Christians themselves have very different opinions about what to make of the

demise of Christendom and how to understand their status and responsibilities in a post-Christendom world. *Politics After Christendom* argues that Scripture leaves Christians well-equipped for living in a world such as this. Scripture gives no indication that Christians should strive to establish some version of Christendom. Instead, it prepares them to live in societies that are indifferent or hostile to Christianity, societies in which believers must live faithful lives as sojourners and exiles. *Politics After Christendom* explains what Scripture teaches about political community and about Christians' responsibilities within their own communities. As it pursues this task, *Politics After Christendom* makes use of several important theological ideas that Christian thinkers have developed over the centuries. These ideas include Augustine's Two-Cities concept, the Reformation Two-Kingdoms category, natural law, and a theology of the biblical covenants. *Politics After Christendom* brings these ideas together in a distinctive way to present a model for Christian political engagement. In doing so, it interacts with many important thinkers, including older theologians (e.g., Augustine, Aquinas, and Calvin), recent secular political theorists (e.g., Rawls, Hayek, and Dworkin), contemporary political-theologians (e.g., Hauerwas, O'Donovan, and Wolterstorff), and contemporary Christian cultural commentators (e.g., MacIntyre, Hunter, and Dreher). Part 1 presents a political theology through a careful study of the biblical story, giving special attention to the covenants God has established with his creation and how these covenants inform a proper view of political community. Part 1 argues that civil governments are legitimate but penultimate, and common but not neutral. It concludes that Christians should understand themselves as sojourners and exiles in their political communities. They ought to pursue justice, peace, and excellence in these communities, but remember that these communities are temporary and thus not confuse them with the everlasting kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christians' ultimate citizenship is in this new-creation kingdom. Part 2 reflects on how the political theology developed in Part 1 provides Christians with a framework for thinking about perennial issues of political and legal theory. Part 2 does not set out a detailed public policy or promote a particular political ideology. Rather, it suggests how Christians might think about important social issues in a wise and theologically sound way, so that they might be better equipped to respond well to the specific controversies they face today. These issues include race, religious liberty, family, economics, justice, rights, authority, and civil resistance. After considering these matters, Part 2 concludes by reflecting on the classical liberal and conservative traditions, as well as recent challenges to them by nationalist and progressivist movements.

***Living in God's Two Kingdoms* David VanDrunen 2010 VanDrunen illustrates how a two-kingdoms model remains faithful to Scripture and informs an active yet critical Christian engagement with culture.**

***The Christian Life* John Calvin 2009-05-01 A leading expert on John Calvin brings together the reformer's most profound reflections on what it means to live a fully Christian life. *The Christian Life* includes excerpts from Calvin's impressive theological writings and illuminating sermons, as well as a selection of his stately prayers. Editor John H. Leith focuses on Calvin's spirituality, which arose out of the reformer's conviction that theology's primary importance is to encourage piety, to edify, and to transform human life and society. Calvin's writings have much to tell about the manner and style of Christian living. The writings gathered in *The Christian Life* draw upon**

Calvin's own heartfelt commitment to the ideals of life in Christ and to the responsibility to the community he served as pastor, preacher, teacher, and counselor. Here, then, is Calvin's own pattern for the conduct of the fully Christian life, which stresses that it is in Christian people living in Christian community and in society that we see most clearly the reality of faith. The Christian Life shares Calvin's thinking on such essential questions as the nature of sin; the importance of self-denial and cross-bearing to the Christian life; maintaining the proper balance between the present life and the life to come; the role of grace; the concept of Christian freedom; the place of prayer; the centrality of community; ideas of the elect and predestination; and the deepest purposes of God for his people. He relates all issues to the fundamental question of piety and how Christians can best attune themselves to God's unfolding plans in everyday life. This compact volume makes available to readers as never before some of the most accessible and rewarding writings of this foremost figure in the history of Christian thought. The selections in The Christian Life will introduce the reader to an influential form of Christian piety; but above all, they provide a clue to how Christians today may live and cope with the problems of personal and public life in a highly pluralistic and secular culture, in which the traditional guides and support for Christian living seem to have lost vitality and vigor.

Reformation Study Bible-ESV Robert Charles Sproul 2010-11-01 More than fifty scholars, under R. C. Sproul, collaborated to produce this study Bible to help readers understand the great doctrines of the Christian faith. Published by Ligonier Ministries, trade distribution by P&R Publishing.

Living in God's Two Kingdoms David VanDrunen 2010 VanDrunen uses the two-kingdoms theory to demonstrate how God's response to the civil and spiritual kingdoms inform an active yet critical Christian engagement with culture.

The Inspired Life David Cannistraci 2015-11-20 You have been called to live an inspired life! A life filled with God's purpose and plan. A life defined by His destiny and dream for you. A life experiencing the fullness of His presence, power and promise on a continuous basis. Is this life possible? Is it conceivable for you to discover the life God has ordained for you to live? Yes it is, and that is what this book is all about. Living the inspired life lifts you out of the normal everyday affairs of mankind and into the fulfillment of God's dream for your life. The inspired life God has reserved for you is a life complete with meaning and contentment. It is a life of accomplishment and triumph. And further, it is God's inspired life, lived in and through you that will leave a legacy for years to come. "The Inspired Life: God's Dream for Your Future" will take you on a journey to not only discover God's dream for you, but also how to step into His destiny to be lived out through you. As you read through the pages you will quickly learn that Jesus Christ, God's Son, is central to living the inspired life. He is our example, our template and the blueprint for the inspired life. And it is through knowing Him personally that His inspired life is imparted to us. As He fills us and matures us as disciples we then begin to live as He did; inspiring this world for the Kingdom of God. The goal of this short book is to saturate the reader with the potential of God's anointing living in you to inspire others. You too can live out a life that shares the light and love of Jesus Christ to a world in pain, looking for answers. You too can inspire others as Jesus Christ inspired. So as you read through the pages to follow, prayerfully consider God's specific plan for your life. And this plan starts with knowing Jesus Christ, being

conformed to His life and culminates in you living a life for Christ. Come, join us as we open God's word, the Bible and discover a life God had planned for you before time began. It is truly the most amazing, powerful and fulfilling life you will ever experience. It is truly "The Inspired Life; God's Dream for Your Future."

Gospelbound Collin Hansen 2021-04-06 A profound exploration of how to hold on to hope when our unchanging faith collides with a changing culture, from two respected Christian storytellers and thought leaders. "Offers neither spin control nor image maintenance for the evangelical tribe, but genuine hope."—Russell Moore, president of ERLC As the pressures of health warnings, economic turmoil, and partisan politics continue to rise, the influence of gospel-focused Christians seems to be waning. In the public square and popular opinion, we are losing our voice right when it's needed most for Christ's glory and the common good. But there's another story unfolding too—if you know where to look. In Gospelbound, Collin Hansen and Sarah Eekhoff Zylstra counter these growing fears with a robust message of resolute hope for anyone hungry for good news. Join them in exploring profound stories of Christians who are quietly changing the world in the name of Jesus—from the wild world of digital media to the stories of ancient saints and unsung contemporary activists on the frontiers of justice and mercy. Discover how, in these dark times, the light of Jesus shines even brighter. You haven't heard the whole story. And that's good news.

The Kingdom of God and the Glory of the Cross Patrick Schreiner 2018 Defining the kingdom of God as the interplay of the king's power over the king's people in the king's place, this volume helps readers understand God's purpose for the world.

Breaking Pride Heather Bixler 2012-03-08 So many of us desire freedom - the freedom that is promised to us when we decide to follow Jesus. The freedom from the burden of our sin, the need to be "good enough," anger, jealousy, and envy. Even though we are believers we would be ashamed to say that we don't always experience peace, contentment, and joy in our life. We are looking for the grace that God has so graciously given to us to be real in our life... Breaking Pride is an eBook based on one simple truth: In order to walk in God's grace we need to tear down the walls of pride. A lot of believers, even though saved by God's grace, are still walking in pride rather than walking in His grace. Knowing what pride is and learning to identify pride in your life is the first step to overcoming a life filled with pride. Pride is rooted in fear and leads to anger, jealousy, and envy. Sin isn't keeping us from having a relationship with the Lord, it's our pride. So many of us long to have an authentic and REAL relationship with the Lord, and we long to have the fruit of the spirit filled in our heart. Our desire is to achieve these fruits through will power. But we do not even realize that the pride that lives within our heart is what is blocking the fruit of the spirit from living within us. In Breaking Pride you will learn to identify different areas of pride in your life. Filled with encouragement, Breaking Pride will take you through a practical reading of what pride may look like in your life... Let's stop building walls of pride and start building the foundation of grace within our lives...

Desiring God John Piper 1996 Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a "soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God."

Jesus' Death and Heavenly Offering in Hebrews R.B. Jamieson 2018-11-30 Examines Hebrews' exposition of Jesus' death, his self-offering in heaven at his ascension, and

the link between them.

The First Book of Moses, Called Genesis 1999 The publication of the King James version of the Bible, translated between 1603 and 1611, coincided with an extraordinary flowering of English literature and is universally acknowledged as the greatest influence on English-language literature in history. Now, world-class literary writers introduce the book of the King James Bible in a series of beautifully designed, small-format volumes. The introducers' passionate, provocative, and personal engagements with the spirituality and the language of the text make the Bible come alive as a stunning work of literature and remind us of its overwhelming contemporary relevance.

The Great Procession Jacob Reeve 2014-01-25 The Great Procession chronicles a series of encounters with the Holy Spirit that Jacob Reeve experienced over the course of nine months immediately following a 40-day fast. During this time, Jacob was awakened almost every night by the Spirit to receive the next portion of an ongoing parable that picked up where it left off the night before. As the story unfolds, so does the contrast between the divisive religious mindset and the mindset of pure identity in Christ. The Spirit is revealing what it looks like for mankind to venture out from the island of isolation and into the open forests of God's Kingdom: hence the Great Procession. For many, this parable will represent a foundational shift in the way everything is seen. The Incredible insights from the Holy Spirit answer many of those deep-down questions about life, purpose, and faith that many of us have, and will prove to be an indispensable resource for anyone who desires to live in a wholehearted, full embrace with Christ, knowing the King and His Kingdom, and living in the true faith, freedom, and love that the Holy Spirit beckons us into.

The Shape of Sola Scriptura Keith A. Mathison 2001 In what shape do we find the doctrine of sola Scriptura today? Many modern Evangelicals see it as a license to ignore history and the creeds in favor of a more splintered approach to the Christian living. In the past two decades, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox apologists have strongly tried to undermine sola Scriptura as unbiblical, unhistorical, and impractical. But these groups rest their cases on a recent, false take on sola Scriptura. The ancient, medieval, and classical Protestant view of sola Scriptura actually has a quite different shape than most opponents and defenders maintain. Therein lies the goal of this book—an intriguing defense of the ancient (and classical Protestant) doctrine of sola Scriptura against the claims of Rome, the East, and modern Evangelicalism. "The issue of sola Scriptura is not an abstract problem relevant only to the sixteenth-century Reformation, but one that poses increasingly more serious consequences for contemporary Christianity. This work by Keith Mathison is the finest and most comprehensive treatment of the matter I've seen. I highly recommend it to all who embrace the authority of sacred Scripture." -R.C. Sproul, Ligonier Ministries

The Kingdom of God Nicholas Perrin 2019-02-26 In the last hundred and fifty years the kingdom of God has emerged as one of the most important topics in theology, New Testament studies, and the life of the church. But what exactly is the kingdom of God? What does it mean for the people of God and what does it mean for how they live in the world? In *The Kingdom of God*, part of the *Biblical Theology for Life* series, Nicholas Perrin explores this dominant biblical metaphor, one that is paradoxically the meta-center and the mystery in Jesus' proclamation. After surveying interpretations by figures from Ritschl to N. T. Wright, Perrin examines the "what, who, and how" questions of the

kingdom. In his sweepingly comprehensive study, Perrin contends that the kingdom is inaugurated in Jesus' earthly ministry, but its final development awaits later events in history. In between the times, however, the people of God are called to participate in the reign of God by living out the distinctly kingdom-ethic through hope, forgiveness, love, and prayer. X

Theology of Work Bible Commentary Theology of Work Project 2015 Business, education, law, service industries, medicine, government wherever you work, in whatever capacity, the Scriptures have something to say about it. This "Theology of Work Bible Commentary" is an in-depth Bible study tool put together by a group of biblical scholars, pastors, and workplace Christians to help you discover what the first part of the Old Testament from Creation to Abraham and the Patriarchs to the Exodus from Egypt and the Law of Moses says about work. "

"The Kingdom of God is Within You" graf Leo Tolstoy 1894 The Kingdom of God Is Within You, is a non-fiction book written by Leo Tolstoy. A philosophical treatise, the book was first published in Germany in 1894 after being banned in his home country of Russia. It is the culmination of thirty years of Tolstoy's thinking, and lays out a new organization for society based on a literal Christian interpretation. The Kingdom of God is Within You is a key text for Tolstoyan, nonviolent resistance, and Christian anarchist movements.

The Living God 1989

Gospel Culture Joseph Boot 2016-09 We all participate daily in culture-building. The gospel of the kingdom is the good news that Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords, and that he is at work to redeem this fallen world. "Gospel culture" refers to a total meaning for the cosmos, a design plan. In other words, the gospel should impact all our cultural activities.

Revelation 1999-01-01 The final book of the Bible, Revelation prophesies the ultimate judgement of mankind in a series of allegorical visions, grisly images and numerological predictions. According to these, empires will fall, the "Beast" will be destroyed and Christ will rule a new Jerusalem. With an introduction by Will Self.

Daniel in the Lions' Den Ronne Randall 1996

The Gospel According to Matthew 1999 The publication of the King James version of the Bible, translated between 1603 and 1611, coincided with an extraordinary flowering of English literature and is universally acknowledged as the greatest influence on English-language literature in history. Now, world-class literary writers introduce the book of the King James Bible in a series of beautifully designed, small-format volumes. The introducers' passionate, provocative, and personal engagements with the spirituality and the language of the text make the Bible come alive as a stunning work of literature and remind us of its overwhelming contemporary relevance.

Life-Study of Revelation Witness Lee 1984-05-01 In the Lord's recovery during the past five hundred years the church's knowledge of the Lord and His truth has been continually progressing. This monumental and classical work by Brother Witness Lee builds upon and is a further development of all that the Lord has revealed to His church in the past centuries. It is filled with the revelation concerning the processed Triune God, the living Christ, the life-giving Spirit, the experience of life, and the definition and practice of the church. In this set Brother Lee has kept three basic principles that should rule and govern every believer in their interpretation, development, and

expounding of the truths contained in the Scriptures. The first principle is that of the Triune God dispensing Himself into His chosen and redeemed people; the second principle is that we should interpret, develop, and expound the truths contained in the Bible with Christ for the church; and the third governing principle is Christ, the Spirit, life, and the church. No other study or exposition of the New Testament conveys the life nourishment or ushers the reader into the divine revelation of God's holy Word according to His New Testament economy as this one does.

Gospel Principles The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 1981 A Study Guide and a Teacher's Manual Gospel Principles was written both as a personal study guide and as a teacher's manual. As you study it, seeking the Spirit of the Lord, you can grow in your understanding and testimony of God the Father, Jesus Christ and His Atonement, and the Restoration of the gospel. You can find answers to life's questions, gain an assurance of your purpose and self-worth, and face personal and family challenges with faith.

The Care of Souls Harold L. Senkbeil 2019-06-26 Drawing on a lifetime of pastoral experience, The Care of Souls is a beautifully written treasury of proven wisdom which pastors will find themselves turning to again and again. Harold Senkbeil helps remind pastors of the essential calling of the ministry: preaching and living out the Word of God while orienting others in the same direction. And he offers practical and fruitful advice—born out of his five decades as a pastor—that will benefit both new pastors and those with years in the pulpit. In a time when many churches have lost sight of the real purpose of the church, The Care of Souls invites a new generation of pastors to form the godly habits and practical wisdom needed to minister to the hearts and souls of those committed to their care.

Created on Purpose for Purpose Lisa Singh 2015-11-16 You were created for purpose...God's purpose...uniquely gifted and designed to fulfill His purposes in your life. Everyone has a sense that they were born for a purpose. But there is something more than just a purpose. The God purpose was designed specifically for you, and it's your responsibility to live out God's plan for you, becoming His masterpiece. From her own experience in discovering her God purpose, author Lisa Singh has outlined the steps to take to discover your God purpose. This easy-to-read guide will instruct you to explore why God designed a special purpose for you and how you can come to understand it. Once you know your place in the world, you can begin to live your purpose and thereby bless not only yourself, but the world you live in. Realize who you are and learn practical applications for victorious fulfilling living. Whether studying alone or in a small Bible study, you'll find the tools you need to find your God purpose and start living your life the way it was intended to be lived-on purpose!

God's Glory Alone---The Majestic Heart of Christian Faith and Life David VanDrunen 2015-12-01 Renowned scholar David VanDrunen tracks the historical and biblical roots of the idea that all glory belongs exclusively to God. God's Glory Alone is a beautiful reflection on how commitment to God's glory alone fortifies us to live godly lives in this present age. Reinvigorating one of the five great declarations of the Reformation—*solus Deo gloria*—VanDrunen: Examines the development of this theme in the Reformation, in subsequent Reformed theology and confessions, and in contemporary theologians who continue to be inspired by the conviction that all glory belongs to God. Turns to the biblical story of God's glory, beginning with the pillar of cloud and fire revealed to Israel,

continuing through the incarnation, death, and exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ, and culminating in Christ's Second Coming and the glorification of his people. Addresses several of today's great cultural challenges and temptations that attempt to draw us away from a God-centered instead of self-centered way of life. This book leads you into a renewed sense of awe and adoration for our Creator and Redeemer as it mines deeply into the biblical and theological truths about God's glory that stand at the center of the Christian faith. —THE FIVE SOLAS— Historians and theologians have long recognized that at the heart of the sixteenth-century Protestant Reformation were five declarations, often referred to as the "solas." These five statements summarize much of what the Reformation was about, and they distinguish Protestantism from other expressions of the Christian faith: that they place ultimate and final authority in the Scriptures, acknowledge the work of Christ alone as sufficient for redemption, recognize that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone, and seek to do all things for God's glory. *The Five Solas Series* is more than a simple rehashing of these statements, but instead expounds upon the biblical reasoning behind them, leading to a more profound theological vision of our lives and callings as Christians and churches.

Living in God's Two Kingdoms David VanDrunen 2010-10-06 Modern movements such as neo-Calvinism, the New Perspective on Paul, and the emerging church have popularized a view of Christianity and culture that calls for the redemption of earthly society and institutions. Many Christians have reflexively embraced this view, enticed by the socially active and engaged faith it produces. *Living in God's Two Kingdoms* illustrates how a two-kingdoms model of Christianity and culture affirms much of what is compelling in these transformationist movements while remaining faithful to the whole counsel of Scripture. By focusing on God's response to each kingdom—his preservation of the civil society and his redemption of the spiritual kingdom—VanDrunen teaches readers how to live faithfully in each sphere. Highlighting vital biblical distinctions between honorable and holy tasks, VanDrunen's analysis will challenge Christians to be actively and critically engaged in the culture around them while retaining their identities as sojourners and exiles in this world.

Wholly Citizens Joel Biermann 2017-05-01 *Wholly Citizens* addresses the relation between the church and the world in light of the Reformation teaching of the two realms—especially as presented by Luther. Rather than exploring again the usual texts of Luther from the 1520's, this book begins with a careful reading of Luther's *Commentary on Psalm 81* (1531), and then considers subsequent interpreters of Luther, both faithful and otherwise, and the dubious legacy they have left the church. The book argues that both the corporate church as well as individual believers are responsible for the world, and that each must speak directly about and to the world in meaningful ways. The final section of the book addresses the concrete situation facing believers in the early 21st century in light of faithful Reformation teaching about the two realms. Following this path leads to conclusions not entirely expected, including the forthright rejection of "a wall of separation" between church and state, and also a rebuke of the familiar clamor for the preservation of the rights of Christians and the church. Heedless of the status quo, *Wholly Citizens* offers an engaging and bracing picture of Christian life in today's world—a picture framed in theological truth.

Most Treasured of All Gayle L. Teague 2015-09-23 I intend to leave this book my to children and grandchildren. I hope it is received in the same spirit that I give it. I love

every one of them with all my heart. They are all precious individuals, and I am very proud of each one. May God bless them. Times have changed. I miss the 1940's when things were simple. Today kids are smarter than we were. They are on strange electronic games that I do not understand. I suspect they are addictive and perhaps even harmful, depending on content. The temptations today are many times more problematic than when I grew up. These young people are high-tech, intelligent, and far ahead of me at their age. They are all very smart and are, or will be, well educated. They show signs of becoming very successful in this world. However, my concerns are related to the spiritual side of life and reality. What about life hereafter? Have I prepared them for the next life? I fear I have failed in that regard and I write in order to leave them something about God's word that may take up the slack in things where I have failed. I want to be sure that my kids and grandkids become believing, studious Christians as adults. If there is an afterlife, and I believe there is, it must be of great importance for all so, get ready, I believe we will all have an afterlife. We, in America, are fortunate in that we have freedom of religion and there are churches on every corner teaching the basic principles of our Lord and Savior. My Dad raised me on the bible and denominational doctrine because that's what he knew. He gave me a good start but I have discovered that there is much more to learn than denominational tradition. I believe an open mind is absolutely necessary and denominational training is a closed down system loyal to only one view. I want my children to study God's word. Unfortunately, many churches and church people do not study, but accept a particular traditional doctrine that has been handed down to them. I am now in my late seventies. I am not an academic and hold no degrees in theology. One might say I have a degree in hard knocks, experience, big mistakes, and corrections. I hope that my years of study and faith are enough. After years of doubting, study, research, and prayer I have come to believe that the bible is the most valuable word of wisdom on earth, The Most Treasured of All books on the planet. Very intelligent men and women have tried to disprove the bible but the more they attack, the better the old book looks. It is still the world's best seller. I believe we can base our whole life in this world and the life hereafter on the bible. I intend to convince my children and grandchildren of that, and I pray they read what I have left them.

The Gospel According to Mark 1999-01-01 The earliest of the four Gospels, the book portrays Jesus as an enigmatic figure, struggling with enemies, his inner and external demons, and with his devoted but disconcerted disciples. Unlike other gospels, his parables are obscure, to be explained secretly to his followers. With an introduction by Nick Cave

The David Story: A Translation with Commentary of 1 and 2 Samuel Robert Alter 2009-10-21 "A masterpiece of contemporary Bible translation and commentary."—Los Angeles Times Book Review, Best Books of 1999 Acclaimed for its masterful new translation and insightful commentary, The David Story is a fresh, vivid rendition of one of the great works in Western literature. Robert Alter's brilliant translation gives us David, the beautiful, musical hero who slays Goliath and, through his struggles with Saul, advances to the kingship of Israel. But this David is also fully human: an ambitious, calculating man who navigates his life's course with a flawed moral vision. The consequences for him, his family, and his nation are tragic and bloody. Historical personage and full-blooded imagining, David is the creation of a literary artist

comparable to the Shakespeare of the history plays.

Three Views on the Millennium and Beyond Zondervan, 2010-08-10 Is there biblical evidence for a thousand-year earthly kingdom (the Millennium) ruled by Christ before the fulfillment of the new heaven and new earth? Revelation chapter 20 seems to suggest so, but few books of the Bible are so difficult to interpret. And a discussion of the Millennium branches out into many other theological questions about the end times (eschatology): Are these the last days? What must happen before Jesus returns? What part does the church play? This Counterpoints volume compares three views of the Millennium: Premillennial: Christ will come again before this kingdom is established. Postmillennial: our present age represents that kingdom and that the church is and must move toward the fulfillment of this kingdom. Amillennial: a future Millennium is not a literal kingdom, and when Christ returns, he will usher in an immediate new heaven and new earth. Robert B. Strimple, Kenneth L. Gentry Jr., and Craig A. Blaising offer their perspectives, giving their exegetical reasoning. Each of them then responds to the views held by their peers in a respectful and informative setting, making it easy for you to compare their beliefs and gain a better understanding of how this aspect of Christianity's great hope--the return of Jesus--is understood by the church. The Counterpoints series presents a comparison and critique of scholarly views on topics important to Christians that are both fair-minded and respectful of the biblical text. Each volume is a one-stop reference that allows readers to evaluate the different positions on a specific issue and form their own, educated opinion.

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