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## Global Catholicism

A New York Times bestselling and widely admired Catholic writer explores how we can retrieve transcendent faith in modern times Critically acclaimed and bestselling author James Carroll has

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explored every aspect of Christianity, faith, and Jesus Christ except this central one: What can we believe about—and how can we believe in—Jesus in the twenty-first century in light of the Holocaust and other atrocities of the twentieth century and the drift from religion that followed? What Carroll has discovered through decades of writing and lecturing is that he is far from alone in clinging to a received memory of Jesus that separates him from his crucial identity as a Jew, and therefore as a human. Yet if Jesus was not taken as divine, he would be of no interest to us. What can that mean now? Paradoxically, the key is his permanent Jewishness. No Christian himself, Jesus actually transcends Christianity. Drawing on both a wide range of scholarship as well as his own acute searching as a believer, Carroll takes a fresh look at the most familiar narratives of all—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Far from another book about the “historical Jesus,” he takes the challenges of science and contemporary philosophy seriously. He retrieves the power of Jesus’ profound ordinariness, as an answer to his own last question—what is the future of Jesus Christ?—as the key to a renewal of faith. From the Hardcover edition.

### **Just faith**

The purpose of this scholarly book is to expand the body of knowledge available on urban theology. It introduces readers to the concept of planetary urbanisation, with the view of deepening an understanding of urbanisation and its all-pervasive impact on the planet, people and places from a

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theological perspective. A critical theological reading of 'the urban' is also provided, deliberating on bridging the divide between voices from the Global South and the Global North. In doing so, this book simultaneously seeks out robust and dynamic faith constructs, expressed in various forms and embodiments of justice. The methodology chosen transcended narrow disciplinary boundaries, situating reflections between and across disciplines, in the interface between scholarly reflection and an activist faith, as well as between local rootedness and global connectedness. This was facilitated by the collected gathering of authors, spanning all continents, various Christian faith traditions and multiple disciplines, as well as a range of methodological approaches. The book endeavours to contribute to knowledge production in a number of ways. Firstly, it suggests the inadequacy of most dominant faith expressions in the face of all-pervasive forces of urbanisation, and it also provides clues as to the possibility of fostering potent alternative imaginaries. Secondly, it explores a decolonial faith that is expressed in various forms of justice. It is an attempt to offer concrete embodiments of what such a faith could look like in the context of planetary urbanisation. Thirdly, the book does not focus on one specific urban challenge or mode of ministry but rather introduces the concept of planetary urbanisation and then offers critical lenses with which to interrogate its consequences and challenges. It considers concrete and liberating faith constructs in areas ranging from gender, race, economic inequality, a solidarity economics and housing to urban violence, indigeneity and urbanisation, the interface between economic and

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environmental sustainability, and grass-roots theological education.

### **To Nourish Our Faith**

This is a collection of John Hick's essays on the understanding of the world's religions as different human responses to the same ultimate transcendent reality. He is in dialogue with contemporary philosophers (some of whom contribute new responses); with Evangelicals; with the Vatican and other both Catholic and Protestant theologians.

### **The Uniqueness of Jesus**

At moments in history, individuals have embodied the gospel message with creativity and passion. One such moment began when a returned veteran named Francis Bernardone found a whole new world in a desolate space just outside Assisi: a leper colony. Drawn to discover the incarnate God, and joined by a collaborator as able and determined as he, Francis, and Clare of Assisi's desire to live authentically in gospel simplicity ushered in a revolutionary sensitivity to the presence of God within the human community. Today, eight hundred years later, the first pope to take the name Francis invites us to engage the "revolution of tenderness" to which we are "summoned by the God who became flesh." The example of Pope Francis gives us a new and vivid sense of just how compelling radical sincerity and reverent encounter with others can be. Capitalizing on the legacy of Francis and Clare and the energy of a

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visionary pope who raises critical questions about how to be faithful to the gospel, *The Tenderness of God* invites readers into a rich conversation across time and space about how to recapture our humanity and nurture our God-given capacity to live meaningfully and joyfully in communion with others.

### **Original Sin**

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### **Transforming Encounters and Critical Reflection: African Thought, Critical Theory, and Liberation Theology in Dialogue**

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### **A Critique of the Theology of Albert Nolan in His Book Jesus Before Christianity**

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### **What are They Saying about the Grace of Christ?**

Ian Linden has been an active lay member of the Catholic Church for many years and has witnessed first hand such important movements as liberation theology. In this book, he charts the complex history of the forces of renewal unleashed by the Second Vatican Council and the counter-forces that gathered during the last half century.

### **Jesus Today**

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### **The Experience and Language of Grace**

'I found myself praying from Christian Foundations in new ways. Of course, like most academics, I had heard it all before. But I haven't- not this way, at least. It was truly an experience of talking to God

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while thinking about God- not a bad way to do theology. Needless to say, I will use it with my undergraduates.' -Dr. Thomas Groome, Boston College

### **25 Books Every Christian Should Read**

In a long-awaited volume, the author of *The Essential Mystics* explains why Christ came to the world, offers an anthology of texts that have guided him in his search for Christ-consciousness, and puts forth transformative ways of realizing the power of Christ. Reprint.

### **Evolution of the Word**

“A beautiful book and a Cox classic....Readers will be grateful that they joined him on his journey.” —E.J. Dionne Jr., author of *Souled Out* “Insightful, provocative, and inspiring—I even found myself uttering a hearty evangelical ‘Amen!’” —Richard Mouw, President, Fuller Theological Seminary, and author of *Calvinism in the Las Vegas Airport* The Future of Faith is Harvard religion scholar Harvey Cox’s landmark exploration of why Christian dogmatism is giving way to a grassroots Christianity rooted in social justice and spirituality. Cox laid the groundwork for modern religious writing with his 1965 classic, *The Secular City*, paving the way for writers like Diana Butler Bass, Karen Armstrong, Stephen Prothero, and Deepak Chopra, who calls *The Future of Faith* “a fresh vision for the resurrection of a new global Christianity.”

## **God of the Oppressed**

Global Catholicism charts the complex history of the forces of renewal unleashed on the Roman Catholic Church by the Second Vatican Council and the counter-forces that were mobilised against it during the last half century.

## **Christ Actually**

By presenting the New Testament books in the order they were written, bestselling Bible scholar Marcus Borg reveals how spiritually and politically radical the early Jesus movement began and how it slowly became domesticated. Evolution of the Word is an incredible value: not only are readers getting a deeply insightful new book from the author of *Speaking Christian and Jesus*, but also the full-text of the New Testament—and one of the only Bibles organized in chronological order and including explanatory annotations that give readers a more informed understanding of the Scripture that is so close to their hearts and lives.

## **Self, Culture, and Others in Womanist Practical Theology**

Since publication of his landmark book, *No Other Name?*, Paul Knitter's work has crystallized discussions and defined some of the most basic questions in Christian theology. This is so particularly in the debate over the uniqueness of Jesus as God's son and as all of humankind's sole redeemer. In *The*

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Uniqueness of Jesus, Knitter responds to the request of editors Leonard Swidler and Paul Mojzes to state the most adequate case for a viable Christian theology of religions and for the demands of living ecumenically in a religiously plural world. The result is Knitter's five basic theses on the uniqueness of Jesus that comprise the opening statement of this dialogue. In response, a score of influential women and men comment on these five theses, including Harvey Cox, Monika Hellweg, Hans Kung, Wesley Ariarajah, Clark H. Pinnock, Jose Miguez Bonino, John McQuarrie, Raimon Panikkar, John Sanders, John Mbiti, Ingrid Shafer, Michael Alzamora, Kajsa Ahlstrand, Michael von Bruck, John B. Cobb Jr., Kenneth Cragg, Antony Fernando, John Hick, Karl-Josef Kuschel, and Seiichi Yagi. Knitter then responds to his critics, some of whom, he concedes, make substantial points that reveal the difficulties of the road ahead.

### **The Future of Faith**

### **The Gospel of Mary of Magdala**

This book is about men and misogyny in the early Christian churches - not specifically about women and their contribution to the life of the primitive church, though, of course, the two cannot be separated. In truth, this book is about power, and who should exercise it. It is about men's clubs and the rules and regulations devised by members to exclude their womenfolk, about theological nonsense dreamed up and preached to keep women in their place, to

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undermine the fundamental and foundational values of Jesus' kingdom - to keep the keys of that kingdom safely in clerical hands. The place of women in the life of the early church is a vast area of historical and theological study, but my principal focus is confined to the startling prevalence of misogynistic attitudes and practices in the various regions in which Jesus' gospel was spread. The world has moved on from those earlier times - and for the better. Society now has female prime ministers, governors, judges, lawyers, surgeons, cricketers, soldiers, commentators, journalists and jockeys - but not archbishops or bishops or even common priests at least not in the Roman Catholic Church.

### **Christian Foundations**

#### **Church History**

A new approach to the idea of grace. The author isolates certain common themes consistently present in the traditional language of grace and reinterprets them in terms of the concept of liberation.

#### **How God Became King**

One of the chief difficulties in studying the history of Christianity is the lack of prior exposure to the subject that students often bring with them. Struggling to keep up with the large numbers of names, dates, and places presented to them, it is easy for students to lose sight of the "big picture," the broad sweep of

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movement and change that instructors most wish to communicate. Justo Gonzalez has written this book to help students gain just such a quick and basic grasp of the main periods and issues in the history of Christianity. Drawing upon his own extensive experience and that of others, he contends that having been introduced to the essentials of church history in a brief and accessible form, students are far better able to understand and appreciate what they encounter in more detailed lectures and reading. Gonzalez provides a comprehensive opening chapter that summarizes major issues and concerns of each of the principal eras of church history. Subsequent chapters focus on the ancient church, the Christian empire, the Middle Ages, the Reformation, the seventeenth through nineteenth centuries, and the twentieth century and the end of modernity.

### **The Tenderness of God**

Noted New Testament scholar Bauckham challenges the prevailing assumption the accounts of Jesus circulated as "anonymous community traditions," instead asserting that they were transmitted in the name of the original eyewitness.

### **Eternal Life: A New Vision**

Presents a new translation of the Gospel of Mary, discusses its presentation of the teachings of Jesus, and compares it to other early Christian writings in the context of early Church teachings.

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### **The Heart of Christianity**

Bishop John Shelby Spong, author of *Jesus for the Non-Religious*, *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*, *Sins of Scripture*, and many other books, is known for his controversial ideas and fighting for minority rights. In *Eternal Life: A New Vision*, a remarkable spiritual journey about his lifelong struggle with the questions of God and death, he reveals how he came to a new conviction about eternal life. God, says spong, is ultimately one, and each of us is part of that oneness. We do not live on after death as children who have been rewarded with heaven or punished with hell but as part of the life and being of God, sharing in God's eternity, which is beyond the barriers of time and space. spong argues that the discovery of the eternal can be found within each of us if we go deeply into ourselves, transcend our limits and become fully human. By seeking God within, by living each day to its fullest, we will come to understand how we live eternally. Always compelling and controversial, Spong, the leading Christian liberal and pioneer for human rights, wrestles with the question that all of us will ultimately face. In his final book, Spong takes us beyond religion and even beyond Christianity until he arrives at the affirmation that the fully realized human life empties into and participates in the eternity of God. The pathway into God turns out to be both a pathway into ourselves and a doorway into eternal life. To Job's question "If a man (or a woman)

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dies, will he (or she) live again?" he gives his answer as a ringing yes!

### **The Church Before Christianity**

#### **Jesus Before Christianity**

Nolan outlines the basis of a theology and spirituality that sides with the poor and the cause of justice. His theme is not simply one of resistance. He also challenges us to embrace the spirituality of Jesus, showing how the saving power of God may empower us to achieve personal liberation and contribute to the creation of structures of grace.

#### **Virgins and Jezebels**

#### **Jesus and the Eyewitnesses**

This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue "Transforming Encounters and Critical Reflection: African Thought, Critical Theory, and Liberation Theology in Dialogue" that was published in Religions

#### **The Miracle Maker**

To illustrate the complexities of black women's experiences of self-identification and racial embodiment, Phillis Isabella Sheppard provides an account that engages both psychoanalytic theory and the role of religion and cultural objects in self-

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understanding.

## **Jesus Before Christianity**

Discipleship is costly. Are we willing to critique and even challenge much we've been taught for the sake of the kingdom? For this is the radical nature of the discipleship to which Jesus calls us. He did not allow the outside culture to hold him captive; instead he established the kingdom of God and turned the world on its head. Jesus was untamed, and he calls his church to be the same. In this provocative and compelling book, internationally known missiologists Alan and Debra Hirsch overthrow culturized understandings of theology and culture, and cast a vision for a distinctly mission-shaped way of living the Christian life. Written for any Christian serious about issue of discipleship, Untamed covers such topics as church, humans as bearers of the image of God, family life, culture, and sexuality. Through it all they seek to answer the question, how are we to think and live day to day as followers of Jesus? Each chapter ends with suggested practices to help readers begin to live out the book's principles as well as questions for group discussion.

## **Jesus Before Christianity**

Examines the history and development of ecological theological anthropology and how it engages human suffering, so that people of faith can better understand the suffering inherent to earth's creative processes and that inflicted by human sin.

## **The Challenge of Jesus**

World-renowned Jesus scholar Marcus J. Borg shows how we can live passionately as Christians in today's world by practicing the vital elements of Christian faith. For the millions of people who have turned away from many traditional beliefs about God, Jesus, and the Bible, but still long for a relevant, nourishing faith, Borg shows why the Christian life can remain a transforming relationship with God. Emphasizing the critical role of daily practice in living the Christian life, he explores how prayer, worship, Sabbath, pilgrimage, and more can be experienced as authentically life-giving practices. Borg reclaims terms and ideas once thought to be the sole province of evangelicals and fundamentalists: he shows that terms such as "born again" have real meaning for all Christians; that the "Kingdom of God" is not a bulwark against secularism but is a means of transforming society into a world that values justice and love; and that the Christian life is essentially about opening one's heart to God and to others.

## **Dialogues in the Philosophy of Religion**

It has been slowly dawning on me over many years that there is a fundamental problem deep at the heart of Christian faith and practice as I have known it we have all forgotten what the four gospels are about.' With this surprising and radical assertion, highly respected theologian and former Bishop of Durham Tom Wright launches a groundbreaking work sure to shake up and revolutionise much Christian thinking on

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the very heart and meaning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Tom Wright leads us, intelligently and graciously to seeing the new reality of the gospel story; one that is so explosive that the church in many generations has found it too much to take and so has watered it down rather than allowing its full impact to be felt.

### **Jesus**

"Original Sin: Origins, Developments, Contemporary Meanings is the first full-scale assessment in many decades of one of the most fundamental of theological doctrines. Theologian Tatha Wiley methodically traces the emergence and initial function of the doctrine of Original Sin, then follows its rich development through the patristic and medieval centuries, and pays particular attention to modern ideas that have made this influential doctrine so problematic for contemporary believers. She not only highlights how and why recent theologians from Niebuhr to Ruether have sought to retrieve and rethink the doctrine, but also addresses an important question: "What does the doctrine of Original Sin have to say to us today?"--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

### **Global Catholicism**

Discusses the understanding of grace in terms of both Christology and theological anthropology. The author brings these two theological disciplines together in

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order to provide a picture of the dynamic relationship between God and humans, a picture which will allow contemporary Christians to understand more deeply their own experience of God's graciousness.

### **Hope in an Age of Despair**

### **Untamed (Shapevine)**

From the creators of Devotional Classics and Spiritual Classics comes 25 Books Every Christian Should Read, the definitive guide to the most spiritually influential and important books for Christians to read. Renovaré, a community of Christians promoting personal and spiritual renewal, put together a prestigious editorial board including Richard Foster, Dallas Willard, Phyllis Tickle, and Richard Rohr, resulting in this wonderful resource for exploring the richness of the Christian tradition.

### **Creation, God, and Humanity**

With an all-new introduction by the author, N. T. Wright's classic work helps us grow in our understanding of the historical Jesus within first-century Palestine while challenging us to follow Jesus more faithfully into the postmodern world of the twenty-first century.

### **God in South Africa**

Borg reveals a new way of seeing Jesus and

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Christianity--a new perspective that can overcome the differences between the literalists and progressives, a path that emphasizes following "the way" of Jesus.

### **Son of Man**

The Miracle Maker The greatest story ever told comes to life in spectacular clay-animation. Featuring the voices of an all-star cast, Christ's ageless tale unfolds around the story of a family seeking help for an ailing daughter. When they cross paths with an extraordinary carpenter named Jesus, the family's faith is put to the test as the father is torn between allegiance to the king and the desperate need for the miraculous powers of God. Jesus of Nazareth Beginning before the Nativity, and extending through the Crucifixion and Resurrection, Jesus of Nazareth brings to life all the majesty and sweeping drama of the life of Jesus as told in the Gospels. The film provides the setting and background for the birth, childhood, baptism, teaching, and many miracles of the Messiah, culminating in the Resurrection.

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