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I love to read. I hate to read. I don't have time to read. I only read Christian books. I'm not good at reading. There's too much to read. Chances are, you've thought or said one of these exact phrases before because reading is important and in many ways unavoidable. Learn how to better read, what to read, when to read, and why you should read with this helpful guide from accomplished reader Tony Reinke. Offered here is a theology for reading and practical suggestions for reading widely, reading well, and for making it all worthwhile. A Lutheran minister concisely and straightforwardly answers more than five hundred questions relating to Christian belief and ritual. This is a must for pastors, students, teachers-- anyone interested in understanding why Christians of all denominations live and worship as they do. This accessible reference offers short and to-the-point answers to fifty pressing questions people have about God, the Bible, and Christianity, including - Are there errors or contradictions in the Bible? - Do science and faith conflict? - Is hell a real place? - What will heaven be like? - Is it possible to prove God exists? - Why did Jesus have to die? - Does God hate sex? - Do Christians have to go to church? - and many more This book is for those who want a clear introduction to the essential teachings of Christianity to help them grow in faith and in preparation to share the basics of Christian belief. Jesus divided the world into two groups—those who follow him and those who don't. But what happens when someone thinks he or she is a Christian, but isn't? With his witty, engaging style, Mike McKinley takes readers on a journey of what it means to be a Christian. He asserts that “manipulative evangelism techniques and a poor understanding of the gospel have resulted in an abundance of professing Christians who have no idea what it means to follow Christ.” Each chapter title begins with “You're not a Christian [if/when/just because you]...” As he surveys what it means to be Christian, McKinley offers criteria for evaluating one's standing before God. Readers are guided through a series of challenges to

reflect, repent, remember, and report to another person. *Am I Really a Christian?* ends with chapters on salvation and the local church. This unique book is written for nominal or new Christians and can be used in personal or small-group study. From Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz, authors of *Knowing the Bible 101*, a trim, 45-page booklet is perfect for new believers, Christians who want a handy evangelistic tool, and churchgoers who are ready to rediscover the essentials of the Christian life. Readers will immediately connect with Bruce and Stan's honest, encouraging responses to questions new Christians often ask: What do I do next? Am I expected to follow some rules and regulations? What have I gotten myself into? Brief chapters on eternal security, new life in Christ, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit set the tone for this clear and compelling introduction to the faith. With their engaging, straightforward style, Bruce and Stan explain what God has done for humanity, what God wants people to do so they can know Him better, and how individuals can reflect the love of Christ to the world. A national worship and preaching consultant offers a provocative look at the core elements of Christian faith, articulating centrist, mainline Christianity in a way that is fresh and easy to understand. Original. This book addresses one of the most urgent issues in contemporary American law—namely, the logic and limits of extending free exercise rights to corporate entities. Pointing to the polarization that surrounds disputes like *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*, David argues that such cases need not involve pitting flesh-and-blood individuals against the rights of so-called “corporate moral persons.” Instead, David proposes that such disputes should be resolved by attending to the moral quality of group actions. This approach shifts attention away from polarizing rights-talk and towards the virtues required for thriving civic communities. More radically, however, this approach suggests that groups themselves should not be viewed as things or “persons” in the first instance, but rather as occasions of coordinated activity. Discerned in the writings of Saint Thomas Aquinas, this

reconceptualization helps illuminate the moral stakes of a novel—and controversial—form of religious freedom. Have you ever credited your success to having a Type A personality? If so, then you join an overwhelming number of people in the world who consider themselves Type A. As with any personality type, some qualities are positive and some are negative. But do these qualities bless or undermine the purpose God has given to us as Christians? In *Type A Christian: Transforming Personality Traits into Fruitful Growth*, Autumn Hoover sets out to answer these questions and to guide us in identifying positive and negative personality traits in order to fulfill our roles as followers of Christ. *Type A Christian* is a unique self-examination that introduces us to various personality types and behaviors and then provides us with a one-of-a-kind personality quiz to help assess our own common behaviors and Christian conduct. Here, Autumn combines her 17 years of experience helping people as a healthcare provider with her passion for personality examination and knowledge of Scripture to help us identify which traits need to be improved and which ones need to be transformed altogether. Using insightful examinations of Scripture, personality traits, and behaviors, Autumn walks us through an honest look at whether or not our behaviors coincide with the fruit of the Spirit. Each chapter in this book reveals valuable information that will impact our walk with Christ and the furthering of His Kingdom. God made us all unique and granted us with varying personalities to fulfill His purpose. Learning which traits to grow and which to prune can benefit both the church and the world in utilizing our best attributes and spreading the Gospel. Teaches students to write well and introduces them to quality classic and contemporary essays. Now revised and updated. Perhaps you've had the funny feeling that God wants to get your attention. Maybe you're simply looking for meaning and direction in your life. John Stott has spent a lifetime wrestling with questions about Jesus both personally and in dialogue with skeptics and seekers around the globe. Now he

provides a compelling, persuasive case for considering the Christian faith. An internationally renowned expert in canonical interpretation illuminates the two-testament character of Scripture and its significance for the contemporary church. How Much Willful Sin is a Part of Your Christian Testimony? Christians sending the wrong message to the world is a warning to all who profess to being Christians. Their actions speak volumes about their relationship with God. Satan and the world that he controls has made many Christians a part of his battle plan against God. What you say and more importantly what you do, demonstrates to the world the identity of your true master. As Christians, we are supposed to represent God and our Lord Jesus Christ to the world. Living in peace with the world has caused many of us to become collaborators with the world in unholy activities. In the book of Romans chapter 12 verse 18, the bible gives some general guidance on how we are to conduct ourselves. It states, If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. The problem with this guidance is that people have gone way beyond religious tolerance and accepting ungodly behavior. Christians have forgotten the most important part to understanding what this scripture really means. The scripture Hebrews 12:14 sheds light on the application of the scripture in Romans 12:18. It states, Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Certainly we must try to live in peace with the world but at what cost? Christians cannot forsake living holy to have peace with the world. When we do, the world is watching and judging us as one of them. The question then becomes, whom do you serve? Do you serve God only in words and serve his enemy in actions and deeds? This is your Christian testimony to the world. It shows the world that you care more about living in peace with it than you do about living holy and obeying God. This book addresses the practice and acceptance of willful sin. From the new afterword by the author: Humanity has had a long fascination with blood sacrifice. In fact, it has been by no means

uncommon for a child to be born into this world only to be patiently and lovingly reared by religious maniacs, who believe that the best way to keep the sun on its course or to ensure a rich harvest is to lead him by tender hand into a field or to a mountaintop and bury, butcher, or burn him alive as offering to an invisible God. The notion that Jesus Christ died for our sins and that his death constitutes a successful propitiation of a "loving" God is a direct and undisguised inheritance of the superstitious bloodletting that has plagued bewildered people throughout history. . . This revised edition of a classic text provides a concise case for the role of the Christian college and its distinctive mission and contribution. Holmes has extensively revised several chapters and included two new chapters: "Liberal Arts as Career Preparation" and "The Marks of an Educated Person." 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. Pamela Eisenbaum, an expert on early Christianity, reveals the true nature of the historical Paul in *Paul Was Not a Christian*. She explores the idea of Paul not as the founder of a new Christian religion, but as a devout Jew who believed Jesus was the Christ who would unite Jews and Gentiles and fulfill God's universal plan for humanity. Eisenbaum's work in *Paul Was Not a Christian* will have a profound impact on the way many Christians approach evangelism and how to better follow Jesus's—and Paul's—teachings on how to live faithfully today. The book you are about to read has been a subject of debate for some time, a book written to shed light on the truth concerning the topic of hell, with an understanding taken from scripture and made clear throughout the Old and New Testament books of the Bible. It was written that we might have a clear understanding of God's love toward us, that we might know from what we were saved. It will give us a clear view of hell and what it

will be like for those of us who I hope will not end up in its belly. My hope in this series of books is that you will come to know the plan of God toward mankind and that you might see the cross of Jesus Christ for what it represents. Jesus came to save us from the judgment that is to come, which I hope to highlight in this series of books. David Walters provides answers to young peoples' questions about what Christians really believe. An eight-week activity book for kids that asks them questions about becoming a Christian. Includes a parent section. The church was established to serve the world with Christ-like love, not to rule the world. It is called to look like a corporate Jesus, dying on the cross for those who crucified him, not a religious version of Caesar. It is called to manifest the kingdom of the cross in contrast to the kingdom of the sword. Whenever the church has succeeded in gaining what most American evangelicals are now trying to get – political power – it has been disastrous both for the church and the culture. Whenever the church picks up the sword, it lays down the cross. The present activity of the religious right is destroying the heart and soul of the evangelical church and destroying its unique witness to the world. The church is to have a political voice, but we are to have it the way Jesus had it: by manifesting an alternative to the political, “power over,” way of doing life. We are to transform the world by being willing to suffer for others – exercising “power under,” not by getting our way in society – exercising “power over.” In a dark little chapel many years ago, a solitary schoolboy went in search of God, and later gave his life to Christ. It turned out to be the most significant decision he was ever to make. If it were not for Christ, he reflects, his would have been on the scrapheap of wasted and discarded lives. Instead, his life has been used to lead countless others around the world to that same new life, and into a deeper understanding of the One who gave his life that we might live. Now John Stott tells his spiritual story, and gives the reasons for his first life-changing step of faith on the path he has followed since that day. It was not so much that he found

Christ, as that Christ found him. Not because the Christian faith is attractive, but because it is true. Not because he deserved to be saved, but because Christ took his sins, and ours, on himself. It is because the answer to the paradox at the heart of our humanness, because the key to true freedom and fulfilment, are to be found in Jesus Christ alone. And he who extends the greatest of all invitations to each one of us waits patiently for our response. Mark Shaw's thesis is that far-flung revivals are at the heart of the global resurgence of Christianity. We read the stories of Joseph Babalola and the Aladura Revival in Africa, of Kil Sun-Ju and the great Korean revival of 1907, of Paulo Borges Jr. and explosion of neo-Pentecostalism in Brazil, and of V. S. Azariah and the mass conversions of the Dalit people in India. --from publisher description

One of the key foundation books of the English Reformation, *The Obedience of a Christian Man* (1528) makes a radical challenge to the established order of the all-powerful Church of its time. Himself a priest, Tyndale boldly claims that there is just one social structure created by God to which all must be obedient, without the intervention of the rule of the Pope. He argues that Christians cannot be saved simply by performing ceremonies or by hearing the Scriptures in Latin, which most could not understand, and that all should have access to the Bible in their own language - an idea that was then both bold and dangerous. Powerful in thought and theological learning, this is a landmark in religious and political thinking. What can the fantasy of the Twilight Saga teach us about reality? Cindy Biondi Gobrecht says, "I never liked vampire stories, and here I am a self-proclaimed Twi-hard! The stories are about more than vampires. The saga is about love, devotion, sacrifice, heartache, courage, and faith, to name a few. These are things I can relate to in my own life and my Christian faith. The characters in Twilight are heroic in relation to these qualities. I aspire to be heroic through my faith in Christ." Dickinson was an ordinary working man with a family in the suburbs-- until a major international

corporation threatened to destroy the union he worked for. He joined The Cause-- the crusade to save his union and the careers of its 400 members. It was a noble cause; fighting for his livelihood and his union against the global company trying to destroy both. But in Chicago, nothing is as it seems. The union had mob ties, and Dickinson's willing participation earned him a powerful position in the Chicago Mob-dominated union. This made him a target of an FBI task force commissioned to bring down the notorious union. After seven years of living in the dark, Kent asked God to deliver him from evil, and began an odyssey through years of trials and prison that revealed life's true joy and its ultimate cause. This book was written over many years. It started in 1993 and has gone all the way up to this year. Some of it is about love, but a lot of it is about the pain I went through, about my marriage, and about trying to learn how to walk as a Christian or a man of God in the fights with the devil. I've had the fights of loneliness and heartache, but there's always hope, and that hope is through Jesus Christ. "This is a book about things that matter. Things like life, death, relationships, sex, suffering, meaning. A book about how the whole picture of your life looks from the perspective of the God who created it." --Back cover.

Finally Liberated: Through the Reality of Gods Love is a book for all Christians. For new believers, it provides foundation-building materials for establishing a close walk with the Lord. For more mature Christians who may have grown dull of hearing, it provides an opportunity to hear again what drew them to the Lord in the first place. Finally Liberated shows believers how loving and merciful their Heavenly Father is and how very much he wants them to succeed in this life. It is a book not only about being blessed but also about being a blessing to others. Through the scriptures, Finally Liberated illustrates how to please the Lord and how to receive the many promises he puts forth in his Word. The many biblical truths discussed will help believers become free by changing the circumstances of their lives through the love and power of God. It is

Stockerts prayer that people coming to the altar from all around the world will walk away with a copy of *Finally Liberated* in their hands and the words of this book will become firmly planted within their hearts. *The Journey of a Christian Counselor* is written for the individual who feels drawn by the Holy Spirit to counsel, with or without formal training in the profession. It is a story within a story, a chronology of the spiritual and professional journey of a young woman searching for the meaning of a vision that she saw at the birth of her son. This vision changed her life, but it was not until the brutal death of her son that she gained the courage to release the vision and accept its purpose in her life. "This timeless little classic communicates essential teachings of Martin Luther. Luther's great insight into the freedom of the Christian proved revolutionary in his century and remains timely and poignantly relevant in our own. For the Christian, this freedom means liberty from sin and death, as well as the opportunity to serve one's neighbor. Written in a simple style, *On Christian Liberty* conveys profound spiritual discernment about the grace of God and liberating faith in Christ Jesus. This translation, down-to-earth and accessible, brings one of the great Reformer's most important works to a new generation of readers." -- from the publisher. And while Christianity is continuing to grow at a modest rate, other religions are growing at a faster pace. Some scholars predict that Islam will overtake Christianity as the world's largest religion by the middle of the twenty-first century. Predictions aside, religions are competing for the world stage, and in the competition, Christians seem certain that God is on their side. Christians often think and behave as though God is a Christian. This book is written to ask if that assumption is true and to foster a more open conversation about other world religions. The world has grown too small and the stakes for mankind have grown too high for any of us to engage our faith as if our understanding of God represents the only way God's presence may be known in the world. We need, more than ever before, to develop creative communities of

conversation. Conversation does not begin with talking. It begins with listening. Like Quakers of old, we need to gather in humility and honesty to face the meanness and evil that religion itself has sometimes heaped upon mankind. Godsey asserts that "We should open ourselves to new spectrums of light that may emanate from faiths foreign to our own. Our high calling is to commit ourselves to building a better pathway for creating understanding and mutual respect among people of faith throughout the world." Book jacket.

Pastor and author Martin Thielen has compiled a list of ten things people need to believe, and ten things they don't, in order to be a Christian. This lively and engaging book will be a help to seekers as well as a comfort to believers who may find themselves questioning some of the assumptions they grew up with. With an accessible, storytelling style that's grounded in solid biblical scholarship, Thielen shows how Christians don't need to believe that sinners will be "left behind" to burn in hell or that it's heresy to believe in evolution. And while we must always take the Bible seriously, we don't always have to take it literally. At the same time, Christians do need to believe in Jesus--his life, his teachings, his death and resurrection, and his vision for the world. A great benefit of those beliefs is that they provide promising answers to life's most profound questions, including: Where is God? What matters most? What brings fulfillment? What about suffering? Is there hope?

Thielen articulates centrist, mainline Christianity in a way that's fresh and easy to understand, and offers authentic Christian insights that speak to our deepest needs. This new edition includes a leader's guide, previously only available online, and a new introduction from the author that reflects on the book's reception. The leader's guide features unique and easily implemented aids for carrying out a seven-week, congregation-wide initiative that will help local churches reach out to their communities. More information is available at thielen.wjkbooks.com. How do we help our friends who have just become Christians or are young in the faith? In this

concise and accessible book, Mike Patton unpacks the basics of the Christian faith, helping new believers think rightly about God and live fully for God as they begin their new life in Christ. In ten easy-to-read chapters, Patton introduces readers to the foundational teachings and life-giving practices of Christianity—from the doctrine of the Trinity to reading and understanding the Bible. Designed for individual use or small group discussion, this handbook on the Christian faith has the potential to become the go-to guide for new believers wanting to follow Jesus with their heads and their hands. With clear explanations about spiritual disciplines and God's plan for His creation, this booklet helps new believers better know God and how to lay a strong foundation for their Christian lives. What does it mean to be a Christian? The gospel of Jesus Christ is the best news in history, but we often live as though it has minimal impact on our lives. Being a Christian isn't just about Sunday mornings, small groups, and studying the Bible. The good news is that Jesus redeems everything. In the Bible, we read story after story of people meeting God and walking away completely changed. The same is true for Christians today. Being a Christian, by Dr. Jason Allen, shows how Jesus redeems all of life. Useful for new and mature believers, small group and personal study, Being a Christian walks readers through the gospel's impact on all facets of life, from your relationships to your resources, from your work to your rest, from your past to your future.

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