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Eternal Perspectives - Randy Alcorn 2012-02-17

It's time to fire up your imagination and rekindle a desire for Heaven in your heart! Brimming with verses, quotes, and selected passages on the topic of Heaven, the New Earth, and life after death, *Eternal*

Perspectives is the most comprehensive collection of quotations about Heaven ever compiled. Pulling from noted authors, scholars, and theologians such as C.S. Lewis, Charles Spurgeon, Jonathan Edwards, Alister McGrath, Martin Luther, Augustine, Max Lucado,

Philip Yancey, D. L. Moody, Dallas Willard, and countless others, *Eternal Perspectives* is the ultimate resource for anyone looking for inspirational quotes and passages on the topic of Heaven. Whether you choose to skip around or read the volume straight through, these profound and enlightening insights will help you draw closer to the One who made you for himself, and deepen your desire for the place he is making for you, and where he wants to live with you throughout eternity.

The Community of Believers

- Lucinda Mosher

2015-05-06

The Community of Believers offers the proceedings of the 2013 Building Bridges seminar, a dialogue between leading Christian and Muslim scholars under the stewardship of Georgetown University. These essays consider such themes as the Church as mystical body of Christ versus the Church as proclamation; the roots and

uses of the term ummah and its development over time; Christian desires for communion, experiences of division, and approaches to unity; the history of Muslim disunity; twentieth-century Christian ecclesiology and its responses to a post-Christendom and post-Christian world; and the Arab Spring as a case study for contemplating accommodationism, conservatism, reformism, and fundamentalism as Muslim strategies to address the pressures of modernism. The volume also includes texts and commentaries used in the seminar's discussions of each topic and a concluding essay summarizing the tone, content, and style of participant exchanges throughout the seminar.

Becoming a Just Church -

Adam L. Gustine 2019-02-12

How should the local church think about justice? Adam Gustine provides a theological vision for the church's identity as a just

people, where God's character and the pursuit of shalom infuses every aspect of our congregational DNA. In this renewed vision, the church becomes a prophetic alternative to the broken systems of the world and a parable of God's intentions for human flourishing and societal transformation.

The Mark of the Christian

- Francis A. Schaeffer

2013-04-23

Christians have not always presented an inviting picture to the world. Too often we have failed to show the beauty of authentic Christian love. And the world has disregarded Christianity as a result. Francis A. Schaeffer challenges Christians to respond compassionately to a needy world and to show the mark of Christ in all their actions.

Trouble I've Seen - Drew G.I. Hart 2016-01-19

What if racial reconciliation doesn't look like what you expected? The high-profile killings of young black men and women by white police

officers, and the protests and violence that ensued, have convinced many white Christians to reexamine their intuitions when it comes to race and justice. In this provocative book, theologian and blogger Drew G. I. Hart places police brutality, mass incarceration, anti-black stereotypes, poverty, and everyday acts of racism within the larger framework of white supremacy. He argues that white Christians have repeatedly gotten it wrong about race because dominant culture and white privilege have so thoroughly shaped their assumptions. He also challenges black Christians about neglecting the most vulnerable in their own communities. Leading readers toward Jesus, Hart offers concrete practices for churches that seek solidarity with the oppressed and are committed to racial justice. What if all Christians listened to the stories of those on the racialized margins? How might the

church be changed by the trouble they've seen? "This book is a gift from the heart of one of the sharpest young theologians in the United States. Hold it carefully, and allow it to transform you—and our blood-stained streets."—Shane Claiborne, author of *The Irresistible Revolution* Free downloadable study guide available [here](#).

Until Unity: Study Guide -

Francis Chan 2021-07-01
Christians cannot remain indifferent to the divisions in the Church today. In this study guide companion, Chan draws on the gospel infused message of *Until Unity* to remind readers that Church unity is not optional. This study guide includes:
Deeper exploration of every chapter in *Until Unity* Free original videos with Francis Chan
Tips for leading and participating in a small group
Scripture passages and reflection questions
Prompts for group and individual prayer
Chan's emphasis on worship and

praise, along with his passionate teaching, make this guide a unique and life-changing exploration of why unity is not just God's wish for His Church—it's His command.

Blind Spots - Collin Hansen 2015-04-16

What if our differences became opportunities? The world needs bold, united followers of Jesus. It needs you and me to understand and appreciate the contributions of our brothers and sisters in faith. However, too often, our blind spots lead to divisions and disagreements, preventing God's people from testifying to his grace with one voice. In this provocative book, Collin Hansen helps us view our differences as opportunities to more effectively engage a needy world with the love of Christ. Highlighting the diversity of thought, experience, and personality that God has given to his people, *Blind Spots* lays the foundation for a new

generation of Christians eager to cultivate a courageous, compassionate, and commissioned church. Eating Together, Becoming One - Thomas O'Loughlin 2020-03-19 2020 Catholic Press Association first place award, ecumenism or interfaith relations In November 2015, Pope Francis called on theologians to explore whether normal Catholic practice should be changed to allow Christians, belonging to other churches, to share fully at the table when they take part in a Eucharist celebrated by Catholics. Thomas O'Loughlin provides his contribution to that challenge in this volume. He argues that the various ways of thinking about what we are doing in the liturgy should lead us to see intercommunion as enhancing our participation in the mystery of the Church and the mystery we celebrate. Learn more and

watch Professor Tom O'Loughlin's interview with the Aqueduct Project, discussing Eating Together, Becoming One: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ySkMzHtkMU> **Becoming a Blessed Church** - N. Graham Standish 2016-05-08 Becoming a Blessed Church will help you discern God's purpose and the path God is calling your congregation to walk. This book will help you find Christ in your midst and become aware of the many ways the blessings of God's Spirit flow through your congregation. This second edition includes three new practical chapters that answer the questions the author is most frequently asked. Divided We Fall - Luder G. Whitlock 2017 Division. Polarization. Strife. That's life-as-usual in today's world. But it shouldn't describe the church. It's time for Christians to listen, reach out, and work together for

the common good. But how can God's people achieve true unity in a fallen world? What sort of cooperation is actually possible? Luder Whitlock has an answer—a good one—and an appeal. He shows how we can learn from studying God's views on church unity and from historical schisms as well as agreements. And, once we embrace the goal of unity, Whitlock points us to specific, realistic steps we can take to realize a united community under God. Book jacket.

When The Many Are One - Francis Frangipane
2011-11-14

DIV* A clarion call to unity! As schisms splinter today's church, Frangipane shows how all Christians---traditional, evangelical, Pentecostal, and charismatic---can join together to bring healing to every race and class./div
Disunity in Christ - Christena Cleveland 2013-11-21
Despite Jesus' prayer that all Christians ""be one, ""

divisions have been epidemic in the body of Christ from the beginning to the present. We cluster in theological groups, gender groups, age groups, ethnic groups, educational and economic groups. We criticize freely those who disagree with us, don't look like us, don't act like us and don't even like what we like. Though we may think we know why this happens, Christena Cleveland says we probably don't. In this eye-opening book, learn the hidden reasons behind conflict and divisions. Learn: Why I think all my friends are unique but those in other groups are all the same Why little differences often become big sources of conflict Why categorizing others is often automatic and helpful but can also have sinister side effects Why we are so often victims of groupthink and how we can avoid it Why women think men are judging them more negatively than men actually are, and vice versa

Why choices of language can actually affect unity
With a personal touch and the trained eye of a social psychologist, Cleveland brings to bear the latest studies and research on the unseen dynamics at work that tend to separate us from others. Learn why Christians who have a heart for unity have such a hard time actually uniting. The author provides real insight for ministry leaders who have attempted to build bridges across boundaries. Here are the tools we need to understand how we can overcome the hidden forces that divide us

Sex, God, and the Conservative Church -

Tina Schermer Sellers
2017-04-21

Sex, God, and the Conservative Church guides psychotherapy and sexology clinicians on how to treat clients who grew up in a conservative faith—mired in sexual shame and dysfunction—and who desire to both heal and hold on to

their faith orientation. The author first walks clinicians and readers through a critique of Western culture and the conservative Christian Church, and their effects on intimate partnerships and sexual lives. The book provides clinicians a way to understand the faulty sexual ethic of the early church, while revealing the hidden mystical sex and body positive understanding of sexuality of the Hebrew people. The book also includes chapters on strategies for a new sexual ethic, on clinical steps to heal religious sexual shame, and on specific sex therapy interventions clinicians can use directly in their practice. Finally, it offers a four step model for healing religious sexual shame and actual touch and non-touch exercises to bring healing and intimacy into a person's life.

Teach Us to Want - Jen Pollock Michel 2014-06-04
Isn't desire sinful and

selfish? The story of each person is a story of want—desires unmet, hopes dashed, passions pursued and ambitions fulfilled. Jen Pollock Michel guides us on a journey that reintroduces us to a God who purifies our longings and gives us the desires of our hearts.

Christianity in Ancient

Rome - Bernard Green
2010-04-15

of the Pope." --Book Jacket.

Winsome Conviction - Tim Muehlhoff 2020-12-08

In today's polarized context, Christians often have committed, biblical rationales for very different positions. How can Christians navigate disagreements with both truth and love? Tim Muehlhoff and Rick Langer provide lessons from conflict theory and church history on how to negotiate differing biblical convictions in order to move toward Christian unity.

The Heavenly Man -

Brother Yun 2009

"The Heavenly Man" tells

the true story of Liu Zhenying, also known as Brother Yun, who, for the past 30 years, has committed himself to bringing the gospel of Christ to all of China. Imprisoned, tortured, and separated from his family for his beliefs, Brother Yun shares his story.

Church Membership -

Jonathan Leeman

2012-04-30

Jonathan Leeman addresses the commonly asked (and often unanswered) question of, "Why should I join a church?" in a time when many are shunning the practice of organized religion. By offering a brief, straightforward explanation of what church membership is and why it's important, Leeman gives the local church its proper due and builds a case for committing to the local body. Church Membership is a useful tool for churches to distribute en masse to new and potential members of their congregation. This volume is

part of the 9Marks: Building Healthy Churches series. Look for upcoming, quick-read formats of the following marks of a healthy church: expositional preaching, biblical theology, the gospel, conversion, evangelism, church discipline, discipleship and growth, and church leadership.

All Together Different - J. Brian Tucker 2018-02-06
Can we all just get along? E Pluribus Unum: "Out of many, one." This motto is emblazoned on the Great Seal of the United States, but it could be the church's model, too. Unfortunately, the daily experience of many Christians and churches feels like the opposite: out of one, many. We are increasingly aware of what makes us different from others, and it is hurting the church and its witness. All Together Different will help readers understand why we find it so difficult "to just get along." Drawing from research on personal and group identity, it equips

readers to navigate a culture that often pays lip service to the value of diversity, but struggles to foster constructive dialogue and mutual respect. With clear writing and real-life stories, All Together Different translates social identity theory for pastors, church leaders, and ministry practitioners, exposing it to the light of biblical and theological reflection.

Disunity in Christ - Christena Cleveland 2013-11-03

Despite Jesus' prayer that all Christians "be one," divisions have been epidemic in the body of Christ. Though we may think we know why this happens, Christena Cleveland says we probably don't. Learn the hidden reasons behind conflict and divisions, the unseen dynamics at work that tend to separate us from others. Here are the tools we need to build bridges.

Holy Disunity - Layton E. Williams 2019-10-08

These days, there's no dirtier word than "divisive," especially in religious and political circles. Claiming a controversial opinion, talking about our differences, even sharing our doubts can be seen as threatening to the goal of unity. But what if unity shouldn't be our goal? In *Holy Disunity: How What Separates Us Can Save Us*, Layton E. Williams proposes that our primary calling as humans is not to create unity but rather to seek authentic relationship with God, ourselves, one another, and the world around us. And that means actively engaging those with whom we disagree. Our religious, political, social, and cultural differences can create doubt and tension, but disunity also provides surprising gifts of perspective and grace. By analyzing conflict and rifts in both modern culture and Scripture, Williams explores how our disagreements and differences—our disunity—can ultimately

redeem us.

Advancing Christian Unity - Anthony Burgess
2019-09-24

In John 17, Jesus prayed for the unity of the church. Yet today, we tend to accept disunity as inevitable. In this book, Anthony Burgess calls us to address the spiritual and visible unity that Jesus desires for His people. Burgess speaks of how union and communion with Christ and His people are "the life and comfort of believers." Giving careful consideration of what Christian unity should look like, Burgess excels at uncovering common causes of division and promoting means to advance unity among God's people. Series Description Interest in the Puritans continues to grow, but many people find reading these giants of the faith a bit unnerving. This series seeks to overcome that barrier by presenting Puritan books that are convenient in size and unintimidating in length.

Each book is carefully edited with modern readers in mind, smoothing out difficult language of a bygone era while retaining the meaning of the original authors.

Books for the series are thoughtfully selected to provide some of the best counsel on important subjects that people continue to wrestle with today. Table of Contents: 1. The Blessing of Unity Among Ministers 2. The Pattern for Unity Among Ministers 3. The Nature of Christian Unity 4. The Necessity of Christian Unity 5. The Reason for the Lack of Christian Unity 6. The Characteristics of Christian Unity 7. The Rules for Christian Unity 8. The Expansion of Christian Unity 9. The Value of Christian Unity 10. The Perfection of Christian Unity

Our Global Families - Todd M. Johnson 2015-02-10
As Christians, we belong to not only a diverse global Christian family but also a diverse human family. Todd

Johnson, a noted expert on global Christianity and world missions trends, and Cindy Wu show how divisions within these families work against our desire to bring about positive change in the world. They provide an overview of global Christian identity, exploring how we can be faithful to our own tradition while engaging Christians across denominations and be better informed as we work with people of other religions. The book utilizes the latest research data on global Christianity and world religions and includes tables, graphs, charts, and end-of-chapter discussion questions.

The Beautiful Community

- Irwyn L. Ince Jr. 2020-08-04
The church is at its best when it pursues the biblical value of unity in diversity. Pastor and theologian Irwyn Ince boldly unpacks the reasons for our divisions while gently guiding us toward our true hope for wholeness and

reconciliation. To heal our fractured humanity, we must cultivate spiritual practices that help us pursue beautiful community.

Desiring God - John Piper
1996

Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a "soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God."

Emboldened - Tara Beth Leach
2017-11-14

Women are central to the mission of God. Pastor Tara Beth Leach issues a stirring call for a new generation of women in ministry: to teach, to preach, to shepherd, and to lead. Providing practical advice and encouragement, Leach shows how God not only permits women to minister—he emboldens, empowers, and unleashes them to lead out of the fullness of who they are.

That We May Be One - Gary B Agee
2022-04-12

Transcending divisions and healing the Body of Christ Disunity is a reality within churches today. Left unaddressed, political disagreements and racial inequities can fester into misunderstanding, resentment, and anger. But often even the act of addressing this discord prompts further animosity, widening fissures into gaping fault lines between fellow members of the same community. Gary Agee, a pastor well-versed in navigating the volatility of diverse church communities, reflects here on the roots of division within the church and the virtues and practices that can promote the restoration of unity. With disarming honesty and humility, Agee offers sage advice gleaned from Scripture and years of practical experience to show how we might fulfill Jesus's prayer on behalf of the church: "That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in

you. . . . That they may be one as we are one." At the end of each chapter, Agee includes exercises, discussion questions, and suggested practices, providing a concrete path to unity through dialogue and action.

The Apostle Paul and the Christian Life - Scot

McKnight 2016-02-23

The "new perspective" on Paul, an approach that seeks to reinterpret the apostle Paul and his letters against the backdrop of first-century Judaism, has been criticized by some as not having value for ordinary Christians living ordinary lives. In this volume, world-renowned scholars explore the implications of the new perspective on Paul for the Christian life and church. James D. G. Dunn, N. T. Wright, Bruce Longenecker, Scot McKnight, and other leading New Testament scholars offer a response to this question: How does the apostle Paul understand the Christian life? The book

makes a fresh contribution to the new perspective on Paul conversation and offers important new insights into the orientation of the Christian life.

Why College Matters to God

- Rick Ostrander 2021-01-26

A trusted first-year text at Christian colleges and universities *Why College Matters to God* is a brief, easy-to-read introduction to the unique purpose of a Christian college education. It has been widely used by Christian colleges and universities over the past decade because of its unsurpassed ability to be substantive yet accessible. The book draws on the insights of a wide range of Christian philosophers, theologians, historians, and scientists, but communicates key concepts in straightforward language that connects with a general audience. Brief enough to be paired with other texts, *Why College Matters to God* is an ideal introduction to the why and how of Christian

learning for students, faculty, staff, and parents. The third edition preserves the qualities of the previous editions along with updated illustrations and new material on important topics such as: • Christian learning and the challenges of technology • Christian vocation, career preparation, and the liberal arts • Diversity and civility on campus • The habits of the highly effective college student

On the Invocation of the Name of Jesus - Lev Gillet
1985

Intended to teach Christians of the Orthodox Church and other denominations to practice the invocation of the Name of Jesus, also called "Jesus Prayer."

Christianity and Wokeness - Owen Strachan 2021-07-20
"Theologian Owen Strachan makes clear, wokeness is not true justice, nor is it true Christianity. While wokeness employs biblical vocabulary and concepts, it is an alternative religion, far from

Christianity in both its methods and its fruit. A potent blend of racism, paganism, and grievance, wokeness encourages 'partiality' and undermines the unifying work of the Holy Spirit. It is not simply not the Gospel; it is anti-Gospel"--
God Is a Black Woman - Christena Cleveland
2022-02-08

In this timely, much-needed book, theologian, social psychologist, and activist Christena Cleveland recounts her personal journey to dismantle the cultural "whitemalegod" and uncover the Sacred Black Feminine, introducing a Black Female God who imbues us with hope, healing, and liberating presence. For years, Christena Cleveland spoke about racial reconciliation to congregations, justice organizations, and colleges. But she increasingly felt she could no longer trust in the God she'd been implicitly taught to worship—a white male God who preferentially

empowered white men despite his claim to love all people. A God who clearly did not relate to, advocate for, or affirm a Black woman like Christena. Her crisis of faith sent her on an intellectual and spiritual journey through history and across France, on a 400-mile walking pilgrimage to the ancient shrines of Black Madonnas to find healing in the Sacred Black Feminine. *God Is a Black Woman* is the chronicle of her liberating transformation and a critique of a society shaped by white patriarchal Christianity and culture. Christena reveals how America's collective idea of God as a white man has perpetuated hurt, hopelessness, and racial and gender oppression. Integrating her powerful personal story, womanist ideology, as well as theological, historical, and social science research, she invites us to take seriously the truth that God is not white nor male and gives us

a new and hopeful path for connecting with the divine and honoring the sacredness of all Black people.

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Life and Holiness -

Thomas Merton 1963

This is intended to be a very simple book, an elementary treatment of a few basic ideas in Christian spirituality. Hence it should be useful to any Christian, and indeed to anyone who wants to acquaint himself with some principles of the

interior life as it is understood in the Catholic Church. Nothing is here said of such subjects as “contemplation” or even “mental prayer.” And yet the book emphasizes what is at once the most common and the most mysterious aspect in the Christian life: grace, the power and the light of God in us, purifying our hearts, transforming us in Christ, making us true sons of God, enabling us to act in the world as his instruments for the good of all men and for his glory. This is therefore a meditation on some fundamental themes appropriate to the active life. It must be said at once that the active life is essential to every Christian. Clearly the active life must mean more than the life which is led in religious institutes of men and women who teach, care for the sick, and so on. (When one is talking of the “active life” as opposed to the “contemplative life,” this is

the usual reference.) Here action is not looked at in opposition to contemplation, but as an expression of charity and as a necessary consequence of union with God by baptism.

The Purpose Driven Church - Rick Warren 2007-09-04

Every church is driven by something. Tradition, finances, programs, personalities, events, seekers, and even buildings can each be the controlling force in a church. But Rick Warren believes that in order for a church to be healthy it must become a purpose driven church by Jesus. Now the founding pastor of Saddleback Church shares a proven five-part strategy that will enable your church to grow. . . -
Warmer through fellowship -
Deeper through discipleship -
Stronger through worship -
Broader through ministry -
Larger through evangelism. Discover the same practical insights and principles for growing a healthy church that Rick has taught in

seminars to over 22,000 pastors and church leaders from sixty denominations and forty-two countries. The Purpose Driven Church® shifts the focus away from church building programs to emphasizing a people-building process. Warren says, "If you will concentrate on building people, God will build the church."

Before You Vote - David Platt 2020-09-04

A Hybrid World: - Sadiri Joy Tira 2020-05-15
Linking . . . Blending . . . Intermixing with Divine Purpose People are on the move. As individuals and people groups are constantly migrating, the unreached have become part of our communities. This reality provides local Christ-followers with the challenge and opportunity of navigating both the global diaspora and mixed ethnicities. A Hybrid World is the product of a global consultation of church and mission leaders who

discussed the implications of hybridity in the mission of God. The contributors draw from their collective experiences and perspectives, explore emerging concepts and initiatives, and ground them in authoritative Scripture for application to the challenges that hybridity presents to global missions. This book honestly wrestles with the challenges of ethnic hybridity and ultimately encourages the global church to celebrate the opportunities that our sovereign and loving God provides for the world's scattered people to be gathered to himself.

The New Pilgrims - Joseph Castleberry, ED.D. 2015-09-15

In 1492 Christopher Columbus bore a secret agenda as he set out with his tiny fleet to discover a New World. The startling truth? Columbus himself was a Jew! And he sought a new home for his persecuted Jewish kin to escape King

Ferdinand's and Queen Isabella's newly wrought Spanish Inquisition.

One Earth, Many

Religions - Paul F. Knitter
One of the world's foremost exponents of the "pluralist" position as the most adequate Christian theological account of religious diversity turns to a new and urgent issue facing the community of world religions. For Paul Knitter, the spectre of environmental and social injustice looms over any serious discussion of humankind's future. As urgent as it is to have peace among the world's believers to achieve peace among nations, it is urgent that these communities unite in understanding and defending of the earth. In *One Earth Many Religions* Knitter looks back at his own "dialogical odyssey" and forward to the way that interfaith encounters and dialogue must focus attention on new challenges. Nothing less than enlisting

the commitment of the world's religions on the task of saving our common home will do. In making that case, Knitter makes clear the complex structures political, economic, and social as well as religious - that face those who approach this task. While articulating a "this-worldly soteriology" necessary to overcome our eco-human plight, Knitter offers practical considerations on actions and projects that have and should have been undertaken to stem the tide of environmental and human suffering. The global crisis is both at the center of *One Earth Many Religions* and a test case for Knitter and others engaged in the dialogue of religions. Can religious differences concerning the nature of the transcendent themselves be transcended in order to promote eco-human well-being? The issue seems basic and clear if interreligious dialogue cannot effect such a change,

then one must question whether religion is of any use whatsoever.

Rescuing the Gospel from the Cowboys - Richard Twiss 2015-06-09

The gospel of Jesus has not always been good news for Native Americans. But despite the far-reaching effects of colonialism, some

Natives have forged culturally authentic ways to follow Jesus. In his final work, Richard Twiss surveys the complicated history of Christian missions among Indigenous peoples and voices a hopeful vision of contextual Native Christian faith.