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The Rev. John Beach

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Walter Brueggemann
Sermons on pain, power, and weakness

The Stewardship of Life in the Kingdom of Death
Douglas John Hall
Reflections on mission and stewardship

Power and Passion
Samuel Wells
Reflections on how the resurrection of Jesus has transformed the world

The Spiritual Life of Children
Robert Coles
Understanding why we do the things we do

Antagonists in the Church – How to Identify and Deal with Destructive Conflict
Kenneth C. Haugk
This is a work which describes the unique sorts of conflicts which arise in church communities.

Professing the Faith
Douglas, John Hall (this is the middle of 3 part trilogy, including *Thinking the Faith* and *Confessing the Faith*)
On articulating the Faith

Seven to Flee Seven to Follow
Richard Holloway
(Mowbrays Popular Christian paperbacks)
Understanding the Baptismal Covenant

Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business
Neil Postman and Andrew Postman
Understanding the world in which we live and move and have our being

The Rev. Pierre-Henri Buisson

La foi des chrétiens racontée à mes amis athées

Père Dominique Fontane

Prêtre de la Mission de France, Dominique Fontaine souhaite présenter la foi des chrétiens. Durant plusieurs mois, il a dialogué avec une famille athée et répondu à leurs questions.

Petit guide biblique

Pasteur Olivier Pigeaud

Découverte de la Bible à travers une trentaine de thèmes.

Jésus de Nazareth Volume 1

Benoît XVI

Livre personnel centré sur la connaissance de la personne de Jésus, dans sa relation trinitaire, où l'actuel pape rend compte de ses recherches personnelles sur le sujet.

Aime ta vie, vingt méditations sur l'adhésion

Père André Sève

Accueillir la vie, l'accueillir pour elle-même, telle qu'elle est, comme un don de Dieu, un don parfois mystérieux, notamment quand la souffrance est au rendez-vous, mais dont il nous appartient de déchiffrer le sens à la lumière de l'Évangile et de la foi.

Seigneur, donne-nous la prière

Myriam, diaconesse de Reuilly

Diaconesse, chroniqueuse à «La Croix», soeur Myriam médite l'Évangile avec un vrai bonheur d'écriture et suggère des chemins de réflexion autour de la gloire du Père, de l'humilité, de l'appel, de l'intercession, de la liturgie, etc.

The Rev. Barbara Crafton

Let Your Life Speak

Parker Palmer

The Last Week

Marcus Borg and John Crossan

Yes! We'll Gather at the River

Barbara Crafton

Mary and Her Miracle

Barbara Crafton

Generation to Generation

Edwin Friedman

The Rev. Luk DeVolder

Simply Christian

Tom Wright

Angiolino and Springtime

Arthur van Schendel

The Way of Man

Martin Buber

Vocabulaire de Théologie Biblique

Xavier Léon-Dufour

Symbolism of Evil

Paul Ricoeur

In Europe

Geert Mak

Dieu et l'art de la pêche à la ligne

Marc-Alain Ouaknin

Where Angels Fear to Tread

E.M. Foster

How Your Church Family Works

Peter. L. Steinke

The Rev. Luk DeVolder – cont'd

About the Episcopal Church

Welcome to the Episcopal Church – An Introduction to Its History
Christopher Webber

Welcome to the Book of Common Prayer
Vicki K. Black

Welcome to the Church Year
Vicki K. Black

Welcome to Sunday
Christopher L. Webber

The Vestry Handbook
Christopher L. Webber

Brief History of the Episcopal Church
David L. Holmes

Dictionary for Episcopalians
John N. Wall

Study of Anglicanism
Stephen Sykes, John Booty, Jonathan Knight

Holy Hospitality – Worship and the Baptismal Covenant
Clayton L. Morris

Ceremonies of the Eucharist
Howard Galley

The Rev. Hanns Engelhardt

The Study of Anglicanism
Stephen Sykes and John Booty (eds.)
SOCK/Fortress Press 1988 (But there is a new edition)

Anglicanism and the Lambeth Conferences
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A Guide to the Sacraments
John Macquarrie
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How to Understand the Virgin Mary
Jacques Bur
SCM Press 1994

Christianity Rediscovered
Vincent J. Donovan

The Rev. Roger Featherston

Through Peasant Eyes and Poet and Peasant
Kenneth E Bailey
Publisher: William B Eerdmans

The New Testament Today
editor Mark Allan Powell
Westminster John Knox Press

Mysticism
F.C Happold
Penquin

Who Was Jesus?
N.T. Wright
SPCK

What Saint Paul Really Said
N.T. Wright
Publisher: William B Eerdmans

The Very Rev. Zachary Fleetwood

The Eyes of the Heart

Frederick Buechner
Harper Collins
ISBN - 0-06-251639-6

Creativity

Matthew Fox
Tarcher/Putnam
ISBN 1-58542-178-2

The Hidden Souls of Words

Mary Cox Garner
Selectbooks
ISBN 1-59079-059-6

The Soul of Sex

Thomas Moore
First Harper Perennial
ISBN-0-06-093095-0

Traveling Mercies, Some Thoughts on Faith

Anne Lamott
Anchor Books
ISBN - 0-385-49609-5

The Rev. William Franklin

The Anglican Tradition

Richard Holloway
Mowbray

Beyond the Reformation

Pau Avis
T and T Clark

The Anglican Tradition

Gillian R. Evans
SPCK

Unashamed Anglicanism

Stephen Sykes
Darton, Longman, Todd

The Integrity of Anglicanism

Stephen Sykes
SPCK

How to be an Anglican

Richard Giles
Canterbury Press

The Rev. Laurette Glasgow

The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming

Henri J.M. Nouwen

New York: Doubleday, 1992, ISBN 0-385-47307-9

Inspired by Rembrandt's depiction of the powerful Gospel parable, renown Dutch theologian Henri Nouwen explores the themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation. The chance encounter with this painting propelled Nouwen on a deeply personal and resonant meditation that changed the course of the final years of his life.

Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus through the Gospel of John

Jean Vanier

London: Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd, 2004, ISBN 0-232-52572-2

Founder of l'Arche and co-founder of Faith and Light, communities with and for people with disabilities, Jean Vanier provides insightful reflections in a highly accessible and spiritual manner. In his words: "What I share in these pages is the music I have heard behind the words and the flow of the Gospel of John...I want to sing this song, too...so that others may sing it...to bring joy where there is sadness and despair."

George Herbert: The Complete English Works

Edited and introduced by Ann Pasternak Slater

1995, ISBN 0-679-44359-2 (USA) and 1-85715-204-2 (UK)

An exquisite collection of one of the great poets and writers in the Anglican tradition, this book also includes Izaak Walton's biography of Herbert, a 17th century priest whose poems and essays remain relevant to the 21st century.

The Rev. Laurette Glasgow – cont'd

The Life and Work of A Priest

John Pritchard (Bishop of Oxford)

SPCK, 2007, ISBN 978-0-281-05748-1

A “must” for those discerning for ordained ministry and seasoned priests alike, this concise and refreshingly honest book explores what it means to be a priest in the 21st century, at once honouring time-tested traditions while addressing the challenges of rapidly changing needs of our Christian communities and the implications for modern ministry. An interesting book to read alongside Herbert.

Magnificence at Work: Living Faith in Business

John Dalla Costa

Toronto: Novalis, 2005, ISBN 2-89507-669-3.

Wondering whether and how work and religion mix? Founder of the Centre for Ethical Orientation (www.ceo-ethics.com), John Dalla Costa, combines business theory and practice, theological insight, and spiritual discernment to generate new ideas and practices for corporate life. A compelling read that offers insights on corporate spirituality.

The Rev. Dorothee Hahn

The Practice of the Presence of God

Brother Lawrence

In the Shadow of the Galilean

Gerd Theißen

The Way of a Pilgrim

Unknown

The Rev. Jonathan Huyck

Sadhana: A Way to God

Anthony De Mello, S.J.

From the Holy Mountain: A Journey Among the Christians of the Middle East

William Dalrymple

The Reformation

Diarmaid MacCulloch

The Question of God: C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud Debate God, Love, Sex, and the Meaning of Life

Armand Nicholi

Disputed Questions

John Hick

Gilead

Marilynne Robinson

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori

Katrina Brown’s movie, *Traces of the Trade* – the slave trade from a North American perspective, but would be an important investigation for Europeans as well. Available at www.tracesofthetrade.org

Inheriting the Trade: A Northern Family Confronts its Legacy as the Largest Slave-Trading Dynasty in U.S. History, by Thomas N. DeWolf, Beacon, Boston: 2008. A book version of the movie, from the perspective of a participant.

Across the Threshold and Into the Questions: Discovering Jesus, Finding Self, by Caren Goldman and Ted Vorhees. Morehouse, NY: in pub.

The First Christmas, by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Harper: in press.

Conversations, by Thomas Shaw. Cowley: in press. Useful parish resource

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori – cont'd

The Silent Cry: Mysticism and Resistance by Dorothee Soelle. Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis: 2001.

Fighting with the Bible, by Donn Morgan. Seabury: in press

The Nonviolent Atonement, by J. Denny Weaver. Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI: 2001.

Take This Bread by Sara Miles. Ballantine: 2007. Open communion and feeding the hungry

My Name is Child of God... not "Those People." by Julia K Dinsmore. Augsburg: 2007. Gifts of the poor

Reconciliation: the Ubuntu Theology of Desmond Tutu, by Michael Battle. Pilgrim: 1997

Why Men Hate Going to Church, by David Nelson Murrow. Nashville: 2005. Provocative analysis of current norms in church and why congregations are predominantly female.

Omnigender: A Trans-Religious Approach, by Virginia Ramey Mollenkott. Pilgrim, Cleveland: 2001. Theological exploration of inadequacy of binary cultural understanding of human gender.

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The Rev. Canon C. K. Robertson

A Wing and a Prayer, by Katharine Jefferts Schori

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Rome and Canterbury, by Mary Reath

Four Gospels, One Jesus? by Richard Burridge

Church Next, by Eddie Gibb

Generation to Generation, by rabbi Ed Friedman

Religion as Entertainment, by C.K. Robertson

Religion & Alcohol: Sobering Thoughts, by C.K. Robertson

Religion & Sexuality: Passionate Debates, by C.K. Robertson

The Rev. Gray Temple

The Denial of Death and Escape From Evil by Ernest Becker:

Since my former bishop introduced me to these, they have formed my hermeneutic lens in reading Scripture, reading group and parish dynamics, and self-understanding. Pure gold. Becker writes clearly and companionably, citing and quoting difficult writers but always telling you what to derive from them.

The Social Construction of Reality and *The Sacred Canopy*, by Peter Berger

These are essential reading for staying alert to the tendency of all institutions to "self-absolutize."

Word and Spirit at Play: Towards a Charismatic Theology, by Jean-Jacques Suurmond

A gem, if you can still find it.

The Rev. Gray Temple – cont'd

The Elements of the Spiritual Life, by F.C. Harton

Another out-of-print/out-of-fashion gem. There is probably no better introduction/compendium to the spiritual classics.

Open Space Technology: A User's Guide, by Harrison Owen

A playful, extraordinarily accessible and useful handbook for a fascinating method for group decision-making and problem solving. (I've used this method maybe 30 times with groups ranging from 9 to around 150; results vary from 'good' to 'breath-taking.') Harrison's other books offer an approach to organizations that allay our anxieties in the face of impending chaos. (He's an Episcopal priest who has trained consultants all over Europe.)

Polarity Management, by Barry Johnson

A helpful accessible analytic tool for organizational and personal difficulties that appear intractable. Easily introduced to troubled groups (e.g. vestries) to get collaboration in the face of conflict.

Core Elements of the Appreciative Way, by Rob & Kim Voyle

A clear introduction to a powerful approach to parish and personal life.

Failure of Nerve, by Edwin Friedman

Clients have found this latter book life-changing. (I've read one chapter and admired it. I confess to bouncing off his previous "Generation to Generation." As fascinating and clear as it is, I've never seen any effective change-oriented interventions based on it; assigning blame and pathological diagnoses is not an effective change tactic.)

Passionate Couples, by David M. Schnarch

An approach to marriage that takes 'gridlock' for granted and goads readers through it into personal and relational maturity. The best discussion of what intimacy really is. Surprisingly applicable to one's relationship with God, though that's never made explicit.

How to Improve Your Marriage Without Talking About It, by Pat Love

My wife says this is the best resource she uses with couples.

Handling Sin by Michael Malone

Resources:

The Alban Institute

Wonderful resources on all elements of parish life.

National Training Laboratories

The grandfather/mother of research into group dynamics, the fundamental underpinnings of a welter of better known methodologies. (Ask Clair.) If you want to read group dynamics, you have to put in your time in "T-groups." Strenuous as they are physically and emotionally, there's really no effective alternative way to learn. NTL is the best, oldest, and safest source of such training.

The Shalem Institute

Currently the best American training resource for spiritual direction.

The Clergy Leadership Institute

Workshops conducted around the USA in the application of the Appreciative Inquiry approach to parochial matters. Especially good on interim ministry, mutual ministry reviews, team-building. Rob Voyle is an extraordinary teacher and you tend to stay in touch with fellow trainees

The Rev. Jennifer Mausmann

The Word is Very Near You
Martin Smith
Prayer and spiritual life
Cowley Books

Generation to Generation: Family Process in Church and Synagogue
Edwin Friedman
Pastoral care (for clergy)

Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian Belief
Rowan Williams
Theology

The Work of the Spirit: Pneumatology and Pentecostalism
Michael Welker
2006
Theology

The Hauerwas Reader
Stanley Hauerwas
Theology

Hungry Souls, Holy Companions: Mentoring a New Generation of Christians
Patricia Hendricks
Morehouse, 2006
Youth and young adult ministry

The Rev. Susan Skillen

Everything Belongs
Richard Rohr
(lay)

Simply Christian
N.T. Wright
(lay)

Enduring Grace
Carol Lee Flinders
(lay)

Worship
Keith Pecklers, S.J.
(clergy)

Being as Communion
John Zizioulas
(clergy)

The Rev. Clare Ullmann

Life in the Beloved
Henri Nouwen

With Open Hands
H. Nouwen

In the Name of Jesus
H. Nouwen

The Art of Meditation
Joel S. Goldsmith

Praying with the Women of the Bible
Bridget Mary Meehan

Love: A fruit always in Season
Daily Meditations by Mother Teresa

The Failure of Nerve
Edwin H. Friedman

The Rev. Michael Vono

Can Our Church Live?

Alice Mann

An Alban Institute Publication 1999
Church growth

Move Your Church to Action

Kent R. Hunter

Abingdon Press, Nashville 2000
Congregational development and outreach

*The Battle for God: Fundamentalism in
Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*

Karen Armstrong

Harper Collins Publishers 2000
Contemporary interfaith perspectives

A Brief History of Everything

Ken Wilbur

Shambhala Boston 2000
Contemporary American philosophy

*Living the Eucharist, Affirming Catholicism in
the Liturgy*

Edited by Stephen Conwa

Darton Longman & Todd 2001
Sacramental life and mission

The Rev Carola von Wrangel

Life Together

Dietrich Bonhöfer

*In the Name of Jesus, Reflections on
Christian Leadership*

Henri Nouwen

The Return of the Prodigal Son

Henri Nouwen

*The "For Everyone" commentary series on
the Bible*

N.T. Wright

Great for preaching, teaching and Bible
study—much of the New Testament is now
available

The Giver

Lois Lowry

An award winning young adult science
fiction book that is good on ethics for all ages

The Rt. Rev. Pierre Whalon

The Truth-seeking Heart

Austin Ferrar

The essential Ferrar, quite possibly the
greatest theologian of the twentieth
century.

Being as Communion

John Zizoulas.

An essential text for understanding modern
ideas about Church.

Exile

Richard North Patterson

An astonishing tour de force by a mass-
market author on the Israel/Palestine
quagmire.

The Mission of God

Christopher Wright (IVP)

The Tin-roof Blowdown

James Lee Burke

A novel about the Katrina aftermath

The Joy of Being Wrong

James Alison

A brilliant, faithful reinterpretation of
redemption by a fresh new voice.

Leadership on the Line

Heifetz & Linsky

What to do when you are the leader and
no one, including you, knows what to do
next.

On Christian Theology

Rowan Williams (Blackwell)

Augustine

James O'Donnell (Harper)

Appendix I: Discernment

The Rev. Kate Harrigan, Leader, Convocation Discernment Conference

Discernment:

Praying Shapes Believing
Leonel Mitchell

Under the Unpredictable Plant
Eugene Peterson

Let Your Life Speak
Parker Palmer

*Ears to Hear: Recognizing and Responding
to God's Call*
Edward S. Little

Who Will Drink the Cup?
Henri Nouwen

Deep Water: an Introduction to Baptism
Marianne Micks

Who Will Go For Us?
Dennis M. Campbell

The Servant Church
John Booty

The Liberation of the Laity
Anne Rowthorn

The Wounded Healer
Henri Nouwen

Hearing with the Heart
Debra Farrington

***Suggested for use with a discernment
team:***

*Listening Hearts, Discerning Call in
Community*
Suzanne Farnham