BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS BY CATEGORY
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Must-read books are colored blue.

BIBLES

English Standard Version

Holman Christian Standard Bible


New American Standard Bible


BIBLE STUDY

Commentaries

www.bestcommentaries.com


Barclay, William. The Daily Study Bible Series (Old Testament). Very readable. The N.T. series is interesting, though Barclay tends to explain away the miraculous, and there are many digressions from the text.


New Testament


Gundry, Robert. *A Survey of the New Testament*


*Word Biblical Commentary*. Assumes familiarity with the original Greek. Excellent.

**Hebrews**


**Old Testament**


_____ Mission in the Old Testament: Israel as a Light to the Nations


Word Biblical Commentary. Assumes familiarity with the original Hebrew and Aramaic. Excellent.


Amos


Bible Study Tools


BibleWorks 8 on DVD, Bibleworks, 2009.


Building a Bible Study Library, by Joey Harris (click on the hyperlink)

Bible Software (click on the hyperlink)


BIBLICAL LANGUAGES


Kautzsch, E. *Gesenius’ Hebrew Grammar* (Dover Language Guides), 2006.


CHURCH HISTORY & DOCTRINE


*Early Church*


**Protestantism**


**Restoration Movement**


**COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGY**


Hammond, Guy. *Caring Beyond the Margins (What Every Christian Needs to Know About Homosexuality).*


______. *The Strong and the Weak,* 2013

EVIDENCES


Copan, Paul. Is Everything Really Relative?


Jacoby, Douglas A. *Campus Core: How to Have an Impact on Your Campus, Get Good Grades, and Figure Our Your Future*. Spring, Texas: Illumination Publishers, 2016.


McDowell, Josh. *More than a Carpenter*.


____. *Deliver Us From Evil: Restoring the Soul in a Disintegrating Culture.* Dallas: Word, 1996.


CREATION & EVOLUTION


Falk, Darrel R. *Coming to Peace with Science: Bridging the Worlds Between Faith and Biology*.


Gonzalez, Guillermo and Jay Richards. *The Privileged Planet: How Our Place in the Cosmos is Designed for Discovery*.


Jacoby, Douglas. *Questions on Genesis* (Creation, Big Bang, Evolution, Flood…) (audio), at www.douglasjacoby.com/

Jacoby, Douglas. *Questions on Genesis* (Creation, Big Bang, Evolution, Flood…) (audio), at www.douglasjacoby.com/category/podcasts/various/world-religions/

Jacoby, Douglas. *Questions on Genesis* (Creation, Big Bang, Evolution, Flood…) (audio), at www.douglasjacoby.com/


Lessons on evolution at www.douglasjacoby.com


**Debate series**

Evolution & Creation - 2nd debate with Michael Shermer at the U. of Florida (2009)
Jesus: Man, Myth, or Messiah? (2010) - debate with Robert Price at Houston Baptist University
Jesus Christ: Apocalyptic Messiah or Failed Prophet? – debate with Richard Carrier in Sacramento
Violence, the Bible & the Qur'an - debate with Sheikh Shabir Ally in Toronto (2017)

**Helpful Websites for Christian Evidences**

Alister E. McGrath—users.ox.ac.uk/~mcgrath
American Scientific Affiliation—www.asa3.org
Ben Witherington—www.benwitherington.com and benwitherington.blogspot.com
Bethinking.org Engage with Culture (UCCF: The Christian Unions) —www.bethinking.org
Beyond the Firmament – Understanding Science and the Theology of Creation (Gordon Glover) — www.blog.beyondthefirmament.com/welcome/
Bible.org—bible.org
Bible Gateway: A Searchable online Bible in over 100 versions and 50 languages—http://www.biblegateway.com
Bible Contradictions—www.kingdavid8.com/Contradictions/Home.html
The BioLogos Foundation (Francis Collins) —www.biologos.org
Christian Classics Ethereal Library—ccel.wheaton.edu/
Craig Evans—www.craigaevans.com
Dean Overman—www.deanoverman.com
Denis Lamoureux—www.ualberta.ca/~dlamoure/index.htm
Does God Exist?—www.DoesGodExist.org
Dr. Gary R. Habermas: Online Resources for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ—www.garyhabermas.com
Evidence for Christianity (Teaching Ministry of John Oakes)—www.evidenceforChristianity.org
Interpreting Ancient Manuscripts—www.stg.brown.edu/projects/mss/overview.html
John Lennox—John Lennox.org
John Polkinghorne—www.polkinghorne.net
Greg Koukl: STR.org
Larry Hurtado—Devotion to Jesus Course Web site—www.wesleyministrynetwork.com/DJ/Texts.html
N.T. Wright—www.ntwrightpage.com
J. Warner Wallace—ColdCaseChristianity.com
Offline Resources—www.megabaud.fi/~osmosa/index.htm
Outside the Box Blog: Cliff Martin—cliff-martin.blogspot.com
Paul Copan: Paul Copan.com
Putting Jesus in His Place—www.deityofchrist.com
Random Designer (Richard Colling)—www.randomdesigner.com
Ravi Zacharias International Ministries—www.rzim.org
Reasonable Faith with William Lane Craig—www.reasonablefaith.org
Reasons to Believe—www.reasons.org/index.shtml
Religion/Religions/Religious Studies—www.clas.ufl.edu/users/gthursby/rel/
Religious and Sacred Texts—webpages.marshall.edu/~wiley6/rast.htmlx
Religion/Religion Index—www.teleport.com/~arden/religion.htm
Risen Jesus: The Apologetics Ministry of Mike Licona—www.risenjesus.com
Science and Theology: Exploring the Nexus—sites.google.com/a/drvinson.net/science
Theological Texts—www.mcgill.pvt.k12.al.us/jerryd/cm/thltxt.htm
A time to tear down | A Time to Build Up (Peter Enns)—peterennsonline.com
The Veritas Forum—www.veritas.org
Walking Thru the Bible—fly.hiwaay.net/~wgann/walk.htm#nt
World Wide Study Bible—ccel.wheaton.edu/wwsb/
LEADERSHIP / CHURCH BUILDING


Covey, Stephen R. *The Speed of Trust: the One Thing that Changes Everything*

Davis, F. Barton, *Closer Than a Brother: Unlocking the One Another Way*


Friedman, Edwin. *A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix*


Lencioni, Patrick. *The Advantage*

_____.* Five Dysfunctions of a Team*


**MARRIAGE, PARENTING, & SINGleness**


_____.* Boundaries in Marriage.*


Harley, Willard F. *His Needs, Her Needs.*


Website of the American Association of Christian Counselors. Applications of biblical counseling principles to family relationships.

Homepage for The Barna Group. Well thought through and factually substantiated resources relating to families and much more.

While you and I may not agree with everything James Dobson teaches, most of our readers will agree with most of it. His website is the official site of Focus on the Family.

From the American Academy of Family Physicians, this site offers health information for the whole family.

The website of the Family Dynamics Institute. Changes in the marriage inevitably lead to changes in family dynamics; everyone wins.

Family Life contains a wide array of material on marriage, parenting, singles, and life issues.

This is the site of Family Village, which provides information for those parenting children with special needs.

Morality in Media, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that works through constitutional means to curb illegal traffic in obscenity and uphold standards of decency in media.

This is the Ohio State University Extension Fact Sheet (Family and Consumer Sciences) on Quality Family Time, HYG-5285-95, by Treva Williams.

A helpful website for reviewing movies and music, new or old. Categories rated include alcohol/drugs, blood/gore, disrespect/bad attitude, frightening/tense scenes, guns/weapons, music, profanity, sex/nudity, smoking, and violence.

Excellent site, covering every aspect of childhood and parenting.

One of the most extensive sources on the web for parents, teachers, and anyone involved with character education for children.


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**PUBLISHING A BOOK**


**SPIRITUAL LIFE**


Augustine, *The Confessions*


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____. Shining Like Stars: An Evangelism Handbook. Spring, Texas; IPI, 2017. Also available in Vietnamese.


Kelly, Thomas. A Testament of Devotion


Ortiz, Juan C. Disciple (Revised). Creation House, 1995.


Taliaferro, Mike. The Killer Within. DPI, 1997.


**Wealth, Possessions, & Poverty**


_____. *The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience: Why are Christians living just like the rest of the world?* Grand Rapids: Baker Publishing Group, 2005.

**THEOLOGY**


Dodd, Brian J. *The Problem with Paul*, 1996.


**Pacifism**


**Women**


**WORLD RELIGIONS / WORLDVIEWS**

Al Ghazoli, Mohammed. *Christ, Muhammad and I*


Confucius. *The Analects*


Gardner, Jane F. *Roman Myths ( Legendary Past)*


Hart, George. *Aztec and Maya Myths ( Legendary Past)*, 1997.

Donin, Hayim J., ed. *To Be a Jew: A Guide To Jewish Observance In Contemporary Life (Revised ed.)*


Masood, Steven. *Into the Light*


_____. *No God but One: Allah or Jesus?: A Former Muslim Investigates the Evidence for Islam and Christianity*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2016.


Taube, Karl. *Aztec and Maya Myths ( Legendary Past)*, 1993.

Taylor, Aaron D. *Alone With a Jihadist: A Biblical Response to Holy War*

Yousef, Mosan Hassan. *Son of Hamas*


**WORSHIP**


**MISCELLANEOUS**


Healey, John F. *The Early Alphabet (Reading the Past)*, 1990


Jones, Thomas A. *No One Like Him; Jesus and His Message*. Billerica, MA: DPI, 2002


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**For Christian Students**

**Newly converted**

*Be Still, My Soul: A Practical Guide to a Deeper Relationship With God*, by Sam Laing

*Basic Christianity*, by John R. W. Stott


*The Lion Never Sleeps: Preparing Those You Love for Satan’s Attacks*, by Mike Taliaferro

*A Quick Overview of the Bible: How All the Pieces Fit Together*, by Douglas Jacoby

**For all disciples**

*Caring Beyond the Margins: What Every Christian Needs to Know About Homosexuality*, by Guy Hammond

*The Disciplined Life: The Mark of Christian Maturity*, by Richard S. Taylor

*Getting the Most from the Bible: A Guide to In-Depth Study*, by G. Steve Kinnard

*How to Read a Book: The Classic Guide to Intelligent Reading*, by Mortimer J. Adler and Charles Van Dorn

*Humility: The Beauty of Holiness*, by Andrew Murray

*The Lion Handbook to the Bible*

*The Prideful Soul’s Guide to Humility*, by Thomas A. Jones and Michael Fontenot
Romans: The Heart Set Free, by Gordon Ferguson
The Screwtape Letters, by C.S. Lewis
Set Apart: Calling a Worldly Church to a Godly Life, by R. Kent Hughes
Shining Like Stars: An Evangelism Handbook, by Douglas Jacoby
Spiritual Leadership: A Commitment to Excellence for Every Believer, by J. Oswald Sanders
Strong in the Grace: Reclaiming the Heart of the Gospel, by Thomas A. Jones
Will the Real Heretics Please Stand Up: A New Look at Today’s Evangelical Church in the Light of Early Christianity, by David W. Bercot
Your Bible Questions Answered, by Douglas Jacoby

For mature believers
Compelling Evidence, by Douglas Jacoby
The Imitation of Christ, by Thomas à Kempis
The Pilgrim’s Progress, by John Bunyan
Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life, by William Law

High school students
Getting Into College, by Rachel Korn and Jennifer Y. Kabat, eds.
Making the Most of College: Students Speak Their Minds, by Richard J. Light
Preparing for College: Practical Advice for Students and their Families, by John F. Reardon
The Six Most Important Decisions You’ll Ever Make: A Guide for Teens, by Sean Covey

Campus leaders
Biblical Preaching: The Development and Delivery of Expository Messages, by Haddon Robinson
Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No, to Take Control of your Life, by Henry Cloud and John Townsend
The Emotionally Healthy Church, by Peter Scazzero
Dynamic Leadership: Principles, Roles, and Relationships for a Life-Changing Church, by Gordon Ferguson
Friend or Foe? (video), by Douglas Jacoby
Golden Rule Leadership, by Gordon Ferguson and Wyndham Shaw
How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth, by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart
Prepared to Answer: Restoring Truth in an Age of Relativism, by Gordon Ferguson
Who Is My Brother: Facing a Crisis of Identity and Fellowship, by F. LaGard Smith
OTHER MATERIALS

AUDIO CDs

1-2 Timothy & Titus: Culture, Conformity, or Conviction (2007)
Chariots of Fire: The Radical Life of the Prophet Elijah (2013)
Christianity & the Paranormal (ARS Conference) (2011)
Escape: Addictive Behaviors (2016)
Egypt in the Bible (2008 International Teachers' Seminar)
How We Got the Bible (2005)
Night of Redemption: A Study of Exodus (2011)
The Lion has Roared: The Prophet Amos (2016)
The Lost Books of the Bible (2006)
The Problem of Human Suffering (2014)
The Psalms (2005)
Thy Kingdom Come! (2008)
Understanding Islam (2007) (DVD)
What Happens After We Die? (2006)

DVDs

Baptism: The Water that Divides (2009)
Early Church History (2008)
Friend or Foe? (2007) (DVD)
Take AIM! (DVD set, 180 hours). Topics:
  - Apologetics
  - Christ & Culture
  - Church Building (seven 5-hour units)
  - Church History
  - Family Life
  - Holy Spirit
  - Homiletics: Preaching & Teaching
  - New Testament Interpretation
  - New Testament Survey
  - NT Interpretation: Hebrews
  - Old Testament Interpretation
  - Old Testament Survey
  - OT Interpretation: Amos
  - Sound Doctrine
  - Spiritual Life
  - World Religions
**USB Drives**

USB1 – The New Testament (over 70 lessons, including 60 pages of NT Chapter Notes on Revelation + the book *James, Peter, John, Jude: Life to the Full*

USB2 – Evidences (40 lessons, including the *DVD Science & Faith: Enemies or Allies?* + the book *Jesus & Islam.*

USB3 – The Afterlife (15 hours of audio + the book *What Happens After We Die?*)