



Books we have read and enjoyed as opposed to books one is *supposed* to have read and enjoyed.
Some of these books would be better introduced with warning labels than endorsements.
It is important to know your opponent.

BOOKS BY TOPIC

Where is Truth?

The Bible: there is no substitute for understanding our own cultural history.
Bailey, Kenneth, *Jesus through Middle Eastern Eyes* 2008
Kass, Leon, *The Beginning of Wisdom: Reading Genesis* – Jewish intellectual – fascinating

Biographies

Augustine, *The Confessions* and *The City of God* 354-430AD
Cronin, AJ, *The Keys of the Kingdom* - A family favourite
Dallimore, Arnold, *George Whitefield: The Life and Times of the Great Evangelist of 18th Cent Revival*
Elliott, Elizabeth, *Through Gates of Splendor* - for the challenge
Grubb, Norman, *Rees Howell's Intercessor* - Almost beyond belief – prayer power in WWII
Roseveare, Helen, - For the challenge, especially *Living Sacrifice*
Simeon, Charles, See Hopkins, Hugh Evan, Charles Simeon of Cambridge 1709 - a neglected hero
Wesley, John, (1703-1791) *The journal of John Wesley: a selection* (introduced by Elisabeth Jay)
- Richard Heitzenrater, *John Wesley, his own biographer* 1966
- Martin Schmidt, *John Wesley; a theological biography* (translated by Norman Goldhawk) 1966

Novels speak clearly to hearts and minds

Berry, Wendell, *Life is a Miracle: an essay against Modern Superstition* 2001 - plus his novels, especially *Hannah Coulter*
Dostoyevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov* especially
Eliot, George, *Adam Bede* and *Middlemarch* especially
Greene, Graham, His novels, especially as they deal with faith
Hardy, Thomas, His novels especially *Jude the Obscure*
Hugo, Victor, *Les Miserables* 1862 Also see the film of the performance at the Gielgud Theatre, London UK
Koestler, Arthur, *The Ghost in the Machine* and *Darkness at Noon* (translated by Daphne Hardy)
MacDonald, George, His novels for the stories and their purpose
Mackay, *The Clockwork Image* and *Mind and Matter*
Manzoni, Alessandro, *The Betrothed: a tale of XVII century Milan* (translated by Archibald Colquhoun)
O'Brien, Michael, *Father Elijah's Apocalypse*, *Island of the World*, *A Father's Tale* – novels that reduce one
Walker Percy, *Lost in the Cosmos* and all his novels to prayerful tears

Robinson, Marilynne, *The Death of Adam, Gilead, and Home*
Solzenhitzyn Especially *The Gulag and Cancer Ward*
JRR Tolkien, *The Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit*
Williams, Charles, His novels, especially *Descent into Hell* 1949

Science – a philosophy of science and the history

Bethell, Tom, *Darwin's House of Cards* 2017
Hannam, James, *Genesis of Science: How the Christian MA Launched the Scientific Revolution*
Lindberg, David C, *The Beginning of Western Science*
Medaware especially *The Art of the Possible*
Myer, Stephen, *Signature in the Cell* – brilliant
Midgley, Mary, *Science as Salvation* 1992 – lucidly and beautifully written
Russell, *Crosscurrents: A Christian Analysis of Science*
Simmons, Geoffrey, *Millions of Missing Links* 2006
Stark, Rodney, *For the Glory of God*
Stove, David, *Darwinian Fairy Tales* - A devastating critique of Darwin by an atheist philosopher who writes with tremendous wit
Strathern, Paul, *Mendeleev's Dream* 2000 – a miracle indeed

Medicine good and bad

John Patrick, *Hippocrates* – several talks on johnpatrick.ca
Ramsey, *The Patient as Person; explorations in medical ethics* 1970
J Satinover, *Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth* – essential understanding
Vitz, Paul, *Psychology as Religion: the cult of self-worshipping* 1977
Wootton, David, *Bad Medicine: Doctors doing Harm since Hippocrates* 2006

The lost tools of learning

Bloom, Allan, *The Closing of the American Mind* - how higher education has failed democracy and impoverished the souls of today's students 2012 First chapter
MacIntyre, Alisdair, *After Virtue: a study in moral theory* 1984

A disciple's life

Bloom, Anthony, *Meditations on a theme* - a spiritual journey, and *School for Prayer* 1970
Bonhoeffer, Dietrich, *The Cost of Discipleship, Letters and Papers from Prison, and Life Together*
See also the biography by Eric Metaxas and Tim Keller, *Bonhoeffer*
FF Bruce, *The Spreading Flame: the Rise and Progress of Christianity from its first Beginnings to the Conversion of the English*, 1982 and his bible commentaries
GK Chesterton, *Orthodoxy* 1908 especially and *The Everlasting Man* 1943
Colson, Chuck - books are marvelous stories, terrible style.
Donovan, Vincent J, *Christianity Rediscovered: An Epistle from the Masai* 1982
Keller, Tim, *Reason for God: Belief in the Age of Skepticism* 2009

Kreeft, Peter, All his books for the unique approach to apologetics, especially *The Best Things in Life*, *Making Sense out of Suffering*, *A Refutation of Moral Relativism* and *Three Philosophies of Life*

Lennox, John, *Gunning for God* 2011 and *God's Undertaker* 2007 *Against the Flow* 2015 Northern Irish mathematician specialising in group theory, philosopher of science, Christian apologist, and Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oxford – read him! See him debate C. Hitchens!

CS Lewis, CS. All his work is worth reading: the Narnia stories, the science fiction, *Till We Have Faces* and the apologetics especially *The Abolition of Man*

Lloyd-Jones, Martin, *Faith on Trial*, *Joy Unspeakable*, *Spiritual Depression* and *The Sermon on the Mount*. 'The greatest man I've ever known' said JI Packer - see Iain Murray, *Life of MLJ* 1899-1981

JI Packer, *Knowing God* 1973

Pascal, Blaise, (1623-1662) *The Pensees* (translated and introduced by JM Cohen)

St John of the Cross, *The Dark Night of the Soul* (translated, abridged, and edited by Kurt Reinhardt)

St Thomas a Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ* (translated and introduced by Leo Sherley-Price)

Scruton, Roger, *Confessions of a Heretic – Selected essays*. 2016

Stott, John, *Basic Christianity* and *The Sermon on the Mount* and *Same-Sex Partnerships? "The Bible Speaks for Today"* is an excellent series of commentaries edited by John Stott

Webster, John, *Confronted by Grace*, 2011 Best collection of sermons I have read in a long while.

Weil, Simone, Her books on problems with faith

Willard, Dallas, *The Divine Conspiracy* 1998

NT Wright, *Surprised by Hope* 2009

Culture Warriors

J. Budziszewski, *The Revenge of Conscience* and *What We Can't Not Know*

De Toqueville, Alexis, *Democracy in America* See Mansfield, H. Tocqueville, *A Very Short Introduction*

Ellul, Jacques, *The Subversion of Christianity* and *The Humiliation of the Word*

First Things www.firstthings.com – faith, culture & public policy – must read!

First Things Aug 2012 Patrick J. Deneen, *Unsustainable Liberalism*

First Things Oct 2020 Gary Saul Morson, *Suicide of the Liberals*

Ferguson, Niall, *Civilization: the West and the Rest* 2011 and *The Ascent of Money* 2009

Fogel, Robert *The Fourth Great Awakening* Nobel Laureate Economist predicts trust will be limited.

Gregory, Brad, *The Unintended Reformation* 2012

Hoggart, Richard, *The Uses of Literacy: aspects of working class life* 1957

Johnson, Paul, *The Birth of Modern*, and *A History of Christianity and Intellectuals*

J Lifton, *The Nazi Doctors* – horrendous and undeniable part of our history

Muggeridge, Malcolm, Anything after his conversion for its marvelous analysis of our times

Newbiggin, Leslie, *Foolishness to the Greeks, Pluralism and the Gospel*, and *Proper Confidence*

Novak, Michael, *On Two Wings* – a correction to the revisionist American history taught in school

Polyani, Karl, (1886-1964) *Personal Knowledge* Paul

Sire, James, *The Universe Next Door* – easy to read introduction to world views

Spitzer, Robert, *Healing the Culture* 2000

AJP Taylor, *On British history* (Oxford University Press)

Poetry for everyone at every age

Herbert, Donne, Keats, Owen, Francis Thompson, Shakespeare, Eliot, Hopkins, Yeats and Wordsworth,

Wendell Berry.

Other Men's Flowers by Wavell is my favourite anthology.