

## A FEW RECOMMENDED RESOURCES BY OTHER AUTHORS

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**CATEGORIES:** Examining varied, opposing authors is the only way to ensure that your views are balanced.

There are different ways to categorize authors, especially since many mix science, philosophy, & theology.

*\*Even atheists have a "theology" (a God-theory) about "God" that impacts every aspect of their views.*

**\*\* NEW RESOURCES WILL BE ADDED PERIODICALLY \*\***

- 1 - **SCIENCE & ITS LIMITATIONS** - From Cosmology to Quantum-Relativity to AI, AGI, & ASI
- 2 - **PHILOSOPHY & THEOLOGY** - From Love of Wisdom to Musings About Mystery & Consistent Love
- 3 - **COUNSELING-PSYCHOLOGY** - Its Connection to Science, Philosophy, Theology, & Consistent Love
- 4 - **ANIMAL COMPASSION** - Our Human Responsibilities Regarding Suffering & Consistent Love

### **PARTIAL LIST OF RECOMMENDED AUTHORS — SOME OF WHOM ARE INCLUDED IN THE RESOURCES BELOW**

**\*\* Please Note — many of these authors overlap in the subjects they address in their resources \*\***

#### **CONSCIOUSNESS IS FUNDAMENTAL**

Dr. Ian McGilchrist.  
Dr. Philip Goff.  
Dr. Max Planck.  
Dr. Erwin Schrödinger.  
Dr. Thomas Nagel.  
Dr. Roger Penrose.  
Dr. Alfred North Whitehead.  
Dr. Arthur Schopenhauer.  
Dr. David Chalmers.  
Dr. Robert Lanza.  
Dr. Donald Hoffman.  
Dr. John Polkinghorne.  
Dr. John Archibald Wheeler.  
Dr. Alvin Plantinga.  
Dr. Robert Lawrence Kuhn.  
Dr. Maria Strømme, PhD.

#### **AI-SOCIOLOGY-PSYCHOLOGY**

Dr. Jonathan Haidt.  
Eliezer Yudkowsky & Nate Soares.  
Richard Louv.  
Dr. Ray Kurzweil.  
Dr. Francis Fukuyama.  
Gary Haugen.  
Ronald Sider.  
Richard Stearns.  
Dr. Martin Luther-King Jr.  
Dr. Alan L. Keyes PhD  
Coleman Hughes  
Thomas Chatterton Williams  
Dr. John McWhorter PhD

#### **PHILOSOPHY-THEOLOGY**

Dr. Martin Luther-King Jr.  
Dr. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.  
Dr. Anthony Flew.

Dr. Eitan Bar.  
Dr. Jonathan L. Walton.  
Dr. Michael Heiser.  
Dr. Michael Lloyd.  
Dr. Brad Jersak.  
Brian Recker.  
Paul Kingsnorth.  
Dr. Greg Boyd.  
Dr. John Peckham.  
Soren Kierkegaard.  
Dr. John W. Wenham.  
Dr. Richard Rohr.  
Thich Nhat Hanh.  
Justin Brierley.  
Dr. N.T. Wright.  
Bishop Michael Curry.  
Bishop Andy Doyle.  
Dr. Rowan Williams.  
Dr. Anders Nygren.

#### **SCIENCE**

Dr. Maria Strømme.  
Dr. Stephen C. Meyer.  
Dr. Marcelo Gleiser.  
Dr. Denis Noble.  
Dr. Paul Davies.  
Dr. John Lennox.  
Dr. Michio Kaku.  
Dr. George Ellis.  
Dr. Carlo Rovelli.  
Dr. Frank Tipler.  
Dr. John D. Barrow.  
Dr. Michael Guillen.  
Dr. Brian Keating.  
Dr. Michael Behe.  
Dr. Douglas Axe.  
Dr. James Tour

Dr. Paul Nelson.  
Dr. Francis Collins.  
Dr. John Sanford.  
Dr. John Baumgardner.  
Dr. Andrew Snelling.

#### **COUNSELING-PSYCH-PSYCHIATRY**

Dr. Curt Thompson.  
Dr. Mark W. Baker.  
Dr. Henri Nouwen.  
Nancy Missler  
Dr. Albert Ellis.  
Dr. Murray Bowen.  
Dr. Daniel Siegel.  
Dr. Aaron T. Beck.  
**See also Animal-Assisted Therapy Resources listed below ....**

#### **ANIMAL COMPASSION**

Dr. Andrew Linzey.  
Dr. Matthew C. Haltemann.  
Dr. Marc Bekoff.  
Matthew Scully.  
Dr. Matthew Picard.  
Dr. Temple Grandin.  
Dr. T. Collin Campbell.  
Dr. Caldwell B. Esselstyn.  
Dr. David Cough.  
Dr. Frans de Waal.  
Dr. Carl Safina.  
Dr. Jonathan Safran.  
Dr. Hal Herzog.  
Dr. Vint Virga.  
Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson.  
Dr. Jane Goodall.

**\* TOP RECOMMENDATIONS HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE FONT . . . HERE'S A FEW STARTERS ...**

**\* PLEASE DON'T ASSUME THAT I AGREE WITH ALL THINGS BY ANY AUTHOR OR RESOURCE!**

Before you go to the first section on 1 - SCIENCE & ITS LIMITATIONS, I encourage you to check out the following:

## **1 - SCIENCE & ITS LIMITATIONS -** **From Cosmology to Quantum Relativity to AI, AGI, & ASI**

Below, I've listed many recent books related to this vital subject, each of which address the issues far better than I could ever hope to do.

\*\* Never-the-less, for those of you who want to know a bit of my personal perspective on science and its limitation, I'll list first a reference to my own 150 page essay/booklet I wrote back when I initially became acutely aware of the good, the bad, and the ugly potentials of AI, AGI, and ASI.

- Here's my own 150 page "science" essay is linked on my website's RESOURCES webpage:

**"SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, & QUANTUM-AI CANNOT SAFELY MATURE UNLESS COMPASSIONATE-LOVE GUIDES IT"**

\* The scholars' quotes make it worth the read. I've included **100's of quotes/references** from leading scholars in every major field of knowledge, so it's not just my thoughts.

### **ESSAY OUTLINE:**

**Ch 1 SCIENCE IS WONDERFUL, YET LIMITED**

**Ch 2 LOVE MUST GUIDE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

**Ch 3 LOGOS IS THE SOURCE OF AGAPE-LOVE**

- a. Cosmology (Mind Beneath Quantum)
- b. AGAPE (Love Beyond the Natural)
- c. Theodicy (Good God yet Suffering World)
- d. Teleology (Metamorphosis not Technology)

**Ch 4 LIVING LOVE TOGETHER FOR EVERYONE**

- a. Is the World Spinning Out of Control?
- b. What if We Lived Agape Love Perfectly?
- c. Why is it so Hard to Live it Consistently
- d. How Can We Grow in the Way of Agape?

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**MY NOTE RE: AI** — Artificial Intelligence (AI) advances have given us wonderfully positive tools, like in the field of radiology where AI systems can read X-Rays better than most radiologist. However, digital, virtual, increasingly AI-dominated social media will never replace the need for real, natural, face-to-face personal relationships and community. And this is the real danger of the exponential escalation of AI saturated social systems.

\*\*\* The debate regarding AI, AGI, and the potential creation of (and danger from) **ASI (Artificial Super Intelligence)** is being played out in numerous new books, articles, and video presentations, seemingly non-stop. The good news is that many of these authors are recognizing and warning about the need for the universally valued human virtue (other-serving compassionate love) to guide both the human creators (growers) of AI systems, as well as the internal potentially self-generated AI program "preferences". A new book I recommend on this issue is:

**IF ANYONE BUILDS IT, EVERYONE DIES: Why Superhuman AI Would Kill Us All. By Eliezer Yudkowsky, and Nate Soares.**

"Soares and Yudkowsky lay out, in plain and easy-to-follow terms, why our current path toward ever-more-powerful AI is extremely dangerous."—Emmett Shear, former interim CEO of OpenAI

"Essential reading for policymakers, journalists, researchers, and the general public. A masterfully written and groundbreaking text, If Anyone Builds It, Everyone Dies provides an important starting point for discussing AI at all levels."—Bart Selman, professor of computer science, Cornell University

**AGAINST THE MACHINE: ON THE UNMAKING OF HUMANITY, by Paul Kingsnorth.**

"The most powerful and important book I have read in years. This book should be required reading not only for politicians, technocrats, teachers and all who help shape our world, but for every still-living soul in this terrifying age of the Machine." —Iain McGilchrist, author of *The Master and His Emissary*

**VIDEO SITES for a good "science" starting place with numerous selections from different scholars**

(VIDEOS) **INTO THE IMPOSSIBLE** - Interviewer **Dr. Brian Keating PhD** is the Chancellor's Distinguished Professor of Physics at the Center for Astrophysics & Space Sciences in the Department of Physics at the University of California, San Diego, and the Principal Investigator of the Simons Observatory.

- See 2 minute video clip with **Dr. Donald Hoffman's - "There Is No Theory of Everything"**.
- \* See 1 hour interview by Dr. Keating with a mentor of mine, **Dr. Stephen C. Meyer PhD.** (Dr. Meyer's doctorate is in the Philosophy of Science from Cambridge) "**Does Dr. Stephen C. Meyer Have Evidence for Intelligent Design?**", (1+ hour)

(VIDEOS) **CLOSER TO TRUTH**, <https://closetotruth.com/> Interview Series hosted by **Robert Lawrence Kuhn PhD, in anatomy and brain research** from the University of California. "Closer To Truth presents the world's greatest thinkers exploring humanity's deepest questions."

Dr. Kuhn interviews scholars from virtually every field of knowledge. This is one of the finest places to see the wide-ranging, often conflicting and contradictory worldviews of leading scientists, philosophers, and theologians at the cutting edge today.

- See Dr. Kuhn's interview with **Dr. Marcelo Gleiser PhD - "Why Science Cannot Ignore Human Experience"**.
- Especially see Dr. Gleiser's Golden Webinar on Astrophysics, "**The Limits of Science and the Search for Meaning**".

(VIDEOS) **THEORIES OF EVERYTHING** - <https://www.youtube.com/@TheoriesofEverything> -

(VIDEOS) **INSTITUTE OF ART & IDEAS**, Video Series - <https://iai.tv/>

- Dr. Denis Noble's recent 26 minute talk on: **Why Darwin Is Wrong**. This brief presentation explains why the original Darwinian and the neo-Darwinian Modern Synthesis models of evolutionary development are inadequate to explain the novelty and complexity of life. [Dr. Noble held the Chair of Cardiovascular Physiology at the University of Oxford from 1984 to 2004 and was appointed Professor Emeritus and co-Director of Computational Physiology.]
- Also see **Dr. Denis Noble's** recent talks on: **Genes Are Not The Blueprint of Life**. This is like a mini course in the new paradigm of evolution that transcends the old Neo-Darwinian Modern Synthesis model that no longer fits the evidence of recent discoveries in systems biology, genetics, epigenetics, etc.

**SCIENCE BOOKS/ARTICLES: For more in-depth study of science and its limitations**

- (370 pages) **THE ISLAND OF KNOWLEDGE: The Limits of Science and the Search for Meaning**. **Marcelo Gleiser PhD. (AGNOSTIC — Renowned Theoretical physicist, cosmologist)**  
\* Especially see also Dr. Gleiser's brief, profoundly significant article in the journal, *SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN*, linked below. *Scientific American* describes his article this way - "In conversation, the 2019 Templeton Prize winner does not pull punches on the **limits of science, the value of humility and the irrationality of non-belief**"  
"Atheism Is Inconsistent with the Scientific Method, Prizewinning Physicist Says".  
\* **ARTICLE LINK** - <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/atheism-is-inconsistent-with-the-scientific-method-prizewinning-physicist-says/>
- (576 pages) **RETURN OF THE GOD HYPOTHESIS: Three Scientific Discoveries That Reveal the Mind Behind the Universe**. <https://returnofthegodhypothesis.com/>. **Stephen Meyer PhD (THEIST — Cambridge in Philosophy of Science)** (<https://stephencmeyer.org/>).  
\*\*Also see - **DR. MEYER'S VIDEO INTERVIEW ON JOE ROGAN** (3 hrs) Consider it a mini-course on Intelligent Design scholarship. Rogan's interview allows Steve to present a down to earth explanation that non-technical folks can follow.

**SCHOLARLY PRAISE FOR DR. MEYER'S BOOK, RETURN OF THE GOD HYPOTHESIS.**

- "A comprehensive and lucid argument for theism as the best explanation for the scientific evidence. Stephen Meyer has a true gift for conveying complex concepts clearly."  
**Dr. Robert Kaita, former Principal Research Physicist, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory.**

Meyer's book is a masterclass, lucidly exploring every alternative from multiple points of view, while persuasively showing that the God Hypothesis is the best explanation of our finely-tuned, information-rich universe. It does irreparable damage to atheist rhetoric."

**John C. Walton, PhD, DSc, Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Research Professor of Chemistry, University of St. Andrews.**

"Dr. Meyer does a superb job in accurately describing the physics and cosmology that show the universe had a beginning. He also

convincingly shows that quantum mechanics will not eliminate a cosmological singularity."

**Dr. Frank Tipler, Professor of Physics, Tulane University;** Co-Author, *The Anthropic-Cosmological Principle* (Oxford Univ. Press)

"Meyer masterfully summarizes the current evidence from cosmology, physics and biology showing that the more we learn about the universe and nature, the more relevant the 'God hypothesis' becomes."

**Dr. Anthony Futerman, Joseph Meyerhoff Professor of Biochemistry, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel.**

- **A Technical Article** by **Dr. Maria Strømme, PhD.** (Professor of Physics, Materials Science, & Nano-Technology) at Uppsala University Sweden). [UNIVERSAL CONSCIOUSNESS AS FOUNDATIONAL FIELD: A Theoretical Bridge Between Quantum Physics and Non-dual Philosophy](#). "The nature of consciousness and its relationship to physical reality remain among the most profound scientific and philosophical challenges. This paper presents a novel framework that integrates consciousness with fundamental physics, proposing that consciousness is not an emergent property of neural processes but a foundational aspect of reality." - **Dr. Strømme**

- A New brief book (155 pages) showing how all versions of different cultural "Christianities" often neglect or even avoid Jesus's central message of unselfish, sacrificial love for all, especially the needy, & even for enemies:

[THE THEOLOGY OF LOVE: CHRISTIANITY'S MOST UNDERRATED DOCTRINE](#), by **Dr. Eitan Bar**, a Jewish Christian theologian who after embracing Christianity gravitated into the hyper conservative reformed/Calvinistic community. However, his ongoing study of the Bible and history, plus his experiences in that community led Dr. Bar to "deconstruct" his rigid beliefs and return to the profoundly simple good news of Jesus — humble sacrificial love by grace through faith in God exists AS love.

- A New 2-Volume Book 1,500 pages addressing neuroscience, philosophy, theology, & much more:

[The Matter With Things: Our Brains, Our Delusions, and the Unmaking of the World, 2021](#)

**By Dr. Ian McGilchrist MD**, renowned psychiatrist, neuroscientist, philosopher, and researcher at Oxford University, Johns Hopkins Hospital, as well as other institutions.

\* If you're not up to reading a work this large, you can watch many videos featuring or interviewing Dr. Ian McGilchrist. They are filled with wisdom the world desperately needs.

'It's very simple, this is one of the most important books ever published. And, yes, I do mean ever. McGilchrist's range is as vast as the subject - which is everything - demands. It is thrilling.... impeccably rigorous, fearlessly honest, and compellingly readable. Put everything else aside. Read this now to know what sort of creature you are and what sort of place you inhabit.' — **Professor Charles Foster, Oxford University, author of Being a Human**

### [Also, VIDEOS featuring Dr. Ian McGilchrist](#)

- [We Need To Talk About the Concept of "God" \(15 minutes\)](#)
- [How Faith Can Re-Enchant a Left-Brain World \(1 Hour\)](#)
- [Why Contemplation & Wonder Are Essential for the Future of Humanity \(2 Hours\)](#)

\* [Why? The Purpose of the Universe](#). By Dr. Philip Goff PhD, is who is a British philosopher, panpsychist, and professor at Durham University whose research focuses on philosophy of mind, consciousness, and the use of rigorous science to explain the nature and origin of consciousness. Goff believes that strict materialism is "incoherent" and that dualism leads to "discontinuity". So, he promotes a "third way" that attempts scientifically and philosophically to account for reality's nature by hypothesizing that consciousness (NOT matter/energy) is the fundamental most basic reality behind all that we perceive in the "physical" world. This view that "consciousness is fundamental" is rapidly becoming more accepted in among leading scientists and philosophers. Yes, it is a view that supports the theological views that believe there is a "God", a Mind behind the Cosmos.

- (302 pages) **DANCE TO THE TUNE OF LIFE: BIOLOGICAL RELATIVITY. Denis Noble PhD (AGNOSTIC)** an evolutionary Prof. of Cardiovascular & Computational Physiology at Oxford University. Even as a leading evolutionary biologist and philosopher of science, Dr. Noble along with many other scholars have stirred the world by calling for a completely new theory of macroevolution, because the old Modern Synthesis of Neo-Darwinian theory is now contradicted by new evidence in the fields of statistical mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, and information science.

**\*\* Note this description of Dr. Noble's article in the Journal of Experimental Biology.**

"Experimental results in epigenetics and related fields of biological research show that the Modern Synthesis (neo-Darwinist) theory of evolution **requires either extension or replacement.**" [bold added]

<https://journals.biologists.com/jeb/article/218/1/7/13568/Evolution-beyond-neo-Darwinism-a-new-conceptual>

SCHOLARLY PRAISE FOR DR. NOBLE'S BOOK:

'In this elegantly written and personal book world-renowned physiologist and systems biologist Denis Noble effectively argues for a **fundamental revision of the theory of evolution. Against** the reductionist, gene-centered approach of **Neo-Darwinism**, which has dominated biology for more than a century, Noble passionately pleads for a more integrated approach. Massively supported by recent postgenomic and epigenetic empirical research, *Dance to the Tune of Life* deepens and synthesizes ideas Noble earlier developed in *The Music of Life. Biology beyond the Genome* (2006) and subsequent writings. Just like Newtonian physics underwent a major transformation in the beginning of the 20th century due to Einstein's general theory of relativity, the **life sciences are facing a no less fundamental transformation.** Noble's book is a must read for anyone who wants to **understand this transformation.**' [bold added]

Jos de Mul, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands.

- *128 pages* **CAN SCIENCE EXPLAIN EVERYTHING? John Lennox PhD. (Christian - Prof. Oxford, Mathematics & Philosophy of Science)** (3 doctorates). Oxford Professor of math, science, and theology. Dr. Lennox has written numerous books, yet this little booklet is one of the best brief demonstrations of the fact that science, while *wonderful*, is limited & cannot answer every question about *reality*.

- See also (old version 240 pages) **2084: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY. Dr. John Lennox. Especially Consider Dr. Lennox's greatly expanded NEW edition (384 pages)**

**\*.2084 and the AI Revolution, Updated and Expanded Edition: How Artificial Intelligence Informs Our Future.**

**\*\*** "A forceful warning from a Christian perspective about the potential risks of an AI dystopia: algorithmic unfairness, existential threat, transhumanist hubris." -- Jeremy Gibbons, Professor of Computing, University of Oxford

**\*\*** "All that concerns us about the latest developments in AI, including the ethical, anthropological and theological questions the technology raises, are superbly addressed in this updated and expanded edition. John Lennox approaches this subject with his usual thoroughness, clarity and logical development of thought. This is one of the most well informed and helpful books I have seen on this subject." -- **Nigel T. Crook, B.Sc, PhD, PFHEA, professor of AI and Robotics, Dean of Research and Innovation, Oxford Brookes University, author of Rise of the Moral Machine**

**\*\*** "This revised version of 2084 and the AI Revolution is a real tour de force bringing together with unparalleled clarity, wisdom, and compassion a public understanding of AI technological foundations, ethics, and the AI-human relationship! Lennox, renowned scholar and Christian apologist, is a lighthouse in navigating complex technological advancements with spiritual depth which inspires us to reflect on what it means to be human now and for the future of our grandchildren!" - **Dr Michael Barrett, Vice Dean and Professor of Information Systems and Innovation at Cambridge Judge Business school and Fellow of Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge.**

- (250 pages) **BELIEVING IS SEEING: A Physicist Explains How Science Shattered His Atheism and Revealed the Necessity of Faith. Michael Guillen, PhD. (Christian - Astrophysicist)** (Triple doctorate physics, math, astronomy), Harvard Professor, ABC NEWS Science Editor. \*This book is written for everyday folks and explains how much of science uses rational, evidence-based faith (trust) as it seeks to explain the cosmos and life.

SCHOLARLY PRAISE FOR DR. GUILLEN'S BOOK:

"This is a fascinating, readable, and compelling book, especially for those who think our wonder-full universe is one grand accident. It isn't." **Robert C. Fay, Emeritus professor of chemistry, Cornell University.**

"I can see many exclaiming, This is the book I've been searching for! Dr. Guillen has written an exceptionally accessible overview on how science and faith are not only compatible but also infinitely parallel and wholly inseparable. Parents, this is the book to give to your science-minded sons and daughters before they go off to college."

**James M. Tour, Professor of chemistry, materials science and nanoengineering, and computer science, Rice University**

"In *Believing Is Seeing*, physicist and science journalist Michael Guillen tells the story of how he discovered a deep consonance between the scientific world picture and a Christian worldview. He not only shows how the presuppositions that make science possible flow naturally from belief in God, but he also shows that scientific discoveries about the design of life and the universe provide evidence for the reality of God. Guillen's engaging intellectual autobiography will help people from all walks of life wrestle with, and answer, life's deepest questions. Highly readable and highly recommended!"

**Stephen C. Meyer, PhD Cambridge, author of *Return of the God Hypothesis*.**

- (304 pages) **THE GRAND BIOCENTRIC DESIGN: How Life Creates Reality.** Robert Lanza and Matej Pavsic. This provocative book, written by Lanza (a highly respected biomedical researcher) and Pavsic (a theoretical physicist) presents a theoretical model for understanding the Cosmos and beyond — centered on the concept that the interdependent consciousnesses of all humans and all sentient animals have produced and are producing the “reality” which we all perceive and experience. While I don’t embrace their full view (*particularly its foundation on Everett’s multiverse theory*), I do appreciate their honest discussion regarding the inadequacy of the old Neo-Darwinian physicalist model and their recognition of the fundamental role of consciousness in reality. It reminds me of the ancient profound Greek philosophical model endorsed by Paul the Christian apostle, “In God (the Logos) we live, and move, and derive our existence” (Acts 17:28).

SCHOLARLY PRAISE FOR DR. LANZA’S/PAVSIC’S BOOK:

"For those addicted to exploring our role as observers in defining our universe, here is your long-awaited major update . . . You'll love The Grand Biocentric Design—it adds new turf to the physics of making universes, and includes "solid evidence" at last, that observers define the structure of physical reality itself." **George Church, Professor of Genetics at Harvard Medical School, Professor of Health Sciences & Technology at Harvard & MIT, and member of the National Academy of Sciences & the National Academy of Engineering** (on Thomson Reuters short-list for the Nobel Prize).

"The Grand Biocentric Design brilliantly draws our attention to the most important feature of the entire universe: our human minds . . . This new book brings out the real nature of our universe: for all of us to deeply search for fuller understanding & for meaning." **Richard Conn Henry, Academy Professor of Physics & Astronomy** at Johns Hopkins University, and former Deputy Director of NASA's Astrophysics Division

- (224 pages) **THE WORK OF LOVE: Creation as Kenosis.** John Polkinghorne PhD, (CHRISTIAN - Prof. Cambridge) **Theoretical Physicist, Cosmologist.** In this book, Dr. Polkinghorne and eleven other scholars discuss the *kenotic* theory of cosmology, emphasizing the reality of unselfish, compassionate love as the teleological *purpose* of the Cosmos. It's a love that is the universally accepted highest valued human virtue. It's real and not just a biochemical reaction.  
\*\* See also, (128 pages) Dr. Polkinghorne's brief, **Quantum Theory: A Very Short Introduction.**
- (256 pages) **THE DAWN OF A MINDFUL UNIVERSE: A Manifesto for Humanity's Future.** Marcelo Gleiser PhD. AGNOSTIC. As an agnostic, cosmological physicist, Dr. Gleiser seeks to present, in this book, a comprehensive worldview that leads toward a hopeful future in which compassion guides and becomes the character of human lives and civilization.
- (240 pages) **THE GOD EQUATION: The Quest for a Theory of Everything.** Michio Kaku PhD. (Agnostic - Theoretical Physicist) Dr. Kaku explains why agnosticism is more scientific than atheism. He surveys the historical development of science's effort to understand the big questions of life.  
\*\* I also recommend Dr. Kaku's new book,  
**QUANTUM SUPREMACY: How the Quantum Computer Revolution Will Change Everything.**
- (514 pages) **ON THE MORAL NATURE OF THE UNIVERSE (Theology and the Sciences): Theology, Cosmology, and Ethics.** **George F. R. Ellis PhD, (Christian - Prof. Cambridge)** Theoretical Physicist, Cosmologist.  
\*\* See also - **FROM MATTER TO LIFE: information and Causality**, by Dr. Ellis, Paul Davies, & Sara Imari Walker.
- (160 pages) **PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE: Very Short Introduction.** Dr. Samir Okasha.  
"How much faith should we place in what scientists tell us? Is it possible for scientific knowledge to be fully 'objective'? What, really, can be defined as science?"
- (432 pages) **THE SINGULARITY IS NEARER: When We Merge with AI.** **Ray Kurzweil.**  
"A fascinating exploration of our future, which raises the most profound philosophical questions."  
Yuval Noah Harari, *New York Times* bestselling author of *SAPIENS*.
- (283 pages) **REALITY IS NOT WHAT IT SEEMS: The Journey to Quantum Gravity.** **Carlo Rovelli, PhD.**  
\*\* Dr. Rovelli presents a "relational" view of reality in his pursuit of a unifying theory.  
See also Rovelli's most recent book, **HELGOLAND: Making Sense of the Quantum Revolution.** (256 pages)  
"The man who makes physics sexy . . . the scientist they're calling the next Stephen Hawking." —The Times Magazine
- (736 pages) **THE ANTHROPIC-COSMOLOGICAL PRINCIPLE** (Oxford University Press). **Frank Tipler & John D. Barrow.**  
Dr. Tipler is a Professor of Theoretical Physics at Tulane University.  
Dr. Barrow was a Professor of Theoretical Physics at Cambridge University.

## 2 - PHILOSOPHY TO THEOLOGY (even atheist have a *theology* about "God")

### From Love of Wisdom to Metaphysical Musings About Compassionate Love

\*\* Many include practical counseling for individuals, couples, families, and societal health — psychologically and relationally.

- (168 pages) [STRENGTH TO LOVE. Dr. Martin Luther-King Jr.](#). This small book is a collection containing some of Dr. King's most significant messages on the power of love to transform enemies into friends. It's message is grounded in the concepts taught by Jesus of Nazareth, and his lived example of agape-love, the highest valued human virtue.

#### ALSO ON THE SUBJECT OF RACE, RACISM, SOCIAL HARMONY, SEE THE FOLLOWING -

- \* Masters of the Dream: The Strength and Betrayal of Black America, by Dr. Alan L. Keyes PhD
- \* The End of Race Politics: Arguments for a Colorblind America, by Coleman Hughes
- \* Self-Portrait in Black and White: Unlearning Race, by Thomas Chatterton Williams
- \* Woke Racism: How a New Religion Has Betrayed Black America, by Dr. John McWhorter PhD

- (256 pages) [THERE IS A GOD: How the World's Most Notorious Atheist Changed His Mind. Dr. Anthony Flew PhD.](#)

\*\* "A clear, accessible account of the 'pilgrimage of reason' which has led Flew to a belief in God." —

John Polkinghorne PhD (Theoretical Physicist, Philosopher), author of, *Belief in God in an Age of Science*.

\*\* "Flew's exposition will be a source for reflective inquiry for many, many years..." —

Daniel N. Robinson, Philosophy Department, Oxford University.

- (259 pages) [THE SURPRISING REBIRTH OF BELIEF IN GOD: Why New Atheism Grew Old and Secular Thinkers Are Considering Christianity Again. By JUSTIN BRIERLEY. \(CHRISTIAN\).](#) (Forward by N. T. Wright) International radio podcast presenter and interviewer, Brierley shows from recent history and from his countless interviews and hosted debates involving leading agnostic, atheist, and Christian scholars that belief in a mind behind the Cosmos is intrinsic to our human reality. He concludes that this is why the historically recent and short lived fad of new atheism is fading, as the light of spiritual faith is rising again in the most unlikely of hearts and groups of secular society.

#### SCHOLARLY PRAISE FOR JUSTIN BRIERLEY'S BOOK:

"This is a first-rate book: get it, read it, and give it to others." **Professor John Lennox PhD Oxford. Mathematics, Science.**

"Justin offers a sharply drawn, enticing picture of the way public discussion of Christian faith has swung round to the point where the once-fashionable atheism has itself begun to look suspiciously threadbare." **Prof NT Wright, who has held a variety of both academic and chaplaincy posts at Oxford, Cambridge, and McGill University, Montreal.**

- (128 pages) [GOD LOOKS LIKE JESUS: A Renewed Approach to Understanding God. Gregory A. Boyd & M. Scott Boren.](#)  
**Praise for the book:** "It is no secret that the 'Christian' brand repeatedly finds ways to drift from the Jesus way into toxic images of God and a gospel distorted by the idols and ideologies of our age. ... Boyd and Boren recenter our theology and practice .... They demonstrate how a Christ-centered theology that transcends sloganeering leads to real-life liberation on the ground. (Dr. Bradley Jersak, president of St. Stephen's University, and author of the "More Christlike trilogy".
- (272 pages) [LOVE IS THE WAY: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times. Bishop Michael Curry](#), the first *black* Bishop elected over the entire Episcopal Church in America - a milestone in American history. Rev. Curry is not your typical old school, reserved Episcopalian. His passionate writing and speaking are more like an Episcopal MLK.  
\*\* See also his book, *CRAZY CHRISTIANS: A Call to Follow Jesus*.  
\*\* And, *THE POWER OF LOVE: Sermons, reflections, and wisdom to uplift and inspire*.
- (155 pages) [THE THEOLOGY OF LOVE: CHRISTIANITY'S MOST UNDERRATED DOCTRINE, by Dr. Eitan Bar](#), a Jewish Christian who after embracing Christianity gravitated into the hyper conservative reformed/Calvinistic community. However, his ongoing study of the Bible and history, plus his experiences in this community led Dr. Bar to "deconstruct" his rigid beliefs and return to the profoundly simple gospel of Jesus — humble sacrificial love by grace through faith in God who IS love.  
\* see also Dr. Bar's other related books,  
(492 pages) *HELL: A Jewish Perspective on a Christian Doctrine*.  
(147 pages) *HELLFIRE DECONSTRUCTED: An In-Depth Study of the Bible Verses About Hell*.  
(278 pages) *THE GOSPEL OF DIVINE ABUSE: Redeeming the Gospel from Gruesome Popular Preaching of an Abusive and Violent God*.
- (368 pages) [RETHINKING HELL: Readings in Evangelical Conditionalism. By numerous authors.](#) This excellent book is a nearly comprehensive overview showing why the human traditional view of "hell" as ECT (Eternal Conscious Torment) was NOT taught by Jesus or the Bible.

- (129 pages) **BEING HUMAN: Bodies, Minds, Persons. Rowan Williams PhD.** Dr. Williams was an Oxford Professor, and became the Archbishop of Canterbury. Amazon Description - "What is consciousness? Is the mind a machine? What makes each of us a person? How do our bodies relate to our minds? In this deeply engaging exploration of what it means to be human, Rowan Williams addresses these frequently asked questions with lucid meditations that draw from findings in neuroscience, philosophy, psychology, and literature. Then he presses on to ask, Might faith be necessary to human flourishing?"

**See also Dr. Williams's (97 pages) BEING DISCIPLES: Essentials of the Christian Life.** Amazon quote - "Basic instruction in Christian discipleship from one of the world's greatest living theologians 'Discipleship,' says Rowan Williams in this companion to his best-selling Being Christian, 'is a state of being. Discipleship is about how we live; not just the decisions we make, not just the things we believe, but a state of being.'"

- (764 pages) **AGAPE AND EROS, Anders Nygren PhD.** Dr. Nygren was a Swedish theologian. His writings, especially this book on agape love, have influenced the thinking of philosophers and theologians for over a century. Interestingly, **Dr. Martin Luther-King Jr.** was so impacted by Dr. Nygren's book that it helped form **Dr. King's own view of love** and non-violent civil disobedience. Personally, when I was in a very conservative seminary where I completed my master's in counseling psychology and theology, I was blessed to have found this old book in their library.

- (208 pages) **THE JESUS HEIST: Recovering the Gospel From The Church. Bishop Andrew Doyle.** Andy Doyle is the Episcopal Bishop of Texas. This book is a timeless and always needful wake up call and warning to the cultural church. As with many institutionalized organizations, "Christians' over time replace the original founding message and meaning with self-serving, self-protective beliefs, practices, structures, and distortions. It is always time for the "Church" to reexamine, reevaluate, return, and reform to the profoundly simple, powerful and practical good news message and meaning exemplified by Jesus of Nazareth.

**A FEW QUOTES FROM, THE JESUS HEIST -**

\* "The institutional church has stolen the gospel by reading her indispensability into the Scriptures and into the hearts and minds of her people. Our task in this book is to understand this hermeneutical act and to offer as an alternative the ecclesia of Jesus."

\* "For this reason, in every season the church must be reformed. Such reformations force the church to look at itself in the mirror and confess that it is not fully the ecclesia. We know this has been done throughout history. The reforms have always come when the church has become ineffective because of its complete enmeshment within the culture."

- (175 pages) **LIBERALISM AND ITS DISCONTENTS, Francis Fukuyama PhD,** American political scientist, political economist, international relations scholar, and writer. Dr. Fukuyama's new and balanced book shows how both the far right and the far left have some positive motivations and ideas, yet each side has morphed into extremes that are dangerously destructive. Fukuyama advocates for a return to classical liberalism, a term that is a far cry from modern "liberalism".

- (272 pages) **GOOD NEWS ABOUT INJUSTICE: A WITNESS OF COURAGE IN A HURTING WORLD. Gary A. Haugen.** Forward by Dr. John R. Stott. (10th Anniversary Edition). Gary Haugen is founder and director of IJM.ORG, International Justice Mission, one of the largest and most effective Christian organizations rescuing victims of human trafficking, while also exposing, opposing, and dismantling oppressive systems around the world.

\* See also Gary's book, **JUST COURAGE: GOD'S GREAT EXPEDITION FOR THE RESTLESS CHRISTIAN.**

- (342 pages) **RICH CHRISTIANS IN AN AGE OF HUNGER: MOVING from AFFLUENCE to GENEROSITY. Ronald J. Sider.** The following praise from Dr. John R. Stott says it all, "The publication in 1977 of *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger* was something of a sensation. His critics need to read him again, and all of us need to face his challenge."

- (333 pages) **THE HOLE IN THE GOSPEL: THE ANSWER THAT CHANGED MY LIFE AND MIGHT JUST CHANGE THE WORLD. Richard Stearns,** President of World Vision. Gary Haugen, CEO of International Justice Mission ([IJM.org](http://IJM.org)) says, In *The Hole in the Gospel*, Rich Stearns places his finger firmly upon a long-standing stain on the American church. For far too long, we have artificially separated personal piety from social justice. No more! His prophetic voice calls us to reflection, repentance, and response. We dare do no less."

- (222 pages) **THEODICY OF LOVE: Cosmic Conflict and the Problem of Evil. John C. Peckham PhD,** professor of Christian Philosophy. From the Publisher: "Peckham suggests that God's love is at the center of a cosmic drama that provides significant insights into the problem of evil. The author shows how Scripture points toward this cosmic conflict framework for thinking about God's character of love in relation to the world."

- (216 pages) **A LENS OF LOVE: READING THE BIBLE IN ITS WORLD FOR OUR WORLD.** **Jonathan L. Walton PhD**, ethicist and religious scholar. Dr. Walton is the **President of Princeton Theological Seminary**.  
**A QUOTE FROM DR. WALTON** - "A lens of love recalibrates our focus back to the teachings of the gospel. Jesus' ministry was one of love and compassion. Jesus' ministry, like that of the Hebrew prophets who informed him, subverted authority and questioned the status quo. It would only be appropriate, then, for us to interpret the Christian faith in this light. It would only be fitting to interpret Scripture with a lens of love. **Jonathan L. Walton PhD**. (p. 209)  
  
"In a culture of extreme polarization and otherizing, I'm grateful for the voice of Dr. Jonathan L. Walton and his latest book, *A Lens of Love*. In a society that tends to place ourselves—intentionally or unintentionally—in an echo chamber where our assumptions and beliefs are merely affirmed, this book both prophetically and pastorally creates space for the reader to bring their questions and doubts as we engage the Bible. During a time of so much pain, fear, and division, we desperately need to be reminded of God's reconciling truth, grace, and love." **Eugene Cho, pastor, humanitarian, author of Overrated**.
- (368 pages) **THE UNSEEN REALM: Recovering the Supernatural Worldview of the Bible.** Dr. Michael Heiser.  
\*\* See also his smaller (176 pp.) summary book on the same subject, **SUPERNATURAL: What the Bible Teaches About the Unseen World - and Why It Matters**. Using his vast knowledge of Ancient Near East (ANE) cultures, languages, and writings, Dr. Heiser shows how and why the Old and New Testaments reveal far more than most people realize about the *multidimensional* unseen realm and the sentient beings ("angelic" beings of a non-physical interdimensional or transdimensional nature). While he does not directly address quantum theory and relativity, these new fields of science in many ways support ancient knowledge of an angelic ("spiritual") realm.
- (400 pages) **CAFE THEOLOGY.** Dr. Michael Lloyd, Professor of Theology at Oxford, Cambridge.  
\*\* Also see Dr. Lloyd's theology of theodicy writings in the online book: [GOD, STRUGGLE, AND SUFFERING IN THE EVOLUTION OF LIFE](#). (2025) [Link to a PDF of the Amazon available book](#). (Multiple authors in this book along with Dr. Lloyd as they critique one another's views.)  
\* SEE ALSO, Dr. Lloyd's various videos on YouTube regarding "**THE PROBLEM OF EVIL**" - *see links below*. Dr. Lloyd expands the "Free-Will" answer to the problem of evil to include the reality of and malevolent influence of interdimensional (angelic) beings, which he shows is the most coherent response to the age old question, Why is there such suffering in the world, if it was created by a loving God?  
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\* **21 min. Video Interview** of Dr. Lloyd on the Problem of Evil & Suffering (natural and human caused)
- (150 pages) **THE WAY OF LOVE: A Practical Guide to Following Jesus.** Rev. Scott Dunn, director Forward Movement. An excellent intro following the real Jesus, instead of the politicized, commercialized, self-centered "Christianity".
- (256 pages) **SIMPLY JESUS: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did, and Why He Matters.** N. T. (Tom) Wright.  
Dr. Wright because of his humble, honest thinking and writing draws criticism from both conservative and liberal theological camps. Like me, he's an equal opportunity encourager (or irritator) depending on who you are.  
\*\* Also, Dr. Wright's book, **REVELATION FOR EVERYONE**, which is a part of his, *The New Testament for Everyone*. In this small yet insightful book, he does an excellent job helping to show how and why the biblical book, Revelation, has been so often misunderstood, misinterpreted, and misapplied by many people (including a lot of other scholars). Revelation was written to confront the misuse and abuse of power by the Roman Empire in contrast to Jesus' Way of Love and servant rulership. The key to interpreting Revelation is the "Lamb".  
  
\*\* NEW (2024) book by Dr. Wright, **JESUS AND THE POWERS: Christian Political Witness in an Age of Totalitarian Terror and Dysfunctional Democracies**. This timely & needed balanced book addresses the dangerous extremes that are potential in every form of political perspective and governmental form. It begins with a brief historical survey of how Jesus's simple Way of Love has survived over 2,000 years despite being persecuted, coopted, and perverted by various political groups. Then the book ends with practical examples for how followers of Jesus can participate politically as examples of Love's Way.
- **BRAD JERSAK PhD**. I recommend at least **THREE** of Dr. Jersak's books, which provide excellent evidence for how and why Jesus' life and teaching of love should be the lens through which Christians interpret the Bible.  
3 Books - \* **A MORE CHRIST-LIKE GOD**. \* **A MORE CHRIST-LIKE WORD**. \* **A MORE CHRIST-LIKE WAY**
- (280 pages) **CROSS VISION: How the Crucifixion of Jesus Makes Sense of Old Testament Violence.**  
**Greg Boyd PhD**. This book is a concise summary of Dr. Boyd's much larger 2 Volume work showing how and why the message of love presented and lived by Jesus shows that Old Testament OT portrayals of a vicious violent God were the result of human confusion. Jesus corrected & clarified many of those, *humanly distorted*, Old Testament portrayals of God.
- (212 pages) **THE GOODNESS OF GOD: An Honest Look at the Moral Problems Raised by the Bible.** Dr. John W. Wenham. (Christian - Oxford Prof..) This excellent book is hard to find, but excerpts can be found on various sites online. Dr. Wenham was one of the most respected theologians of his time. He provides an explanation of why the tradition of eternal conscious torment is human tradition which contradicts the Bible's clear teaching about the character of God who exists as love.

- (354 pages) **EVANGELICAL ESSENTIALS: A Liberal Evangelical Dialogue**. In this book, the highly respected “conservative” evangelical theologian, Dr. John Stott, explains why the tradition of eternal conscious torment is human tradition which contradicts the Bible’s clear teaching about the character of God who exists as love.
- (214 pages) **JESUS’ ALTERNATIVE PLAN: THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT. Richard Rohr**. As a Franciscan Monk, all of Rohr’s writings center on the simple central truth of compassionate love, which is universally accepted as the highest valued human virtue. In this book, Rohr uses this principle as the interpretive key, then lens and light, for interpreting Jesus’ longest and deepest message - the Sermon on the Mountain.
  - \* see also Rohr’s, **THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe**. “Anyone who strives to put their faith into action will find encouragement and inspiration in the pages of this book.” Melinda Gates
  - \* see also Rohr’s, **THE TEARS OF THINGS: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage**. This is one of the most insightful understandings of the Old Testament prophets, as well as modern “prophets” who challenge cultural cruelty.
- (276 pages) **THE HEART OF THE BUDDHA’S TEACHING: Transforming Suffering into Peace, Joy, and Liberation. Thich Nhat Hanh**. As a monk with particular skill at popularizing Buddhism in the West, Hanh presents the central principles of Buddhism in a way that’s easy for the Western mind to grasp. He is open and honest about the historical conflicts among various branches of Buddhism, and the uncertainties historians face when they attempt to discern what are the “true” and “original” teachings of the Buddha (Siddhartha Gautama).
  - \*\* see also below under counseling Thich Nhat Hanh’s book **TRUE LOVE**.

### 3 - **COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY**

#### Its Connection to Science, Philosophy, Theology, & Love

\*\* Note that the previous section *above* 2 - PHILOSOPHY TO THEOLOGY includes important and practical *counseling* for individual, couple, family, and societal health psychologically and relationally.

- (400 pages) **THE ANXIOUS GENERATION: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness. Jonathan Haidt PhD**, social moral psychologist at New York University, author of numerous books, TED talks, etc. Even though Dr. Haidt is agnostic and not yet a believer in a personal God, he recognizes the evidential reality of a “spiritual” dimension that is innate to the human species and vital to every culture in history.
  - \* **NOTE** this quote from his book that is representative of many: “But there’s another

#### SCHOLARLY PRAISE FOR DR. HAIDT’S BOOK -

“Every single parent needs to stop what they are doing and read this book immediately. Jonathan Haidt is the most important psychologist in the world today, and this is the most important book on the topic that’s reshaping your child’s life right now.” Johann Hari, author of *Stolen Focus*

- (295 pages) **ANATOMY OF THE SOUL: Surprising Connections between Neuroscience and Spiritual Practices That Can Transform Your Life and Relationships**. Curt Thompson MD. As a Christian psychiatrist, Dr. Thompson synthesizes the sciences of neurobiology and psychology along with Christ’s principles of compassionate love. He shows how our outer systems of interpersonal relationships impact our inner systems of neurophysiology — and vice versa. He also shows how these truths match with and are enhanced by the principles of agape love taught and lived by Jesus.
    - \* **Especially see Dr. Thompson’s excellent new book, THE DEEPEST PLACE: SUFFERING AND THE FORMATION OF HOPE.**
  - (560 pages) **INTERPERSONAL NEUROBIOLOGY: An Integrative Handbook of the Mind (Pocket Guide)**. Daniel Siegel MD. Harvard Medical School, Clinical Professor UCLA School of Medicine.
- \* **THREE BOOKS BY RICHARD LOUV ABOUT (NDD) NATURE-DEFICIT-DISORDER**
- (334 pages) **LAST CHILD IN THE WOODS: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder. By Richard Louv**. Praise for this book from the journal *SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN* - “Parents, educators, therapists and city officials can benefit from taking seriously Louv’s call for a ‘nature-child reunion’ “

(320 pages) **OUR WILD CALLING: How Connecting with Animals Can Transform Our Lives & Save Theirs**. Richard Louv. Praise for this book by Carl Safina, author of *Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel* “A wondrous tapestry.” Article about this book by *PSYCHOLOGY TODAY*: ““Our Wild Calling” by Richard Louv Is a Game Changer”

- (275 pages) **VITAMIN N: The Essential Guide to a Nature-Rich Life.** By Richard Louv.  
 “500 Ways to Enrich the Health & Happiness of Your Family & Community, and Combat Nature-Deficit Disorder”  
 \*\* SEE ALSO — [RESEARCH LIBRARY Of The world's largest collection of peer-reviewed literature about nature's benefits for children](#). A searchable list of articles demonstrating the amazing benefit of nature and animals for aiding human life, health (mental and physical, therapy, education, etc.
- (140 pages) **ADAM: GOD'S BELOVED.** Henri Nouwen PhD psychologist, philosopher, theologian.  
 “In his final book Henri shares the spiritual lessons he learned from a profoundly disabled young man [Adam].”  
 (100 pages) **THE WOUNDED HEALER: Ministry in Contemporary Society.** Henri J. M. Nouwen PhD, psychologist, philosopher, theologian.  
 “In this hope-filled and profoundly simple book, Henri Nouwen inspires devoted men and women who want to be of service in their church or community but who have found traditional outreach alienating and ineffective. Weaving keen cultural analysis with his psychological and religious insights, Nouwen presents a balanced and creative theology of service that begins with the realization of fundamental woundedness in human nature.”  
 See also Nouwen's, **THE WAY OF THE HEART: CONNECTING WITH GOD THROUGH PRAYER, WISDOM, AND SILENCE.**
  - (304 pages) **JESUS, THE GREATEST THERAPIST WHO EVER LIVED.** Dr. Mark W. Baker PhD. Dr. Baker is the executive director of the La Vie Counseling Center in Pasadena and has a private counseling practice in Santa Monica. He is a licensed clinical psychologist and marriage and family therapist with an M.A. in theology and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology.  
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 “Over one hundred years of modern psychology and we still haven't improved on the principles and lessons taught by the greatest doctor of the human soul—Jesus. ... Dr. Mark Baker offers a refreshing and practical understanding of how the teachings of Jesus are not only compatible with the science of psychology, but still speak to our problems and struggles today. Filled with biblical quotations, real-life stories, and divided into two major sections, "Understanding People" and "Knowing Yourself," this easy-to-use guide reveals how the gospel continues to have the power to lighten the darkest corners of the human spirit.” (From the Amazon page)
  - \* see also **Dr. Baker's book, YOU CAN CHANGE: STORIES FROM ANGOLA PRISON & THE PSYCHOLOGY OF PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION.** Louisiana's Angola Prison was once infamous as being one of the most horrifically violence prisons in the world. But it and it's prison population were transformed in a model of cooperative, rehabilitative community through the principles that form the core of Dr. Baker's counseling model. I grew up in Louisiana, and had friends who ended up in the “old” Angola, suffering under its nightmarish conditions.
  - (367 pages) **THE WAY OF AGAPE: UNDERSTANDING GOD'S LOVE.** Nancy Missler. Decades ago, I corresponded back and forth with Nancy's husband Chuck, discussing the subjects of cosmology, theology, life, love, and reality. Nancy's book on the way of agape love is very personal and practical. She shares how learning and practicing God's kind of Christ-modeled love saved their marriage and her life. She explains what agape love is, why it is so important, and how to start your own journey learning how to live it more and more consistently in your own life and relationships.
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  - (336 pages) **IMAGE BEARERS: Restoring Our Identity And Living Out Our Calling.** Dr. Michael Lloyd. Dr. Lloyd is Principal of Wycliffe Hall in Oxford. He wrote his doctoral thesis on the problem of evil - giving him the infamous name among his

students, Dr Evil. Michael has taught theology at Oxford and Cambridge universities, and airs his views on the GodPodcast. \* See also his various videos on YouTube regarding "**THE PROBLEM OF EVIL**" - *see links below*. Dr. Lloyd expands the "Free-Will" answer to the problem of evil to include the reality of and malevolent influence of interdimensional (angelic) beings, which he shows is the most coherent response to the age old question, Why is there such suffering in the world, if it was created by a loving God? \* **50 min. Video interview** of Dr. Lloyd - Problem of Evil & Suffering (natural and human caused)

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- (217 pages) **THE POCKET THOMAS MERTON**. This little pocket sized book is compilation of wisdom taken from a wide variety of Merton's writings. The various selections are arranged by subject.
- (158 pages) **THE WAY OF LOVE: A Practical Guide to Following Jesus**. Scott Gunn. Episcopal pastor, Gunn, present seven key actions for applying the profound principles of compassionate love that Jesus not only taught, but lived.
- (112 pages) **TRUE LOVE: A Practice for Awakening the Heart**. Thich Nhat Hanh. As a Buddhist monk, Hanh presents in this tiny book a number of profoundly practical principles for living the principles of compassionate love. He highlights the similarities of principles among both Buddhism and Christianity.

I'VE REPEATED THE FOLLOWING BOOKS **ON THE SUBJECT OF RACE, RACISM, SOCIAL HARMONY** due to their value:

- (168 pages) **STRENGTH TO LOVE. Dr. Martin Luther-King Jr.**. This small book is a collection containing some of Dr. King's most significant messages on the power of love to transform enemies into friends. It's message is grounded in the concepts taught by Jesus of Nazareth, and his lived example of agape-love, the highest valued human virtue.

#### **ALSO SEE THE FOLLOWING -**

- \* Masters of the Dream: The Strength and Betrayal of Black America, by Dr. Alan L. Keyes PhD
- \* The End of Race Politics: Arguments for a Colorblind America, by Coleman Hughes
- \* Self-Portrait in Black and White: Unlearning Race, by Thomas Chatterton Williams
- \* Woke Racism: How a New Religion Has Betrayed Black America, by Dr. John McWhorter PhD

## **4 - ANIMAL COMPASSION**

### **Our Human Responsibility Regarding Suffering**

- **DR. ANDREW LINZEY PhD, DD, HonDD**. Director of THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR ANIMAL ETHICS. Dr. Linzey has been a member of the Faculty of Theology in the University of Oxford for 28 years. He previously held the world's first academic post in Theology and Animal Welfare.  
\* **WHY ANIMAL SUFFERING MATTERS: Philosophy, Theology, & Practical Matters**.  
\*\* (other books by Dr. Linzey — *ANIMAL GOSPEL; ANIMAL THEOLOGY; CHRISTIANITY AND THE RIGHTS OF ANIMALS*)  
\*\* <https://www.oxfordanimaethics.com/who-we-are/director/>
- **A FAITH EMBRACING ALL CREATURES: Addressing Commonly Asked Questions about Christian Care for Animals**, Foreward by Dr. Marc Bekoff PhD, Ecology Professor Emeritus of Univ. of Colorado. **PRAISE FOR THIS BOOK:**  
"Far too often, serious concern for nonhuman animals is dismissed by well-meaning Christians .... For some decades now we have needed a resource that brought together experts to respectfully answer these concerns, and with this book we finally have this invaluable resource."  
— **Charles C. Camosy Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics Fordham University**  
"Many good books deserve an enthusiastic recommendation. But only a few merit the stockpiling of a stash of copies to give to anyone and everyone who crosses one's path. *A FAITH EMBRACING ALL CREATURES* will be greeted as this latter sort of book by anyone with a heart for creation care. . . . Christians of all varieties will find accessible, creative, and challenging perspectives on a crucial but oft-neglected aspect of their daily discipleship. Animal advocates, Christian or otherwise, will find an indispensable resource for engaging religious audiences. And everyone will find a prophetic call to compassion and justice for all of God's creatures issued from some of the most influential voices in animal ethics and theology as well as from some of the field's most provocative newcomers."" — **Matthew C. Halteman Associate Professor of Philosophy, Calvin College**

"Other recent books have made the case that our contemporary treatment of animals is both inhumane and unchristian; *A FAITH EMBRACING ALL CREATURES* does so in a refreshingly light-handed way. Its arguments are both morally serious and deeply theological, particularly because its authors pore carefully over important sections of biblical text. But the book is also extremely inviting as it opens to questions people are genuinely asking about how a commitment to moral vegetarianism (or related commitments) can make theological sense. . . . Furthermore, the concerns about the welfare of animals that the authors highlight in their theologizing turn out to be immensely

fruitful. As they free us from customary presumptions, they teach us how to read and appreciate the biblical material in new ways." — **Dr. Charles R. Pinches Department of Theology University of Scranton.**

"This collection of essays serves as an excellent introduction to issues concerning Christian attitudes toward, and treatment of, nonhuman animals. The essays draw on a wide range of sources in the tradition, so readers can easily find further avenues to explore. . . . *A FAITH EMBRACING ALL CREATURES* is an excellent resource for laypeople, church study groups, and even seminarians or college students who want an introduction to the variety of questions and responses Christians can pose about nonhuman animals." — **Laura Yordy, Assistant Professor of Philosophy & Religion, Bridgewater College, VA**

- (340 pages) **WILD JUSTICE: THE MORAL LIVES OF ANIMALS**, by Marc Bekoff and Jessica Pierce. **University of Chicago Review** \* "This well-written book makes a compelling case for what the authors term "wild justice," the presence of species-specific moral codes among a diversity of animals. Designed to spawn a new field of inquiry into animal behavior rather than chronicle the conclusive findings of a mature field, this volume ties together a variety of studies and anecdotes to make the case that animal morality should be taken seriously and studied more extensively. Excellent treatment is given to three key concepts: animals cooperate, animals are empathetic, and animals maintain a code of justice."
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Gary Patronek, VMD, PhD, Tufts University Center for Animals and Public Policy.
- (50 pages) **ON HORSEMANSHIP.** by Xenophon 350 BC, Henry Graham Dakyns (Translator). This ancient text is one of the earliest works emphasizing compassionate horse training focused on a relationship of love/trust not force/fear.
- (192 pages) **HOW TO THINK LIKE A HORSE: The Essential Handbook for Understanding Why Horses Do What They Do,** by Cherry Hill.
- (225 pages) **HORSES NEVER LIE: The Heart of Passive Leadership,** by Mark Rashid.
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- (262 pages) **EVERY LIVING THING: Pope Francis, Evangelicals & other Christian Leaders are inspiring all to Care for Animals.**
- (435 pages) **DOMINION: The Power of Man, The Suffering of Animals, The Call to Mercy.** Matthew Scully.
- (336 pages) **SOME WE LOVE, SOME WE HATE, SOME WE EAT: Why It's So Hard to Think Straight About Animals.** Dr. Hal Herzog PhD
- (325 pages) **BEYOND WORDS: WHAT ANIMALS THINK AND FEEL.** Carl Safina
- (420 pages) **ANIMALS IN TRANSLATION: Using the Mysteries of Autism to Decode Animal Behavior.** Dr. Temple Grandin PhD
- (400 pages) **JUSTICE FOR ANIMALS: Our Collective Responsibility.** Martha Nussbaum.
- (240 pages) **THE SOUL OF ALL LIVING CREATURES: What Animals Can Teach Us About Being Human.** Dr. Vint Virga DVM
- (336 pages) **MERCY FOR ANIMALS: One Man's Quest to Inspire Compassion & Improve Lives of Farm Animals.** Nathan Runkle.
- (360 pages) **A PLEA FOR THE ANIMALS: The Moral, Philosophical, and Evolutionary Imperative to Treat All Beings with Compassion.** Dr. Matthieu Picard PhD.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES RE: ANIMAL EMOTION, INTELLIGENCE, & HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY

### **HUMAN WORKERS PTSD IN ANIMAL-FACTORIES & SLAUGHTERHOUSES**

Article - SLAUGHTERING FOR A LIVING: A hermeneutical phenomenological perspective on the well-being of slaughterhouse employees. NIH. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4841092/>

Article - Prevalence of serious psychological distress among slaughterhouse workers. NIH. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/28506017/>

Article - Most meat eaters support veganism as 'ethical'.  
[hSps://phys.org/news/2020-01-meat-eaters-veganism-ethical-good.html](https://phys.org/news/2020-01-meat-eaters-veganism-ethical-good.html)

### **ANIMAL ORGANIZATIONS & VIDEOS**

EMOTIONAL WORLD OF FARM ANIMALS - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=524JqSIBW0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=524JqSIBW0)

HUMAN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES [hSps://www.humanesociety.org/](https://www.humanesociety.org/)

- HSUS Christian Video: 25 min. [EATING MERCIFULLY. www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-Va6F3iQFc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-Va6F3iQFc)

OXFORD CENTER FOR ANIMAL ETHICS - [hSps://www.oxfordanimaethics.com/home/](https://www.oxfordanimaethics.com/home/)

EVERY LIVING THING - (Link to 4 min Video) (Website - [hSps://www.everylivingthing.com/](https://www.everylivingthing.com/))

MERCY FOR ANIMALS - [hSps://mercyforanimals.org/blog/slaughterhouse-workers-have-ptsd-from-killing/](https://mercyforanimals.org/blog/slaughterhouse-workers-have-ptsd-from-killing/)

GREENPEA on INSTAGRAM - [greenpea\\_\\_\\_](https://www.instagram.com/greenpea___/?hl=en). [https://www.instagram.com/greenpea\\_\\_\\_/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/greenpea___/?hl=en)

SARX - [hSps://sarx.org.uk/what-we-believe/](https://sarx.org.uk/what-we-believe/)

FREE FROM HARM - [hSps://freefromharm.org/](https://freefromharm.org/)

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### **PLANT-POWERED NUTRITION & COOKING**

GAME CHANGERS [hSps://gamechangersmovie.com/](https://gamechangersmovie.com/)

FORKS OVER KNIVES [hSps://www.forksoverknives.com/the-film/](https://www.forksoverknives.com/the-film/)

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DR. ESSELSTYN'S Prevent & Reverse Heart Disease Program

PHYSICIANS COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIBLE MEDICINE –

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