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Reimagining Apologetics 2020-10-13 how should one proclaim of the gospel of jesus christ in a secular age for many christians the traditional approach of apologetics has grown stale in light of the current secular climate as described by charles taylor and others rhetorical strategies that previously served the church and apologists well are no longer effective justin bailey seeks to address this dilemma by infusing apologetics with an appeal to the imagination the aesthetic and the affective demonstrating that this is possible he engages with two examples of those who have done apologetics through the imagination george macdonald and marilynne robinson by beginning with the imaginative and the aesthetic dimensions of faith before expounding proofs bailey argues hearers of the good news will find both their hearts and their minds engaged

Religion and Politics in America 2018-08-06 religion and politics are never far from the headlines but their relationship remains complex and often confusing this book offers an engaging accessible and balanced treatment of religion in american politics it explores the historical cultural and legal contexts that motivate religious political engagement and assesses the pragmatic and strategic political realities that religious organizations and people face incorporating the best and most current scholarship the authors examine the evolving politics of roman catholics evangelical and mainline protestants african american and latino traditions jews muslims and other religious minorities recent immigrants and religious nones and other conventional and not so conventional american religious movements new to the sixth edition covers the 2016 election and assesses the role of religion from obama to trump expands substantially on religion s relationship to gender and sexuality race ethnicity and class and features the role of social media in religious mobilization adds discussion questions at the end of every chapter to help students gain deeper understanding of the subject adds a new concluding chapter on the normative issues raised by religious

political engagement to stimulate lively discussions

Calvinism for a Secular Age 2022-02-08 abraham kuyper the dutch neo calvinist theologian pastor and politician was well known for having declared that there is not a square inch of human existence over which jesus christ is not its sovereign lord this principle is perhaps best reflected in kuyper s writings on calvinism originally delivered as the stone lectures in 1898 at princeton theological seminary these lectures reflecting on the role of the christian faith in a variety of social spheres including religion politics science and art have become a touchstone for contemporary reformed theology how might the lectures continue to inform the church s calling in a secular age in this volume jessica joustra and robert joustra bring together theologians historians scientists and others to revisit kuyper s original lectures and to critically consider both his ongoing importance and his complex legacy for today

Age of Anxiety 2019-11-29 age of anxiety meaning identity and politics in 21st century film and literature analyzes literature and films that speak to our age of anxiety resulting from the decline of narratives that provided individuals with a meaningful human life the authors argue that the twentieth century sought to free individuals from the constraints of authoritative cultural traditions and institutions liberating the autonomous self yet this has given rise to anxiety rather than liberation instead of deriving one s sense of purpose from one s role and place within a community the consumer has been deceived into thinking that their identity can be purchased through the meaning represented by the conspicuous consumption of a brand the same phenomenon manifests itself in politics within recent populist revolts against globalist politics in addition the rapid pace of technological development is driving an unprecedented faith in the malleability of human beings raises doubts as to what it means to be a person utilizing paradigms from the fields of communication rhetoric and political philosophy the book shows how the self has been displaced from its natural habitat of the local community the book traces the origins of modern anxiety as well as possible remedies considered in the book are such popular culture artifacts as downton abbey wall e hacksaw ridge westworld and lord of the rings and zombie films Behold, My Mother and My Brethren! 2022-10-18 in this kierkegaardian reading of mark s gospel two of the most creative and passionate witnesses of christ s gospel are brought together to mutually inform its superlative wonder both writers winsomely revealed the nature of human existence in sin and the new life jesus lived and made possible for all as the paradoxical god man they highlighted the single individual against the frenzied crowd in untruth driven by despair whether conscious or unconscious and vulnerable to enticing publicity and deceptive propaganda the entrenched societal systems unjustly determined for time and eternity who god favored or disfavored in dramatic contrast mark and kierkegaard both elucidated god s good news calling forth the highest and happy passion of faith capable of creating a new family

unconstrained by the status quo of the established order s old wineskin in short through the gospel they powerfully challenged the system whether modern christendom or its first century equivalent and did so by merely following jesus out over 70 000 fathoms weathering demonic storms and overcoming dehumanizing societal bureaucracies set against them and humanity at large this kierkegaardian reading of mark reveals two kindred spirits after christ s spirit demonstrating the redemptive love of god for all humanity centered in christ

Apocalypse TV 2020-03-27 the end of the world may be upon us but it

certainly is taking its sweet time playing out the walkers on the walking dead have been walking for nearly a decade there are now dozens of apocalyptic television shows and we use the end times to describe everything from domestic politics and international conflict to the weather and our views of the future this collection of new essays asks what it means to live in a world inundated with representations of the apocalypse focusing on such series as the walking dead the strain battlestar galactica doomsday preppers westworld the handmaid s tale they explore how the serialization of the end of the world allows for a closer examination of the disintegration of humanity while it happens do these shows prepare us for what is to come do they spur us to action might they even be causing the apocalypse

The Gospel in the Dock 2021-08-10 c s lewis famously penned the phrase god in the dock and proposed that there was a great divide between ancient and modern humans in that our ancestors would have rightly seen themselves in the dock before god while we moderns have placed god there before us but what if what god s love most desires for us the gospel or good news of the only way of life for humanity has been in the dock before us from the time of adam and eve and what if it is also the case that the gospel is often in the dock as though it is not good even for the church this book builds upon and expands the life and death stakes lewis proposed by demonstrating that the gospel way of faith itself has been placed in the dock by us and in many ways ruined our relationships with god with our own selves with one another and even with the natural world itself which we are meant to steward for its good in these pages the reader will discover why the gospel that requires faith is good news but why we so tragically default to our divisive and self destructive wavs

Identifying as Christian in an Alien Public Arena 2021-01-01 although christianity is the world s largest religion there is confusion over what it means to be christian within contemporary society for individuals it is difficult to find form or receive a christian identity let alone maintain one within a secular world within organizations such as the church and professions there is often a disconnection between public and private identities and the reality of being christian in our culture for society there is the problem of disparate portrayals of christianity the marginalized status of christianity with an associated lack of influence of christians on our society and the ongoing shaping of christian identity by the public arena itself associated questions are should christians try to engage in and even shape the public arena and if so how this volume examines the problem of confused and misunderstood christian identity in a post christian age it suggests ways of shaping christian identity for the benefit of individuals and for the common good the importance of well formed christian identities is illustrated by research and analysis of selected professions so that the public life of christians can be more fulfilling and effective this book will be valuable for all those who are interested in religious identity within a secular society people of faith and religious organizations will benefit from a penetrating analysis of what it means to be christian today similarly those whose work involves the church counseling education and the performing arts will find specific applications that address concerns about faith in the workplace The Drama of Discipleship 2022-04-21 how do christ s followers reach across the dividing lines of our culture to offer hospitality and hope how do local congregations worship god faithfully on sunday and bear witness to their neighbors with fitting words and deeds during the week christ has called his people to follow the ways of his kingdom in their

homes workplaces schools churches and neighborhoods the drama of discipleship is a resource for being and making disciples of jesus in the everyday tasks of being human each episode offers at least one group activity that is designed to catalyze group action on your local stage and build your congregation s practice of taking off the old ways of being human and putting on the true image of god christ the drama concludes with additional tools for those who lead small groups in the heartwork of discipleship as well as a neighborhood survey for those who lead congregations in the fieldwork of discipling the nations Learning Theology through the Church's Worship 2018-11-06 this book introduces students to theology with sustained attention to how christian beliefs and the church s worship interact both historically and in practice dennis okholm approaches the subject from the necessary intersection of theology and liturgy showing that learning the church s doctrine apart from its worship undermines both the book flows as if the reader were participating in a service of worship it features illustrative charts and figures that complement challenging concepts and includes suggestions for assignments at the end of the book Power Politics and Moral Order 2022-03-28 christian realism is undergoing a renaissance in both american christianity and around the world caught between globalist liberalism on the one hand and pragmatic realism on the other christians are in search of international ethics a standard and tradition in foreign policy that takes the two great books of life the christian scriptures and the world we live in seriously this book is an extended edited collection that mines the tradition of christian realism in international relations and finds in it voices and mentors urgently fresh for a new age with classic authors like reinhold niebuhr herbert butterfield paul ramsey and jean bethke elshtain and contemporaries like marc livecche rebecca heinrichs and others this collection offers for the first time an organization periodization and collection of primary christian realist sources for the initiate and the expert in foreign relations

Prophecy in a Secular Age 2021-02-09 the place of religion within a secular society has been much discussed in recent years fueled in part by charles taylor s secular age 2007 the conversation surrounding taylor s work suggests a widespread interest in religion in secular or post secular contexts even as scholars have become increasingly interested in emerging and novel forms of religion prophecy has continued to be depicted in traditional forms employed to further partisan agendas in place of secularity as religious declension and culture clash this volume explores prophetic works in a variety of forms including satire tragedy the novel native american tradition science fiction the bible and higher education itself together the contributors demonstrate that there is much to learn from both religious and secular prophecy the book is inspired by the idea that prophetic works are a promising subject area for a diverse audience in both higher education and the church the volume s contributors demonstrate as much in that they work in a wide range of disciplines including religious studies biblical studies theology american studies literature philosophy and political theory Making Sense of God 2016-09-20 we live in an age of skepticism our society places such faith in empirical reason historical progress and heartfelt emotion that it s easy to wonder why should anyone believe in christianity what role can faith and religion play in our modern lives in this thoughtful and inspiring new book pastor and new york times bestselling author timothy keller invites skeptics to consider that christianity is more relevant now than ever as human beings we cannot live without meaning satisfaction freedom identity justice and hope

christianity provides us with unsurpassed resources to meet these needs written for both the ardent believer and the skeptic making sense of god shines a light on the profound value and importance of christianity in our lives

What Are We Waiting For? 2017-09-01 offers a new perspective on advent including resources everyone knows that advent is about waiting but author william h petersen asks what are we waiting for in this book he argues for a liturgical renewal in the life and mission of the church by proposing an expanded seven week observance of advent taking its cue from the shape and substance of the revised common lectionary while noting and critiquing the church s complicity in the christmas culture resources for a more authentic observance of advent other than a simple short four week count down to christmas are proposed and presented with a renewed emphasis on eschatological formation into the body of christ during an expanded season this counter cultural approach gets beyond the secular and commercial christmas preparation madness instead it provides the church and the seasonally harried christians who make up the church with the opportunity to enter each new liturgical year not simply as engaging a routine cycle but with ever deeper understandings broader horizons and higher expectations in furthering our life and mission as reflection and agent of the reign of god kingdom of christ Remnant Christianity in a Post-Christian World 2021-11-03 the contemporary christian church is in critical decline both in membership and finances all attempts at reversal are failing primarily because of the consuming socioeconomic secular dynamic in which society is immersed in its self destructive course consequently christian imagery is losing its conceivability and credibility and past motivations that once encouraged belief have lost their appeal without these as points of contact the demise of the institutional church will be relentless despite all efforts to halt it yet as at other crisis points in history the divine promise has been to raise a faithful remnant with sufficient promise to outlast whatever the societal demise after carefully analyzing the ingredients of our societal crisis the author develops the contours of a remnant church to be set in place now within the present institutional churches this necessitates distilling a vital spirituality and discerning the heart of a preservable tradition sufficient to claim both personal and communal commitment thereby prepared for the long haul the remnant church can emerge as a prophetic alternative The Perils of Populism 2024-01-03 in today s evolving democratic landscape the perils of populism the end of the american century offers an extensive investigation into the phenomenon of populism and its potential threats to u s democracy esteemed contributors and long time populism observers provide historical and analytical insights delving into the personalization of political conflicts the cultivation of populist politics and the propensity for insults and violence within the realm of american politics this thought provoking volume presents a comprehensive analysis of the american system of government and presidency shedding light on the influence of tribalism cronyism nepotism and the utilization of masculinist identity politics through illuminating examples and incisive narratives the book explores key principles highlights the complexities of the american political landscape and offers constructive recommendations to address the challenges posed by plutocratic or authoritarian populism the book serves as an invaluable resource for researchers scholars and practitioners worldwide transcending geographical boundaries it uncovers the interplay between populist forces and anti democratic tendencies providing a deeper understanding of the current state of democracy and

the urgent need for political reforms in an era marked by deep divisions and racial tensions this book provides an essential framework for comprehending the complex dynamics at play within the american political sphere

The Oxford Handbook of the Bible and American Popular Culture 2020-11-24 the study of the reciprocal relationship between the bible and popular culture has blossomed in the past few decades and the time seems ripe for a broadly conceived work that assesses the current state of the field offers examples of work in that field and suggests future directions for further study this handbook includes a wide range of topics organized under several broad themes including biblical characters such as adam eve david and jesus and themes like creation hell and apocalyptic in popular culture the bible in popular cultural genres for example film comics and jazz and lived examples such as museums and theme parks the handbook concludes with a section taking stock of methodologies and the impact of the field on teaching and publishing the oxford handbook of the bible and american popular culture represents a major contribution to the field by some of its leading practitioners and will be a key resource for the future development of the study of both the bible and its role in american popular culture <u>Apocalypse Cinema</u> 2021-07-16 vivid images of the apocalypse proliferate throughout contemporary cinema which pictures the death of civilization in wildly different ways some films imagine a future where humanity is wiped out entirely while others envision humans as an endangered species enslaved by alien invaders or hunted by zombie hordes this book provides a lively overview of apocalypse cinema including alien invasions nuclear annihilation asteroid collisions climate change and terrifying plagues covering pivotal films from the silent era to the present day including metropolis invasion of the body snatchers dr strangelove contagion and avengers endgame stephen prince explores how these dark visions are rooted in religious and prophetic traditions and he considers how our love for apocalypse cinema is tied to fundamental existential guestions and anxieties that never go out of fashion Revelation 1-11 2018-02-22 the book of revelation is the last book in the canon of the new testament and its only apocalyptic document though

there are short apocalyptic passages in various places in the gospels and the epistles this first of two volumes on revelation offers systematic and thorough interpretation of the book of revelation revelation brings together the worlds of heaven earth and hell in a final confrontation between the forces of good and evil its characters and images are both real and symbolic spiritual and material and it is frequently difficult to know the difference between them revelation s cryptic nature has ensured that it would always be a source of controversy this commentary focuses on the theological content gleaning the best from both the classical and modern commentary traditions and showing the doctrinal development of scriptural truths scholarship on the book of revelation has nonetheless not only endured but even captured the imagination of generations of bible students both professionals and laypeople alike through its focus on the message of the book through scholarly analysis this international theological commentary reconnects to the ecclesial tradition of biblical commentary as an effort in ressourcement though not slavish repetition Robots in American Popular Culture 2019-06-27 they are invincible warriors of steel silky skinned enticers stealers of jobs and lovable goofball sidekicks legions of robots and androids star in the dream factories of hollywood and leer on pulp magazine covers instantly recognizable icons of american popular culture for two centuries we have

been told tales of encounters with creatures stronger faster and smarter than ourselves making us wonder who would win in a battle between machine and human this book examines society s introduction to robots and androids such as robby and rosie elektro and sparko data wall e c 3po and the terminator particularly before and after world war ii when the power of technology exploded learn how robots evolved with the times and then eventually caught up with and surpassed them The End of Youth Ministry? (Theology for the Life of the World) 2020-03-17 what is youth ministry actually for and does it have a future andrew root a leading scholar in youth ministry and practical theology went on a one year journey to answer these questions in this book root weaves together an innovative first person fictional narrative to diagnose the challenges facing the church today and to offer a new vision for youth ministry in the 21st century informed by interviews that root conducted with parents this book explores how parents perspectives of what constitutes a good life are affecting youth ministry in today s culture youth ministry can t compete with sports test prep and the myriad other activities in which young people participate through a unique parable style story root offers a new way to think about the purpose of youth ministry not happiness but joy joy is a sense of experiencing the good for youth ministry to be about joy it must move beyond the youth group model and rework the assumptions of how identity and happiness are imagined by parents in american society Horror Television in the Age of Consumption 2017-11-15 characterized as it is by its interest in and engagement with the supernatural psycho social formations the gothic and issues of identity and subjectivity horror has long functioned as an allegorical device for interrogations into the seamier side of cultural foundations this collection therefore explores both the cultural landscape of this recent phenomenon and the reasons for these television series wide appeal focusing on televisual aesthetics technological novelties the role of adaptation and seriality questions of gender identity and subjectivity and the ways in which the shows themes comment on the culture that consumes them featuring new work by many of the field s leading scholars this collection offers innovative readings and rigorous theoretical analyses of some of our most significant contemporary texts in the genre of horror television Talking Book Topics 2017 stone himself serves as guide to this no holds barred retrospective an extremely candid and comprehensive monograph of the renowned and controversial writer director and cinematic historian in interview form over the course of five years academy award winning filmmaker oliver stone midnight express scarface platoon jfk natural born killers snowden and new york times bestselling author matt zoller seitz the wes anderson collection discussed debated and deconstructed the arc of stone s outspoken controversial life and career with extraordinary candor this book collects those conversations for the first time including anecdotes about stone s childhood vietnam his struggles with post traumatic stress disorder and his continual struggle to reinvent himself as an artist their dialogue is illustrated by hundreds of never before seen photographs and documents from stone s personal archive dating back to stone s birth personal snapshots private correspondence annotated script pages and storyboards behind the scenes photography and production files from all of his films to date through 2016 s snowden and including stone s epic showtime mini series untold history of the united states critical commentary from seitz on each of stone s films is joined by original essays from filmmaker ramin bahrani writer editor and educator kiese laymon writer and actor jim beaver and film critics walter chaw michael guarnieri kim morgan and alissa

wilkinson at once a complex analysis of a master director s vision and a painfully honest critical biography in widescreen technicolor the oliver stone experience is as daring intense and provocative as stone s films it s an oliver stone movie about oliver stone in the form of a book both this book and stone s highly anticipated film snowden will be released in september 2016 to coincide with stone s seventieth birthday september 15 1946 also available from matt zoller seitz mad men carousel the wes anderson collection bad dads the wes anderson collection the grand budapest hotel and the wes anderson collection

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