

# Theological Roundtable 2022: Current Challenges for God's People and Their Leaders

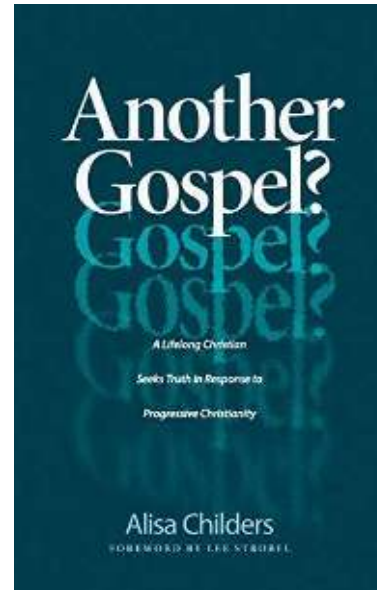
## Preparatory Reading List

### ***Another Gospel?***

Alisa Childers

*Another Gospel?* describes the intellectual journey Alisa took over several years as she wrestled with a series of questions that struck at the core of the Christian faith. After everything she had ever believed about God, Jesus, and the Bible had been picked apart, she found herself at the brink of despair . . . until God rescued her, helping her to rebuild her faith, one solid brick at a time.

In a culture of endless questions, you need solid answers. If you or someone you love has encountered the ideas of progressive Christianity and aren't sure how to respond, Alisa's journey will show you how to determine—and rest in—what's unmistakably true.



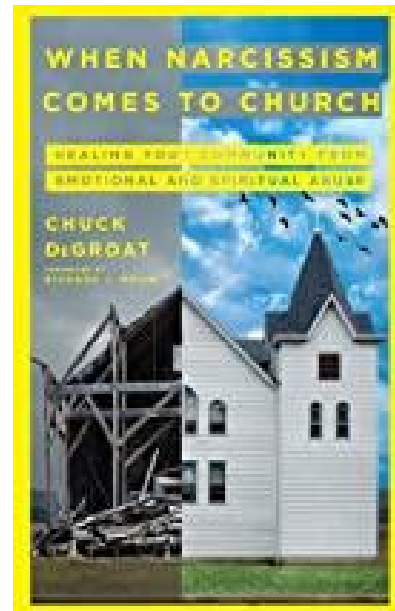
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### ***When Narcissism Comes to Church***

Chuck DeGroat

In *When Narcissism Comes to Church*, DeGroat takes a close look at narcissism, not only in ministry leaders but also in church systems. He offers compassion and hope for those affected by its destructive power and imparts wise counsel for churches looking to heal from its systemic effects.

DeGroat also offers hope for narcissists themselves—not by any shortcut, but by the long, slow road of genuine recovery, possible only through repentance and trust in the humble gospel of Jesus.



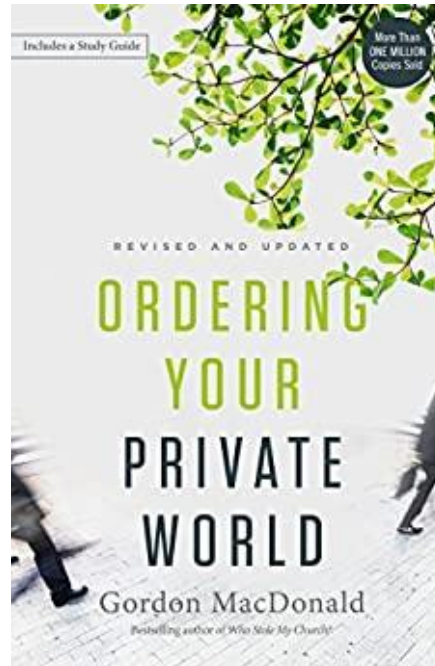
## ***Ordering Your Private World***

Gordon MacDonald

Gordon MacDonald equips you to live life from the inside out, cultivating the inner victory necessary for effectiveness. Simplifying your external life begins with seeking internal order. In addition to focusing on spiritual and mental disciplines, you'll discover:

- ▶ The difference between being driven and being called
- ▶ The lifelong pursuit of the growth of the mind
- ▶ The importance of being a listener and reader
- ▶ How to exercise your soul to keep it in good shape

Our culture encourages us to believe that the busy, publicly active person is also the most spiritual. Our massive responsibilities at home, work, and church have resulted in many of us on the verge of collapse.



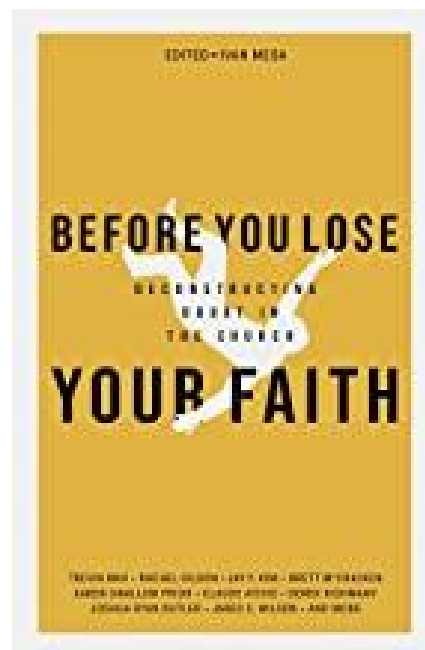
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## ***Before You Lose Your Faith: Deconstructing Essays***

Ivan Mesa, Editor

“I’m deconstructing.” Yet another social-media post announces departure from the Christian faith. The cause could be sex, race, politics, social justice, science, hell—or all of the above. For many, Christianity is becoming implausible, even impossible to believe.

This book argues that church should be the best place to deal with doubts. Featuring contributors such as Claude Atcho, Rachel Gilson, Jay Y. Kim, Brett McCracken, Karen Swallow Prior, Derek Rishmawy, and Jared C. Wilson, this book shows deconstructing need not end in unbelief. In fact, deconstructing can be the road toward reconstructing—building up a more mature, robust faith that grapples honestly with the deepest questions of life.

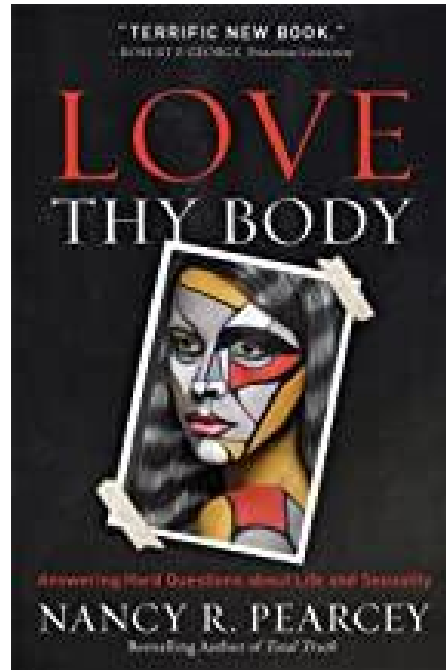


## ***Love Thy Body: Answering Hard Questions About Life & Sexuality***

Nancy Pearcey

In *Love Thy Body*, best-selling author Nancy Pearcey goes beyond politically correct talking points to offer a riveting exposé of the dehumanizing secularist ethos that shapes critical moral and socio-political issues of our day.

Fearlessly and with compassion, Pearcey makes the case that secularism denigrates the body and destroys the basis for human rights. Throughout, she sets forth a holistic and humane alternative available to all—one that offers reality-oriented solutions that embrace the dignity of the human body and provide a sustainable basis for inalienable human rights.

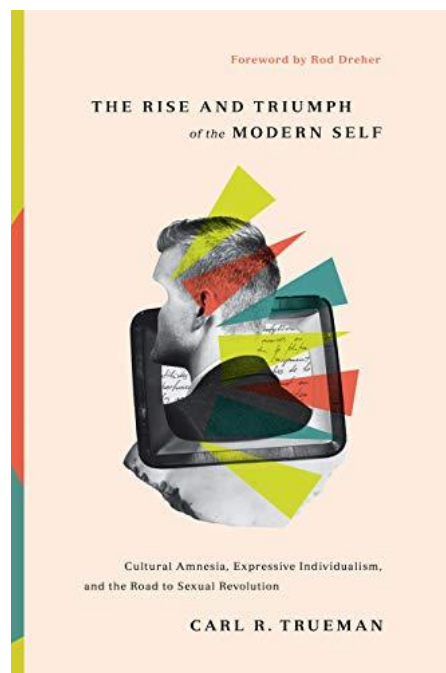


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## ***The Rise & Triumph of the Modern Self***

Carl Trueman

Since the landmark *Obergefell v. Hodges* Supreme Court decision in 2015, sexual identity has dominated both public discourse and cultural trends—and yet, no historical phenomenon is its own cause. From Augustine to Marx, various views and perspectives have contributed to the modern understanding of self. Carl Trueman carefully analyzes the roots and development of the sexual revolution as a symptom, rather than the cause, of the human search for identity. This timely exploration of the history of thought behind the sexual revolution teaches readers about the past, brings clarity to the present, and gives guidance for the future as Christians navigate the culture's ever-changing search for identity.



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***Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution***

*Carl Trueman*

The first book is the more comprehensive treatment of this issue. The second is a much shorter and only slightly different, but more accessible, discussion of the same topic.

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**Further Recommended Reading:**

*Healing the Masculine Soul*, Gordon Dalbey

*The Rhythm of Life: Putting Life's Priorities in Perspective*, Richard Exley (out of print)

*What if Jesus Was Serious About the Church?*, Skye Jethani

*Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion*, Rebecca McLaughlin

*The Care of Souls: Cultivating a Pastor's Heart*, Harold Senkbeil

*Spiritual Burnout*, Malcolm Smith (out of print)

*Embodied: Transgender Identities, the Church, and What the Bible has to Say*, Preston Sprinkle

*What Is a Woman?*, Matt Walsh

*Holy Sexuality and the Gospel*, Christopher Yuan