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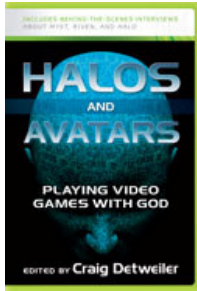
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Brand new:



T794.8Det *Halos and Avatars: Playing Video Games with God* Edited by Craig

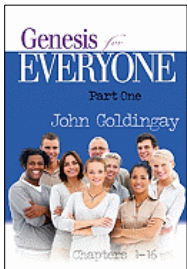
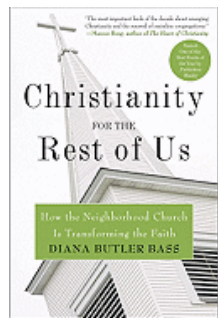
Detweiler Craig Detweiler's collection of up-to-the-minute essays on video games' theological themes (and yes, they do exist) is an engaging and provocative book for gamers, parents, pastors, media scholars, and theologians--virtually anyone who has dared to consider the ramifications of modern society's obsession with video games and online media. Top contributors address timely topics such as video games as the new storytelling medium; the theological implications of violent or apocalyptic video games like Halo 3, Grand Theft Auto IV, and Resident Evil; the impact of avatars, "second lives," and social networks on our spiritual lives; the competitive aspects of gaming and the nature of play in Madden NFL and Guitar Hero; the active future of gaming (and faith) accompanying the Wii; medical ethics and theology in controversial games such as BioShock; and the rise of Islamogaming, analyzing how games

can function as tools of identity formation and social protest for minority religions. Additional material includes interviews with current game designers, including Rand Miller, co-creator of Myst and Riven, and a helpful chapter from the Fuller Youth Institute on how parents and pastors can effectively talk to teens about gaming. 248 pages.

280.409 *Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is*

Transforming the Faith by Diana Butler Bass

For decades the accepted wisdom has been that America's mainline Protestant churches are in decline, eclipsed by evangelical mega-churches. Church and religion expert Diana Butler Bass wondered if this was true, and this book is the result of her extensive, three-year study of centrist and progressive churches across the country. Her surprising findings reveal just the opposite--that many of the churches are flourishing, and they are doing so without resorting to mimicking the mega-church, evangelical style. This book describes this phenomenon and offers a how-to approach for Protestants eager to remain faithful to their tradition while becoming a vital spiritual community. As Butler Bass delved into the rich spiritual life of various Episcopal, United Methodist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, and Lutheran churches, certain consistent practices--such as hospitality, contemplation, diversity, justice, discernment, and worship--emerged as core expressions of congregations seeking to rediscover authentic Christian faith and witness today. This hopeful book, which includes a study guide for groups and individuals, reveals the practical steps that leaders and laypeople alike are taking to proclaim an alternative message about an emerging Christianity that strives for greater spiritual depth and proactively engages the needs of the world. 321 pages.



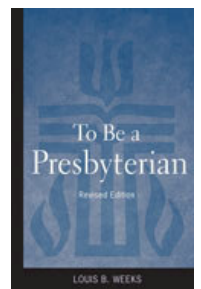
AS222.11077Gol *Genesis for Everyone, Part 1-Chapters 1-16 and Genesis for*

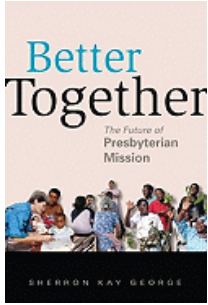
Everyone, Part 2-Chapters 17-50 by John Goldingay

Following on the heels of the successful New Testament for Everyone commentaries by acclaimed scholar and author N. T. Wright, Westminster John Knox is pleased to announce the first volumes in the all new Old Testament for Everyone Bible commentary series. John Goldingay, an internationally respected Old Testament scholar, authors this ambitious series, treating every passage of Scripture from Genesis to Malachi, addressing the texts in such a way that even the most challenging passages are explained simply and concisely. Perfect for daily devotions, Sunday school prep, or brief visits with the Bible, the Old Testament for Everyone series is an excellent resource for the modern lay reader. Part 1 is 197 pages and part 2 is 186 pages.

285.1Wee *To Be a Presbyterian, Revised Edition* by Louis B. Weeks

In this lay-friendly introduction to what it means to be a Presbyterian, Louis B. Weeks explains the life, history, tradition, and beliefs of the Presbyterian Church. More than providing just a brief overview, Weeks ties his explanations to actual congregational situations. Each chapter begins with an anecdote and then examines the theme in the following pages. It is ideal for new-member classes and for those who seek a refresher course on Presbyterianism. Originally publishing this volume in 1983, Weeks has updated many of the original anecdotes and added material to reflect decades of change in the PC(USA). New materials address the following concepts, among others: growth in spiritual practices and changes in hymnody; ecotheology; the adoption of A Brief Statement of Faith; the growth of Reformed churches overseas and their influence on the Reformed world; and the growing emphasis on interfaith issues. The last two chapters address recent conflict in the church. 118 pages.

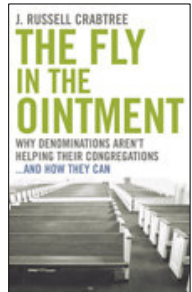




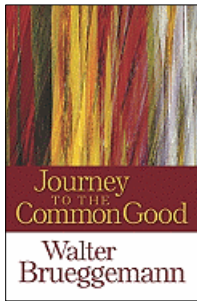
266.5137Geo Better Together: The Future of Presbyterian Mission by Sherron Kay George In 1910 Protestant missionaries from around the world gathered to explore the role of Christian missions in the twentieth century. In this collection, leading missiologists use the one hundred year anniversary of the Edinburgh conference as an occasion to reflect on the practice of Christian mission in today's context: a context marked by globalization, migration, ecological crisis, and religiously motivated violence. The contributors explore the meaning of Christian mission, the contemporary context for mission work, and new forms in which the church has engaged--and should engage--in its missionary task. From these essays, a vision of twenty first-century mission begins to emerge--one that is aware of issues of race, gender, border spaces, migration, and ecology. This renewed vision gives strength to the future of shared Christian ministry across nations and traditions. 107 pages.

262.22Cra The Fly in the Ointment: Why Denominations Aren't Helping Their Congregations...And How They Can by J. Russel Crabtree An ecumenical resource that helps churches and church leaders begin to think about how to transform themselves into vital, flourishing organizations - transformation that requires deep, systemic change on the part of the bodies that are meant to help congregations live into their mission in the world.

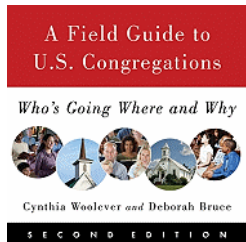
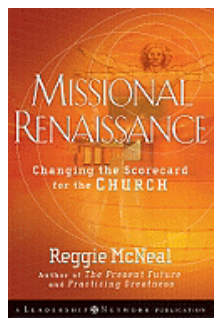
- Author is active consultant with mainline Protestant denominations and non-profits
- Addresses issues of coping with change and conflict in congregations and denominations in the face of American cultural change. 178 pages.



261.8Bru Journey to the Common Good by Walter Brueggemann Respected author and theologian Walter Brueggemann turns his discerning eye to the most critical yet basic needs of a world adapting to a new era, an era defined in large part by America's efforts to rebuild from an age of terror even as it navigates its way through an economic collapse. Yet in spite of these great challenges, Brueggemann calls us to journey together to the common good through neighborliness, covenanting, and reconstruction. Such a concept may seem overwhelming, but writing with his usual theological acumen and social awareness Brueggemann distills this challenge to its most basic issues: Where is the church going? What is its role in contemporary society? What lessons does it have to offer a world enmeshed in such turbulent times? The answer is the same answer God gave to the Israelites thousands of years ago: Love your neighbor and work for the common good. Brueggemann considers biblical texts as examples of the journey now required of the faithful if they wish to move from isolation and distrust to a practice of neighborliness, as an invitation to a radical choice for life or for death, and as a reliable script for overcoming contemporary problems of loss and restoration in a failed urban economy. 125 pages.



266.22McN Missional Renaissance; Changing the Scorecard for the Church by Reggie McNeal Reggie McNeal's bestseller "The Present Future" is the definitive work on the "missional movement," i.e., the widespread movement among Protestant churches to be less inwardly focused and more oriented toward the culture and community around them. In that book he asked the tough questions that churches needed to entertain to begin to think about who they are and what they are doing; in "Missional Renaissance," he shows them the three significant shifts in their thinking and behavior that they need to make that will allow leaders to chart a course toward being missional: (1) from an internal to an external focus, ending the church as exclusive social club model; (2) from running programs and ministries to developing people as its core activity; and (3) from professional leadership to leadership that is shared by everyone in the community. With in-depth discussions of the "what" and the "how" of transitioning to being a missional church, readers will be equipped to move into what McNeal sees as the most viable future for Christianity. For all those thousands of churches who are asking about what to do next after reading "The Present Future," "Missional Renaissance" will provide the answer. 193 pages.



277.3Woo A Field Guide to U.S. Congregations; Who's Going Where and Why by Cynthia Woolever and Deborah Bruce In April of 2001 the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Research Services office conducted the initial U.S. Congregational Life Survey. As part of that study at least 1.2 million worshipers and 12,000 congregations across three continents were surveyed to provide a portrait on congregational life in four dimensions: spirituality and faith, congregational activities, community involvement, and their vision for the future. Their findings were published in the first edition of A Field Guide to U.S. Congregations. Now, with the completion of the 2008 U.S. Congregational Life Survey, the authors have created a new and expanded edition of this invaluable reference. It has been revised to reflect new findings and includes updated statistics, tables, and cartoons, along with a completely new chapter describing significant changes in congregational life between the 2001 and 2008 surveys. It also offers new content for the Myth Trap and Guidelines features in each chapter and provides chapter summaries focusing on the implications of the 2008 survey's findings.