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This revised edition of a classic college-level introduction to theology presents the core doctrines of the Christian faith, encouraging readers to connect belief with everyday life. Stanley Grenz, one of the leading evangelical scholars of his era, and Jay Smith, an expert on Grenz's theological legacy, construct a helpful theology that is biblical, historical, and contemporary. The third edition includes a foreword by John Franke, a new preface and afterword,

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resources for further study, and updated footnotes. The book's easy-to-use format includes end-of-chapter discussion questions and connects theological concepts with current cultural examples.

The imago Dei: Man as God's Image Bearers "Let us make man in our image," so begins the relationship between God and his image bearers, beings made in his own image. What does it mean to be God's image bearer? In this issue on the imago Dei, we explore the ways man reflects God's light. Contributors: Donald W. Catchings, Jr.: "Stained-glass Man," a poem on man's own image. Annie Crawford: "Gender and the Imago Dei: Together We Reflect the Image of God," an essay on marriage's divine purpose. L.B. Loftin:

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"Goodness, Truth, and Beauty," a poem on the glory of humanity. Christy Luis: "My Favorite Things" a short story on coming out of and into the fire. Annie Nardone: "Deepest Wonder, Remarkable Beauty: Sonnets in Praise of Life and the Imago Dei," an essay and sonnet on the miracles of life. Julie Miller: "Transhumanism and the Abolition of the Human Person," an essay on transhumanism's materialistic shortcomings. Megan Joy Rials: "Do You Long for Having Your Heart Interlinked?: The Imago Dei and Our Need for Relationships in the Blade Runner Universe," an essay on love, authenticity, and reality. Zak Schmoll: "A Silent Genocide: Disability and the Ongoing Consequences of Social Darwinism," an

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essay on the tragedy of eugenics. Jason Smith: "Worth Reading" an introduction to a new column coming to AUJ. John L. Weitzel: "Thorin and Bilbo: Image Bearers," an essay on heroism, the Old Testament, and God's will. Donald T. Williams: "Matrix of Meaning: Five Theses on Christianity and Culture," an essay on the relationship between human nature and creativity. Cover Illustration by Virginia De La Lastra Spring 2021 Volume 4, Issue 1 250 pages

Some of the questions asked and answered in THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN'S SURVIVAL GUIDE are "You claim the Bible is inspired because it says it is, right (2 Tim. 3:16)? Isn't that circular reasoning?" "You claim the Bible was inspired, but there was no inspired list of

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which books that is true of. So how can we know which ones to trust?" "With so many different copies of manuscripts that have 400,000+ variants (errors), how can we even know what the Bible says?" "Why can't the people who wrote the four Gospels get their story straight?" "Didn't the Council of Nicaea just arbitrarily pick the books for the Bible that they agreed with and suppress all the rest with political power?" "People used to believe in miracles because they didn't understand science. Don't we know better than that now?" "That a man rose from the dead takes a lot of believing. How could you ever have enough evidence for a belief like that?". "Science has proved that human beings evolved over millions of

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years rather than being created in six days. Why are you still clinging to ancient myths?" "Just because the Bible is true for you, why does that make it true for me?" "How can you base your modern life on a book that was written for a primitive culture?" "Doesn't the Bible support genocide?". "Doesn't the Bible support racism?". "Doesn't the Bible support slavery?" "Doesn't the Bible support homophobia?". "Doesn't the Bible support the oppression and abuse of women?". "There are so many religions, all sincerely seeking the same goal. What makes you Christians so arrogant that you think yours is the only way?". "What about those who have never heard the Gospel?". "If God is a God of love, why did he let my

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*loved one die?”. “How can it be just for God to impose
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**J.R.R. Tolkien was the British author who
fired the imagination of a generation with
his beloved works: The Hobbit and The Lord
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essays, short stories, and poems, we
explore the magic of Tolkien's works that
defined high fantasy and illustrate the
underlying Christian themes that are so
essential to the joy his work brings.**

Contributors: C.M. Alvarez: "Melchizedek,

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Bombadil, and the Numinous in The Lord of the Rings," an essay on the parallels between the mysterious figures found in the Bible and The Lord of the Rings and what they represent. Donald W. Catchings, Jr.: "The Hero from Bagshot Row," a poem dedicated to the heroism of Sam in The Lord of the Rings. Annie Crawford: "Courage at the Crossroads" on how the journey of the Fellowship illustrates the truth of the Gospel message. S. Dorman: "The Common Good in Tolkien's Rural Communities," an essay on the importance

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*of community drawing from illustrations in
The Lord of the Rings by Tolkien and In
Search of the Common Good: Christian
Fidelity in a Fractured World by Jake
Meador. Karise Gililland: "One Theme to
Rule Them All," an essay on a collection
of Catholic essays in Tolkien's The Lord
of the Rings. Korine Martinez: "Awakening
Joy," an essay on the Christ-inspired joy
which infuses The Lord of the Rings Seth
Myers: "Tolkien and Miyazaki: Princess
Mononoke and The Lord of the Rings in
Conversation," an essay on the fight*

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against evil in The Lord of the Rings by Tolkien and the animated film, Princess Mononoke. Annie Nardone: "Finishing Well," an essay on purpose as illustrated in "Leaf by Niggle;" "The Finished Work," a sonnet based on "Leaf by Niggle;" and "A Passage to Something Better," an essay on death in The Lord of the Rings. Josiah Peterson: "Supernatural Words" on the importance of language in the creation of Tolkien's Middle-earth. George Scondras: "Melkor and Illuvatar" on the Christian hope in The Silmarillion. Zak Schmoll:

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"The Beauty of a Growing Friendship," an essay on the importance of fellowship and community illustrated in The Lord of the Rings and a book review on An Encouraging Thought Clark Weidner: "Tom Bombadil: The Value of an Enigma," an essay on the importance of mystery. Donald T. Williams: "Loth Lorien" and "To J.R.R. Tolkien, poems inspired by Tolkien's work. About An Unexpected Journal An Unexpected Journal is a quarterly publication that presents the truth of Christianity using reason and imagination. Spring 2020, Volume 3, Issue

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In world missions, the author proposes, the local church is the biblical sending body through which missionaries serve. The author places emphasis upon the practical outworking of the mission responsibilities of the local church as well as its relationship to mission agencies, missionary personnel, and Christian schools.

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Does the Bible have authority in a world committed to relative truth? The understanding of absolute, objective truth has been largely lost. Spend just a few minutes discussing politics or religion and you'll hear responses like, "There is no truth!" or "That may be true for you, but not for me." Understanding the Faith dares to wade into the middle of the controversy with chapters such as: Is God Christian? Isn't Claiming Truth Intolerant? Is the Bible Anti-Science? Summit

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*power. If you have been moved by the writing of
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quotes within this book are meant to inspire you when
any negative feelings surface and encourage you to
keep the faith and your head up because God sees and
knows, even before we ask him or just talk to him.
Sometimes we don't know what to pray or how to
speak with God—I pray these quotes give you an idea
of God's deep, unconditional love for us and how much
he really cares.*

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Encouraging Quotes

A Survey of Christian Apologetics

Christian Register

The Quiver

"Little" Thoughts for the Day is a Christian source of encouraging thoughts for pre-school - 5th grade students relating to issues that they often deal with on a daily basis throughout the school year. It can be used by elementary administrators/teachers to help students start their day with uplifting thoughts before beginning their school day or by parents who wish to

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share the thoughts with their children before they leave for school each day. Formatted according to the school year calendar, Little Thoughts for the Day includes thoughts relating to various holidays and school activities that make a big difference for little people.,

In this humorous and perceptive exchange between two devils, C. S. Lewis delves into moral questions about good vs. evil, temptation, repentance, and grace. Through this wonderful tale, the reader emerges with a better understanding of what it means to live a faithful life.

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Being a Treatise on the Christian Life in Its Two Chief
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*Revised & Updated Edition! God is love. Crazy,
relentless, all-powerful love. Have you ever
wondered if we're missing it? It's crazy, if you think
about it. The God of the universe—the Creator of
nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-
minor—loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-
sacrificing love. And what is our typical response?*

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We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. Whether you've verbalized it yet or not, we all know something's wrong. Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts—it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis describes it, you will never be the same.

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Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything. Learn more about Crazy Love at www.crazylovebook.com.

Shadows may fall across the path of life, causing distress, dismay, and doubt. Trouble-filled dark experiences may seem stark and hopeless. Yet the Word of God brings the certainty that God's Almighty Hand is always in control. His unfailing presence and promises can restore the song in the midnight of the soul. Drawn from personal observations and adventures, this compilation of both amusing and serious reflections endeavors to

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inspire and challenge. We can all discover practical spiritual truths in daily experiences. Ultimately, the challenge is for everyone to passionately pursue Christ. As we seek to know and follow the Lord, He provides empowerment and grace for every situation. These illustrations may bring laughter, tears, and revelation—sometimes all at once! Hearts will be inspired to trust the unfailing God. What is Christian yogi? Can a person be both Christian and a yogi? Isn't devotion to yoga contrary to practicing Christianity? Adams' brief but powerful work provides us with a lens through

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which we can observe just such a person.

Throughout, we see that, not satisfied with settling for less than all she can squeeze out of this life, Adams stretches herself, her beliefs, and her spirit, as she demands fullness, presence and truth. To seek this in oneself and in others is a hallmark of the devoted yogi. The writings are strategically placed with beautifully captured images. This book will encourage your thoughts to go beyond the physical, give insight on perceptions of life during trying times, challenge limitations you may have, and keep you coming back to read over and over

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again.

*A Story about Finding God in Heartbreak, the
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*An Unexpected Journal: Image Bearers
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*The Theology Behind the Writings of C.S. Lewis
Understanding the Faith*

Walking with a Limp

Reveals the Christian elements that lie at the center of "The Hobbit,"
explaining how Tolkien incorporated his faith into his classic literary
work.

Report and speeches at the [third] annual meeting of the Church

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Pastoral-aid Society, May 8, 1838.

New York Times bestselling author of *The Prodigal Prophet* Timothy Keller—whose books have sold millions of copies to both religious and secular readers—explores one of the most difficult questions we must answer in our lives: Why is there pain and suffering? *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering* is the definitive Christian book on why bad things happen and how we should respond to them. The question of why there is pain and suffering in the world has confounded every generation; yet there has not been a major book from a Christian perspective exploring why they exist for many years. The two classics in this area are *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner, which was published more than thirty years ago, and C. S. Lewis' *The Problem of Pain*, published more than seventy years ago. The great secular book on the subject, Elisabeth Kübler-

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Ross' s On Death and Dying, was first published in 1969. It ' s time for a new understanding and perspective, and who better to tackle this complex subject than Timothy Keller? As the pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, Timothy Keller is known for the unique insights he shares, and his series of books has guided countless readers in their spiritual journeys. Walking with God through Pain and Suffering will bring a much-needed, fresh viewpoint on this important issue.

HOPE - to Live Your Best Life

Christian Treasury

The Lipstick Gospel

Explore the imagination and joy in the worlds created by J.R.R.

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The Christian Work and the Evangelist

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The Midnight Song

Inspired by a broken heart and a wicked hangover, sorority girl Stephanie May Wilson throws in the towel on the life she's been living and packs her bags for a pilgrimage across three continents. Like so many great travelers before her, she finds herself and something completely unexpected along the way. Exploding preconceived notions that Christianity is for grandmas and girls with ugly shoes, The Lipstick Gospel is the story of how one girl found God in heartbreak, the Sistine Chapel, and the perfect cappuccino.

Planting the Seeds of Imagination Holly Ordway has established herself as one of the preeminent voices

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in the field of cultural apologetics. Her ability to engage with the imagination is clearly demonstrated through her own scholarly work, most recently the paradigm-shifting Tolkien's Modern Reading, but her influence was critical in the founding of An Unexpected Journal as well. This collection of essays, poetry, and stories demonstrates her wide-ranging impact that is truly bearing a fruitful harvest. Contributors "Maps," My Map by Jesse W. Baker on the importance of poetry. "Contrary Winds: Tolkien's Priority of Faith and Family" by Donald W. Catchings, Jr. on Tolkien's personal values, and "The Call" on the teacher's call. A review of Tolkien's Modern Reading by Annie Crawford "Drawing the Drawing Out of Me"

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by Virginia de la Lastra on a pleasant surprise. "Ordway's Myth-Busting Research: Tolkien's Modern Reading (A Review)" by Ryan Grube on a paradigm shift. "Poetry as Prayer, Imagination the Spark to Worship and Service: Ordway's Review of Gerard Manley Hopkins in Word on Fire's Ignatian Collection" by Seth Myers on contemplation, poetry, and missionizing. "A Passage to Something Better" by Annie Nardone on Tolkien's approach to virtue. An interview with Holly Ordway "Middle-earth and the Middle Ages" by Joseph Pearce on the influence of Beowulf. "Dr. Ordway's Visual Guide to Paragraph Structure" by Josiah Peterson on creating meaning. "Lost and Found" by Theresa Pihl on changing

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perspective; "Learning Writing at Writespace" by Jamie Danielle Portwood on the importance of community. "Gandalf: The Prophetic Mentor" by Zak Schmoll on the Defeat of Sauron. "A Case of Mistaken Identity" by Jason M. Smith on our great misconception. "Peak Middle-earth: Why Mount Doom is not the Climax of The Lord of the Rings" by Michael Ward "Echo and Narcissus" by Clark Weidner on the goodness of reality. "Some Real Magic: Taliessin Lectureth in the School of the Poets" and "The Challenge of 'The Republic'" by Donald T. Williams on poetic imagination. "Unveiling Reality Through the Imagination" by Jared Zimmerer on a strategy to fight meaninglessness. Cover Illustration

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proves—paradoxically—to be more human than heroic. This is surely why I appreciate Ezra Byer ’ s exploration of the life of Jacob, whose story provides a window for examining his own seasons of doubt and depression. Mercifully, Ezra strips us of the illusion that faith will always be the swift, steady, sure climb. He reminds that we might cling to God—and still feel his absence. This is a book for the trenches—a book for building gritty, honest, ultimately resilient faith. ” – Jen Pollock Michel, Author of Surprised by Paradox and Keeping Place “ Walking with a Limp will point you to the sure sources of hope for the hopeless: The God of all hope and His word of hope. In it you ’ ll find practical help

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and encouragement to stay the course. You, like Jacob, can be a prince with God, an overcomer whose limp testifies to tenacious clinging to God. ” – Dr. Philip Brown, Author of A Reader ’ s Hebrew Bible “ In recent years, believers in Christ have become more transparent about the struggles we face with depression and mental illness. In this timely book, Ezra Byer contributes to this encouraging trend by inviting readers to re-read the ancient narrative of the Patriarch Jacob and encounter anew the God who heals and also sets apart his people for worship and service. ” – Dr. Edward Smither, Author of Mission in the Early Church and Christian Martyrdom “ When we suffer, we don ’ t need glib

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answers or easy truths. We need to hear from someone who knows what it ' s like, can remind us of biblical truth, and point us to hope. That ' s why I ' m grateful that Ezra has written this honest, profound, and encouraging book. I can ' t wait to read it again and to share it with others. ” – Darryl Dash, Author of How to Grow

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Christian Behavior, and Beyond Personality, Mere Christianity provides an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear this powerful apologetic for the Christian faith.

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