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## The Divided Church

## Moving Liberals & Conservatives from Diatribe to Dialogue

*Intervarsity Press* **Richard Hutcheson and Peggy Shriver's research and interviews with a wide range of denominational and Christian leaders inform a dialogue over the state of the church today and offer hope for cooperation in Christian circles.**

## Evangelical versus Liturgical?

## Defying a Dichotomy

*Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing* **Why is there such a deep divide between evangelical and liturgical churches, especially when it comes to worship? How did this unfortunate evangelical-liturgical dichotomy develop, and what can be done about it? In this book Melanie Ross draws on historical analysis, systematic theology, and the worship life of two vibrant congregations to argue that the common ground shared by evangelical and liturgical churches is much more important than the differences that divide them. As a longtime evangelical church member who is at the same time a teacher of liturgical studies, Ross is well qualified to address this subject, and she does so with passion and intelligence. Evangelical versus Liturgical? is an important addition to the scant literature explaining nondenominational worship practices to those from more historically established liturgical traditions.**

## Godviews

## The Convictions that Drive Us and Divide Us

*Westminster John Knox Press* **GodViews is a provocative and insightful look at the divisions within the church. The author is a notable conservative Presbyterian whose thinking and writing style has many fans on the liberal end as well. Here, Jack Haberer discusses five different concerns of Christians: preservation of truth, promotion of intimacy with God, unity in the church, caring for victims, and welcoming the marginalized.**

## The Remnant Spirit

## Conservative Reform in Mainline Protestantism

*Greenwood Publishing Group* Examines in vivid detail conservative reform and renewal movements in mainline Protestant churches in the U.S. and Canada.

## Ecclesial Recognition with Hegelian Philosophy, Social Psychology & Continental Political Theory

## An Interdisciplinary Proposal

*BRILL* In *Ecclesial Recognition*, Hegelian philosophy, group social psychology, and Axel Honneth's recognitional politics provide insights to facilitate the churches' progress to recognize each other as legitimate, true churches. Yves Congar's oeuvre confirms the intersubjective dynamics of ecclesial inclusion and exclusion.

## Prophets in Dialogue

## The Presbyterian Church (USA) and GLBT Ordination

## Jesus Was a Liberal

## Reclaiming Christianity for All

*St. Martin's Press* For the millions of people who identify as liberal Christians. In McLennan's bold call to reclaim ownership of Christianity, he advocates a sense of religion based not on doctrinal readings of scripture but on the humanity behind Christ's teachings. He addresses such topics as intelligent design, abortion, same sex marriage, war, torture and much, much more. As he says in the Preface, "We liberal Christians know in our hearts that there is much more to life than seems to meet the rational eye of atheists; yet we find it hard to support supernatural claims about religion that fly in the face of scientific evidence."

## The Dispensational-covenantal Rift

## The Fissuring of American Evangelical Theology from 1936 to 1944

*Paternoster* This groundbreaking study explores how the fight between dispensationalists and covenant theologians got started and how a unique dynamic of personalities and sociological factors enflamed it. Readers may be surprised to discover that even the terminology of *\_dispensationalists\_* and *\_covenant theologians\_* originated in the 1930s *\_disputes\_*; that the vast majority of the original protagonists on both sides were Presbyterians; and that soteriology, rather than eschatology, was the original bone of contention between them. This study examines how two respective strands of fundamentalism came to identify one another as theological rivals, as they each vied for position in their recently

formed separatist bodies. The significance of disagreements over *\_dispensationalism\_* is explored in the founding of the Orthodox Presbyterian and Bible Presbyterian churches. And then, as the debate traveled southward, the response of the PCUS is examined, with special attention given to the consummative report of an ad hoc committee that found *\_dispensationalism\_* to be out of harmony with the Westminster doctrinal standards. Significant misunderstandings that impeded fruitful dialogue from the beginning are clarified, particularly those that have persisted most stubbornly to the present day. Perhaps most surprising of all, the reader will discover that nearly all of the original points of debate between dispensationalists and covenant theologians have since been resolved, as each side has honed its position in light of pertinent critiques. Why has this development gone almost unnoticed? This study suggests an answer, and proposes that understanding how the feud began may hold the key to rapprochement today.

## You're Not as Crazy as I Thought (but You're Still Wrong)

## Conversations Between a Die-hard Liberal and a Devoted Conservative

*Potomac Books, Inc.* Americans have been divided along political lines for so long that they have nearly forgotten how to talk to one another, much less how to listen. This is not likely to improve as long as differences between them continue to be cast in overly simplistic terms, such as "ignorance" vs. "enlightened awareness" or "morality" vs. "reprobate immorality." Such dichotomies ignore the fact that many citizens who disagree politically nonetheless share a desire to work for the larger good of society. Phil Neisser, a self-described "left-wing atheist," first met Jacob Hess, a social conservative, at the 2008 proceedings of the National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation. After discovering a shared commitment to cross-party dialogue, they embarked together on a yearlong attempt to practice what they preached. In this book they share the result by exploring the boundaries of core disagreements about morality, power, gender roles, sexuality, race, big government, big business, and big media. Each chapter revolves around an issue explored in depth through back-and-forth, lively question and response. This nuanced, iterative process was transformative for both authors, and could likewise serve as a valuable resource for anyone--liberal or conservative--who feels disillusioned by today's often shallow, demagogic public discourse.

## The Younger Evangelicals

## Facing the Challenges of the New World

*Baker Books* Robert E. Webber has led worship workshops in every major city in the United States and Canada. Through his conversations and contacts with a network of emerging church leaders he calls the "younger evangelicals," Webber sees how this new generation and their style of leadership is bringing change and renewal to the evangelical church. These leaders, who include those young in spirit as well as young in age, have important insights to offer all generations faced with "doing church" in a rapidly changing postmodern culture. *The Younger Evangelicals* explores the characteristics of these emerging leaders and provides an outlet for their stories. Beginning with a brief overview of twentieth-century evangelicalism, Webber examines what is different about the twenty-first century younger evangelicals' way of thinking about faith and practicing church. He allows them--Ph.D.s and laypeople--to speak in their own words on issues such as communication, theology, apologetics, pastoral leadership, evangelism, worship, and spiritual formation. Thought provoking, energizing, and timely, *The Younger Evangelicals* is a landmark book for pastors and church leaders, culture watchers, ministry students, and worship leaders who want to prepare for and respond to the new evangelical awakening brought on by our changing cultural context.

## Worlds Colliding

## Conservative Christians and the Law

*Routledge* This title was first published in 2001. *Worlds Colliding* argues that the prevailing worldview held by those in positions of power in Western government sets the bounds for religious tolerance. It explores the degree to which a modern liberal state will allow a counter-cultural community the freedom to live according to its concept of the good life.

## Library Journal

## Practical Ethics

*Cambridge University Press* For thirty years, Peter Singer's *Practical Ethics* has been the classic introduction to applied ethics. For this third edition, the author has revised and updated all the chapters and added a new chapter addressing climate change, one of the most important ethical challenges of our generation. Some of the questions discussed in this book concern our daily lives. Is it ethical to buy luxuries when others do not have enough to eat? Should we buy meat from intensively reared animals? Am I doing something wrong if my carbon footprint is above the global average? Other questions confront us as concerned citizens: equality and discrimination on the grounds of race or sex; abortion, the use of embryos for research and euthanasia; political violence and terrorism; and the preservation of our planet's environment. This book's lucid style and provocative arguments make it an ideal text for university courses and for anyone willing to think about how she or he ought to live.

## First Things

## A Monthly Journal of Religion and Public Life

## The Righteous Mind

## Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion

*Penguin UK* In *The Righteous Mind*, psychologist Jonathan Haidt answers some of the most compelling questions about human relationships: Why can it sometimes feel as though half the population is living in a different moral universe? Why do ideas such as 'fairness' and 'freedom' mean such different things to different people? Why is it so hard to see things from another viewpoint? Why do we come to blows over politics and religion? Jonathan Haidt reveals that we often find it hard to get along because our minds are hardwired to be moralistic, judgemental and self-righteous. He explores how morality evolved to enable us to form communities, and how moral values are not just about justice and equality - for some people authority, sanctity or loyalty matter more. Morality binds and blinds, but, using his own research, Haidt proves it is possible to liberate ourselves from the disputes that divide good people. 'A landmark contribution to humanity's understanding of itself' *The New York Times* 'A truly seminal book' David Goodhart, *Prospect* 'A tour de force - brave, brilliant, and eloquent. It will challenge the way you think about liberals and conservatives, atheism and religion, good and evil' Paul Bloom, author of *How Pleasure Works* 'Compelling . . . a fluid combination of erudition and entertainment' Ian Birrell, *Observer* 'Lucid and thought-provoking ... deserves to be widely read' Jenni Russell, *Sunday Times*

## Pope John Paul II and the Law, Part II.

## Wolves in Sheep's Clothing

## The New Liberal Menace in America

*Red Wheel Weiser* Faced with the collapse of the American dream at home and the decline of their global empire abroad, American liberals have dumped the 1960s-era radicalism of their youth and become complicit in a complex game of bait-and-switch, selling the world a vision of liberal democracy that is, in reality, a failed system on the verge of social and

economic collapse. In the tradition of Tom Wolfe and Hunter S. Thompson, Stephen Marshall, a Sundance Award-winning director and co-founder of Guerrilla News Network, hits the road and travels from the front lines of the Iraq war, through the wasteland of the former Communist Eastern bloc, into a coke-dusted sex party of Britain's intellectual elite, and into the minds of America's most influential liberal figures. Marshall finds America's most powerful liberals, all part of the same baby boomer generation that has dominated US political life since their voices broke in the 1960s, pushing a new form of "liberal interventionism" that threatens to use force to bring political freedom to oppressed people. But is the democracy they are exporting to the world really what they say it is? Or have liberals buckled under the pressure of America's declining fortunes and taken on the role of good cop to the conservatives' bad? Featuring interviews with Christopher Hitchens, Gore Vidal, David Horowitz, Lewis Lapham, John Avlon, The Economist's John Micklethwait, Guardian Editor-in-Chief Alan Rusbridger, and best-selling authors Thomas Friedman, Paul Berman, and John Perkins.

## Cursing the Christians?

## A History of the Birkat HaMinim

*OUP USA* Ruth Langer offers an in-depth study of the birkat haminim, a Jewish prayer for the removal of those categories of human being who prevent the messianic redemption and the society envisioned for it. In its earliest form, the prayer cursed Christians, apostates to Christianity, sectarians, and enemies of Israel. Drawing on the shifting liturgical texts, polemics, and apologetics concerning the prayer, Langer traces the transformation of the birkat haminim from what functioned without question in the medieval world as a Jewish curse of Christians, through its early modern censorship by Christians, to its modern transformation within the Jewish world into a general petition that God remove evil from the world. Christian censorship played a crucial role in this transformation of the prayer; however, Langer argues that the truest transformation in meaning resulted from Jewish integration into Western culture. Eventually, the prayer shed its references to any specific category of human being and lost its function as a curse. Reconciliation between Jews and Christians today requires both communities to confront a long history of prejudice. Ruth Langer shows through the birkat haminim how the history of one liturgical text chronicled Jewish thinking about Christians over hundreds of years.

## Beyond Your Bubble

## How to Connect Across the Political Divide, Skills and Strategies for Conversations that Work

*American Psychological Association (APA)* "This practical, politically neutral book offers concrete skills for holding meaningful conversations that cut across today's intense political divide, showing readers how to connect to the people in their lives. Political polarization is at an all-time high, and the consequences for our personal relationships are significant. Many people have friends and family members with whom they feel they can no longer communicate because of their extreme political views. In this book, psychologist Tania Israel presents her program for helping people have meaningful, constructive conversations with those they disagree with politically. Chapters show readers how to develop and use the scientifically-proven skills that are the foundation of constructive conversation, including strategies for effective listening, managing emotions, and understanding someone else's perspective, as well as finding common ground, avoiding self-righteousness, and telling your own story. Throughout, conversation prompts, practical exercises, case examples, and self-quizzes help readers visualize and practice starting, sustaining, and ending challenging conversations"--

## The Pity Party

## A Mean-Spirited Diatribe Against Liberal Compassion

*Harper Collins* In the vein of Jonah Goldberg's *Liberal Fascism* comes a scathing and reasoned critique of the politics of liberal compassion—and why liberals' lack of interest in the results of their policies renders them unfit to govern. For decades, conservatives have chafed at being called "heartless" and "uncaring" by liberals, without ever challenging this charge. Instead, they've spent their time trying to prove that they really do care. Now, political scientist William Voegeli turns the tables on this argument, making the case that "compassion" is neither the essence of personal virtue, nor the ultimate purpose of government. Liberals have built a remarkable edifice of government programs that are justified by appeals to compassion. Yet as Voegeli shows, they are indifferent whether these programs fail or succeed. Instead, when the problems these programs are created to solve fail to disappear, they propose to fix underperforming programs with more money, or more programs. Meanwhile, conservatives who challenge their effectiveness on practical grounds are met with charges of being "heartless right wingers." Voegeli explores various programs that have become battlefields between Conservatives fighting for more efficiency, and Liberals fighting for the status quo. Along the way, he explains the philosophical underpinnings of the Liberal project that created and reinforce this misapplied ideal of compassion, and why, without a major change, Liberals must be considered unfit to govern.

"Sometimes in the Wrong, But Never in Doubt"

## George S. Benson and the Education of the New Religious Right

*Univ. of Tennessee Press* Although the New Religious Right has attracted considerable media attention in recent years, little has been written about its historical roots. In this groundbreaking book, L. Edward Hicks examines the career of George S. Benson, whose work as a fundamentalist Christian educator foreshadowed the political activism now associated with such figures as Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell. Born in rural Oklahoma, Benson became an evangelist and missionary to China during the 1920s. In 1936, he was appointed president of Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas, a small school operated by the Churches of Christ. From his base there, Benson soon embarked on a far-reaching crusade that joined conservative Christian values with free-enterprise economics and its political underpinnings. In 1941, he founded the National Education Program (NEP), which would proclaim as its goal "the preservation and advancement of the spiritual, moral, economic, and political values on which this nation was founded." After World War II, as anticommunism became a dominant motif of the various forums and publications sponsored by the NEP, Benson was a much-sought-after speaker at conservative gatherings. Even in the face of apparent setbacks - such as Barry Goldwater's defeat in the 1964 presidential election - Benson never wavered in actively promoting his brand of Americanism. Hicks argues that Benson's NEP programs and pamphleteering did much to shape the conservative populism that helped to elect Ronald Reagan in 1980. Benson's lifelong aim, Hicks notes, was not to convert liberals but to convince already conservative Christians of the need to become involved in political issues. He was, in the words of one editorial writer, "a member of the Moral Majority before there was one."

## Obama Zombies

## How the Liberal Machine Brainwashed My Generation

*Simon and Schuster* In 2008, Barack Obama lobotomized a generation. For an entire year, otherwise clear-thinking members of the most affluent, over-educated, information-drenched generation in American history fell prey to the most expensive, hi-tech, laser-focused marketing assault in presidential campaign history. Twitter messages were machine-gunned to cell phones at mach speed. Facebook and MySpace groups spread across the Internet like digital fire. YouTube videos featuring celebrities ricocheted across the globe and into college students' in-boxes with devastating regularity. All the while, the mega-money-raising engine whirred like a slot machine stuck on jackpot. The result: an unthinking mass of young voters marched forward to elect the most radical and untested president in U.S. history. Recognized as one of the country's top young conservative activists by Human Events, Jason Mattera created an internet sensation with ambush video interviews that exposed clueless young liberals and cunning Democratic officials. Now he reveals the jaw-dropping lengths Barack Obama and his allies in Hollywood, Washington, and Academia went to in order to transform a legion of iPod-listening, MTV-watching followers into a

winning coalition that threatens to become a long-lasting political realignment. *Obama Zombies* uncovers the true, behind-the-scenes story of the methods and tactics the Obama campaign unleashed on youth culture. Through personal interviews and meticulous original research, Mattera explains why conservatism's future rests upon jolting the young masses from their slumber, yanking out their earphones, and sparking a countercultural conservative battle against the rise of the ignorant Left. The lesson from 2008 is crystal clear: When true conservatives run away, Obama zombies come out to play.

## The Publishers Weekly

## The Conservative Heart

## How to Build a Fairer, Happier, and More Prosperous America

*HarperCollins* Arthur C. Brooks, one of the country's leading policy experts and the president of the American Enterprise Institute, offers a bold new vision for conservatism as a movement for happiness, unity, and social justice—a movement of the head and heart that boldly challenges the liberal monopoly on “fairness” and “compassion.” Drawing on years of research, Brooks presents a social justice agenda for a New Right—an inclusive, optimistic movement with a positive agenda to fight poverty, promote equal opportunity, extol spiritual enlightenment, and help everyone lead happier and more fulfilling lives. Firmly grounded in the four “institutions of meaning”—family, faith, community, and meaningful work—it is a call for a government safety net that actually lifts people up and offers a vision of true hope through earned success. Clear, well-reasoned, accessible, and free of vituperative politics, *The Conservative Heart* is a welcome strategy for conservatives looking for fresh, actionable ideas—and for politically independent citizens who believe that neither side is adequately addressing their needs or concerns.

## The Library Journal

## Chiefly Devoted to Library Economy and Bibliography

Includes, beginning Sept. 15, 1954 (and on the 15th of each month, Sept.-May) a special section: School library journal, ISSN 0000-0035, (called *Junior libraries*, 1954-May 1961). Also issued separately.

## Crossing Boundaries, Redefining Faith

## Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Emerging Church Movement

*Wipf and Stock Publishers* *The Emerging Church Movement*, an eclectic conversation about how Christianity needs to evolve for our postmodern world, has been breaking traditional bounds and stirring up controversy for more than two decades. This volume is the first academic work to adopt an interdisciplinary approach to understanding this complex and boundary-crossing phenomenon. Containing contributions by researchers from a diverse set of disciplines, this book brings together historical, sociological, ethnographic, anthropological, and theological approaches to offer the most thorough and multifaceted description of the Emerging Church Movement to date. Contributors: Juan Jose Barreda Toscano Dee Yaccino Gerardo Marti Lloyd Chia Jason Wollschleger James S. Bielo Jon Bialecki Heather Josselyn-Cranson Xochitl Alviso Chris James Tim Snyder

## Forthcoming Books

### Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White

### Thoughts on Religion, Morality, and Politics

*Abingdon Press* Everyone agrees that America is polarized, with ever-hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another. No one agrees on what to do about it. One solution that hasn't yet been tried, says Adam Hamilton, is for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide us. Hamilton rejects the easy assumptions and sloppy analysis of black and white thinking, seeking instead the truth that resides on all sides of the issues, and offering a faithful and compassionate way forward. He writes, "I don't expect you to agree with everything I've written. I expect that in the future even I won't agree with everything I've written here. The point is not to get you to agree with me, but to encourage you to think about what you believe. In the end I will be inviting those of you who find this book resonates with what you feel is true, to join the movement to pursue a middle way between the left and the right - to make your voices heard - and to model for our nation and for the church, how we can listen, learn, see truth as multi-sided, and love those with whom we disagree." Read more about this title Adam Hamilton's Seeing Gray Blog Now available! Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White - DVD UPC: 843504001902 A five-session video resource featuring Adam Hamilton teaching these concepts on DVD for group or individual study. Includes leader's guide as well as bonus video. Click below to view a preview of each video session. Where Faith and Politics Meet Christ Christians and the Culture Wars How should we live, The Ethics of Jesus Spiritual Maturity and Seeing Gray What Would Jesus Say to America?

## The Death of Conservatism

### A Movement and Its Consequences

*Random House Trade Paperbacks* Sam Tanenhaus's essay "Conservatism Is Dead" prompted intense discussion and debate when it was published in *The New Republic* in the first days of Barack Obama's presidency. Now Tanenhaus, a leading authority on modern politics, has expanded his argument into a sweeping history of the American conservative movement. For seventy-five years, he argues, the Right has been split between two factions: consensus-driven "realists" who believe in the virtue of government and its power to adjust to changing conditions, and movement "revanchists" who distrust government and society-and often find themselves at war with America itself. Eventually, Tanenhaus writes, the revanchists prevailed, and the result is the decadent "movement conservatism" of today, a defunct ideology that is "profoundly and defiantly unconservative-in its arguments and ideas, its tactics and strategies, above all in its vision." But there is hope for conservatism. It resides in the examples of pragmatic leaders like Dwight Eisenhower and Ronald Reagan and thinkers like Whittaker Chambers and William F. Buckley, Jr. Each came to understand that the true role of conservatism is not to advance a narrow ideological agenda but to engage in a serious dialogue with liberalism and join with it in upholding "the politics of stability." Conservatives today need to rediscover the roots of this honorable tradition. It is their only route back to the center of American politics. At once succinct and detailed, penetrating and nuanced, *The Death of Conservatism* is a must-read for Americans of any political persuasion.

## Romanticism, Economics and the Question of 'culture'

*Oxford University Press on Demand* Drawing upon a wide range of source material, this study reassesses the idea that the Romantic defence of spiritual and humanistic culture developed as a reaction to the perceived individualistic, philistine values of the science of political economy.

## Il Diritto ecclesiastico

## Red State, Blue State

## Defending the Liberal Jesus and Blue State Morality from Red State Religion and Hypocrisy

*iUniverse* The presidential election of 2004 demonstrated that the United States is divided in a number of ways-not only, by the ever-present alienation between conservatives and liberals. Religion and politics have become intertwined and a new trend is sweeping the nation that accompanies the ever-widening rift between conservative and liberal Christians. We are a divided nation. In *Red State, Blue State*, author John Grevstad challenges the ideals and morality of the conservative right. How would the traditional moral values of the Red State conservative hold up to the words and philosophy of Jesus Christ himself? Grevstad both asks and answers the question. Citing Biblical text, Grevstad alleges that Jesus was a "card-carrying liberal" whose message has been destroyed by Red State conservatives. Additionally, Grevstad uses a humorous tone and clever insights as he compares the lifestyle, values, and culture of Red States and Blue States. These comparisons are intelligent, controversial, and enlightening. *Red State, Blue State* is an entertaining and eye-opening contribution to the cause of the American liberal. It offers profound insights while being a clever, highly volatile, and courageous attempt to speak out and do something about the political and religious climate of this country. *Red State, Blue State* is filled with words of wisdom the country needs to hear.

## The Jakarta Method

## Washington's Anticommunist Crusade and the Mass Murder Program that Shaped Our World

*Hachette UK* **NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF 2020 BY NPR, THE FINANCIAL TIMES, AND GQ** The hidden story of the wanton slaughter -- in Indonesia, Latin America, and around the world -- backed by the United States. In 1965, the U.S. government helped the Indonesian military kill approximately one million innocent civilians. This was one of the most important turning points of the twentieth century, eliminating the largest communist party outside China and the Soviet Union and inspiring copycat terror programs in faraway countries like Brazil and Chile. But these events remain widely overlooked, precisely because the CIA's secret interventions were so successful. In this bold and comprehensive new history, Vincent Bevins builds on his incisive reporting for the *Washington Post*, using recently declassified documents, archival research and eye-witness testimony collected across twelve countries to reveal a shocking legacy that spans the globe. For decades, it's been believed that parts of the developing world passed peacefully into the U.S.-led capitalist system. The *Jakarta Method* demonstrates that the brutal extermination of unarmed leftists was a fundamental part of Washington's final triumph in the Cold War.

## Legality and Legitimacy

## Carl Schmitt, Hans Kelsen and Hermann Heller in Weimar

*Oxford : Clarendon Press* This text investigates one of the oldest questions of legal philosophy - the relationship between law and legitimacy. It analyses the legal theories of three public lawyers of the Weimar era, Carl Schmitt, Hans Kelsen, and Hermann Heller.

## Mingling with the Enemy

## A Social Survival Guide for Our Divided Era

*New Harbinger Publications* From the bestselling author of *The Art of Mingling*, an essential how-to for navigating today's conversational minefields. We are living in a new social era: **The Powder Keg Era**. These days almost every subject leads straight to politics, and the conversation goes straight to hell. In a nation that is completely polarized, with most of us continually pummeled by social media and the 24/7 news cycle, our social lives are taking a hit. It can happen anywhere: at a friend's birthday bash, a wedding reception, the gym, your local cafe, or your family Thanksgiving dinner. Even a group Zoom with colleagues or office mates can be dangerous. Suddenly, what began as a perfectly innocent chat about chocolate cake or seasonal allergies takes a bad turn, and you find yourself in an ugly argument about genetically altered foods or the healthcare system. Every day the tensions among us seem to be rising; the ever-widening ideological chasm is hurting our ability to communicate. So, how can we learn how to converse with people who are on the "other side"—without anyone getting hurt? With an insightful and down-to-earth sensibility, bestselling author Jeanne Martinet offers a practical and encouraging guide to navigating conversations in our current social climate. She illustrates easy-to-learn techniques and strategies to help you: keep your mind open, know your own triggers, pick the best topics, change course to avoid disaster, be an active listener, master the ability to yield without losing, employ humor and storytelling to ease tension, go undercover when necessary, be a brilliant subject changer, and find common ground. She also provides important tips on knowing when it's time to take up the gauntlet and when it's better to make a graceful escape. We have to keep talking to each other at all costs. Social interaction is a positive force that we need in order to thrive, individually and as a society, especially in today's fractured world. Learning to mingle with the "enemy" is about figuring out how to have conversations with people that may make us afraid or angry. It's about recognizing the presumptions—even prejudices—we all have when coming into contact with certain people. With the ultimate goal of teaching us how to connect with each other more fully, *Mingling with the Enemy* furnishes a road map for successfully traversing any and all hostile territories—without anyone getting blown up.

## Godless

## The Church of Liberalism

*Crown Forum* From the conservative spokesperson and author of *Slander* and *How to Talk to a Liberal* comes an all new, timely, and thought-provoking study of American politics and religion that looks at the Left's attacks on the Judeo-Christian tradition. Reprint. 300,000 first printing.

## 5 Days in May

## The Coalition and Beyond

Andrew Adonis gives her own account of the failed Lib-Lab coalition talks that followed the historic 2010 election. An important insider account of the dramatic negotiations, it also offers the author's view on what the future holds for all three parties.

## The Burn Pits

### The Poisoning of America's Soldiers

*Simon and Schuster* "There's a whole chapter on my son Beau... He was co-located [twice] near these burn pits." -Joe Biden, former Vice President of the United States of America **The Agent Orange of the 21st Century...** Thousands of American soldiers are returning from the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan with severe wounds from chemical war. They are not the victims of ruthless enemy warfare, but of their own military commanders. These soldiers, afflicted with rare cancers and respiratory diseases, were sickened from the smoke and ash swirling out of the "burn pits" where military contractors incinerated mountains of trash, including old stockpiles of mustard and sarin gas, medical waste, and other toxic material. This shocking work, now for the first time in paperback, includes: Illustration of the devastation in one soldier's intimate story A plea for help Connection between the burn pits and Major Biden's unfortunate suffering and death The burn pits' effects on native citizens of Iraq: mothers, fathers, and children Denial from the Department of Defense and others Warning signs that were ignored and much more Based on thousands of government documents, over five hundred in-depth medical case studies, and interviews with more than one thousand veterans and active-duty GIs, **The Burn Pits** will shock the nation. The book is more than an explosive work of investigative journalism—it is the deeply moving chronicle of the many young men and women who signed up to serve their country in the wake of 9/11, only to return home permanently damaged, the victims of their own armed forces' criminal negligence.

## Culture Wars

### An Encyclopedia of Issues, Viewpoints, and Voices

*M.E. Sharpe* A collection of letters from a cross-section of Japanese citizens to a leading Japanese newspaper, relating their experiences and thoughts of the Pacific War.

### A Theology of Cross and Kingdom

Luther's theology of the cross has impacted major theologians and centuries of theology, including the present, and yet it is weakened by its reactionary theological determinism, reductionism, and understandable failure to properly integrate fluid, melioristic, and pro-creation kingdom eschatology. N. T. Wright's revolutionary cross, articulated in *The Day the Revolution Began: Reconsidering the Meaning of Jesus's Crucifixion*, is a brilliant and clarion new creation eschatological call to action that suffers from a somewhat cryptic, imprecise, and unrefined eschatology. Heino O. Kadai has presented an authoritative and concise rendering of Luther's key insights. Brian Rustin has persuasively absolved Luther's theology of the cross of blame for the *Deus absconditus* of modernity in his Barthian influenced *Covering Up Luther*. Robert Cady Saler has masterfully articulated a relevant and pastoral *Theologia Crucis* framed by Moltmann's *Theology of Hope* that is most applicable to the contemporary church and sociopolitical engagement. *A Theology of Cross and Kingdom* sympathetically and creatively critiques and synthesizes dominant themes in such classical and contemporary theologies of the cross within a unified cross and kingdom eschatology. Matthews deftly overcomes many of the less than helpful disjunctive approaches to the theology of the cross while proffering a way forward for this most influential and core theological treasure of the church.