

Stumbling Toward Obedience

"Daily reflections for religious and lay persons on the Rule of St. Benedict and the Benedictine life"--Provided by publisher.

"Dr. Engberg-Pedersen shows how a range of problems encountered in twentieth-century interpretation of three major Pauline letters (Philippians, Galatians, Romans) may be overcome by reading the epistles in the light of ancient Stoic ethics. He discusses literary, conceptual and theological issues: for example, the unity and purpose of the letters; the relationship in the letters between theology and ethics; the logical character and shape of Pauline exhortation; the relationship in Paul between cognition and participation; the meaning of righteousness from faith; Paul's handling of the Jewish law. The author illuminates the central core of Paul's thought by applying the Stoic perspective and argues that scholars must move beyond the traditional Judaism/Hellenism divide to reach a comprehensive and accurate reading of Paul's letters"--P. [4] of cover.

Spinoza's thought is at the centre of an ever growing interest. Spinoza's moral philosophy, in particular, points to a radical way of understanding how human beings can become free and enjoy supreme happiness. And yet, there is still much disagreement about how exactly Spinoza's recipe is supposed to work. For long time, Spinoza has been presented as an arch rationalist who would identify in the purely intellectual cultivation of reason the key for ethical progress. Andrea Sangiacomo offers a new understanding of Spinoza's project, by showing how he himself struggled during his career to develop a moral philosophy that could speak to human beings as they actually are (imperfect, passionate, often not very rational). Spinoza's views significantly evolved over time. In his early writings, Spinoza's account of ethical progress towards the Supreme Good relies mostly on the idea that the mind can build on its innate knowledge to resist the power of the passions. Although appropriate social conditions may support the individual's pursuit of the Supreme Good, achieving it does not depend essentially on social factors. In Spinoza's later writings, however, the emphasis shifts towards the mind's need to rely on appropriate forms of social cooperation. Reason becomes the mental expression of the way the human body interacts with external causes on the basis of some degree of agreement in nature with them. The greater the agreement, the greater the power of reason to adequately understand universal features as well as more specific traits of the external causes. In the case of human beings, certain kinds of social cooperation are crucial for the development of reason. This view has crucial ramifications for Spinoza's account of how individuals can progress towards the Supreme Good and how a political science based on Spinoza's principles can contribute to this goal.

Obey the Darkness: Horror Stories is a collection of 15 anecdotes (three novellas, two novelettes, and ten short stories) that run the gamut from sci-fi horror to supernatural horror to fairy tale horror. International in scope, the various settings (Bangladesh, Trinidad & Tobago, America, Brazil, Europe, and Mexico) lends some of their folkloric legends to the fold in this sometimes disturbing, sometimes surprising collection of tales that are sure to keep you up at night.

The Practical Art of Spiritual Conversation is about the art of when, if, and how to engage in a spiritual conversation. The whens and the ifs inform the how. Christians can be so concerned with how to share the gospel that they often fail to consider where the person is spiritually and when, or even if, they should share the gospel. To be sure, the Scriptures are clear that followers of Christ must spread the good news. Yet there are times when sharing the gospel would be undeniably inappropriate. How, then, do gospel-centered, evangelistic Christians discern when to share Christ or when to stay silent? What determines when and if someone is even ready to hear the gospel? How does one meaningfully engage a person who has already accepted the gospel? Refined through tens of thousands of spiritual encounters, this book provides a helpful framework for discerning where a person is spiritually and how to encourage each person to take a step toward Christ regardless of where they may presently be in their faith journey. You will be equipped in the practical art of spiritual conversation so that you can meaningfully encourage every person to take a step toward Christ.

[The Student's Concordance to the Revised Version, 1881, of the New Testament of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ](#)

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[Learning from Jonah's Failure to Love God and the People He Came to Save](#)

[Christ alone exalted: being the compleat works of Tobias Crisp, D.D. Containing fifty-two sermons To which are now added, notes explanatory with some memoirs of the doctor's life by John Gill, D.D.](#)

[The Works of John Owen](#)

[Encyclopaedia of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America](#)

[The Grace of God in the Battle for the Future of Your Soul](#)

[The Gospel magazine, and theological review. Ser. 5. Vol. 3. no. 1-July 1874](#)

[Day by Day with Saint Benedict](#)

[Wherein the Significations and Several Acceptations of All the Words Mentioned in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are Fully Opened, Expressed, Explained ...](#)

This book embodies timely innovations breaking free from the confines of traditional Christianity: 1) the creative collation of the synoptic gospels into an inclusive narrative revealing all of the facts in one read 2) a re-visitation of the Canon restricting epistolary content to true apostolic authority 3) a functionally literal translation which rectifies 600 years of erroneous habits 4) a translation sourced in the Majority Greek Text since the oldest and best attested text is one with sufficient time to produce the greatest number of descendants resembling itself 5) the embodiment of Primordial Consecration where the originally separated and shuffled manuscript sections are restored to their original sequential order, rectifying all contextual aberrations 6) this work presents an overall coherent end-time scenario resulting from a critical refutation of the authorship and content of the book of Revelation, greatly un-complicating eschatology. The reader of this work will experience a timely, refreshing enlightenment of the soul, a liberation from the bondage of erroneous thinking and false doctrines, and a deliverance from the engendered confusion and inner perplexity that have developed over much of what one encounters while reading the average New Testament.

"The joy of the Lord is our strength." Worries, pressures, disappointments, and stress are the weeds that crowd out the fruit of joy in our hearts. How can we remember that God's joy is available to us at every moment? How can we resist succumbing to negativity, sadness, or cynicism? Anne Costa writes about the joy of the Lord in this book of one hundred short meditations. In each one, she challenges us to see how we can choose God's joy in the everyday events and encounters of our lives. Costa's gentle reminders can help you break into joy and live in the love that Christ has for you.

Designed to strengthen the global church with a widely accessible, theologically sound, and pastorally wise resource for understanding and applying the overarching storyline of the Bible, this commentary series features the full text of the ESV Bible passage by passage, with crisp and theologically rich exposition and application. Editors Iain M. Duguid, James M. Hamilton, and Jay A. Sklar have gathered a team of experienced pastor-theologians to provide a new generation of pastors and other teachers of the Bible around the world with a globally minded commentary series rich in biblical theology and broadly Reformed doctrine, making the message of redemption found in all of Scripture clear and available to all. Six experienced Bible teachers walk through some of the richest but more challenging books of the New Testament, helping Bible readers understand what they say about Christians' hope for the future. Contributors include: Dennis E. Johnson Robert L. Plummer C. Samuel Storms Ray Van Neste Matthew S. Harmon Thomas R. Schreiner

"This is not a democracy," Antonio Garc'a-Trevijano denounces in the first pages of this book. To confront the great lie that Europe does have democratic regimes, a lie rooted in people's confounding of the liberties they enjoy with the political freedom that they lack, the author builds a realistic theory of democracy to end the false idea that corruption, state crime, and public immorality are democracy's (undesirable) products and not the natural and inevitable fruits of oligarchic regimes. Thanks to a superb review of the events that mark the history of democracy, the author reveals the obstacles that, from the 17th century English revolution, the United States' War of Independence, and the French Revolution, opposed political freedom, deviating old Europe's democratic possibilities toward the current parties' state. There exist important theories of the state and of constitution, but none that can be called a theory of democracy. Antonio Garc'a-Trevijano's original theory, a modern synthesis of Rousseau's pure democracy and Montesquieu's political freedom, responds to European need for a theory of democracy as a real alternative to the corrupted parties' regime that was engendered by Western pragmatism during the Cold War.

This book highlights obedience as an American cultural motif by examining the ways in which citizens understand and dramatize the struggle between autonomy and allegiance. Willing Obedience tells the story of Americans who worked out the simultaneous demands of liberty and obedience in fiction, military memoir, and political writing from the Revolution through the nineteenth century. In contrast to the European model of a subject's blind obedience to a monarch, Americans imagined an allegiance that preserved autonomy even as they consented to the constraints of a new republic. In particular, the book considers the case of the soldier, whose surprisingly complex relationship to authority is in fact representative of the situation of all citizens in a republic.

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[A Disciple's Heart Daily Workbook](#)

The most important combat experiences of your life will be spiritual battles for the destiny of your eternal soul. They are between God's will versus your will, sin versus holiness, and whether you are saved or lost. God's plan for you to defeat the world, the flesh, and the devil is not by trying harder and making more resolutions or doing good things. God's plan for you is to behold his presence by learning his truth and discovering his grace. In Letters to Christian, the author turns to your heart and conscience, where decisive spiritual insights take place, to share the glory of God. You will learn the necessity to protect your soul in battle by digging truth out of the scriptures. The letters describe God's sovereignty, assurance, and the importance of perseverance to help you become victorious in Jesus and to understand your Christian life. You will learn what God thinks about you and how to equip and protect your soul with his armor of truth. The Letters to Christian is not about religion but relationship and will allow you to discover God's work of grace in your heart, proving Jesus Christ is being formed within you. Amen.

This book of poems is about the spiritual life and is organized according to a monastic logic. The compact and powerful language speaks to the lifelong Christian or to the spiritual seeker. "Practicing Silence bears every evidence of a poet who has done precisely that, and bespeaks monastic experience with true authenticity. The poetry emerges from a mind given over to the One hidden in silence." –Brother Paul Quenon ocso, poet, author of Unquiet Vigil: New & Selected Poems "Bonnie Thurston's entire Practicing Silence allows that Light abides in the core, yet there is darkness always in the edges. The recognition of such encroachment gives this pure and intense collection an added sense of urgency. These holy verses will draw us inexorably in." –Sofia M. Starnes, Poet Laureate of Virginia, 2012–2014 "With masterly craft and authentic voice, Thurston offers us poems that both challenge and comfort, that dance on the living waters of wisdom and offer a midrash of insight for our tempestuous world. Practicing Silence is a brilliant and most welcome offering!" –Dr. Michael S. Glaser, Professor Emeritus, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Poet Laureate of Maryland, 2004–2009 "The old desert monks insisted that staying in one's cell would teach you everything. Bonnie Thurston shares, in finely crafted language, what she has learned in these deeply contemplative poems welling up from her own solitude. It is sheer grace to receive the fruit of her own spiritual journey." –Lawrence S. Cunningham, The University of Notre Dame Formerly a professor of New Testament, Bonnie Thurston is a poet and spiritual director who lives quietly in her home state of West Virginia. She also writes theological works and travels to give lectures and retreats.

"Hoinacki's underlying assumption is that a narrative relating one's personal experience may introduce the reader to a wider and more incisive understanding than that provided by the investigative and reporting methods of the social and natural sciences."--Jacket.

Stumbling Toward God traces a woman's spiritual search with an unusual twist—from a self-proclaimed atheist who prays, to unorthodox membership in two radically different churches, the Unitarian and Episcopal. This book is an honest, satisfying read for anyone questioning or seeking a spiritual path. A reading group guide is also included.

Acclaimed Inda series within Sherwood Smith's epic fantasy Sartorias–deles universe • Military fantasy woven with courtly politics, vast worldbuilding, and diverse characters Indevan–Dal is the second son of the Prince and Princess of Choraed Elgaer, destined to become his elder brother Tanrid's Shield Arm—his military champion. Like all second sons, he is to be privately trained at home by Tanrid, the brother whose lands he will one day protect. When the King's Voice comes to summon Inda to the Military Academy, he might well feel foreboding, or even fear—war is imminent—yet youthful Inda feels only excitement. But there are things that Tanrid hasn't prepared him for, and Inda will soon learn that the greatest threats to his safety will not come from foreign enemies, but from supposed allies within his own country.

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[The Practical Art of Spiritual Conversation](#)

[Returning to Alabama](#)

[The Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary](#)

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Author Renee Altson understands all about being hurt, feeling alone, and full of doubt. While her story is an extreme example of abuse and mistreatment done in the name of God, her struggles with God as Father and with faith and disbelief are universal. This book is a perfect companion for those who have survived or know someone who has survived abuse, as well as for anyone who has ever questioned whether the journey toward faith is worthwhile. As you stumble with Renee, you will discover new deep places within your own heart and the freedom to question a God who is big enough to handle your doubts. May this book help you learn the breath and depth of the love of God and may the prayer you offer be the same as Renee's: 'I believe. Help my unbelief.'

Justin Stratis explores the meaning of the biblical phrase 'God is love' through an examination of two quintessentially modern Protestant theologians: Friedrich Schleiermacher and Karl Barth. This book contains both a detailed engagement with Schleiermacher's untranslated lectures on Dialektik and their relation to his more well-known work, as well as a new assessment of Barth's doctrine of God which both respects his radical innovations and yet places him within the stream of traditional, catholic trinitarianism. After considering the complexities of theological predication, and comparing several classical and contemporary approaches to the implication of 'love', Stratis presents and ultimately commends the distinct approaches of Schleiermacher and Barth for their tendency to treat divine love as a 'conclusion' to the doctrine of God, rather than as a conceptual starting point. In contrast to many contemporary approaches, Stratis concludes with the suggestion that God's love is best conceived as his being toward fellowship, rather than as the eminent instance of loving fellowship understood according to human experiences of love.

Jesus demonstrated complete submission to the Father's will to the point of His confident assertion, "I always do those things that please My Father" (John 8:29). He gave Himself in humility at Calvary to satisfy God's wrath against all sin, as well as all sinners, and declared from the cross, "It is finished." He then experienced death but rose in victory over death, thus proving His claims to divinity and giving to all His spiritual descendants resurrection power for daily living. So what is to be our response to all Christ Jesus is and all that He has suffered and accomplished on our behalf? What should be our life's focus, our objective, our agenda, and our passion? Obedience to the things our Lord and Savior has commanded. Obedience is our duty, to be sure, but it is more than that. It is the way we express our thanksgiving for what Christ has done for us. It is gratefulness lived out on a daily basis. This kind of living involves a consistent orientation toward laying aside personal or selfish desires and agendas that bring us temporal gratification. Instead, we embrace what Jesus Christ tells us to do: to proclaim the gospel of hope to those who know it not. This is the highest expression of gratefulness from a life made new by the living Lord. Your culture, your communities, your friends, your co-workers, and your family members need to hear a word from God. You and I are the delivery persons for God's message. We are the spokespersons for the gospel of Jesus Christ! We are the ones to whom God has said, "Arise, go to Nineveh." Our Nineveh, dear people of God, is the lost people around us.

This book is a montage of articles originally published in the magazine, The Gospel Herald and Sunday School Times. All of the articles develop seven rock-solid foundations for building a steadfast Christian life. Each chapter concludes with a practical study question, making the book ideal for Bible study groups.

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In the pages of the Bible, we come to know God through Jesus Christ. Thus the importance of the Bible for our spiritual formation cannot be overstated. If we are honest, though, the Bible is not always easy to understand. For example, the places named in the Bible can seem strange, and the number of people mentioned is virtually countless. This comprehensive dictionary intends to help people read the Bible with increased understanding and confidence. It contains articles on major topics as well as places and people, even if they just appear in a single verse in the Bible. Its articles cover theological topics, biblical words, biblical imagery, and historical topics. This A to Z dictionary includes more than *1,700 full-color pages *400 color illustrations, maps, and photos *5,000 articles by leading evangelical scholars The Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary is an informative, colorful, and easy-to-understand resource that will be an indispensable reference for your own personal study or in preparation for teaching.

Don't miss Tessa and Dastien in the exciting finale of the USA Today Alpha Girls series. Tessa—part witch, part werewolf, raised human and now the unofficial leader of a newly minted supernatural alliance—gets a distressing call from her brother, Axel, in the middle of the night. Tessa and her mate, Dastien, race to save Axel, but Tessa's learned that nothing is ever easy in the supernatural world. She has seconds to make a choice, but there's only one thing Tessa can do to save the two most important men in her life—sacrifice herself. The last thing Dastien hears from Tessa was her plea—help Axel. But then their bond goes silent. He can't hear her. He can't feel her. And there's no sign of the attackers who took her. Dastien does everything he can to save Axel before calling his friends in a panic but when Dastien's finally reunited with her, there's no sign of recognition in her eyes. No magic in her touch. No wolf beneath the surface. Everything that made Tessa who she was...has been erased. "I love this series. I just think that it keeps getting better and better." – A Reader Lives A Thousand Lives "I have enjoyed every minute of this book and will read what ever Aileen Erin wants to write at this point." – Smada's Book Smack hr It's time to binge the complete Alpha Girls series! Book 1: Becoming Alpha Book 2: Avoiding Alpha Book 3: Alpha Divided Book 4: Bruja Book 5: Alpha Unleashed Book 6: Shattered Pack Book 7: Being Alpha Book 8: Lunar Court Book 9: Alpha Erased hr Don't miss Off Planet, the biggest and boldest adventure yet from the mind of Aileen Erin. It's perfect for fans of Claudia Gray's Defy the Stars and Maura Milan's Ignite the Stars!

My grandfather taught me many things as I sat and listened to him. Most importantly, I learned that he was a God-fearing man. I believe that God used my grandfather to instill hardworking values in me as well. I miss him greatly, and I miss the times I was able to learn from his ways of living. As I grew, I began to recognize the importance of being still and listening with all my being to him. This has perhaps been one thing that God has used in my life to draw me to Him. His Holy Word says for us to be still before Him and know that He is God. So I was drawn by His Holy Spirit to listen with all my heart to His guidance. And as I spent time before Him, I learned to recognize the voice of God through His precious Holy Spirit within. I could not get enough of His powerful presence so I sat long hours, alone before Him, and this book is the result. In my time alone with God, I asked a lot of questions about life, and I have come to understand much more than I ever knew. God says if you will seek Him, you will find Him, and if you call on Him He will answer you. He will speak to you and through you by His Holy Spirit presence within. God's love is extended to us through His Son Jesus Christ, who gave His very life to set us free from the bondages of sin. What is a journey to you? When you spend time with the Father, He will take you on a journey of victory! When you truly seek Him with all your heart, He will give you His wisdom, His knowledge, and His understanding. As you acknowledge His presence and power throughout life, your journey has begun.

Discipleship in the Methodist tradition affirms that there is always more work for God to do in the human heart. A Disciple's Heart attempts to reclaim and, in a sense, reinterpret for today John Wesley's understanding of this transformation of the heart, which he called "Christian perfection," with the goal of equipping participants to continue to grow into the likeness of God's love in Christ. Designed to be used in a small group and, if desired, a congregation-wide emphasis, the Daily Workbook fosters personal spiritual growth as group members develop their own pattern of daily Scripture reading, prayer, and personal reflection (five readings per week). Participants are invited to journal in response to guided questions, define their own next steps, and then share with others in their small group as they learn and grow together in community.

Have you ever considered the seriousness of causing someone else to stumble? That is, to hinder someone's spiritual wellbeing. Does it surprise you that the apostle Paul describes it as evil (Rom. 14:20)? In The Scandal of Stumbling Blocks , James Durham helps us to consider the matter deeply by defining the nature of stumbling as well as showing its serious consequences. He looks in considerable detail at different kinds of stumbling and identifies the ways that people can stumble and be stumbled. Durham provides practical advice for avoiding and preventing offense. Now edited in modern English, Durham's classic treatment on considerate Christianity can be used to edify a new generation. Table of Contents: 1. Why Is Stumbling Important? 2. What Is Stumbling? 3. What Are the Different Kinds of Stumbling? 4. What Ways Do We Stumble Others? 5. To What Extent Should We Avoid Stumbling Others? 6. How Can Believers Prevent Stumbling? 7. How Can Ministers Prevent Stumbling? 8. What Are the Key Truths about Stumbling?

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