



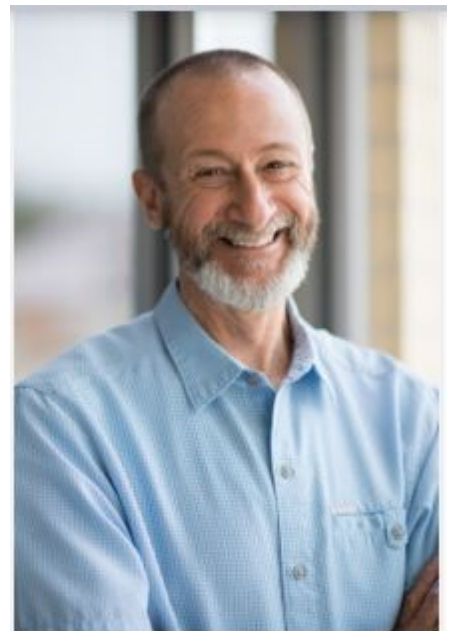
Alumni Connection

May, 2020

Letter from the President

Friends,

It's hard to imagine it's only been two months since the novel coronavirus and the threat of Covid-19 upended our lives and daily routines. Some days it feels like two lifetimes ago. In those early days we mobilized to meet the challenges with an adrenaline rush of urgency and anxiety. And we did it! We made the changes necessary to keep pursuing the calling God has laid upon us. At the Seminary we shifted every class to a Zoom or online delivery mode. Because of the investments we had made in infrastructure and training, our faculty and staff transitioned to this new mode of teaching without significant interruption. In addition, we closed most of the buildings on campus and began working remotely. I think we've used the word "zoom" more in the last two months than in the previous twenty years!



Like many of you, we haven't given up our mission and we haven't given in to the challenges the pandemic has created. Our mission matters too much and our community is too committed to let these challenges stop us. Your stories of commitment and sacrifice for the sake of the gospel help keep us moving forward. Denver Seminary graduates are working on the frontlines of the pandemic bringing comfort to the grieving, encouragement to the suffering and hope to the despairing. Our graduates are living out the truth of Christ and the power of the gospel every day.

As we transition from the acute phase to the chronic phase of the pandemic our resolve to maintain discipline in sustaining the practices that have helped stem the spread of the virus will be tested. Each of us has the responsibility and the privilege to live for the sake of others and to sacrifice personal comfort for the common good. That's the way the world will see Christ through us.

Grateful for you,

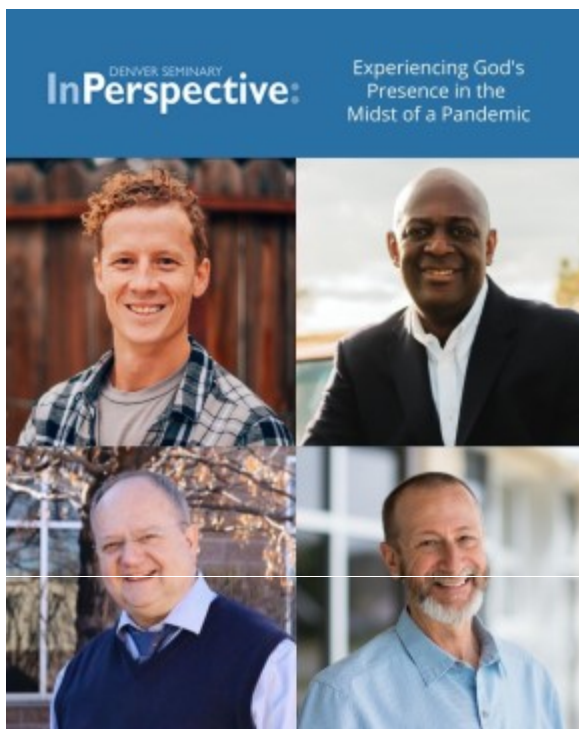
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Mark Young

Alumni Prayer Requests

Did you know that each week the Alumni Relations team prays for Denver Seminary alumni? Click the button above to share a prayer request.

Upcoming Events



In Perspective: Experiencing God's Presence in the Midst of a Pandemic

Where is God in this pandemic? How do we experience the Holy Spirit's presence during loss and uncertainty? What spiritual practices can help us navigate this troubling time with a renewed sense of God's empowerment and engagement in our lives?

Date: May 7, 2020

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Panelists: President Mark Young (moderator), Rev. Dr. Knut Heim, Andy Byrd, Rev. Dr. Felix Gilbert

Find past panel discussions, podcasts, blogs, and other resources from our Seminary community on our [Community Voices page](#).

We encourage you to share this invitation with your friends, family, church and ministry leaders.

[Register here](#)

Day to Give

Join us for Denver Seminary's first annual Day to Give on Tuesday, May 19, 2020! #DenSemGives

Day to Give is a one-day fundraising event that brings the entire Denver Seminary community together in support of current and future students. 100% of donations will go toward helping students in need of financial assistance during a time of hardship. To learn more about supporting the next generation of Denver Seminary graduates, visit denverseminary.edu/daytogive.



Free KLOVE Crisis Response Training Courses

Crisis Response Care (CRC) is a program designed to aid first responders, chaplains and community volunteers in deepening their knowledge in the area of crisis response. This June CRC is offering three free online courses. Questions? Email Dr. Jan McCormack.

- Ministry in an Age of Pandemic - Tuesday, June 16, 2020 (9am-1pm)
- Enhancing Resilience - Wednesday, June 17, 2020 (9am-1pm)
- Operational Stress First Aid - Thursday, June 18, 2020 (9am-4pm with a break 1-2pm)

[Register here](#)

Golf Tournament

Join us for the 18th Annual Denver Seminary Golf Tournament at Cherry Creek Country Club in Denver, CO. All proceeds go the General Scholarship Fund which provides financial aid for students.

Given the uncertainty created by the coronavirus pandemic, we want you to know of our care to make responsible decisions about future events. Our Denver Seminary leadership team is committed to the health and well-being of the entire Seminary community, including those who support our ministry financially. Currently, we still plan to hold our 18th Annual Denver Seminary Golf Tournament this August. Updates will be posted to denverseminary.edu/golf



Date: August 30, 2020

Time: 1 PM Shotgun Start

Location: Cherry Creek Country Club, Denver, CO

Seminary News

First DC Campus MDiv Graduates

The Denver Seminary Washington DC Extension campus is pleased to announce its first Master of Divinity graduates in Spring 2020!



The campus, located just outside Washington DC in Landover, Maryland, features residential classes in a blended-intensive format designed with working adults in mind. Students travel to campus only one weekend per course, making these classes accessible to students from any location, with convenient transportation to and from the nation's capital. The DC campus has a student body of more than 40 students, with more than 80 percent representing persons of color. Many of the adjunct professors who teach the DC courses also serve as senior pastors in their DC-area churches and bring a unique perspective to each course.

To learn more about the DC Denver Seminary campus visit www.DenverSeminary.edu/dc.



Blog: Retaining Our Humanity Together and With God

Dave Ripper has quite a bit going on. He's the Lead Pastor of Crossway Christian Church in Nashua, New Hampshire. With his wife Erin, a licensed mental health counselor, he parents their two sons —Dallas and Clive. A few years ago, Dave co-authored a book called *The Fellowship of the Suffering*. He has a dog, and digs the Ignatian prayer of examen, and reads Dallas Willard and Eugene Peterson with the passion of a person who may have taken Peterson's title *Eat This Book* literally.

Also, in 2016, he founded the Boston Bruins chapel program. He's served as their chaplain ever since. Read more [here](#).

Find seminary news, press releases, and more blogs in the [Newsroom](#) on the Seminary website.

Unique Class from Dr. Hess

This fall Dr. Richard Hess will be offering his class on the Septuagint. It will focus on the reading and interpretation of significant Old Testament texts in the Hebrew and Greek translations. The class is available both in-person and online on Wednesday evenings, 6-9PM. If you are interested in receiving more information or registering to audit (just \$35!) email the Registrar at registrar@denverseminary.edu.





Engage360 Podcast | Episode 37: The Sovereignty of God and the Church as His Agent Amidst Suffering

Dr. Mark Young, Dr. Don Payne, and author Philip Yancey discuss the presence of suffering and how current circumstances can refine our theology, cultivate deeper faith, and clarify the call for believers to serve as agents of God's compassion and comfort.

Listen at denverseminary.edu/podcast or find us on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Google Play](#).

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King Soopers and its Kroger affiliates are committed to donating \$10 million to charities every year. Now when you swipe your King Soopers loyalty card you will not only receive your regular discounts and rewards, but King Soopers will donate to Denver Seminary.

It only takes 3 minutes to make Denver Seminary your designated charity. Last year Denver Seminary received \$2,700 simply from its staff, faculty, and

friends shopping at Kroger stores. If you utilize a King Soopers or Kroger affiliate please consider designating Denver Seminary as your preferred charity (it takes about 3 minutes).



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2. If you already have a King Soopers Loyalty Card number or Alternate ID, you will be asked to enter it. If you do not, you can create one on site.

3. After login or enrollment, search the Organizations box for Denver Seminary. Once you locate it, click “Enroll.” That’s it!
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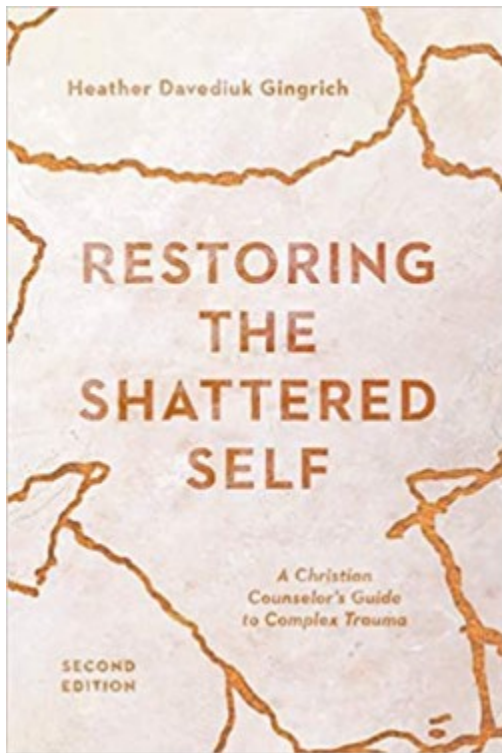


Join the Denver Seminary Alumni Facebook Group! This is a place for alumni to connect with one another from around the world and share updates, questions, resources, and stay connected to Denver Seminary.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/denverseminaryalumni/>

Book Corner

- Faculty Publications -



Restoring the Shattered Self: A Christian Counselor's Guide to Complex Trauma, 2nd Ed.

by Dr. Heather Gingrich

Nearly every counselor will encounter clients with a history of complex trauma. Yet many counselors are not adequately prepared to help those suffering from complex posttraumatic stress disorder, including survivors of child abuse, religious cult abuse, and domestic violence. A lack of consistent terminology in the field makes finding resources difficult, but without reliable training counselors risk inadvertently retraumatizing those they are trying to help. This second edition provides an essential resource for Christian counselors to help fill the gap between their training and the

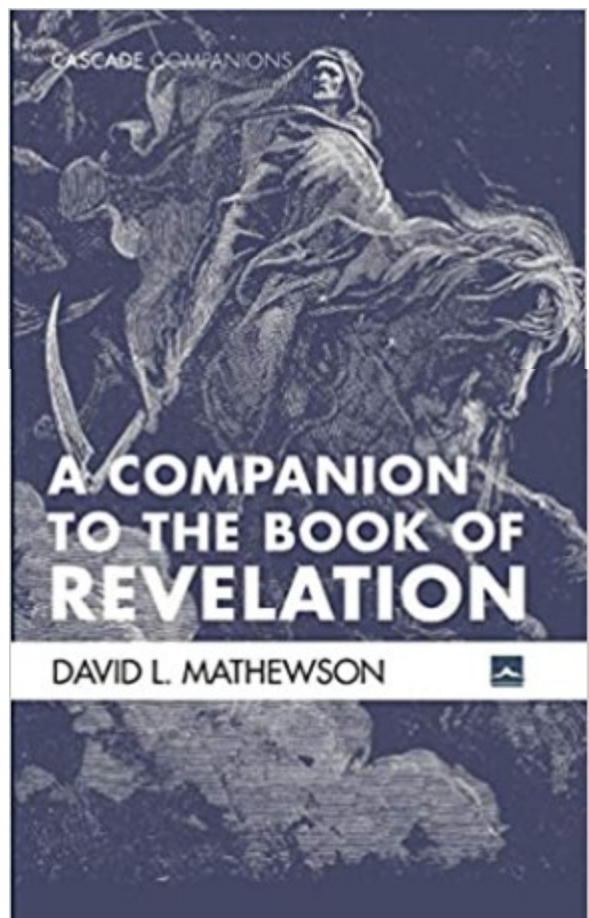
realities of trauma-related work.

The new edition is also updated throughout to match the DSM-5 and includes new content on how the body responds to trauma, techniques for helping clients stay within the optimal zone of nervous system arousal, and additional summary sidebars. With this thoughtful guide, counselors and pastors will be equipped to provide the long-term help that complex trauma survivors need to live abundantly

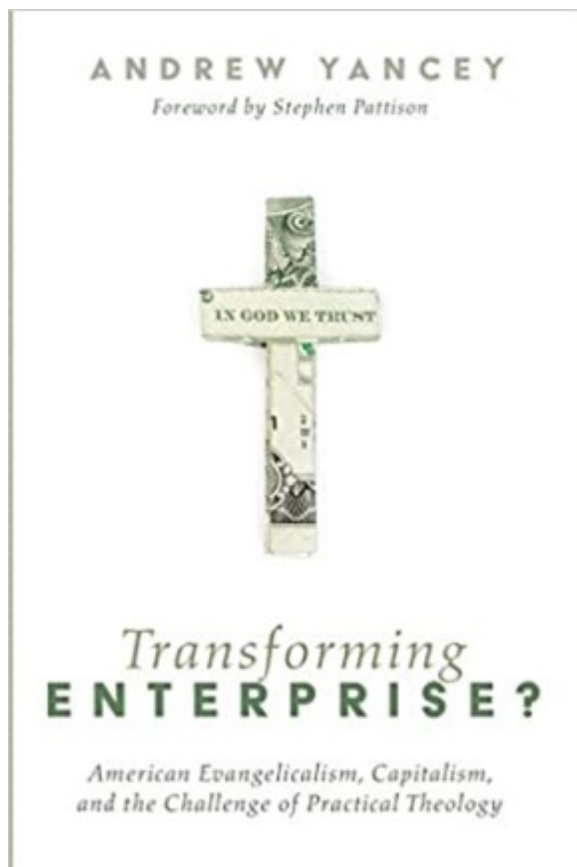
A Companion to the Book of Revelation

by Dr. David Mathewson

This book is meant to be a companion and guide through what many deem to be the most perplexing book of the New Testament. As such, it introduces the reader to the kind of literature Revelation is, how to interpret its pervasive symbolism, and sees it as a response to the unique circumstances of seven historical churches in first-century Asia Minor living under the shadow of the Roman Empire. This companion pays special attention to the literary context and flow of argument of John's unique book, while also giving attention to the effect the visions would have had on the first churches. It also pays attention to the more perplexing details of the text.



Revelation was primarily a book that called the churches to maintain their faithful witness in the face of a hostile environment. It also continues to speak to the church today, though perhaps not in the way we often think.



Transforming Enterprise? American Evangelicalism, Capitalism, and the Challenge of Practical Theology

by Dr. Andrew Yancey (Associated Faculty)

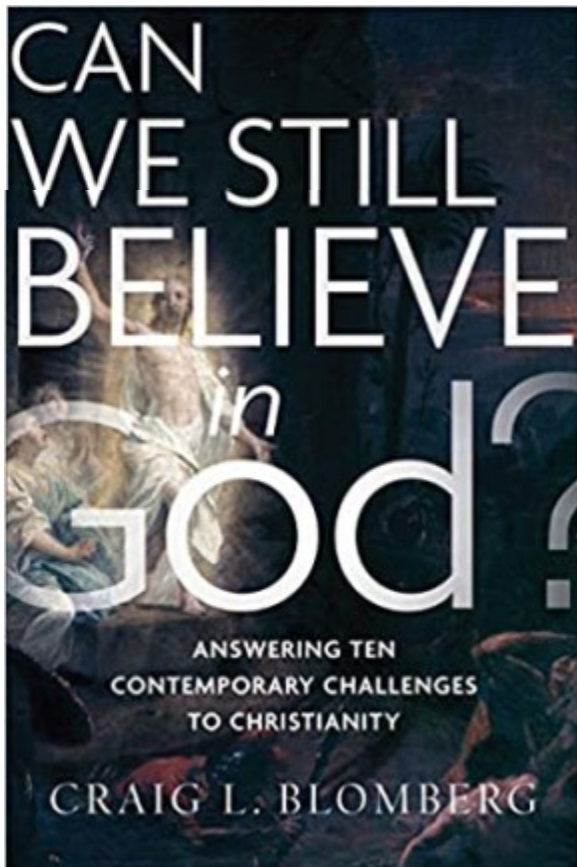
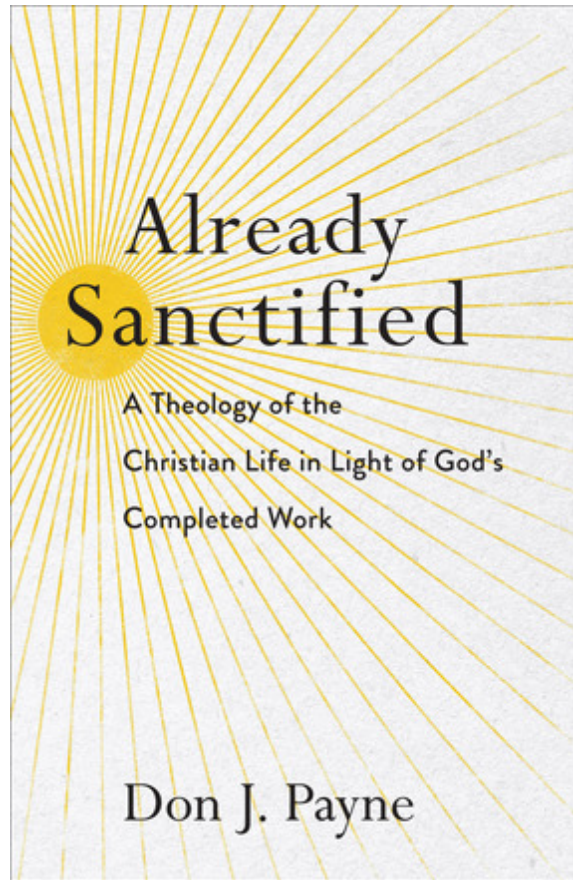
How does Christian faith integrate with capitalism? This question has been at the heart of Christian ethics for more than three hundred years, but it has rarely been as complex and important as now. The polarizing influence of consumer capitalism has extended into virtually every domain of human life. On the one hand, capitalism has contributed to increases in standards of living and life expectancy, especially among those in extreme poverty. On the other, it has exacerbated income inequality, environmental damages,

and social displacement. For contemporary American evangelical theology, this is problematic. It has long been on a quest to show that Christian faith harmonizes with capitalistic enterprise. But can faith harness the transformational power of consumer capitalism without being affected by its excesses? For many, the election of Donald Trump as president has revealed a great divide within American evangelicalism about the links between Christianity, economic power, and moral character. Working from the field of academic practical theology in interdisciplinary dialogue with business management ethics, *Transforming Enterprise?* shows why and how a reframing of the relationship between Christian faith and capitalistic enterprise is needed in the contemporary postsecular milieu.

Already Sanctified: A Theology of the Christian Life in Light of God's Completed Work

by Dr. Don Payne

How does the doctrine of sanctification shape the Christian life? Offering a fully developed treatment of "accomplished" sanctification, Don Payne explains that the primary biblical focus in sanctification is not progressive growth but that which has already occurred for Christians to make growth possible, necessary, and grace-driven. As Payne explores the significance Scripture attributes to the accomplished aspect of sanctification, he helps us understand that we are already sanctified. Sanctification is not synonymous with transformation but undergirds strategies and resources related to Christian discipleship and formation.



Can We Still Believe in God? Answering Ten Contemporary Challenges to Christianity

by Dr. Craig Blomberg

People regularly give certain reasons for not believing in God, but they are much less aware of what the New Testament actually teaches. Although challenges to Christianity are perennial and have frequently been addressed, they are noticeably more common today and are currently of particular interest among evangelicals.

Skeptics of Christianity often ask Craig Blomberg how he can believe in a faith that seems so problematic. How can God allow evil and suffering? Isn't the

Bible anti-women, anti-gay, and pro-slavery? Isn't the New Testament riddled with contradictions? What about the nature of hell, violence in Scripture, and prayer and predestination? This succinct and readable book focuses on what the New Testament teaches about 10 key reasons people give for not believing in God.

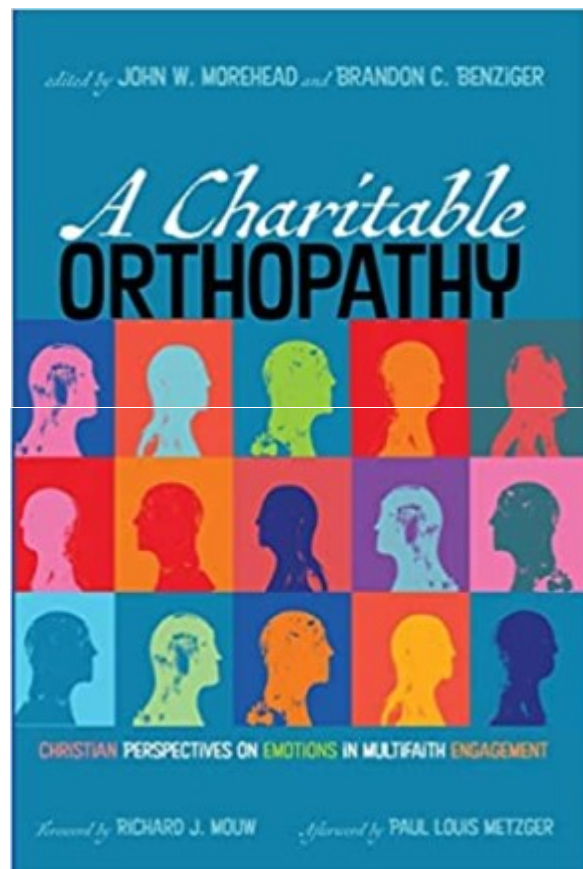
- Alumni Publications -

We are happy to share information regarding recent publications of Denver Seminary Alumni. The views expressed in these publications do not necessarily reflect the views of Denver Seminary.

A Charitable Orthopathy: Christian Perspectives on Emotions in Multifaith Engagement

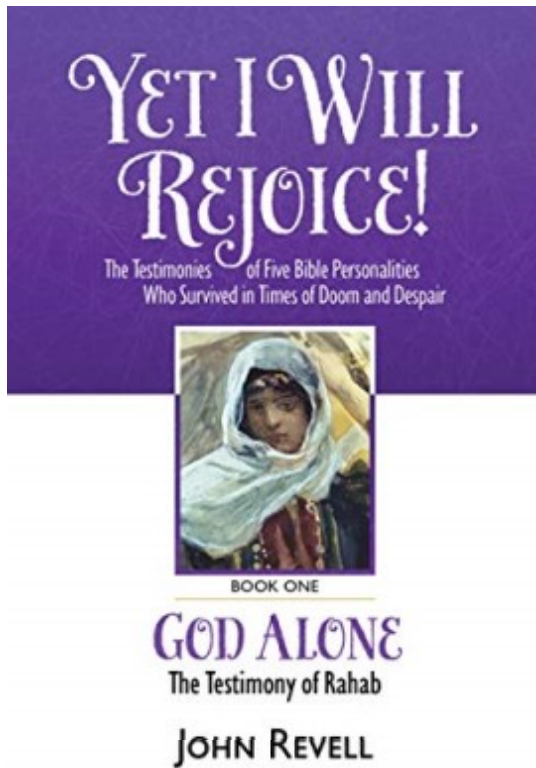
Edited by John Moreland and Brandon Benziger (class of 2016)
This text includes a contribution from
Dr. Craig Blomberg

Evangelicals and other conservative Christians of the twenty-first century face enormous challenges in the pluralistic public square, not least with Muslims and atheists. Contrary to biblical injunctions to “keep in step with the Spirit” (Gal 5:25b) and to love our neighbors as ourselves (e.g., Matt 22:37–40; Luke 10:25–37)—both of which involve not only behavioral but also important affective elements—we often harbor deep-seated antipathies toward atheists and adherents of other



religions. While such feelings are at times justified and help us cope with conflict-related tragedies, they are also often baseless, misconstrued, and counterproductive, priming us to avoid religious others, support discriminatory policies against them, and even confront them in verbal or physical ways.

The purpose of this volume is to offer an academically informed yet practically oriented collection of essays that challenges and encourages Christians to engage their religious neighbors in a much more loving, compassionate, hopeful, and courageous—indeed, orthopathic—manner, whether in the realm of politics, in debate and conference venues, on the mission field, or in their own homes, schools, churches, and neighborhoods. As such, a set of reflection and discussion questions is included to facilitate individual and/or group study.



Yet I Will Rejoice! The Testimonies of Five Bible Personalities Who Survived in Times of Doom and Despair: Book One: God Alone, The Testimony of Rahab

by John Revell, class of 1986

A quick read for unsettled hearts in troubled times.

The phrase, “yet I will rejoice” was first uttered by the Jewish prophet Habakkuk about 2600 years ago. What makes it astounding—and particularly relevant for today—is that he wrote these words in the midst of civil and cultural chaos and demise. Even more incredible, God had just revealed to him that his nation was about to experience catastrophic collapse..everything was about to change

in ways that he could never have imagined. Still, in the midst of frustration, angst, and perhaps even horror, he was able to stand and find cause for joy. This first book in a five-part series brings the reader through the story of Rahab, an ordinary person who faced extraordinary circumstances.

All proceeds from the sale of this book go to providing chaplaincy services to first responders.

Faculty Updates

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