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Jairo Mejia, 2008-03-01 Jairo Mejia is a theologian and philosopher who lives in Carmel Valley California

The Fundamentals , 1917

Jesus, Disciple of the Kingdom Osvaldo D. Vena, 2014-01-08 That Jesus started his career as a disciple of John the Baptist is an idea that has gained almost universal recognition in the scholarly world His coming from Galilee to be baptized by John in the river Jordan is the most compelling proof of Jesus subordination to John But quickly after John was executed Jesus started his own career not as a disciple anymore but as a teacher in his own right In this book Osvaldo Vena makes the claim that throughout his ministry Jesus remained a disciple not of John but of a higher power God and God s kingdom Thus Jesus called men and women to join him as co disciples as he went about proclaiming the nearness of the kingdom through word and action In this work Vena contends that in the Gospel of Mark Jesus is presented as a prototype of true and faithful discipleship a model to be followed and imitated by ancient as well as contemporary believers This presentation amounts to an emerging Christology espoused by the early Markan community on the verge of destruction from outside forces specifically the Jewish Roman war as well as internal divisions resulting from struggles for power in the community

South Africa, 1486-1913 A. Wyatt Tilby, 1914

Outgrowing Cultic Christianity Robert P. Vande Kappelle, 2021-04-27 We live in a time of religious warfare not just between different religions but also between those with differing versions of the same faith This religious distrust and political conflict may be the worst in American history since the Civil War Speaking as a progressive conservative biblical scholar Robert Vande Kappelle uses a four stage model of faith development to rethink core Christian doctrines Starting with current events and a discussion on the role of religion this

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Our Church Life ,1906 *Nicene Christianity* Christopher R. Seitz,2002-05-01 Explores the Nicene Creed both in light of what the Creed was about in its original setting and what it can contribute today

The Outlook ,1894 *Outlook* Alfred Emanuel Smith,Francis Walton,1894 **Washington News Letter** ,1919 *The New Prophecy and "New Visions"* Rex D. Butler,2011-02 In this book Rex D Butler examines the Passion for evidence of Montanism and proposes that its three authors Perpetua Saturus and the unnamed editor were Montanists

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Wisdom of Solomon (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture) Mark Giszczak,2024-02-13 Examine the Old Testament from within the living tradition of the Catholic Church The seventeen New Testament volumes in the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture CCSS series have been widely acclaimed Now the series editors offer readable Old Testament commentaries that integrate the best of contemporary biblical scholarship with the traditional understanding of the Old Testament as prophesying and prefiguring Christ Wisdom of Solomon by Mark Giszczak is the first Old Testament volume in the CCSS The commentary offers a robust introduction to the historical and theological background of this often overlooked book the RSV 2CE translation of the biblical text and a detailed interpretation of each passage The commentary

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Religion as Art Form Carl L. Jech, 2013-05-09 If you find books such as Richard Dawkins The God Delusion compelling but your faith heritage is also important to you this book shows how you can affirm both Taking a cue from Marcus Borg s contention that scriptural literalism is for many people a major impediment to authentic spirituality Carl Jech describes how all religion can and should be much more explicit about its symbolic metaphorical and artistic nature With a particular focus on mortality and the relationship of humans to eternity the book affirms a postmodern understanding of God as ultimate eternal Mystery and of spirituality as an artistic w holistic visionary and creative process of becoming at home in the universe as it really is with all its joys and sorrows Religion as Art Form is a must read for those who think of themselves as spiritual but not religious

Walking on Water Robert P. Vande Kappelle, 2020-02-03 How did Jesus do it we wonder How did he walk on water To which we can imagine Jesus responding O ye of literal faith Walk with me on the waters of life explore with me the depths of reality Walking on water is not as one might think about staying on the surface of things but rather about going deep into the ordinary aspects of our lives and finding gold It is not about exotic miracles or blind faith but about living into a new way of thinking Most of us experience a continual flow of ideas images and feelings clinging to these as if they were us They are us but not our True Self They represent the atomized self our small imperial ego While this egocentric False Self is necessary its role is temporary a warm up rather than the adventure itself To ascertain our True Self we must lose the false images that no longer serve us images of God that are insufficient and images of ourselves that are similarly inadequate Bringing to life tales about labyrinths and quests for the Grail Walking on Water encourages us to go with Jesus into death and resurrection encountering the universal Christ there the True Self that gives all humans final meaning and definition Such living saves us from our smaller and untrue selves transforms our consciousness and transports us from limited first half of life living and thinking into second half of life possibilities The dynamic approach to spirituality described in this book a transformational journey nourished by myth metaphor and mystery will promote the wisdom compassion maturity and connectedness we all need and desire

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