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*The Constitution of the  
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In Profit and Punishment,  
a Pulitzer Prize-winning  
journalist exposes the

tragedy of modern-day debtors prisons, and how they destroy the lives of poor Americans swept up in a system designed to penalize the most impoverished. “Intimate, raw, and utterly scathing” — Heather Ann Thompson, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Blood in the Water* “Crucial evidence that the justice system is broken and has to be fixed. Please read this book.” —James Patterson, #1 New York Times bestselling author As a columnist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Tony

Messenger has spent years in county and municipal courthouses documenting how poor Americans are convicted of minor crimes and then saddled with exorbitant fines and fees. If they are unable to pay, they are often sent to prison, where they are then charged a pay-to-stay bill, in a cycle that soon creates a mountain of debt that can take years to pay off. These insidious penalties are used to raise money for broken local and state budgets, often overseen by for-profit

companies, and it is one of the central issues of the criminal justice reform movement. In the tradition of *Evicted* and *The New Jim Crow*, Messenger has written a call to arms, shining a light on a two-tiered system invisible to most Americans. He introduces readers to three single mothers caught up in this system: living in poverty in Missouri, Oklahoma, and South Carolina, whose lives are upended when minor offenses become monumental financial and personal

catastrophes. As these women struggle to clear their debt and move on with their lives, readers meet the dogged civil rights advocates and lawmakers fighting by their side to create a more equitable and fair court of justice. In this remarkable feat of reporting, Tony Messenger exposes injustice that is agonizing and infuriating in its mundane cruelty, as he champions the rights and dignity of some of the most vulnerable Americans.

The Confession of Faith, the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, the Form of Government, the Book of Discipline Yale University Press

The Meridian Christian Church Leadership Manual has been prepared to as a help to the leaders of the church. In this book you will find our statement of faith, core values, mission and vision, policies and procedures approved by the elders of the church. The purpose of this manual is to give consistent guidance to our leaders as we carry out

the mission of Meridian Christian Church. Generally, we give as much latitude and discretion as possible to our leaders in their respective areas of responsibility, however, there are some standards and values that we hold to as part of the family of God. The leaders of the church are encouraged to boldly lead with creativity and passion. This document is designed to ensure that we adhere to the word of God as we minister to our church, community and world.

The elders are publishing this to help our leaders and ministries as they make decisions for ministry within their own areas of responsibility. Our intention is not to "micro-manage" but to give guidance. The Leadership Manual of Meridian Christian Church is a living document. This book is a copy of the official manual. The official and updated copy will be kept at the offices of Meridian Christian Church. As a living document the elders may authorize changes to

updated throughout the year (consistent with our constitution, bylaws, and the Bible). The Meridian Christian Church Leadership manual will be published and distributed to all Elders, Staff, Core Leaders, and Ministry Leaders annually at the January "All Leaders Meeting." Since this is the first year of publication we expect that there will be significant additions and improvements. If you have any questions or suggestions for improvement or changes to this document should

be given to one of our elders, Senior Pastor, or Administrative Minister. *The Role of Religion in Public Policy* St. Martin's Press

God Betrayed explains: (1) the biblical principles concerning government, church, and separation of church and state which one needs to know in order to understand the First Amendment and why it was adopted; (2) the history of the theological warfare in the colonies that eventually resulted in the adoption of the First Amendment; (3) how and

why, soon after the ratification of the Constitution and the First Amendment, many churches subjected themselves to the state; (4) how the Supreme Court has used the First Amendment religion clause to remove God from practically all civil government affairs; (5) how civil government entices many churches to abandon their Supernatural and First Amendment freedoms; and (6) how churches in America can operate totally under God and free

from any control by civil government. After graduating from college in 1970 and serving as an army officer in the Viet Nam conflict, Jerald Finney worked for the railroad and then started and operated a photography studio in Fort Worth, Texas. He was saved in 1982. God called him to enter the legal profession. He entered the University of Texas School of Law in 1990, and was licensed to practice law in 1993. Since that time, the Lord has guided his career. In

2005, he became lead counsel for the Biblical Law Center. This book is the result of his in depth studies of the issue of separation of church and state, the main issue which is addressed by the Biblical Law Center. [The Confession of Faith, the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, the Form of Government, the Book of Discipline](#) e-artnow More than the citizens of most countries, Americans are either religious or in jail--or both. But what does it mean when imprisonment and

evangelization actually go hand in hand, or at least appear to? What do "faith-based" prison programs mean for the constitutional separation of church and state, particularly when prisoners who participate get special privileges? In *Prison Religion*, law and religion scholar Winnifred Fallers Sullivan takes up these and other important questions through a close examination of a 2005 lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of a faith-based residential rehabilitation program in

an Iowa state prison. *Americans United for the Separation of Church and State v. Prison Fellowship Ministries*, a trial in which Sullivan served as an expert witness, centered on the constitutionality of allowing religious organizations to operate programs in state-run facilities. Using the trial as a case study, Sullivan argues that separation of church and state is no longer possible. Religious authority has shifted from institutions to individuals, making it difficult to define religion, let alone

disentangle it from the state. *Prison Religion* casts new light on church-state law, the debate over government-funded faith-based programs, and the predicament of prisoners who have precious little choice about what kind of rehabilitation they receive, if they are offered any at all.

### **God Betrayed**

InterVarsity Press

How can we move forward amid such political strife and cultural contention? We live in a time of division. It shows up not just between political



parties and ethnic groups and churches but also inside of them. As Christians, we've felt pushed to the outskirts of national public life, yet even then we are divided about how to respond. Some want to strengthen the evangelical voting bloc. Others focus on social-justice causes, and still others would abandon the public square altogether. What do we do when brothers and sisters in Christ sit next to each other in the pews but feel divided and angry? Is there a way forward? In

How the Nations Rage, political theology scholar and pastor Jonathan Leeman challenges Christians from across the spectrum to hit the restart button. First, we shift our focus from redeeming the nation to living as a redeemed nation. Second, we take the lessons learned inside the church into our public engagement outside of it by loving our neighbors and seeking justice. When we identify with Christ more than a political party or social grouping, we avoid the false allure of

building heaven on earth and return to the church's unchanging political task: to represent a heavenly and future kingdom now. It's only when we realize that the life of our churches now is the hope of the nation for tomorrow that we become the salt and light Jesus calls us to be.

Rethinking Faith and Politics in a Divided Age

B&H Publishing Group

The church steadily weakens; the state, filling the void, steadily strengthens. Unbelief runs rampant; faith withers.

The morality of the barnyard triumphs; decency and honour vanish in the mists. What lies behind the dominance of secular degradation, our cultural sickness unto death? Could it be the individualist mind-set infecting the church? In this sprightly work, the 19th century Swiss statesman Frédéric de Rougemont explores just this issue, right at the point of origin. His conclusion: revivalist movements spread individualism into the church, which went from

there to society at large. In turn, this led to the radical separation of church and state and the consequent triumph of unbelief in and through the state. Rougemont's exposé leads us right to the present day. He reminds us that through the church's negligence, this miserable condition was allowed to arise. This means that that through the church's faithfulness, it can be overcome. If only she would be faithful to her calling to the nations. This book is required reading for Christians who

wish to understand the imperatives of the Christian life and the task of the church in modern society.

*The Godless Constitution*  
WordBridge Publishing  
No book was more accessible or familiar to the American founders than the Bible, and no book was more frequently alluded to or quoted from in the political discourse of the age. How and for what purposes did the founding generation use the Bible? How did the Bible influence their political culture? Shedding

new light on some of the most familiar rhetoric of the founding era, Daniel Dreisbach analyzes the founders' diverse use of scripture, ranging from the literary to the theological. He shows that they looked to the Bible for insights on human nature, civic virtue, political authority, and the rights and duties of citizens, as well as for political and legal models to emulate. They quoted scripture to authorize civil resistance, to invoke divine blessings for righteous nations, and to

provide the language of liberty that would be appropriated by patriotic Americans. Reading the Bible with the Founding Fathers broaches the perennial question of whether the American founding was, to some extent, informed by religious-specifically Christian-ideas. In the sense that the founding generation were members of a biblically literate society that placed the Bible at the center of culture and discourse, the answer to that question is clearly "yes." Ignoring the

Bible's influence on the founders, Dreisbach warns, produces a distorted image of the American political experiment, and of the concept of self-government on which America is built. *An Inquiry Into the Ecclesiastical Constitution* Multnomah  
How can freedom of religion protect the dignity of every human being and safeguard the well-being of creation? This question arises when considering the competing claims among

faith traditions, states, and persons. Freedom of religion or belief is a basic human right, and yet it is sometimes used to undermine other human rights. This volume seeks to unpack and wrestle with some of these challenges. In order to do so scholars were invited from different contexts in Africa and Europe to write about freedom of religion from various angles. How should faith traditions in a minority position be protected against majority claims and what is the responsibility of the

religious communities in this task? When does the state risk overstepping its boundaries in the delicate balance between freedom of religion and other human rights? How can new voices, who claim their human rights in relation to gender roles, reproductive rights, and as sexual minorities, be heard within their faith traditions? These are some of the questions that are raised by the authors. This is a book for all who are engaged in faith communities, leaders as well as people

trying to be recognized. It is also important reading for all interested in international legal frameworks for freedom of religion, state advisers, and human right defenders.

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Dorrance Publishing  
"Defense of the Faith and the Saints" in 2 volumes is a collection of miscellaneous writings by one of the main authorities in Mormon

history and theology  
 Brigham Henry Roberts. In  
 this work, the author  
 devoted his energy to  
 doctrinal and historical  
 themes, and one  
 circumstance after  
 another arose which  
 called him to the defense  
 of the Mormon faith and  
 the Mormon people. The  
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 and validity of the Book of  
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Joseph Smith's Doctrines	<u>How the Nations Rage</u> The	many enriching books of
Vindicated: The First	Constitution of the Bible	Cardinal Henri de Lubac,
Message of Mormonism	Presbyterian ChurchThe	this work is a hymn to the
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Doctrines of Joseph Smith	Larger and Shorter	under some of whose
Vindicated by the	Catechisms, the Form of	leaders for a time he
Colleges Miscellaneous	Government, the Book of	unjustly suffered. The
Discourses: The Spirit of	DisciplineThe Early	Splendor of the Church is,
Mormonism; a Slander	Church, Its Faith and	in a sense, a personal
Refuted Erroneous	Constitution, Anterior ... to	testimony of the great
Impressions about the	the New Testament	theologian's humility and
Latter-day Saints - Some	Scriptures; a Letter to the	love of the Church of
Things They Do Not	... Dean of Carlisle, by a	Christ. It is also a classic
Believe The Things of God	Curate of the Diocese (T.	work in the theology of
Greater Than Man's	F.). With the Dean's	the Church. Indeed, de
Conception of Them	ReplyFaith Or FactWhole	Lubac's profound insights
Mormonism as a Body of	Churchfor the sake of the	significantly contributed
Doctrine Peace The	world	to Vatican II's Dogmatic
Mysterious Harmonies of	Considered by many the	Constitution on the

Church, Lumen Gentium, especially in its treatment on the Church as mystery and as the Sacrament of Christ.

Competing Claims among Faith Traditions, States, and Persons Christian Faith Publishing, Inc.

This book came because I wanted to be a notary public. I met the lady in charge. She asked me to raise my right hand and swear to uphold the Constitution. My answer was, "I do not know what it says." Her answer was what caused me to study more and then do much

intensive studying. She said, "That is okay. We don't know it either. This is the courthouse. That is okay. We do not need to know it." But God, He made me go back to my Church office, find a copy of the United States Constitution, and study others. The Declaration of Independence, the Olivette Petition, and then our Constitution are documenting what men wrote, wanting a nation where men can serve God freely. "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created

equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable [that cannot be taken away or given away] rights." I began learning that Matthew 22:15-22 and Romans 13 had so many different meanings from other preachers. It was confusing. "That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends it is the right of the people to alter [we try that at our polls] or to abolish it." We the people have the right under God and government to abolish

bad government. Exercise it. You will learn the twenty-five reasons they gave for their freedom from tyranny. Today you will see that eleven of those reasons of separations are in our America today. "To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understand shall attain unto wise counsels" (Prov. 1:2, 5).

*The Confession of Faith and Covenant* W. W. Norton & Company

This document's purpose is to spell out the Church's understanding of the nature of revelation--the process whereby God communicates with human beings. It touches upon questions about Scripture, tradition, and the teaching authority of the Church. The major concern of the document is to proclaim a Catholic understanding of the Bible as the "word of God." Key elements include: Trinitarian structure, roles of apostles and bishops, and biblical reading in a historical context.

**The Individualists in Church and State** BoD - Books on Demand  
The Role of Faith and Religion in the Life of African-Americans by Florence Ray Van Liew Crain African-Americans who are highly involved in religion have fewer family problems than those who are not involved. The youths in these families have better emotional control and greater involvement in positive, productive activities. This book is a discussion of the history of African-Americans—through



hundreds of years of cruelty and brutality in slavery, war, and segregation—and the role of Christian faith and churches in helping black people survive and overcome such enormous challenges. These facts offer powerful testament to the role of faith and religion in the lives of African-Americans. Encouragement, hope, faith, and determination will help us receive what God has for us if we serve Him! Author Florence Van Liew Crain hopes and prays that those who

think they cannot make it will be able to get up, brush themselves off, and move forward.

### **Save Yourself Some Pain**

Baker Academic  
The purpose of this booklet is to help newly elected elders and deacons of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) prepare for the offices and responsibilities to which they have been elected. This study is divided into eight sessions, covering the ordination questions. Each session includes a commentary on the

question(s) and suggestions for reflection and action. Each participant should have a copy of this book, the Book of Order, the Book of Confessions, and the Bible.

### Perspectives on Our Religious Heritage

Thomas Nelson  
Examines the ways in which the gospel is contradicted by the American dream and challenges Christians to join in a one-year experiment in authentic discipleship that promises spiritual transformation

through the word of God. *"Broadcast."* (Short essays.) By the writer of *"The Universal Church: its faith, doctrine, and constitution [i.e. John Burley Waring]*. Princeton University Press  
 This volume offers partristic commentary edited by Gerald L. Bray on the first article of the Nicene Creed. Readers will gain insight into the history and substance of what the early church believed about God the Father.  
 Greenhaven Publishing LLC

Refutes the claims of the religious right that America was founded as a Christian nation, and emphasizes that separation of church and state was designed to guarantee religious freedom  
*Whole Church* Thomas Nelson  
 A point-counterpoint discussion about Christianity's proper social and political relation to the United States-whether the nation is distinctly Christian, distinctly secular, essentially Christian, or partly

Christian.  
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Both the Bible and the Constitution have the status of “Great Code,” but each of these important texts is controversial as well as enigmatic. They are asked to speak to situations that their authors could not have anticipated on their own. In this book, one of our greatest religious historians brings his vast knowledge of the history

of biblical interpretation to bear on the question of constitutional interpretation. Jaroslav Pelikan compares the methods by which the official interpreters of the Bible and the Constitution—the Christian Church and the Supreme Court, respectively—have approached the necessity of interpreting, and reinterpreting, their important texts. In spite of obvious differences, both texts require close, word-by-word exegesis,

an awareness of opinions that have gone before, and a willingness to ask new questions of old codes, Pelikan observes. He probes for answers to the question of what makes something authentically “constitutional” or “biblical,” and he demonstrates how an understanding of either biblical interpretation or constitutional interpretation can illuminate the other in important ways.

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