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The Bible provides ancient wisdom and values that can lead to a life of great success today. After years of biblical study and personal experience, William Douglas and Rubens Teixeira have identified twenty-five key principles that are of central importance to the pursuit of a successful career and life. In this practical and powerful book, readers will learn - twenty-five biblical laws of success - cures for seven sins that block success - what Solomon teaches in Proverbs about professional accomplishments - the mindset that encourages personal development - ten personal virtues coveted by the market - how to have money and success with harmony and balance in life Anyone who wants to succeed in a career or business will benefit from The 25 Biblical Laws of Success.

Believers need to learn to defend the Christian worldview. In today's world of varying religions, it's becoming more important for a Christian to know what they believe and why they believe it. In Transformed Thinking, Tom Wheeler clearly

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lays out the most fundamental beliefs of Christianity and compares them to other worldviews, providing arguments to support his beliefs. Even though this book is purposed for the classroom setting, it would be a beneficial read for any believer who wants to have a firm foundation on which to share their beliefs with unbelievers. From the beginning of the world to the inerrancy of Scripture, Transformed Thinking will provide you with solid answers for your faith. Advance Praise for Transformed Thinking: "Transformed Thinking is a veritable encyclopedia of knowledge that provides foundational aspects in developing a Christian worldview." Dr. Brian Fairchild D.Min./ Pastor, Colonial Bible Church, Midland, Texas "This book is a must read for every Christian layperson and leader in the Church." Dr. Sidney Dyer, Ph.D. Professor of Greek and New Testament/ Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary "In the years I've taught high school seniors, Tom Wheeler's Transformed Thinking has proved to be truly effective in establishing and strengthening Biblical thinking in a world full of opposing views." Dr. Drew Conley, Ph.D. Pastor for Preaching and Teaching/ Hampton Park Baptist Church, Greenville, SC

Mission is constantly innovating. As contexts change, so too does the work of the church. Today, in the face of a rapidly changing world and a growing global church, the task of mission must continue to innovate in unexpected ways. The

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State of Missiology Today explores the developments and transformations in the study and practice of mission. Looking both backwards—especially over the first half-century of Fuller Theological Seminary's School of Intercultural Studies—and forwards, the contributors to this volume chart the current shape of mission studies and its prospects in the twenty-first century. This Missiological Engagements volume features contributions by J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu John Azumah Pascal Bazzell Stephen Bevans Jayakumar Christian Pablo A. Deiros Sarita D. Gallagher Anne-Marie Kool Moonjang Lee Wonsuk Ma Gary L. McIntosh Mary Motte, FMM Terry Muck Shawn B. Redford Scott W. Sunquist Challenging all who are concerned about religion in today's world, J. Deotis Roberts outlines a new way of looking at the essential questions. Roberts proposes a theology concerned with concrete and specific situations that also retains a universal vision. In discussing the relationship of American black thought to African, liberation, feminist, Asian, and Euro-American theologies, he covers significant religious issues such as love, justice, power, and evil. Author Donald A. McGavran is considered a founder of the Church Growth Movement in America. In this 3rd edition of his standard work, McGavaran analyzes the causes, methods and strategies for successful church growth both in America and abroad.

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This collection of essays written by biblical scholars from around the world attempts to probe the relationship between the Bible and the world. It reflects modern social, political and hermeneutical issues, including liberation concerns. These themes echo John Rogerson's commitment to relate his research and the Bible to contemporary issues - a commitment visible both in his publications and in his religious and political activities. This book is an expression of appreciation of John Rogerson by former and current colleagues, former students, and other biblical scholars.

Finally, he offers as a foundation for Christian environmental ethics a fresh and challenging exposition of the Biblical themes of garden and wilderness.

"In the appendix we find the conclusions of Professor Christy, upon the future prospects of Africa..."--The Morning Post (London, England), Issue 24176, Thursday, June 05, 1851.

This is Volume I of an encyclopedia representing the scholarship of hundreds of evangelical contributors who have prepared articles on virtually every person, place, and term mentioned in the Bible. The encyclopedia is based on the Revised Standard Version, but is cross-referenced so that readers of other versions can easily utilize it. This book examines a number of facets of contemporary culture and sets forth what thoughtful Christians have been and should be thinking about each one. Written in

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honor of Carl F.H. Henry on the occasion of his eightieth birthday, the essays in *God and Culture* are on these topics and by these contributors: •hermeneutics Kevin J. Vanhoozer •pluralism D.A. Carson •eschatology Geoffrey W. Bromiley •anthropology Robert J. Priest •psychology Warren J. Heard, Jr. •philosophy George I. Mavrodes •history Lewis W. Spitz •economics Ian Smith •law Phillip E. Johnson •politics Sir Fred Catherwood •literature Leland Ryken •art Edmund P. Clowney •media Larry W. Poland •science Charles B. Thaxton •environment Loren Wilkinson •bioethics Nigel M. de S. Cameron •human sexuality Armand M. Nicholi, Jr. •personal life-style and leisure J.I. Packer Each of these authors has demonstrated a profound interest in thinking "Christianly" about his subject. Some of the essays scan the ways previous Christians have tried to evaluate each cultural "slice"; all of them offer some guidance regarding what Christians need to bear in mind as our culture rushes on. Some contributors adopt the well-known grid of H. Richard Niebuhr in his classic *Christ and Culture*; others cut fresh paths. The aim throughout is to foster fidelity to Christ and his gospel while encouraging a comprehensive Christian outlook on our rapidly changing world. The first comprehensive and critical overview of Christian perspectives on the relationship between social justice and ecological integrity, this annotated bibliography focuses on works that include ecological issues, social-ethical values and problems, and explicitly theological or religious reflection on ecological and social ethics and their interrelations. This body of moral reflection on the relationship between ecological

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ethics and social and economic justice (sometimes called eco-justice) will be of interest to those involved in religious education, research, liturgical renewal, public policy recommendations, community action, lay witness, and personal life-style transformation. The work is comprised of an introductory review essay followed by over 500 complete annotations. As a contemporary subject, much has been written in the past 30 years about the Christian approaches to the relationship between ecological integrity and social justice. The literature comes from a variety of disciplines and perspectives: from biblical studies to philosophical theology and cultural criticism; and from evangelical theory to process, feminist, and creation-centered theologies. Although there have been significant movements and developments in this literature, much writing seems unaware of other or earlier discussions of the interrelationships. This volume brings all the works together.

Under date of April 15, 1993, the Pontifical Biblical Commission published in French a document on the interpretation and use of the Bible in the Church. The English translation of the original French document, "The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church", appeared on November 18, 1993. The purpose of the document is "to indicate the paths most appropriate for arriving at an interpretation of the Bible as faithful as possible to its character both human and divine". The English translation of the document is published in its entirety in the present volume, together with a clarificatory commentary by Fr. Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J., a member of the Biblical Commission. A

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detailed bibliography is included. Also published are English translations of the address of His Holiness Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the publication of the French original on April 15, 1993, and of the preface to the document by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, President of the Biblical Commission.

How to Do Mission Action Planning (SPCK, 2009) was the first book to appear on the MAP process, at a time when it was beginning to have a significant impact. In this fully revised and expanded edition, the authors offer further critical evaluation and theological reflection, by drawing on the experiences of people who have been using the MAP process in different contexts from their own: Fr Damian Feeney, parish priest and Catholic Missioner of Lichfield diocese Canon David Banbury, leader of Parish Mission Support, Blackburn diocese The Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans Dr Stephen Hance, Canon Missioner of Southwark diocese Linda Rayner, the United Reformed Church co-ordinator for Fresh Expressions 'This is a rare book – a refreshing meditation on planning for mission – and one that is rooted in spirituality. As the authors show, the church and its mission arise from our vision of God. And once that vision has been realised, churches are able to become more intentional about their mission. Our vocation to share God's love is not an option or an afterthought. It is the heart and soul of our faith. Mission – and our planning of it – should not fill us with fear

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or foreboding. Rather, as the authors argue, the call to share God's love can be evermore meaningful, even as mission becomes more methodical.' The Very Revd Prof. Martyn Percy, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford 'This is a must-read for anyone using MAP. The rich theological reflection, the detailed unpacking of the 4 MAP phases and the learning offered by the 5 guest practitioners add up to an impressive offering. This book enables good questions to be asked, overflows with wise reflection and contains oodles of practical examples, ideas and resources. I commend it to all local church leaders who are seeking to discern how best to translate the prayer 'your kingdom come' into appropriate church and congregational action.' John Dunnett, General Director, CPAS 'This timely revision is honest, well researched and carefully put together - an important contribution to the necessary change of culture required in today's Church.' Julian Henderson, Bishop of Blackburn

Reveals why all growth is spiritual growth and how readers can grow in ways they never thought possible.

Foundations of Economics: A Christian View is an introduction to economics from an explicitly Christian perspective. It maintains that there is no conflict between Christian doctrine and economic science, properly understood. Therefore, Foundations of Economics has three goals: to demonstrate that the foundations

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of economic laws are derived from a Christian understanding of nature and humanity; to explain basic economic principles of the market economy and apply them to various economic problems, such as poverty and economic development; and to show the relationship between Christian ethics and economic policy. Foundations of Economics: A Christian View accomplishes these goals by rooting the fundamental principles of human action in the Christian doctrines of creation and humanity, and integrating them with the Christian ethic of private property. This volume explains the relevance of economics for fulfilling the cultural mandate set forth in the first two chapters of Genesis, by demonstrating how economics can help us in our task to be fruitful and multiply and have dominion over the earth, without spoiling creation, starving to death, or descending into a barbaric struggle for survival.

This text investigates the Biblical justification for Zionism & charts the historical rise of Zionism since its 19th century roots. Providing a contribution to the argument for a single democratic & secular Israeli state, it shows how the biblical language of 'chosen people' & 'promised land' is used to justify ethnic division & violence.

Throughout the history of European imperialism the grand narratives of the Bible have been used to justify settler-colonialism. "The Zionist Bible" explores the

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ways in which modern political Zionism and Israeli militarism have used the Bible - notably the Book of Joshua and its description of the entry of the Israelites into the Promised Land - as an agent of oppression and to support settler-colonialism in Palestine. The rise of messianic Zionism in the late 1960s saw the beginnings of a Jewish theology of zealotocracy, based on the militant land traditions of the Bible and justifying the destruction of the previous inhabitants. "The Zionist Bible" examines how the birth and growth of the State of Israel has been shaped by this Zionist reading of the Bible, how it has refashioned Israeli-Jewish collective memory, erased and renamed Palestinian topography, and how critical responses to this reading have challenged both Jewish and Palestinian nationalism.

The word Trinity doesn't appear in the Bible - yet Christians for centuries have held that it is a biblical truth, foundational to orthodoxy. But very few understand how the doctrine came to be. Author E. Calvin Beisner traces the formulation of the doctrine and all the controversies that arose among early Christians who strove to find acceptable language to correctly state this important doctrine. Ours is a time of rapid cultural change with new economic challenges. People look to their governments for leadership and solutions. But what can and should government do to meet the difficulties that beset a nation? What can citizens expect from their elected representatives?

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What is reasonable? And what should citizens do? What are their responsibilities? This book addresses such fundamental issues through the eyes of Scripture and against the backdrop of North America's dual heritage of Christianity and humanism. Government, politics, and the Bible do not seem like a good mix. But as this book aims to show, the Bible has much wisdom to teach us about the place and role of government and its citizens. Biblical principles work because God knows how his world and his servant governments are supposed to function. After all, he ordained the governing authorities, and the principles enunciated in his Word are timeless and remain practical. This book introduces fundamental biblical principles that apply to government and politics. The intent is to inform and to motivate the reader to get involved where possible in the political processes of the day. Our legislators need the input and help from their knowledgeable Christian constituents.

[src="http://www.youtube.com/v/WCj_wojf4SQ&rel=0" />](http://www.youtube.com/v/WCj_wojf4SQ&rel=0) Many people are tormented by a lack of genuine Christian assurance, simply because of theological and practical misunderstandings. Woodrow W. Whidden II addresses common questions and misunderstandings as he explores the Seventh-day Adventist doctrines of grace, law, salvation, judgment, and final events. His findings reveal biblical teachings that will inspire a deep, refreshing sense of the assurance of salvation as he explores such issues as: How can believers know with certainty that they are saved? Does the Bible teach a cosmic, pre-Advent investigative judgment based on works? Who will survive the latter rain, the close of probation, and the time of trouble? What do believers do with failure, backsliding, and the fear of judgment? Are Ellen G. White's writings a help or a stumbling block when understanding salvation? This powerful and comprehensive book will help believers become assured and

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balanced Christians, able to understand and explain the biblical teachings on judgment and assurance.

The Christian tradition provides a wealth of insight into perennial human questions about the shape of the good life, human happiness, virtue, justice, wealth and poverty, spiritual growth, and much else besides -- and Christian scholars can do great good by bringing that rich tradition into conversation with the broader culture. But what is the nature and purpose of distinctively Christian scholarship, and what does that imply for the life and calling of the Christian scholar? What is it about Christian scholarship that makes it Christian? Ten eminent scholars grapple with such questions in this volume. They offer deep and thought-provoking discussions of the habits and commitments of the Christian scholar, the methodology and pedagogy of Christian scholarship, the role of the Holy Spirit in education, Christian approaches to art and literature, and more. CONTRIBUTORS Jonathan A. Anderson Dariusz M. Brycko Natasha Duquette M. Elizabeth Lewis Hall George Hunsinger Paul K. Moser Alvin Plantinga Craig J. Slane Nicholas Wolterstorff Amos Yong

In 2016, the Centre for Biblical Linguistics, Translation, and Exegesis (CBLTE), a research center located at McMaster Divinity College, hosted the annual Bingham Colloquium. Scholars from around North America were invited to participate in a collegial and collaborative dialogue on what is currently happening (or could happen) at the intersection of linguistics and biblical studies, particularly in regards to the linguistic study of biblical languages, their translation, and the way that linguistic methods can contribute to the interpretation of the biblical texts. This volume of essays publishes many of the presentations that took place at the Colloquium. The warnings are loud and clear: the world is dangerously overpopulated; natural resources

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are becoming scarce; catastrophic manmade global warming could lead to the death of our planet. Are these accurate predictions we ignore at our own peril, or are they politically motivated scare tactics designed to promote a radical agenda? In this important book, respected author E. Calvin Beisner brings biblical principles of theology, anthropology, and ethics to bear on these crucial questions. What do the Scriptures say about population, freedom/civil government, natural resources, and management of the environment? Is man meant to be servant, master, or steward of the earth? This compelling study will help everyone concerned about the future of the earth make informed decisions on strategic issues of our day.

This update of a classic text evaluates contemporary ethical options and pressing issues of the day from a biblical perspective.

International relations is an increasingly important topic for the average American. It determines job prospects, economic growth and decline, war, peace, and whether or not a foreign entity uses a weapon of mass destruction. The practice and theory of international relations by today's presidents and dictators is grounded in ideologies that have shaped societies throughout history—ideologies that dominate the world of the Bible. Whether it was the Babylonian and Egyptian Empires, the influence of Greek Hellenism, or the Romans' critical role, international relations are an omnipresent backdrop. There can be no story of Exodus, no Babylonian captivity, no explanation for the constant war in Syria, no publicans or Roman governors, no judgment by Pontius Pilate, and no St. Paul's story as a Roman citizen, without considering the role of international affairs.

For many churches the Sunday school can be one of the best vehicles to apply the principles

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of effective evangelism and assimilation. But also in many churches, the Sunday school must undergo a significant paradigm shift before this occurs. Danny Von Kanel's book is a helpful resource to begin making this shift in your church. Charles "Chip" Arn President, Church Growth Inc. Monrovia, California A strong Sunday school program is a key component of any flourishing church -- and Building Sunday School By The Owner's Design provides a comprehensive toolbox jam-packed with 100 ideas for improving every aspect of your religious education program. Building on the framework of his book Built By The Owner's Design, Danny Von Kanel demonstrates how God's Word offers a proven blueprint for effective outreach and growth -- and he offers you a wide array of practical approaches for making Sunday school the vital centerpiece of a spiritually thriving ministry. Von Kanel discusses the strengths and shortcomings of both traditional and contemporary "church growth movement" approaches to Sunday school, then points out how following God's design offers a better method for igniting exciting growth. Convenient "Tool Time" and "Tool Resource" sections offer specific steps for implementing these ideas in your church. Building Sunday School By The Owner's Design is an essential resource for pastors, teachers, and other religious professionals -- it offers everything you need to develop a life-changing Sunday school program that produces enthusiastic, deeply committed followers of Christ. Danny Von Kanel has been involved in ministry, freelance writing, and church growth consulting for more than twenty years. He has served congregations in Mississippi, Alabama, and Illinois, and is currently the Minister of Music and Education at First Baptist Church in Franklinton, Louisiana. Von Kanel is the author of Built By The Owner's Design (CSS), and his articles have appeared in numerous church leadership magazines, including Journal of the American Society for Church Growth, Growing

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It is difficult to be hopeful in the midst of daily news about the effects of climate change on people and our planet. While the Christian basis for hope is the resurrection of Jesus, unfortunately far too many American Protestant Christians do not connect this belief with the daily witness of their faith. This book argues that the resurrection proclaims a notion of hope that should be the foundation of a theology of creation care that manifests itself explicitly in the daily lives of believers. Christian hope not only inspires us to do great and courageous things but also serves as a critique of current systems and powers that degrade humans, nonhumans, and the rest of creation and thus cause us to be hopeless. Belief in the resurrection hope should cause us to be a different sort of people. Christians should think, purchase, eat, and act in novel and courageous ways because they are motivated daily by the resurrection of Jesus. This is the only way to be hopeful in the age of climate change.

Whether your congregation is moving confidently toward a bright future or flinching from bleak prospects, this book can be a key resource. Appropriate methods will vary. Ervin R. Stutzman explains how any congregation can tap that great asset: newcomers. Drawing on lively anecdotes, his own experience, sociological analysis, and church growth research, Stutzman shows how congregations close their doors to newcomers. Then he explains how they can throw their doors open, welcoming the new energy and vision newcomers bring.

Abraham Lincoln did not take his family Bible to the White House. And the reason he did not use the Bible in his first inaugural address was not because it failed to arrive in his baggage.

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Freed concentrates on what Abraham Lincoln himself says instead of what others say about him, which yields insights into understanding Lincoln's speech before the Young Men's Lyceum, his reply to the "Loyal Colored People of Baltimore," and his Second Inaugural Address. The author shows that much of what has been written about Lincoln's knowledge of the Bible and its influence on his thought is myth. Although his language was replete with vocabulary from the Bible, Lincoln's knowledge of it was superficial, and he did not use the Bible to promote religion. He was always a politician, but with a moral sensitivity. With the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution, he used the Bible to help him achieve his political ambitions and to support the emancipation of slaves. A unique book on a subject never treated so thoroughly, this is a must-read for all Lincoln admirers.

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