

## Does Christianity Squash Women

To preach effectively in today's world, preachers need cultural intelligence. They must build bridges between listeners who come from various denominations, ethnicities, genders, locations, religious backgrounds, and more. Experienced preacher and teacher Matthew Kim provides a step-by-step template for cross-cultural hermeneutics and homiletics, equipping preachers to reach their varied listeners in the church and beyond. Each chapter includes questions for individual thought or group discussion. The book also includes helpful diagrams and images, a sample sermon, and appendixes for exegeting listeners and for exploring cultural differences.

"Women are the backbone of the church," says an old African-American aphorism. Since the 1660s, women have made up the majority of members in almost all American religious groups. They have provided essential financial and social support and worked tirelessly in the background of church-based activities. Throughout American history, women have raised money for churches and synagogues, embroidered altar cloths, taught Sunday school, prepared parish meals, and sung in the choir. They have educated their children in their beliefs and taken them to their places of worship. Yet it is primarily men who have historically occupied the high rungs of church hierarchy and made the important decisions affecting their congregations. Ann Braude examines the central role of women in American religious history, focusing on their efforts to achieve greater recognition and equal rights, their recent admission to religious leadership, and the emergence of feminist theology in the late 20th century. Colonist Margaret Winthrop, African-American preacher Jarena Lee, Christian Science founder

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Mary Baker Eddy, and Zionist leader Henrietta Szold are among the women discussed in these pages who have made major contributions to the spiritual and material growth of religious organizations in America.

This first-ever DVD-driven small group study guide stimulates animated discussion over one of today's hottest topics--whether the "The Da Vinci Code" novel and movie unearth explosive facts or are inaccurate depictions of ancient events.

Increasingly, contemporary scholarship reveals the strong connection between Victorian women and the world of the nineteenth-century supernatural. Women were intrinsically bound to the occult and the esoteric from mediums who materialised spirits to the epiphanic experiences of the New Woman, from theosophy to telepathy. This volume addresses the various ways in which Victorian women expressed themselves and were constructed by the occult through a broad range of texts. By examining the roles of women as automatic writing mediums, spiritualists, authors, editors, theosophists, socialists and how they interpreted the occult in their life and work, the contributors in this edition return to sensation novels, ghost stories, autobiographies, séances and fashionable magazines to access the visible and invisible worlds of Victorian life. The variety of texts analysed by the authors in this collection demonstrates the many interpretations of the occult in nineteenth-century culture and the ways that women used supernatural imagery and language to draw attention to issues that bore immediate implications on their own lives. Either by catering for the fad of ghost stories or by giving public trance speeches women harnessed the metaphorical and financial forces of the supernatural. As the articles in this book demonstrate the occult was after all a female affair. This book was published as a special issue of *Women's Writing*.

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Exploring the Da Vinci Code takes you on a fascinating journey to London, Paris, and California with Lee Strobel and Garry Poole as they investigate the claims made by Dan Brown in his novel, *The Da Vinci Code*. It provides quick, straightforward answers to the most troubling aspects of the popular novel and major motion picture, which is scheduled to release in theatres May 19, 2006. This outreach book is designed so readers can give multiple copies to friends, family, coworkers—anyone who may be struggling with the misconceptions fostered by *The Da Vinci Code*. Exploring the Da Vinci Code is not to be confused with Zondervan's DVD Group discussion resource, *Discussing the Da Vinci Code*. The latter links a DVD to a group discussion guide and equips group members to personally combat the misunderstandings that many readers of *The Da Vinci Code* have.

A placard carried in the San Diego Gay Parade said it all: "He's your God. They're your rules. You go to Hell." Clearly, there is no longer any commonly held ultimate authority. So merely quoting Bible verses at gays and other "sexual sinners" to prove they are immoral is equally unsuccessful, if not destructive. For the sake of our young people, for the sake of our churches, for the sake of society and our world, Christians must understand the connection of spirituality and sexuality if we are to communicate relevantly to our postmodern culture. Jones gives an objective, honest appraisal of contemporary sexual trends and puts them up against God's clear (and beautiful) design for sex as a spiritual expression. *Features and Benefits* Helps Christians break out of typical parameters to help them understand and relevantly engage the culture. Nonbelievers will find this book objective and non-offensive, fairly representing postmodern worldviews. Thorough index and bibliography makes this book a powerful resource tool.

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A benevolent and wise king who puts his subjects before himself—who can find? The majority of rulers throughout history, up to the present age, live for their own comfort and glory. But there was one king who became a servant and died to save all his servants. He was a king like no other. This short book invites you to walk through the last two chapters of Luke's Gospel and encounter the risen Son who will give you the hope and purpose you have been searching for.

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What do you believe about women's roles in church leadership? Should women lead groups that include men? Should women preach? Should women be ordained? More importantly, why do you believe what you believe? Plenty of books exist telling women what to think; precious few help women think for themselves, particularly about theological issues. *Women, Leadership, and the Bible* helps women learn to interpret the Bible and discern for themselves answers to their questions about women's roles in the church, along with any other issue they may face in life. In straightforward, plain language, Dr. Natalie Eastman introduces women to a five-step, easy-to-follow process for studying the Bible and interpreting what they study. [NOTE to designer: if there is not enough space on the back cover then cut the following section in italics] This book encourages women that they can think for themselves and can analyze significant theological issues, despite any hesitations they may have, any conflict surrounding an issue, or any lack of theological training. By the time readers finish this book, they will have a biblically defensible, theologically reasoned, and thoroughly discerned

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understanding of what they believe Scripture says about women's roles and how that understanding could play out within the church. No longer will they feel as though they have nothing to contribute when the subject of women's roles--or any other of life's theological questions--arises.

An exploration of modern regionalism and senses of place developing among generations of settler colonial society on North America's northern grasslands. Gifted communicator Donna Carter believes the choices we make today define the quality of our lives tomorrow. With enthusiasm and encouragement, she helps readers discern their priorities--how they want to live and what they want to accomplish--and then helps them use these choices to build lives filled with excitement, fulfillment, and joy. Women will discover practical ways to... keep their connections to people strong and encouraging decrease stress and accomplish more through organization develop and maintain an upbeat, biblical self-image stay positive when problems and disagreements occur forgive when wounded As women make positive changes in their lives, they'll have more time and energy to focus on what truly makes life worth living--serving and worshiping God, loving family members, spending time with friends, helping others, overcoming trials, and achieving their dreams.

While evangelicalism dukes it out about who can be church leaders, the rest of the 98% of us need to be well equipped to see where we fit in God's household and why that matters. Recovering from Biblical Manhood and Womanhood is a resource to help

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church leaders improve the culture of their church and disciple men and women in their flock to read, understand, and apply Scripture to our lives in the church. Until both men and women grow in their understanding of their relationship to Scripture, there will continue to be tension between the sexes in the church. Church leaders need to be engaged in thoughtful critique of the biblical manhood and womanhood movement and the effects it has on their congregation. Do men and women benefit equally from God's word? Are they equally responsible in sharpening one another in the faith and passing it down to the next generation? While radical feminists claim that the Bible is a hopelessly patriarchal construction by powerful men that oppresses women, evangelical churches simply reinforce this teaching when we constantly separate men and women, customizing women's resources and studies according to a culturally based understanding of roles. Do we need men's Bibles and women's Bibles, or can the one, holy Bible guide us all? Is the Bible, God's word, so male-centered and authored that women need to create their own resources to relate to it? No! And in it, we also learn from women. Women play an active role as witnesses to the faith, passing it on to the new generations. This book explores the feminine voice in Scripture as synergistic with the dominant male voice. Through the women, we often get the story behind the story--take Ruth for example, or the birth of Christ through the perspective of Mary and Elizabeth in Luke. Aimee fortifies churches in a biblical understanding of brotherhood and sisterhood in God's household and the necessity of learning from one another in

studying God's word. The troubling teaching under the rubric of "biblical manhood and womanhood" has thrived with the help of popular Biblicist interpretive methods. And Biblicist interpretive methods ironically flourish in our individualistic culture that works against the "traditional values" of family and community that the biblical manhood and womanhood movement is trying to uphold. This book helps to correct Biblicist trends in the church today, affirming that we do not read God's word alone, we read it within our interpretive covenant communities--our churches. Our relationship with God's word affects our relationship with God's people, and vice versa. The church is the school of Christ, commissioned to discipleship. The responsibility of every believer, men and women together, is being active and equal participants in and witnesses to the faith--the traditions of faith.

Christianity is turning brown and moving south. The Christianity the West has known is in recession and has all but dwindled out of recognition in the opening years of the twenty-first century. Well over half of the world's Christians now live in the Global South—Africa, Asia, and Latin America. They are, according to Aberdeen missiologist Andrew Walls, the new Representative Christians. What they think about Christianity will matter more and more and what North America thinks about Christianity will matter less and less. This massive shift in geography and theological point of departure will have a major impact on Christian preaching now and into the future. *The Future Shape of Christian Proclamation* seeks to begin the conversation about how preaching in the

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Global South will inform the whole of Christian preaching in the coming years. *Women in Policing around the World* is a historical, legal, political, and social examination of women in policing. The book opens with a comparison of cultural definitions of gender and how this affects women's work in general and policing specifically. The book then takes the reader through women in policing in the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, featuring several countries within the major regions of the world. Major commonalities and differences are identified in the areas of recruitment, training, deployment, promotion, and violence against women. Among the key features of this book is a balanced coverage of historical and timely events that led to the current status of women police in their respective countries. The book identifies the commonalities that women police experience throughout the world, relying on the most current research. The book also dedicates coverage of policing violence against women in society as well as within the police organization itself. The author includes tables to allow for national comparisons throughout the book, as well as current and historical photos. This book is intended for researchers and students of police culture and women in policing. It does not rely heavily on one country or region, thus allowing for an enlightening international comparison.

Since its first publication in 1981, *AMERICA: RELIGIONS AND RELIGION* has become the standard introduction to the study of American religious traditions. Written by one of the foremost scholars in the field of American religions, this textbook has introduced thousands of

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students to the rich religious diversity that has always been a hallmark of the American religious experience. Beginning with Native American religious traditions and following the course of America's religious history up to the present day, this text gives students the benefit of the author's rigorous scholarship in clear language that has proven to be readily accessible for today's undergraduates. This long-awaited new edition explores a variety of recent events and developments, including increasing religious pluralism and, especially, a combinative postpluralism in which different faiths in America subtly begin to borrow from one another. The new edition examines postethnic Judaism in the Jewish Renewal movement and other instances, the growing Womenpriest movement among American Catholics, and the development of Islam in America in the light of September 11, 2001. It surveys the emerging church movement among liberal evangelicals and others, and follows the growth of a new spirituality that is much broader than the New Age movement. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Kennedy thought she was in danger before, but she hasn't seen anything yet. Being kidnapped, getting beaten up by a belligerent cop, and finding herself on a hijacked airplane might have been scary, but nothing can prepare missionary kid Kennedy Stern for the faith-stretching trials that await her during her last two years of college. The fast-paced, page-turning conclusion to the Kennedy Stern Christian suspense series tackles issues of persecution, women's rights, and free speech, while offering the same degree of excitement, adrenaline, and danger you've come to expect from Women of Faith award-winning author Alana Terry. Download this three-in-one bundle now to read the dramatic conclusion to the

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Kennedy Stern Christian suspense series.

Marriage has come a long way since biblical times. Women are no longer property, and practices like polygamy have long been rejected. The world is wealthier, healthier, and more able to find and form relationships than ever. So why are Christian congregations doing more burying than marrying today? Explanations for the recession in marriage range from the mathematical--more women in church than men--to the economic, and from the availability of sex to progressive politics. But perhaps marriage hasn't really changed at all. Instead, there is simply less interest in marriage in an era marked by technology, gender equality, and secularization. Mark Regnerus explores how today's Christians find a mate within a faith that esteems marriage but in a world that increasingly yawns at it. This book draws on in-depth interviews with nearly two hundred young-adult Christians from the United States, Mexico, Spain, Poland, Russia, Lebanon, and Nigeria, in order to understand the state of matrimony in global Christian circles today. Regnerus finds that marriage has become less of a foundation for a couple to build upon and more of a capstone. Meeting increasingly high expectations of marriage is difficult, though, in a free market whose logic reaches deep into the home today. The result is endemic uncertainty, slowing relationship maturation, and stalling marriage. But plenty of Christians innovate, resist, and wed, and this book argues that the future of marriage will be a religious one.

A cross-cultural encyclopedia of the most significant holy people in history, examining why people in a wide range of religious traditions throughout the world have been regarded as divinely inspired.

This volume fills a gap in traditional women's history books by offering fascinating details of the

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lives of early American women and showing how these women adapted to the challenges of daily life in the colonies. \* Nearly 200 A–Z entries on women's lives, contributions, and struggles during the years of early America \* Illustrations of the habits of dress, material goods, and buildings that reflect the culture of these women \* Extensive annotated bibliography of recommended readings covering legal issues, ethnic groups, customs, and novels set during the era \* Sidebars highlighting interesting experiences of early American women

Provides basic factual information in summary as well as short summaries of cultural practices of each country such as family structure, gender roles, proxemics, caveats, education, numbers, time, name structure, diet, body language, punctuality and other cultural patterns.

New York magazine was born in 1968 after a run as an insert of the New York Herald Tribune and quickly made a place for itself as the trusted resource for readers across the country. With award-winning writing and photography covering everything from politics and food to theater and fashion, the magazine's consistent mission has been to reflect back to its audience the energy and excitement of the city itself, while celebrating New York as both a place and an idea.

In this book Marnie C. Ferree offers a unique resource for women struggling with sexual addiction. Taking her book's title from the parable where Jesus extends grace to the woman caught in adultery, Ferree bravely shares her own story of sexual addiction, recalling her years of shame from living a double life and the moment when she ultimately had to tell the truth. But more than just offering her story as a hopeful example of God's transforming power, Ferree distills her clinical expertise on female sexual addiction accessibly and gently, providing a much-needed resource for women struggling with any degree of relational or sexual addiction.

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Ferree details the roots of addiction in family trauma and offers clear-eyed advice as both a counselor and a "grateful recovering sex addict" on how to achieve sobriety and healing. Written by a counselor who understands the condition from the inside out, *No Stones* offers practical help for those battling sexual addiction. It also includes a specific chapter for anyone in close relationship with an addict, whether a spouse, family member, or friend, who wants to come alongside women as they seek help. Important for pastors and church leaders, this book will also be a much sought-after resource for Christian counselors and therapists counseling women who grapple with this type of addiction.

Although it's never our personal choice, it is frequently God's plan that his daughters walk through storms and difficulties. Using the picture presented in Psalm 57, readers will discover the secret of experiencing God's presence and comfort in trial and will grow in their appreciation of his purposes in their lives.

*Ye That Are Men Now Serve Him: Radical Holiness Theology and Gender in the South* examines how religious belief reshaped concepts of gender during the New South period that took place from 1877 to 1915 in ways that continue to manifest today.

In this work Dr. Brand seeks to contribute a unique complementarian expression of Reformed spirituality, in order to stimulate a spiritual renewal in the contemporary Reformed tradition. Using a distinctively feminine approach, in a theological arena largely monopolized by male theologians, the author anchors corporate and personal spirituality upon the *unio mystica*, so returning to a Calvinistic appreciation of the Christian life. Grounding Reformed spirituality on the "marital union" between Christ and the church, a corporate portrait of the church is explored. Critical of the neglect of women in Reformed church life and practice, the author calls

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the tradition to reform; proposing an intentional complementarian use of women that can practically and spiritually profit the whole church body. The book culminates with an initial tracing of a "Reformed feminine spirituality" which is pastorally relevant to women, as well as encouraging a renewed experiential enjoyment of Christ for both men and women.

Takes a provocative look at how the Bible should define the identity of a Christian woman and her choices about femininity by examining the context in which women find themselves today and asking what Christianity offers to the women's debate. Original.

This concise and intelligent introduction draws from a wide variety of cultures and faiths to consider all the major themes of the psychology of religion, from the effect of religious beliefs on emotional well being to the psychological effects of prayer.

Now updated for 2008, this annual edition of the classic bestselling directory provides everything working writers need to find the most receptive publishers, editors, and agents for their work.

This new four-volume encyclopedia is the most comprehensive and up-to-date resource available on the history of Native Americans, providing a lively, authoritative survey ranging from human origins to present-day controversies. • Approximately 450 entries within four separate volumes • Approximately 110 contributors from among the foremost scholars in the fields, including Troy Johnson on self-determination movements, Richard King on sports mascots, and Jon Rehyner on recovery of Native languages • Hundreds of images, including illustrations, photographs, and maps • A series of helpful research tools rounding out the fourth volume, including an extensive

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chronology, topical bibliography, and a comprehensive index

DIVArgues that previous accounts of religious and political activism in the Native American community fail to account for the variety of positions held by this community./div

This updated, second edition of Köstenberger and Jones's landmark work tackles the latest debates and cultural challenges to God's plan for marriage and the family and urges a return to a biblical foundation.

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A recovery and rediscovery of the surprising strangeness of blood in theological (especially Christian) and civic discourse.

College is easy for missionary kid Kennedy Stern. It's staying alive that's a lot more difficult. Kennedy could thrive in Harvard's pre-med program ... if only there weren't so many people who wanted her dead. Engrossing, thought-provoking, and never preachy, the Kennedy Stern Christian suspense series follows Kennedy as an undergrad who

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gets kidnapped while volunteering at a crisis pregnancy center, experiences police brutality firsthand, finds herself on a hijacked airplane, and much more. "Alana Terry is one of the few authors that doesn't create a bad book. Her stories are crafted with a lot of insight and tackle issues most authors wouldn't dream of touching." ~ Sheila McIntyre, book reviewer Find out why the Kennedy Stern novels are being called "the most relevant Christian series of the decade." Buy the complete nine-book library today, but be prepared to stay up late.

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