The Death of Good Men, in the Midst of Their Days, Considered and Improved

Written for those who suffer from a life-changing illness, and their friends and family, this comforting book looks at what the Bible says about healing and helps readers learn to trust in God and in His sovereignty.

A Deeper Kind of Calm

Don't be afraid. How often does that phrase alone help you not to be afraid? For most of us, the answer is, "never." We say it to our children, to our friends, and to ourselves, but it is never effective if it is not followed by some additional reassurance. The Bible tells us hundreds of times not to be afraid. In her simple, yet profound study, Karen May takes us into the stories and the characters that help us to see our fear through the eyes of a comforting God. She helps us to find the reassurance and trust we need as we arrive in those uncomfortable and challenging moments in our lives. Join Karen as she explores God's word as it relates to: Delays Obstacles Suffering Forgiveness Fear Leadership Discover the peace that comes when we can step, unafraid, into the chapters of this six-week Bible study. For additional resources to compliment your study, go to www.amayzinggraces.lesson-materials

Miracles in the Midst of War

A distinguished American theologian provides a firm theoretical basis for understanding the widespread quest for religious experience in the midst of a technological society. The book describes elements of experience common to people today and presents them as moments of possible awakening to a new quality of perception. Religion is the perennial striving of men and women for orientation in a world they experience as a field of assailing powers. Dr. Niebuhr interprets human faith as a sense of alignment with general patterns of action within this power-world. In our electronically amplified age, we share in the experience of others to an extent that strains the resilience of the human spirit. Whatever else people in this age require, one is the capacity for inclusiveness or generosity on a new scale. Within this perspective, the author interprets the contemporary meaning of Jesus of Nazareth as a persuasive pattern of generous life manifesting the direction of true power.

Peace in the Midst of Hell

I have gone through many testing and trials, and though my faith was greatly challenged, God's grace kept me. I was able to find the strength to trust Him, but the real test came when I suddenly lost my mother. The trauma of my loss took me to a very low point in my life and I wondered if I could still trust God. During my trial, God still had me ministering to and praying for His people in the midst of the storm and He showed me that no matter what, He is still a faithful God. Even in death, my mother is still an inspiration for my faith in God, so I was inspired to write this devotional to encourage those who are going through trials to never let go of your faith in God. I will leave this Scripture with you as you begin your journey through the pages of this book: "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself." (2 Timothy 2:13).

The Natural History of the Christian Religion

Cancer. It's a word that strikes fear in the hearts of those who hear it. I Choose to Laugh is one woman's story of overcoming that fear. What started as an on-line journal has become a collection of essays. Chapters include practical helps in choosing doctors and dealing with chemotherapy. There is even a section for caregivers and friends of the patient. Mostly, this book seeks to find the laughter of the moment. The overall theme is one of overcoming, of finding the joy of life amidst the pain. The message is clear; one can have cancer without being a victim of cancer. The author's ultimate source of hope is her faith in Jesus Christ. She believes that God allowed her to have cancer for a reason and that reason is to point people to Him. "If God isn't glorified, it's just a disease."

When God Breaks Your Heart
People don't abandon faith because they have doubts. People abandon faith because they think they're not allowed to have doubts. Even as a pastor, Austin Fischer has experienced the shadows of doubt and disillusionment. Leaning into perennial questions about Christianity, he shows that doubt is no reason to leave the faith—instead, it's an invitation to a more honest faith.

Humanity in the Midst of Inhumanity

This study provides a radical reassessment of the English Reformation. No one in eighteenth-century England thought they were living during 'the Enlightenment'; instead, they saw themselves as facing the religious, intellectual and political problems unleashed by the Reformation, which began in the sixteenth century. Moreover, they faced those problems in the aftermath of two bloody seventeenth-century political and religious revolutions. This book examines how the eighteenth-century English debated the causes and consequences of those revolutions and the thing they thought had caused them, the Reformation. It draws on a wide array of manuscript sources to show how authors crafted and pitched their works.

God Without Religion - Second Edition

Jesus was born into a religious heritage, in the midst of a religious society. However, he opposed and refuted religious practices, at every turn. Instead, he emphasized and demonstrated a deep spiritual connection to others and to The Almighty. Jesus didn't start a religion called "Christianity" and has no part in any religion. "They were first called Christians at Antioch" and "If any of you suffer as a Christian, he should not be ashamed but, instead, glory in that name." Religious people called them "Christ-like" because they were foolish enough to love the unlovable, to prefer the well being of others above themselves, to bring words of hope in hopeless situations and to love God in the same way Jesus demonstrated love towards God, love him to death. The qualifications for calling oneself Christ-like or Christian pale in the true light of what it means to be like Jesus, full of the spirit of God, full of compassion and dedicated to doing God's will. Without theological opinions and religious gymnastics, what did Jesus and his followers reportedly say, think, teach and live? Is it Christ-like to: rejoice over the death of another person; any person, to hate any group of people because of their practices, lifestyle, occupation, or disposition towards ourselves or others? Is it Christ-like to be prejudice, racist, hateful, murderous, vengeful, indifferent, unthankful, self-centered or religious? Read for yourself!

Experiential Religion

Midnight Religion

For curious readers young and old, a rich and colorful history of religion from humanity's earliest days to our own contentious times In an era of hardening religious attitudes and explosive religious violence, this book offers a welcome antidote. Richard Holloway retells the entire history of religion—from the dawn of religious belief to the twenty-first century—with deepest respect and a keen commitment to accuracy. Writing for those with faith and those without, and especially for young readers, he encourages curiosity and tolerance, accentuates nuance and mystery, and calmly restores a sense of the value of faith. Ranging far beyond the major world religions of Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, and Hinduism, Holloway also examines where religious belief comes from, the search for meaning throughout history, today's fascinations with Scientology and creationism, religiously motivated violence, hostilities between religious people and secularists, and more. Holloway proves an empathetic yet discerning guide to the enduring significance of faith and its power from ancient times to our own.

Faith in the Shadows

A gripping, inspiring, true story of God at work in Russia and war-torn Chechnya in the 1990s. This compelling story of an ordinary British young woman serving a miracle-working God will inspire you to believe God for the impossible.

The World's Parliament of Religions

"In a time when faith and miracles seem distant or unreal, this book brings to mind the currency and reality of the actions and interactions of a power so many ignore. Inside this book you will spend time with the author and accompany Nena on experiences that only Nena can adequately describe. Walk with Nena and experience faith and miracles in action and know that God is not only real but that He cares."

Agree to Differ

Through the Psalms, women can learn how to positively handle the disappointments of life, discern the comforting truth found in God's Word, and be encouraged to deal with the waves of trials, depression, and discouragement. Includes a 4-week Bible study.

Fibro & Me: Faith In The Midst of Pain

Are you going through a hard time and need your faith increased? Do you need proof that God still works miracles? If so, this book is for you. Victoria Shirey is a faith-inspired singer, songwriter, and speaker. The stories in this book are real life situations and miracles that she has experienced. They are told to encourage, uplift, and give you hope for your future. All of these stories are very personal and are written to give you strength to help you face another day. No matter the circumstance, there is faith in the midst of the storms.

If God is Good

Why is God letting this happen to me? If you have never asked this question, you someday will. There is perhaps no greater challenge to our faith than personal suffering. For pastor Ed Underwood this challenge came in the form of chronic leukemia. Though he prayed for and believed in God's healing, as the days slipped by and his pain became unbearable, Ed's heart was broken by a simple realization: The God who could do anything was not helping him. Yet a revelation from God's Word changed his heart and life forever. In this poignant journey from tragedy to hope, Ed takes a fresh look at the story of Lazarus and his sisters—a story that explores suffering through the eyes of our Lord and His people. You'll find comfort during difficulty, be inspired to ask for the impossible, and discover a God whose heart breaks with yours.
Religion in the Midst of Life

Light in the Midst of the Storm, Freedom from Religion. Liberation to Love Without Limits

In the Midst of Chaos

Faith in the Midst of Storms

As long as we walk the earth, storms of life will hit us, especially when we least expect. A storm can be short lived, prolonged, overwhelming and stressful, however, a storm is seasonal and temporary. It begins and ends. A storm can be caused by the enemy to distract you or plant a seed of doubt in your mind so that you start questioning God's power or presence in your life. You then fail to pick the inherent lesson or see the hidden beauty of a storm. God also causes storms in our lives to prove the genuineness of our faith; to perfect us; complete us and build our character. Storms recreate us in the image and likeness of God, as was meant to be in the beginning. In the midst of a raging storm, do not cry and do not give up. Be still, listen to His small voice and detect His presence. He is always with us be it in the car, workplace, grocery shop and even in the midst of a raging and fiery furnace. ONLY BELIEVE Jeff W Simmons was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he grew up. He started preaching when he was 19 and has been involved in pastoral ministry for over 36 years. He has started two churches, including Church 3.0 which was launched in 2012. Church 3.0 is located on Main Street in the historic district of Westminster, MD. Jeff's passion is teaching the Bible in a way that brings both revelation and practical application for everyday life. With his wife Michele of 34 years, he loves traveling to Bible lands and touring historic churches and cathedrals in Europe.

A Little History of Religion

"In their introduction to this Handbook, the editors affirm: 'Many sociologists have come to realise that it makes no sense now to omit religion from the repertoire of social scientific explanations of social life': I wholeheartedly agree. I also suggest that this wide-ranging set of essays should become a starting-point for such enquiries. Each chapter is clear, comprehensive and well-structured - making the Handbook a real asset for all those engaged in the field." - Grace Davie, University of Exeter "Serious social scientists who care about making sense of the world can no longer ignore the fact that religious beliefs and practices are an important part of this world. This Handbook is a valuable resource for specialists and amateurs alike. The editors have done an exceptionally fine job of incorporating topics that illuminate the range and diversity of religion and its continuing significance throughout the world." - Robert Wuthnow, Princeton University At a time when religions are increasingly affecting, and affected by, life beyond the narrowly sacred sphere, religion everywhere seems to be caught up in change and conflict. In the midst of this contention and confusion, the sociology of religion provides a rich source of understanding and explanation. This Handbook presents an unprecedentedly comprehensive assessment of the field, both where it has been and where it is headed. Like its many distinguished contributors, its topics and their coverage are truly global in their reach. The Handbook’s 35 chapters are organized into eight sections: basic theories and debates; methods of studying religion; social forms and experiences of religion; issues of power and control in religious organizations; religion and politics; individual religious behaviour in social context; religion, self-identity and the life-course; and case studies of China, Eastern Europe, Israel, Japan, and Mexico. Each chapter establishes benchmarks for the state of sociological thinking about religion in the 21st century and provides a rich bibliography for pursuing its subject further. Overall, the Handbook stretches the field conceptually, methodologically, comparatively, and historically. An indispensable source of guidance and insight for both students and scholars. Choice ‘Outstanding Academic Title’ 2009

Human Rights, Virtue, and the Common Good

The best-selling author of Heaven paints a realistic picture of who God is and what God is doing in the world, encouraging believers to share their faith more clearly and genuinely in a world filled with pain and fear.

The Unitarian Review and Religious Magazine

EXCHANGING LUST FOR LOVE Come, sit back and relax as I take you down memory lane, back into the 1960's. During the times when I was a teenage Christian living like anyone else in the world, not knowing how to put on the whole armor of God. I was living a life blinded to the blessings God had waiting for me. This book will show you, that no matter what you are going through as a child of God, you are not alone. The wrong choices I made would cause me to suffer and provoke me to call on Him. You will see how he saved me from sin and myself. He opened the door for me to receive my hearts desire. Your faith will grow seeing the miracles he performed in my life. Open up your heart. Grab hold of this life changing faith. You will say to yourself, "If God gave her, her hearts desire, even after all she did; there is hope for me. Your faith in God will open up the door for you to receive the blessings and desires of your heart. Come on; start reading. Let God blow your mind. What he has waiting for you, is greater and more wonderful than you can imagine. I know because he did it for me and I am no better than you. In fact I'd quote the words of Paul, who was Saul. He said, “That he was the chief of sinners. But oh; that amazing grace that saved a wretch like me. I was lost but now I'm found. I was blind but now I see. Hallelujah!

Be Not Afraid

In the Midst of Spiritual Warfare: Fighting the Good Fight of Faith for your Family, Minister Sherri Lovelace teaches readers faith fundamentals and rules of engagement that she believes are the keys to accomplishing successful warfare on behalf of God. In addition to learning how to maintain the faith that Christians already hold, Lovelace also shares her personal strategies and tactics for remaining faithful and encouraged through the stories of her own spiritual warfare for her father, husband and son. Lovelace encourages readers to stand firm and grounded in the belief that with God, all things are possible. In the Midst of Spiritual Warfare strengthens readers in the knowledge that as long as their actions and words are grounded in the word of God, then only with faith and patience will they obtain victory in the fight for their loved ones. For more information, please visit www.faith4family.com.

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The SAGE Handbook of the Sociology of Religion

Setian provides stories submitted by sixteen descendants of survivors who were saved by Muslims during the 1915 Armenian Genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Turks. She offers a corrective to mitigate the prejudice against Muslims and to uphold and to promote their dignity. She describes the geopolitical situation of the Genocide times and other issues of interest with commentary, such as the betrayal of Armenians by the 1923 Lausanne Peace Treaty, which did not mention Armenia nor the Armenian massacres. The omission of fairly settling the Armenian issue was in order for Allies to control the oil wealth in the region. He who owns the oil will rule the world (M. Henry Berenger, French senate, December 12, 1919). Setian graphically includes the vicious treatment of victims in order to convey the horrors committed by government officials and out of control citizens that soared the atmosphere. Noble Muslims risked their lives to save Armenians in the midst of such inhumanity.

If God Is Good

In Tuscaloosa, Alabama the world revolves around one thing: The University of Alabama’s Crimson Tide. But on April 27, 2011 everything changed. An EF4 tornado ripped through the small college town and changed it forever. Carson Tinker, the starting long snapper for the 2011 and 2012 National Champion Crimson Tide, was among those forever changed by the events of April 27. Tinker lost his girlfriend Ashley Harrison to the storm, but not his faith. In the midst of unfathomable destruction, Tinker saw love, companionship, perseverance, and triumph in a community torn apart by a natural disaster. Where everyone else saw tragedy, Carson Tinker saw blessing. Following the storm, the Crimson Tide suited up to face their most challenging season to date. Tinker’s personal story guides readers through what cannot be described any other way than a season to remember.

Reformation without end

"Religion is much too great and permanent an element in human experience to be swept out of sight," writes Bishop Newbiggin. "I want to ask what must be the religion of a Christian who accepts the process of secularization and lives fully in the kine of world into which God has led us." His answer involves relating the universal fact of secularization to the biblical picture of the nature and destiny of man. It involves, too, some criticism of recent Christian responses to secularization - but the whole tone of this book is positive. The emphasis is on knowing God, being God's people, and living of God in the midst of the secular.

Will God Heal Me?

Every one of us will experience suffering. Many of us are experiencing it now. As we have seen in recent years, evil is real in our world, present and close to each one of us. In such difficult times, suffering and evil beg questions about God—Why would an all-good and all-powerful God create a world full of evil and suffering? And how can there be a God if suffering and evil exist? These are ancient questions, but also modern ones as well. Atheists such as Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, and even former believers like Bart Ehrman answer the question simply: The existence of suffering and evil proves there is no God. In this captivating new book, best-selling author Randy Alcorn challenges the logic of disbelief, and brings a fresh, realistic, and thoroughly biblical insight to the issue: these important questions raise. Alcorn offers insights from his conversations with men and women whose lives have been torn apart by suffering, and yet whose faith in God burns brighter than ever. He reveals the big picture of who God is and what God is doing in the world—now and forever. And he equips you to share your faith more clearly and genuinely in this world of pain and fear. "As he did in his best-selling book, Heaven, Randy Alcorn delves deep into a profound subject, and through compelling stories, provocative questions and answers, and keen biblical understanding, he brings assurance and hope to all." - Publishers Weekly

The Oxford Handbook of Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding

I Choose to Laugh

Volume Three of Ernest Fortin: Collected Essays discusses the current state of Christianity--especially twentieth-century Catholic Christianity--and the problems with which it has had to wrestle in the midst of rapid scientific progress, profound social change, and growing moral anarchy. In this volume, Fortin discusses such topics as Christianity and the liberal democratic ethos; Christianity, science, and the arts; Ancients and Moderns; papal social thought; virtue and liberalism; pagan and Christian virtue; and the American Catholic church and politics.

Faith in the Midst of Love

This volume provides a comprehensive and interdisciplinary account of the scholarship on religion, conflict, and peacebuilding. Looking far beyond the traditional parameters of the field, the contributors engage deeply with the legacies of colonialism, missionary activism, secularism, orientalism, and liberalism as they relate to the discussion of religion, violence, and nonviolent transformation and resistance. Featuring numerous case studies from various contexts and traditions, the volume is organized thematically into five different parts. It begins with an up-to-date mapping of scholarship on religion and violence, and religion and peace. The second part explores the challenges related to developing secularist theories on peace and nationalism, broadening the discussion of violence to include an analysis of cultural and structural forms. In the third section, the chapters explore controversial topics such as religion and development, religions militancy, and the freedom of religion as a keystone of peacebuilding. The fourth part locates notions of peacebuilding in spiritual practice by focusing on constructive resources within various traditions, the transformative role of rituals, youth and interfaith activism in American university campuses, religion and solidarity activism, scriptural reasoning as a peacebuilding practice, and an extended reflection on the history and legacy of missionary peacebuilding. The volume concludes by looking to the future of peacebuilding scholarship and the possibilities for new growth and progress. Bringing together a diverse array of scholars, this innovative handbook grapples with the tension between theory and practice, cultural theory, and the legacy of the liberal peace paradigm, offering provocative, elastic, and context-specific insights for strategic peacebuilding processes.

Faith In The Midst Of Adversity
Religion in Eastern Europe

Hardships and pain are inevitable and will be encountered in everyone's life. At some point in our life, we will experience hardships, pain, and suffering, for no one can escape them. Prepared people aren't as badly affected by the inevitability of hardships as those who aren't prepared. How you deal with hardships defines your future. Hardships and suffering define your character and make you better. Pain and hardship give one an opportunity to grow as a person. They are impermanent and won't last. Nothing in our universe escapes impermanence. Keep the truth "It won't last" in your mind. Strength comes from realizing that other people are going through what you're going through. Pain and suffering can't be avoided and sometimes come acutely. Fierce experiences are a part of life. Negative self-talk increases their effect, while positive self-talk keeps you calm. Use your words to turn negative thoughts into positive ones. Deal with stress through your self-talk. We all talk to ourselves, either out loud or in our heads. Your positive self-talk will reduce stress and help you deal with situations that cause you stress. Control your thoughts and words. Stress and anxiety can help us make the necessary changes in our lives and help us to act in our best interest. Everyone has feelings of nervousness, tension, and stress at times. Practice relaxation techniques to control your mind. Deep breathing helps the entire body let go and loosen up. Your mind and body must feel peaceful and strong in order to handle life's ups and downs. Keep your mind off of worry by focusing your thoughts on beautiful, happy, and positive things.

God Without Religion

Jesus was born into a religious heritage, in the midst of a religious society. However, he deemphasized religious practices, putting them in their proper place, perspective, and priority. Alternatively, he emphasized and demonstrated a deep spiritual connection to others and a life of obedience and conforming to the will of The Almighty (God). Jesus did not start a religion. The apostle wrote, "They were first called Christians at Antioch" and "If any of you suffer as a Christian, he should not be ashamed but, instead, glory in that name." This is not reference to a religion called Christianity, but religious people called them "Christ-like" (Christian) because they, Jesus' followers, were foolish enough to love the unlovable, to prefer the well being of others above themselves, to bring words of hope in hopeless situations and to love God in the same way Jesus demonstrated love towards God, with all of his heart, soul and life. The qualifications for calling oneself Christ-like or Christian pale in the true light of what it means to be like Jesus, full of the spirit of God, full of compassion and dedicated to doing God's will. Without theological opinions and religious gymnastics, what did Jesus and his followers reportedly say, think, teach, and live? Is it Christ-like to: rejoice over the death of another person (any person), to hate any group of people because of their practices, lifestyle, occupation, or disposition towards others or ourselves? Is it Christ-like to be prejudice, racist, hateful, murderous, vengeful, indifferent, unthankful, self-centered, or religious? Read for yourself!

In the Midst of Spiritual Warfare

How the daily practices of life with children can shape our faith In the Midst of Chaos explores parenting as spiritual practice, building on Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore's fresh conceptions of children from her book Let the Children Come. She questions conventional perceptions that spiritual practices require silence, solitude, and uninterrupted prayer and that assume a life unburdened by care of others. She is both honest about the difficulties and attentive to the blessings present in everyday life and demonstrates that the life of faith encompasses children and the adults who care for them. Miller-McLemore explores how parents might use seven daily practices, such as play, reading, chores, and saying goodbye or goodnight as rich opportunities to shape both parent and child morally and spiritually. Through these experiences, she shows how the very care of children forms and reforms the faith of adults themselves, contrary to the belief that adults must form children. In the Midst of Chaos also goes beyond the typical focus on individual self-fulfillment by tackling difficult questions of social justice and mutuality in the ways families live together. Readers will find in this book an invitation to love those around them in the midst of life's craziness and to live more deeply in grace.

The True Christian Religion

Honest Religion for Secular Man

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