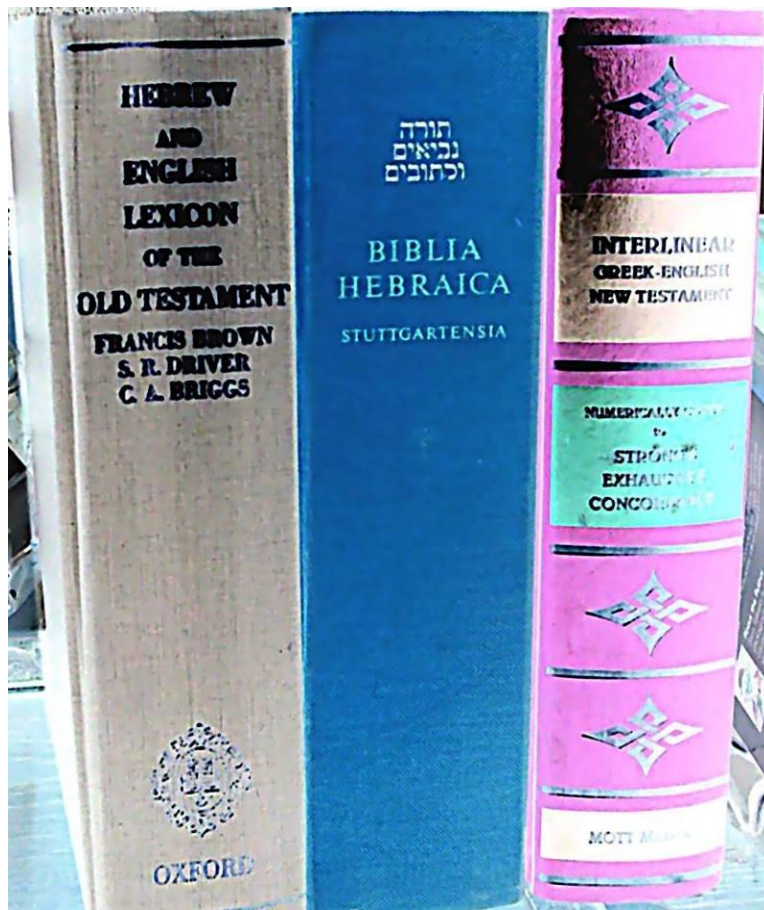


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Why this Appendix

I waffled whether to list valuable books that I read in their appropriate chronological chapter. That would map how specific readings influenced my spiritual life in situ. Instead, I felt the lists taken from my annual newsletters interrupted the overall narrative and belonged within this singular compilation, even while losing sociological context.

Use the table of contents to locate a topical category. Use search tools to find author last names or keywords. Otherwise, browse the list until you find something of interest.

Many of these books address either rational aspects of faith or my historical interests. Some books are either uncommon, appeal to the scientific community, out-of-print, or are reprints of historically significant books involving the Judeo-Christian faith. They represent only a fraction of my library and thus a recommended sampling of my interests.

While these books are not on bestseller lists, they make for amazing reading and are worth the effort to locate. Readings include youth books that I enjoyed from an adult perspective (since you have to be old enough to read books written for children.)

Demise of Printed Books

The idea of having my extensive home library thrown into a dumpster horrifies me. None of my children or grandchildren has space or desire to inherit my books. Public libraries purge their stacks of unused tomes, especially Christian texts. Should I entomb my library within a cargo container for some future archeologist?

Even I prefer MP3 lectures and search the Internet for data (dubious as that is). With cloud-stored electronic books, our generation may be the last to handle a paper-based book. This thought occurred when I snagged the few remaining historical books from my mother-in-law's estate in 2012, as leftovers from her antiquarian book business.

Some years back, I found in horror damage done by an even older cleaning fluid spill. The puddle soaked into my cardboard box of autographed rare first-edition books from Stagecoach Press (my father-in-law Jack Rittenhouse's artisan press). These hand-typeset, hand-pressed books (spanning from 1946 to 1967) swelled, blackened, and looked as if nested by termites. Books kept in unsealed plastic bags crumbled to black-brown powder upon handling. While the bags protected direct contact, the evaporating ammonia fumes decomposed the paper. Their powdery demise matched a long forgotten bookshelf found in the future by the time traveler in *The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells. Only the few books zip-sealed in thick freezer bags survived that uninsured loss.

Lost Art of Reading

We are almost an oral society with hardly any reading. I first made such a list in 1994 and, after a ten-year hiatus due to family drama, resumed those annual listings in 2004.

John Wesley promoted reading of serious books among his preachers, saying something like “*Every engaged Christian needs to read good books*” (paraphrase). He encouraged his preachers to read avidly, even while in the saddle between towns on their rural circuit.

From 2009 through 2010, I nearly stopped reading, and focused on audio books to shorten commutes to visit Anne in a skilled nursing home. Not all audio books occurred in these two years, but I used all of them during freeway or commute think time.

Since then, my book collection expanded significantly, with infrequent removal of lesser-valued works. While I often make reference checks on the Internet, I cannot read a complete book on a computer. Reading a paper-based book in the quietude of the house satisfies the tactile feel of paper without distractions from the computer.

Faith

Creation/Evolution

My commentary: Scientists went from the 1700's of near universal faith in a creator to the early 1900's of near universal denial of a creator. If no creator, then no explanation remains except Naturalism (see C.S. Lewis *Miracles*). Science and macroevolution cause many to reject portions of the Bible. Natural laws of science and theories of uniformity mitigate specifically against catastrophic interference by any spiritual being.

In the 1850s with Charles Darwin, the technology to examine cells was rudimentary at best. The cell hardly looked complex at all. It took almost 100 years (1940) before the electron microscope and staining techniques adequately delved into the cell structure.

Darwin's *Descent of Man* and the *Origin of the Species* blind-sided the church for three generations. Preachers admitted defeat and labeled the Bible passages that emphasized creation as ancient myths developed by primitive peoples. Starting with the Boston School of Theology in the 1860's, churches adopted tenants of macroevolution. They redefined a First Cause using evolution's fundamental premise of an unordered chance assembling of life (initially from inert stellar dust followed by undirected random atmospheric energy upon our inert planet in a chemical soup). Hugh Ross in *The Fingerprint of God* argues the case for a theistic blend (with which I disagree).

Carl Sagan in *Cosmos* noted that our mineral composition is "*star stuff*" (carbon, iron, calcium, etc.). However, a pile of minerals in a watery solution does not self-create life. Converting minerals by adding water and energy to create living replicating proteins is a huge unscientific leap of faith. The best intentional manipulation (not random processes) in laboratories has assembled some amino acids, building blocks devoid of life.

Once scientists found the enormous complexity of the cell (causing even Francis Crick who cracked the human DNA code to say it was "*almost a miracle*"), believing scientists could re-examine conclusions drawn from evolutionary concepts. By that time, society considered doubting the doubters of creation as a throwback to primitive superstition.

However, millions of components within the self-replicating gene DNA bundle deny any random chance. There is irreducible complexity (corn cell, human cell, chicken-and-egg conundrum not explainable by Naturalism.) The "simple" corn cell during 1970's technology caused the Biology department head at my mining/geology college, Dr. David Shortess, as a plant geneticist to convert from theistic evolution to belief in a Creator.

Creatures (created beings) only reproduce after their own species. Several mammalian examples instantly come to mind. Cows did not produce whales, contrary to the video at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. There is resilient variety within the gene pool for species even after environmental suppression (Pepper moths in London and Finch beaks). When the environment returned to favorable conditions, the presumed extinct aspects re-appear. Follow-on evidence refuted that any permanent change occurred genetically.)

Climate Change Conflict – Jake Hebert (2019, ICR) –The author argues mostly from Bible fiat. I more valued his points about raw data, sunspot activity, and long-age bias of computer models. Proponents say carbon dioxide affects the upper atmosphere, which affects ice caps. Herbert thus correctly avoids conflating lower atmosphere urban smog (industrial nitrous oxide and sulfur) as affecting climate change. I hoped to see smog mentioned as clear evidence of poor stewardship and localized pollution. The alarmist “hockey stick” graph (Mann, 1998) shows a 0.5 Celsius spike in global temperature since 1900. Data errors corrected in 2003 now show a much warmer planet in the 1400s (when such warming had no link to industry) and the late 1600s much colder than the 1900 data. That is, the post-1900 data, while warm, easily fits inside the cyclical range.

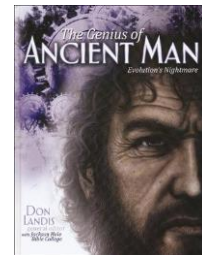
Darwin on Trial - Phillip Johnson, 1993 (Second Edition, Intervarsity) – The author (Harvard, Univ. Chicago, Law Professor for 20 years at UC Berkeley) spoke in Livermore and had relatives in our LLNL Chemistry department. His credentials and original thesis made him a pariah among UC evolutionists. They asked, “*What does a Berkeley law professor know about Science?*”

A long chapter in the SECOND edition lists criticisms of the first edition and his defense. His dedication states “*To those in science who want to allow the questions to be asked.*”

Evolution and Christian Faith - Bolton Davidheiser, 1969 (Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing, New Jersey) - Author (PhD Zoology/Genetics, John Hopkins Univ.) became a believer after getting his PhD in the same field as arch-atheist Richard Dawkins.

"My [initial] impression of fundamentalists and anti-evolutionists was that they were dull, ignorant, and uninteresting people."

Genius of Ancient Man (Evolution's Nightmare) – Don Landis with Jackson Hole Bible College students, 2012 – This book summarizes decades of Out-of-Place (OOP) hard data and reviews artifacts within too wordy presuppositions. The book disagrees with New Age theories, but lists archeological and anthropological OOP artifacts unexplainable by evolution. Quibbles: One reviewer found two historical errors. It appears written for youth, but presumes a quite wide university reading. It is a valuable photo index of OOP artifacts accessible for your own field research.



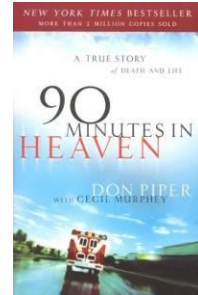
God at Ground Zero - Curtis Sewell (Master Books, 1997) - Curt worked in Engineering at LLNL and the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos. He was an ardent evolutionist. He died in 2005 at age 81. After becoming a believer, he built a portable museum that reflected evidences for creation. He packed the pieces into his van and set it up in parks, churches, and schools. A few years before he died, he gave me the wooden model of Noah's Ark from that museum display. Only after he died, I learned that he was a member of my local church. I should have picked his brain more than I did!

Reasonable Accommodation: Bridging the Gap between Science and Faith – David Shortess (2013) – My retired biology professor used a novelette format to present science harmonization from a biologic view. His non-scientist foils are a flummoxed by-the-book Baptist, an agnostic former Catholic, and a New Ager. David uses Hugh Ross, *Fingerprint of God*, to favor a billion year old universe (anathema to “in-situ-young-earth” proponents like myself although speed of light supports an old universe). David’s biology (specialist in genetics) still calls for special creation. He argues against strict Determinism (God controls in minutia), Open Theism (God is out of control) and Theistic Evolution (God watched undirected macroevolution create species). While he supports an old universe, he gives Intelligent Design evidence for non-scientists (microevolution within species but not Darwinian macroevolution across species). He proffers an unusual read of Genesis since humans have been in the Americas at least 15,000 years ago (tree rings, etc.) He argues that such extensive worldwide migration could not occur in the short time following the Tower of Babel. I am not ready to yield but I liked his book.

Wedge of Truth - [Phillip Johnson](#), 2001, UC Berkeley Professor (Intervarsity Press) - Author spoke on 2/20/2001 at Sandia Lab on "*Intelligent Design and Darwinism in Biology - What Qualifies as "Science?"*" taken from Chapter 2: The Information Quandary - Can Natural Law and Chance Create Genetic Information?

Discipleship and Evangelism

90 Minutes in Heaven - Don Piper - This bait-and-switch title leverages an account of a Baptist pastor raised from the dead (impressive by itself). The book spends 90% of the text walking through long-term recovery of debilitating injuries. I read this providentially to Anne during her broken leg and anemia. We then ‘coincidentally’ met local Lutheran friends. Upon hearing of Anne’s situation, they highly recommended this book not knowing we were reading it that very week!



All I need to know about Ministry, I learned from Fly Fishing - Myrlene Hamilton. A delightful book of 20-plus years’ experience as non-feminist Presbyterian church planter/pastor with her knack of fly-fishing, people fishing, and object lessons.

Call to Resurgence (Will Christianity have a Funeral or a Future?) – Mark Driscoll, 2013 - The author lost credibility by coercive mismanagement of his faith community. However he here correctly maintains that: our city-based pagan culture passionately hates ‘Bible-believing Jesus-loving sin-repenting’ people. Christians should ‘man up’ and move into the cities to effect any positive change. We should stop shooting ‘tribes’ who hold the primary faith and become knowledgeable about their secondary beliefs.

Hells Best Kept Secret – Ray Comfort (Audio) – An Australian shocks preachers in to preaching the reason why the good news is indeed good news.

Introverts in the Church – Adam McHugh, 2017 (second edition) – I resonated with this liturgical-oriented introvert long-time pastor. He pokes fun at extroverted churches by asking when we will ever do things that make extroverts uncomfortable. He gives insights how introverts can engage and explains where (and why) we often disconnect. Introversion does not permit isolation, as we are indeed part of the Jesus community.

Jesus Did It Anyway (The Paradoxical Commandments for Christians) – Kent Keith

“People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good still.”

Life Together - Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Harper and Row)

Miracle in Darien- Bob Slosser, 1979 – A wealthy Episcopal church near New York City rode the crest of the Charismatic movement in 1970. Its members accepted the challenge to each act as ministers. This book gives practical Biblical wisdom for doing so. It presumes the Charismatic renewal but only mentions it in a single sentence! Even so, this specific liturgical congregation kept the light on for forty years: stpaulsdarien.org

NoFear: Real Stories of a Courageous New Generation, Tony Perkins (Family Research Council), 2015, 188pg – Vignettes of students facing bullying from Jesus-hostile sources.

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Out of the Saltshaker: Evangelism as a Way of Life - Rebecca Pippert, 1979, Intersity Press. A witness is being visible, just as I am, to daily friends.

Low-cost educational audios from simplymagazine.net (click on: education).

Religious Knowledge

Why Christian Kids Leave the Faith, Tom Bisset, 1992 – He examines four reasons with real examples: 1) Unanswered troubling questions; 2) Faith did not “work”; 3) Stuff took precedence; and, 4) Never owned the faith. One case had three brothers with three different life decisions. That specific case sounded like my own two brothers and I.

For adults, I adapted these four points to the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:18-22:

- Believers go through the motions until a crisis (Birds of Air)
- Believers found engagement hit by disillusion (Shallow Soil)
- Believers distracted until weaned from faith (Weeds)
- Believers had troubling unanswered questions (Thorns)

Foreign Missions

All Saints – Michael Spurlock and Jeanette Windle, 2017, 208 pages – Story of Karen jungle mountain fighters abandoned by Britain after WWII and by the US after Vietnam, earning them a genocidal scorched earth future from the Buddhist Burmese military junta. Some families had four generations of Christian heritage and seminary degrees for their pastors. Survivors fled to Thailand living in refugee camps over 15 years. Some of the subgroup were Anglican and heard that Episcopal Churches here did not believe the Jesus of the Nicene Creed.

The US resettlement put them in rural Tennessee without support or language skills. They engaged with a young pastor recently assigned to All Saints Episcopal Church that bordered on closing (similar to my own congregation). As is a trait of God, both the Karen believers and the remnant congregation discovered win-win by helping each other and the larger Karen community. Well written page-turner.

Around the World (in Seventy Years) – Betty T Smith, 2008 – Sixteen week-long missionary trips over 20 years (1985-2004) to various countries, ending when author from Georgia turned 70 years old. Starts out with United Methodist Lay Witness Missions (which Anne and I also led in Northern California churches), then service in independent charismatic churches, Messianic, and closing with missions with her Baptist church (including Billy Graham Emergency Pastoral Care after the 9/11/2001 Twin Towers attack in New York). What makes this book unusual is she, like me, launched into faith during the Jesus Movement with many references to the Baptism into God's Holy Spirit, prayers for healing (and people remarkably healed), deliverance from evil, and being an unashamed envoy for Jesus. Over the years, her references to miraculous events peaked and then waned. She still engaged in bold prayer resulting in changed lives outside of the USA. She found in the gospel-cynical United States, people responded better to simply listening to wounds of the heart and in-person loving acts.

Confessions of a Seasick Doctor - Christine Aroney-Sine, 1995 (Youth With A Mission, MARC, Crowborough, England) - An account of life on and history of a former Mercy Ship called "Anastasis Mercy" - A can't-put-down page-turner that needs a box of tissues.



Eternity In Their Hearts - Don Richardson, 1984 (Regal) - Startling evidence of belief in the One True God in hundreds of cultures throughout the world. Part 1: Anthropological and Cultural Data. Part 2: Biblical Support.

Peace Child - Don Richardson, 1974 (Regal) – Redemptive analogy built into Sawi tribal culture when a child of one chief is given to another village. As long as receiving tribe treats the child well, peace reigns. If the child dies, the host village is imperiled. Imagine the villagers shock when they heard that God gave humans his Peace Child and we humans purposefully killed him. Instantly, the Bible suddenly became relevant to them.

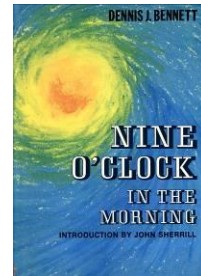
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Serving as Senders - Neal Pirolo, 1991, Emmaus Road, California. If you cannot go as a missionary, be part of a sending team. Logistics for sending, support, and re-entry needs.

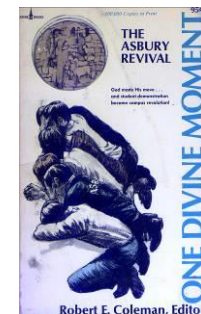
Holy Spirit (Baptism into)

Holy Spirit and You: Study-Guide to the Spirit Filled Life - Dennis and Rita Bennett, Logos, 224p, 1/1971 – This life-long Episcopal Priest wrote a lengthy theology behind God’s Holy Spirit and the ordinary Christian. The core material came from an excellent 34page monograph: *Study Guide of the Spirit Filled Life*

Nine O’clock in the Morning - Dennis and Rita Bennett, Logos, 1970 – A church (and their Rector) encountered the Baptism into God’s Holy Spirit. Dennis wrote about his journey as a priest following the St. Marks’ Church in Van Nuys split. This occurred after his sermon in 4/1960 “on the underground Pentecostal movement that was quietly racing through many churches”. His Bishop then moved him “out of the way” to St. Luke’s in Seattle. This book contains hard-won wisdom about “Experience X”.

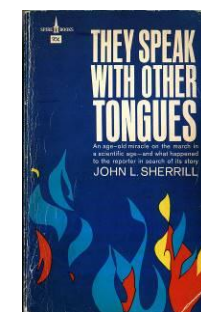


One Divine Moment - Robert Coleman, Editor, Fleming Revell, 1970 - spontaneous revival that occurred at undergraduate Asbury (Bible) College in 2/1970, as documented by six professors, one student, the college president, and the president of Asbury Seminary across the street. The book *They Speak in Other Tongues* references a similar early event at the college in 1907 during an interview with E. Stanley Jones, missionary to pre-war India, who observed this 1907 campus-wide Baptism into the Holy Spirit but without speaking in tongues.



Study Guide of the Spirit Filled Life - Rita Bennett, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Seattle, 34p monograph, undated (worked on between 1961 and 1970) – The most concise, unassuming, practical of the operation of God’s Holy Spirit. Replaced by the much longer book: *Holy Spirit and You: Study-Guide to the Spirit Filled Life*

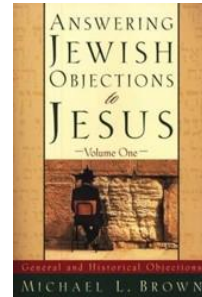
They Speak with Other Tongues - John Sherrill, life-long Episcopalian, Fleming Revell, 1964 (republished by Chosen Books, 2004) - The best readable history of glossolalia from a journalist’s perspective. Despite the clarion title, this introverted *Guideposts* magazine editor instead gives a remarkably calm and nuanced perspective. This book was one of several that fired up the Jesus Revolution (1966 – 1980). He mentions briefly the story of Fr. Dennis Bennett (See *Nine O Clock in the Morning*). Nearly six decades later, it still has high value for anyone seeking more than mere church attendance, tongues or not.



Jewish and Messianic

Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus (Vol. 1: General and Historical)

– Michael Brown, 2000 – He lists emotional and cultural objections (smoke screens) that avoid talking about Jesus rationally. Dr. Brown (Jewish) flags false premises, logical inconsistencies, circular reasoning, and bigotry in the diatribes against Jesus. A math geek would enjoy his argumentation but reader needs some knowledge of cultural Judaism.



Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus (Vol. 2: Theological)

– Michael Brown, 2000 – The many objections to Jesus (and unfounded concepts) by hostile rabbis frequently departs from revered Medieval, Talmudic, and early rabbinic sources. Early Christians and early rabbinic scholars handled messianic passages similarly. The reader needs some knowledge of rabbinic vocabulary, the Mosaic sacrificial system, and varied messianic scriptural/Talmudic references. This volume speaks to the rabbinical student.

Beginnings of Judaism, Isaiah Gafni (audio, TheGreatCourses.com)



Between Cross and Crescent - David Ruderman, 2005 (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) – These lectures examine centers of Jewish scholarship (Baghdad and Cordova). He focuses upon Jewish power struggles wrestling to be the sole authority to define Jewish ritual law and to answer religious questions for paying customers. Jewish, Christian, and Muslim writers studied each other's writings and borrowed ideas from each other. For instance, theodicy (the problem of evil) engaged all three faiths during the same century. Christian scholars often referenced Jewish commentaries on the Old Testament.



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Copper Scroll and Search for the Temple Treasure – Hershel Shanks (2007) – A fast highly readable contentious history of the Copper Scroll treasure list found in 1952. Two fun chapters describe the multi-decade excavation of mysterious steep tunnels of stairs at Hyrcania of only a few feet, then 90 feet, then 180 feet, then 300 feet, and then a split into two tunnels, still going steeply down. It was not a mine. There are four tunnels, each solely a staircase without rooms or purpose.

Dead Sea Scrolls - Gary Rendsburg, 2010 (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) –

These 24 lectures covered archeological history, brief analysis of larger scrolls (biblical and community texts), Jewish sects, interpretative methods, copies found in medieval Cairo, escapades in collecting (and almost losing) the scrolls, theories proposed (and exposed), the Qumran community, ritual practices, a treasure hunt scroll, the connections (and differences) from early Jewish Christians, and revisions of historic Judaism.

He highlights the hostility caused by the Qumran use of a solar calendar (no leap days and fixed days for festivals) versus the Jerusalem use of a lunar calendar (with a leap month and moveable days for festivals such as Passover). He enjoyed wordplay by another scholar of these “sect-ually explicit” scrolls. This overview summarizes the recent wealth of published material about the scrolls.



Hebrew Christianity: Theology, History, and Philosophy - Arnold Fruchtenbaum, 1983 - This controversial author defines Messianic faith among the Jewish community. This book becomes an obligatory read for non-Jews who have some background in historical theology. It puts wise boundaries upon who may claim the title of Messianic.

Hidden Heritage - The Legacy of the Crypto-Jews - Janet Jacobs, 2002, University of California, Berkeley - A Jewish scholar studied Sephardic (Spain/Portugal) Crypto-Jews using modern families in the Southwest US and Mexico. She has a New Mexico emphasis and a detective’s eye for detail. She kept an open mind to the variations of Christian faith in some of these families while not sugarcoating the Inquisition’s impact upon their ancestors 500 years ago.

History of the Middle East Wars – J.N. Westwood, 1984 - Covers wars from 1917 through 1983. There were 600K Jews and 1,000K Arabs when the British pulled out. The Arab states had 30K soldiers and artillery. British officers (as pay back) led Jordan’s army. The Jews had 4000 rifles (stolen from the departing British) and 11 civilian Piper-Cub type planes. The attackers told their brother Arabs (under plans of a quick solution to the “Jewish Problem”) to flee. Over 800K Arabs fled. The Arab States then expelled 800K Jews to Israel by 1949 but refused to take in their brother Arab former residents. This refugee dumping doubled the Jewish population without the necessary economy.

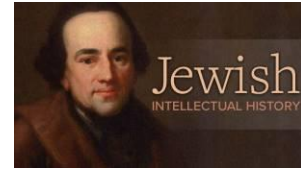
How Firm a Foundation (A Gift of Jewish Wisdom for Christians and Jews) – Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, 1997 (Updated version of *What Christians should know about Jews and Judaism*, 1984) – This Orthodox Rabbi knows Christian theology which helps both sides see miscommunications. As a Rabbi, he does not mind a friend talking about faith in Jesus, but his anti-proselytizing radar bristles when someone treats him as a “target”.

Israel: The Promised Land – Civic Education Service, Wash DC (1967, Out of Print) – Snapshot of Israeli history weeks before the 4/1967 Six-Day War and long before the 1973 Yom Kippur War. If you want to understand modern posturing in the Middle East, you need an older book like this prior to revisions by the Ministry of Truth. 😊

Jewish as a Second Language - Molly Katz - Humor as only done by a Jew, else it would be anti-Semitic! It helped her non-Jewish husband understand the family. Do Jews puzzle you? So, you should get this book and read.

Jewish Book of WHY - Alfred Kolatch, 1981, 1994 reprint, Jonathan David, New York. Rabbi Kolatch gives historical reasons about Jewish customs, culture, worship, and life.

Jewish Intellectual History: 16th to 20th Century - David Ruderman (audio, TheGreatCourses.com)



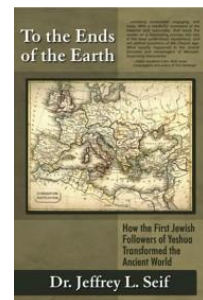
Loss to Life (A Jewish Woman's Journey to Messiah) – Susan Perlman, 2003 – This quick-read booklet of her faith story way back in 1971 gives evidence for the stabilizing aspect of faith beyond 40 years. Nearing retirement, Susan is co-founder of Jews for Jesus and edits their ISSUES journal. We exchanged a few letters over the decades.

Meet me at the Olive Tree – Julia Fisher, 2012 -Recent personal stories of specific Jews and Arabs reconciled through the Messiah in Israel. Palestinian Arab Christians, an at-risk minority within their hostile Muslim culture, stand at the cultural divide with Messianic Israeli Jews. The book does not sugarcoat ethnic tensions but demonstrates how Y'Shua (Jesus) has acted as a catalyst for hope. Julia took the stories from radio interviews for the Olive Tree Programme (British). The book left me wanting even more.

Messianic Movement: A Field Guide for Evangelical Christians - Rich Robinson, Editor, 2005, Jews for Jesus – A handbook describing this new (old) movement, the terms, and the concerns raised by non-Jews in disbelief that these are Christians.

Rabbi's Search for Messiah - Isidor Zwirn, 2003 - A call to live faith daily and take time with our children for methodical scripture reading ... a tough proposal for busy people.

To the Ends of the Earth (How the first Jewish Followers of Y'Shua Transformed the Ancient World) – Jeffrey Seif, 2012 – In a clear break, the Roman empire no longer saw believers in Jesus as a protected sect within Judaism, meaning they were treated as traitors by the politically correct elite. I thought he would compare it to our hyper-sexualized anti-traditional society. Instead, Dr. Seif (Jewish and nearing retirement) has a different ax to grind. He countered the myth that the Gentile church jettisoned Jewish principals, virtues, and cultural mores.



He is slightly repetitious as he rotates geographically around the Mediterranean. The “rejected” Jewish values appear in each region well into the 400’s. Church fathers complained that their congregations were “too Jewish”. These churches did not revert to Roman and Greek anti-values for family, sexual immorality, the sick, and low worth of women, but retained expressly the Jewish high-road all the while their leaders challenged overt Jewish identity within the church walls.

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Yiddish Folktales –Beatrice Weinreich and Leonard Wolf – Ethnographers collected tales from Ashkenazi Jewish storytellers between 1880 and 1940. American forces discovered their library neatly boxed by Nazi historians. They shipped it to New York and translated portions to English. The book organizes an extensive sampling by genre from towns obliterated by Russian pogroms and Hitler’s troops.

My favorite story is of the Jewish officer in Napoleon’s army (whose Yiddish was akin to German) being sent with a message to Austria in which he might be beheaded. Napoleon responded that if such occurs, he would sack Vienna and behead all its citizens. The officer while much moved by Napoleon’s concern replied, “*no matter how many heads you chop off in Vienna, you won’t find a single one that fits on my shoulders.*”

Theology

Apocalypse: Controversies and Meaning in Western History – Craig Koester, Luther Seminary (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) – These 24 lectures reviewed the book of Revelations, first, as churches understood it in 90AD and then how they re-interpreted it each following century. Our American understanding differs from prior centuries, although the theme of a roadmap of the future got many into disappointing trouble in every century.



Bible - AWANA teens try to read the Bible every four years. I took the challenge seriously myself these past 14 years. I normally go in-depth on a topic, but a full book reading forces a big-picture view. For me, some nights, several chapters. Some nights, no chapters. Mindless mechanical reading is useless. I sometimes read aloud and talk with the Lord about what I read while reading. It slows down the reading but worth it.

Bible is History – Ian Wilson, 1999 – This chronology used Biblical Archaeological Review (BAR magazine) material. He narrates the state of affairs in 1998 between the ‘The Bible is bunk’ minimalists and what we then knew historically from regional archeology (names, dates, and places mostly). This book pays homage to the Werner Keller 1956 book *Bible as History*. He does not repeat Keller’s material prior to 1960, making both books a useful set for thinking historians.

Case for Christmas - Lee Strobel (Audio) – Read by the author.

Case for Faith- Lee Stroebel (2000) – I created a 10-week class using portions of this book in 2013, and reoffered a similar class in 2019. Answers the “Big Eight” doubts raised by Youth For Christ founder (1946) Charles Templeton as an agnostic (1957) and full atheist (1995) – An excellent DVD was attached to some print editions.

Christian Liberty – Martin Luther, 1520 (From Latin by W. Lambert, Editor Harold Grimm 1957) - This medieval booklet seemed fresh using arguments, Bible passages, and counter-arguments, which reflected Luther in, top form. Any denomination can use his biblical exegesis to explain why the life of engaged faith yields positive works, even though the works themselves are not the source of eternal life. An English translation by R.Grignon appears free on-line.

Delighting in the Trinity, Michael Reeves, 2012, IVP, 141pg – Argues that a monotheistic God with Trinitarian features best fits the Biblical narratives. God is a relationship-based sharer of himself long before Creation, which is counter to a non-relational Allah not very interested in humans, and alien to the New Atheist concept of God as the Thor-like “Stalin-in-the-Sky”.

Aside: All through the Tenach, moved by the **Spirit** of God, the Prophets tell of God treating Israel as a wayward bride and yet His beloved. One standard Jewish prayer is Avinu Malkeinu (Our **Father**, our King). These familial and relational concepts were present in Judaism long before Christianity.

Doctrines that Divide - Erwin Lutzer, 1998 - He tiptoes through the Calvinist TULIP (pages 153-244), by presenting non-Calvinist positions through four historical pairs of contenders and closes out showing why he chose a Calvinist position.

Do We Really Have Free Will? Free Choice, Determinism, and G-d's Knowledge - Moishe New, 2012 - This 75 minute video gives a Hasidic Jewish perspective (Jewish rabbis hotly argue this issue). While a Universalist in theme, he responded to a 2012 book by "New Atheist" (e.g. virulently anti-Christian) Sam Harris and spent 35 minutes defining the question and the impossible paradox offered in the Torah, where God is ultimately (and constantly) the creator. We clearly have no choice in our birth or environment. Our choices by Torah are exclusively in the realm of morality, choosing right and wrong, and repenting from past sin. Guilt is healthy to drive us to wholeness. I never knew Hasidic Jews believed in Purgatory. If only he knew Jesus!

Source: www.chabad.org/multimedia/media_cdo/aid/1994469/jewish/Do-We-Really-Have-Free-Will.htm

See this better Jewish variant not so New Age oriented, Manis Friedman focuses upon being in the love relationship with God as what free choice entails.

https://www.chabad.org/multimedia/media_cdo/aid/2081529/jewish/What-Jews-Believe-Free-Choice.htm

Atheists also hotly debate the issue of Free Will (versus environmental determinism) and likewise take Sam Harris to task. Sam Harris would say that our environment solely predestines us and our programmed choices are purely illusory.

Four Loves – C.S.Lewis, 1960 – A dated treatment of the several kinds of love, especially in the relationship between nature and grace.



Gilbert Meilaender reviewed it saying, “*If affection is jealous and not discriminating; and friendship is discriminating but not jealous; then eros (selfless devotion, not sexual appetite) is both discriminating and jealous. That is natural ... but may easily go wrong. We know charity in part because each natural love mirrors some aspect of it.*”

Future Church - Jim Wilson. I attended a lecture by this pastor/professor. He describes case studies on presenting the faith authentically instead of “seeker-friendly”. He believes our culture is in a 500-year sea change similar to the Reformation of the 1500’s.

Genealogies of Jesus – Thomas Tribelhorn, D.Min, 2018 (54 pages) – Originally a lecture. He explains Jewish number groupings (not divination) and shows Bible genealogies often skip names. He agrees that Matthew lists Joseph’s line and that Luke lists Mary’s line, giving textual and Talmudic arguments. He offers reasons for Matthew’s love of 14 and Luke’s usage of 7.

An unrelated appendix shows how the Sanhedrin hauled Jesus before Pilate in a courtyard (in two possible palaces) holding a few hundred loyalists. They made a night arrest afraid of a riot if the Jewish pilgrims discovered their plot, confirming that the thousands on Palm Sunday could not be the same cloistered crowd shouting “Crucify”.

hand in HAND – Randy Alcorn, 2014 – He tried to harmonize disparate understandings of the eternal dynamics of how God engages human proclivity to do their own thing vis-à-vis God’s timeless control. The author, after years in Arminian and Calvinist camps, presented scriptural points of both sides, stated misrepresentations by each side, and gave outlier positions among well-educated, faith-bearing believers. He did not mine parallel Jewish (nor atheist) literature for their compelling dialogues about responsible human choice. While I felt Alcorn wrote evenly, a local friend thought he fully misrepresented Clark Pinnock as an Open Theist.

History and Christianity – John Montgomery, 1965 – A multiple PhD author tackles the limits in which non-miraculous historicism handles the resurrection and claims of Jesus. Opponents have prior antagonism towards direct intervention by any god. The transcript of a Chicago debate in 1965 (about Bultmann and Barth) noted a nearly identical debate in 1915 with Machen. Yet 50 years later in 2015, we are full circle having forgotten history. There are elements of C.S. Lewis in assertions, but Jesus was correct in his parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. Just how does rational faith occur?

*“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, **they will not be convinced** even if someone [today] rises from the dead.’ ” (Luke 16:27-31)*

History of Christian Doctrines – Louis Berkhof, 1937 (Baker/Eerdmans) – Arguments for and against doctrines/dogma from Apostolic Fathers through 1900s showing who won/lost various arguments and why. Topics are set out like a systematic theology book.

How Great Christians Met Christ – James Chefley, 1973 – This delightful handbook gives a 4-page bio for 40 “big names” in mostly Protestant branches. Nearly all started as going through the motions, were agnostic, or openly hostile to Christianity.

I want to be a Christian - J.I. Packer, 1977 (out-of-print) – This superb book breaks apart the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles Creed. It examined each phrase as a “Protestant catechism” for thinking adults. (Reprinted once in 1985)

Introduction to Theology (Video) - Michael Patton and Rhome Dyke (Theology Program)
- This introduces the lengthy excellent series on methods to evaluate faith beliefs. (See www.reclaimingthemind.org/ttp/home)

Jesus Among Other Gods – Ravi Zacharias, 2000 – This gentle India-raised author compares the uniqueness and radical claims of Jesus to Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam. He presumes that we know about these various Eastern religions. However, he shows how these differ widely from Jesus (and from each other), thus eliminating the post-modern view that all are alike or that Jesus was one of many saying the same things.

Jesus our Destiny – Wilhelm Busch (1897-1966), 11th edition 2015 – This book compiles German radio talks by an itinerant evangelist among youth, jailed several times during Nazi era. He shares remarkable episodes about his city of Essen during bombings by the Allies. He speaks logically why intelligent people follow Jesus. He spoke plainly for the public as Billy Graham did in America. He painted many vignettes during his lifetime about people he met objecting to trusting Jesus. His role to Germans reminded me of the role C.S. Lewis had with the British and Americans. Both he and Lewis seemed in top form during ordinary conversational thinking. Free e-book (earlier 9th edition 2007): www.hope4all.co.uk/JesusOurDestiny.pdf

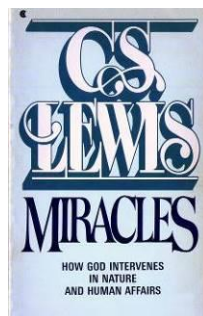
Mere Christianity - C.S. Lewis, 1943 – This book collects BBC wartime radio talks 8/1941 to 4/1944. My main interest is the Preface, Book 1 “The Law of Right and Wrong”, and Book 2 “What Christians Believe”

- Standards of Fair Play p.17
- Two points p.21
- Bypasses instinct, convention, or education p.22-24
- People explain away law by circular logic p.29
- Life-Force Note p.35



Miracles (How God intervenes in Nature and Human Affairs) - C.S. Lewis, 1947 – This case of Nature versus Super-Nature is typical of Lewis. It is astoundingly crisp, intensely logical, with the taint of British wit that addresses concerns by atheists and rationalists.

- Emotions - Naturalist and Super-Naturalist p.5
- Thinking/ Knowing p.17-19
- Experience/Expectations/Inference p.21
- Statistics p.46
- Herring 1 – Birth of Jesus not scientific p.45, 48
- Herring 2- Ancients unaware of universe p.49, 51, 53
- Pivot point p.100, 107

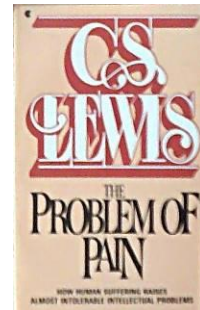


Orthodoxy – G.K. Chesterton (1908, 2007 Reprint, Hovel Audio 2006) – I put off the print version at first but so thoroughly enjoyed it earlier as an audio book. I re-listened intently to the audio version a few years later with no “heard-that-before” boredom. This book fires on all cylinders especially in audio format. With dry British wit, he explains

how he as a recalcitrant agnostic came to adopt Christianity. Every college student should read/hear it. However, those who most need to read/hear it are predisposed to evade just such a temptation. He amazed me even in the instances where I rarely disagreed with his logic. I would have enjoyed meeting him in person. While loosely attuned to Catholic theology, the material fits well for anyone tired of age-old taunts of the Christian faith. I found precursor aspects for C.S. Lewis' "Mere Christianity". Indeed Lewis, once an atheist, tips his hat to his reading of Chesterton

Problem of Pain – C.S.Lewis, 1940 – Lewis explores how evil and suffering co-exists with a loving good God (theodicy). We credit St. Augustine with this quote, “*If there is no God, why is there so much good in the world? If there is a God, why is there evil and suffering?*”

- Atheist p.11-13
- Best Quotes: p.23 p.25 p.49 p.79



Question of God - (PBS Television) - Mini-Series comparing Sigmund Freud with C.S. Lewis. Freud was Jewish and became an atheist toughing out his pitiful death. Lewis was an atheist who reluctantly believed after years of intellectual war against faith. The series juxtaposes their beliefs using actors portraying them at their desks and homes.

Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism – Timothy Keller (2008 with 2018 Preface) – He speaks to urbane New York City professionals where there is less an issue about intellectual barriers as the more difficult emotional/relational barriers. He quotes C.S. Lewis. He addresses the *DaVinci Code*, misuse of Gnostic texts, and Dawkins. Keller is a Calvinist preacher but does not play that card in these apologetics issues.

Seventh-Day Adventism – Anthony Hoekema (1963) – Calvinist professor with an ax to grind with all Second Great Awakening (Arminian) offshoots. It appears he felt Walter Martin was too easy on them in *Kingdom of the Cults*. Even so, he plays fair where they match with up the Nicene Creed and gives E.G. White quotes that shows how they differ on key points. His main complaints are the “The Scapegoat Doctrine” which confuses the orthodox view of Jesus bearing our sins on the cross, and “The Investigative Judgement”, removing the efficiency of Jesus to save us fully.

Socrates Meets Jesus – Peter Kreeft, 1987 (2002 Reprint) – This tongue-in-cheek account is a play with Socrates making sense of illogical thoughts about Jesus at any post-modern Divinity school. Written in 1987, worn-out arguments against Jesus resurface often, making this an enjoyable romp.

Strange Silence of the Bible and the Church (A Study in Hermeneutics) – James Smart – He reviews of the impact of German theologians (specifically liberal Harnack versus contemporaries Barth and Bultmann) of the Nazi era which greatly affected American church usage (or non-usage) of the Bible from the pulpit.

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Timeless Truth for Truthless Times – George Bassilous, 2018 - I heard this Coptic deacon give a 30-minute speed talk on Church History. He is sometimes shares the stage with Ravi Zacharis. He quotes C.S. Lewis, Ravi Zacharias, Peter Kreeft, and Timothy Keller. He summarizes 35 common questions compactly. He answers Richard Dawkins, Stephen Hawking, and Sam Harris “New Atheism”. A few questions covers Coptic theology.

Family

Cancer Vixen - Marisa Marchetto, 2006 - Anne and I found this graphic-novel style documentary encouraging during her breast cancer treatments. The book is an eclectic mix of worldviews and urban morals. It accurately presents the roller coaster event to both the victim (err, I mean, vixen) and the primary caregiver readers.

Moral Intelligence of Children - Robert Coles (Abridged audio) - Working with youth after years of adult teaching, the author walked through morality development.

One Messianic Rabbi said in 2007, "*Ethics is what you do when someone is watching; Morality is what you do when they are not.*"

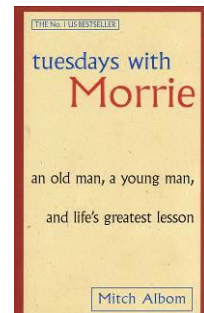
Small Town Bound – John Clayton, 1996 - The hard-won wisdom lets a reader's perceived desires compare to realities in small towns. It gives solid pros and cons in a readable style. Some aspects of my town qualify for "small town" and other aspects as "city" (since so close to SF Bay). My college (800 high-technology students in 1971) sat in a town of 5,000 people in the middle of nowhere.

I loved Socorro but my career led elsewhere. Most of us alumni still talk about Socorro and some returned to get out of the rat-race cities. Without high pay, the town remains an old Mexican village, which it was in the 1700's. Some well-worn dusty adobes built in the 1800s met our student dire needs. The book reflects 1996 when minimum wage was \$5. In 1971, the wage for campus jobs was \$1.25 an hour.

Surprising Years, Understanding Your Changing Adolescent – Cliff Schimmels and Hank Resnick, 1985 – Where was this book when I had teenagers? Even after reading this excellent guide, I often feel as if I am flying without instruments.

Tuesdays with Morrie – Mitch Albom, 1997 – Tuesday visits over final 14 weeks of his liberal college professor dying of ALS. You need to be over fifty to appreciate this book, while communicating important things that those in their thirties need to hear earlier.

Unlocking the Secrets of Your Childhood Memories – Kevin Leman and Randy Carlson, 1989 – The first 85 pages provided probing questions in memoir writing. The rest of the book deals with moving forward mostly in marriage and family relationships.

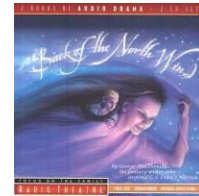


Fiction

Anne of Green Gables – L. Maud Montgomery (Focus on the Family Radio Theater, 2004, four hours) – Used on a road trip, I thought it was just a little girl’s book until the opening chapter said, “*My name is Anne, with an ‘e’.*” just as my own Anne spoke her name. The story hooked me. I wonder if this book was ever a favorite of hers.

Around the World in Eighty Days- Jules Verne (Abridged audio) - There was something about being whisked about clueless on an adventure under direction of a well-planned patron, entrusted with funds, failing at a crucial junction, being found in the nick of time, and wanting the best for that patron. That sounds like the Christian redemption story.

At the Back of the North Wind – George MacDonald (Focus on Family Radio Theater) - This children’s fantasy of Victorian England tells of dying which influenced C.S. Lewis and Mark Twain. Is the boy feverish or did he find the far country? The absorbing two hours felt as an hour.



Chronicles of Narnia – C.S. Lewis, 1948-1954 – This is all about Aslan! Need I say more? Three became major films by Walden Media: *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* in 2005, *Prince Caspian* in 2008 and *Voyage of the Dawn Treader* in 2010.

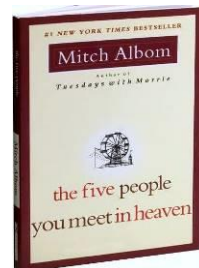
The Horse and His Boy, C.S.Lewis, 1954 (1978 edition), 217 pages – (Book 5 in *Chronicles of Narnia*) While read aloud to my kids, I forgot the plot thirty years later and enjoyed the word pictures, speedy action, and lost track of time. The story includes parallel characters of whom I call “The Mare and Her Girl”.

Day of the Fire Storm, Susan Hilliard – A child’s “Decide Your own Adventure” about Elijah which reads differently based on choices the reader makes. This 1989 book was akin to earlier Text Adventure computer games of that era.

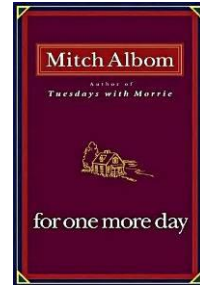
Everyman (Monuments of Early English Drama Volume 2) – Directed by Howard Sackler (Audio Drama) – A rare thrift store vinyl recording found in perfect condition with a young Burgess Meredith in the role of “Everyman”. This morality play from the 1500s stunned me with its vibrancy and portent for modern culture. This rare gem has best impact in its audio form despite easy web access to text format.



Five People You Meet In Heaven - Mitch Albom, 2003. This novel follows after-life events of an ordinary man with flashbacks that explain why he meets five specific people.



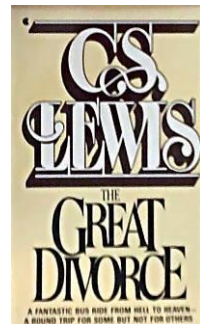
For One More Day, Mitch Albom, 2006 - Mitch knocks this novel out of the ballpark exploring wounds in children caused by divorced or unhappy parents and life under baffling actions by parents struggling with their own issues. A suicide attempt by the narrator (the adult child in mid-life) lifts the story into asking ‘what if you had one more day with a parent?’ It involved owning up to uncaring acts and discovering that a few parent-child relationships could only be wistful hopes.



Gospel According to Judas – Benjamin Iscariot – Jeffrey Archer – This story of Jesus has unsubstantiated twists to imagine what Judas Iscariot as an observant Jew felt about Jesus. While written by a Catholic, a rabbinic scholar could have written it.

He states in the appendix, “*No serious scholar accepts that [the 30 pieces of silver episode] ever happened.*” Really? None? The usual phrase is “*Most scholars...*” when someone readily wants to discount a disagreeable Bible passage.

Great Divorce - C.S. Lewis, 1945 - In an odd fictional bus ride from Hell to Heaven, Lewis demonstrates a different personality per chapter. He shows why each still chooses to take the bus back to Hell as their strongest preference, even with unlimited chances to choose.



Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever - A comedic twist when a family of schoolyard bullies takes over the staid church pageant. How would those who never heard it, understand the story in Luke? Have we lost the incredible news through over-familiarity? After finishing the book, a Livermore church performed this book as a play that week.

Magical Worlds of the Lord of the Rings, David Colbert – The decoder ring for the “Ring” trilogy. This led me to watch all six LOTR/Hobbit film chapters afresh.

Moby Dick - Herman Melville (Abridged audio, six hours) - This morality tale with Christian undercurrents eddying about the narrator’s (“*Call me Ishmael*”) observations of Yankee whalers. How much does our own or others revenge affect us corporately?

Politically Correct Bedtime Stories – James Finn Garner, 1994 – This throwaway satire is such a hoot that I cannot discard it. He sends favorite fairy tales up in flames by making them sensitively inclusive of everything, but with anti-mainstream-white-male tweaks at every turn. The author, “*a descendent of dead white European males*”, has taken PC speech to the proverbial limits. In small poisonous doses, such Orwellian vocabulary corrupts our thinking, but overwhelming usage is worthy of a Jonathan Swift satire.

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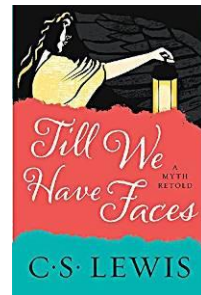
Red Badge of Courage - Stephan Crane (Abridged audio) - Considering the 9/11/2001 attack by radical Muslims (killing 3000 civilians with hijacked passenger jets flown into office skyscrapers), this coming of age story suggests we have to accept the cruel inconsistencies of life against our deeply held idealism. Do we give up Godly character and become one with the mud?

Shack - William Young - This heretical page-turner (and audio format) follows a man with a huge grudge against God. He heads for a shack where his grief for his murdered daughter gets up-ended. It offers a theological jolt worth exploring.

Stories of Russian Life – Anton Chekhov – Fiction by the master of the short story steeped with Russian culture. One story was shocking (“Kill the Jews”, a ditty sung by children in a tavern) but all portrayed deep character studies with brevity. To learn to write succinctly, Chekhov is a necessary read.

Tanya and the Border Guard, Anita Deyneka, 1973, 94pg. I read this after college and gave it to some child. Wife of the founder of Slavic Gospel Assoc., wrote this historical fiction of a family in Leningrad. I wrote to SGA in 2023 about how I first learned about them through the Jesus People Explo’72 and told of my valued SGA books. They sent me this old copy gratis. I forgot the plot and got weepy reading it fresh. While for children, the true-to-life storyline brought out deep emotions. People born after Perestroika might not understand.

Till We Have Faces, C.S. Lewis, 1957 – This book re-works Psyche and Cupid. The Greek myth focused upon Psyche and her Prince Charming, and made only passing remarks about her two older stepsisters. This became the modern Cinderella tale. Instead, Lewis has the elder stepsister unreliably tell the story. The allegory hints that love between Christians (Psyche) and God (Cupid) appears dangerous by our friends and family (the stepsisters). In their familial concern, they want to pull us from the delusional precipice of faith.



Cliffs Notes for *Treasure Island* and *Kidnapped* (Robert Louis Stevenson) – Gary Carey – I read the books and seen the recent movies. These notes filled in the backstory and compared these two stories. This led me to re-read *Treasure Island* in its original form (Google Digital Library). At age 60, this “boy’s book” much appealed to this “boy”.

Focus on the Family Radio Theater has low-cost and well-done (but not low-budget) dramas from Christian.com (clips on RadioTheatre.org)

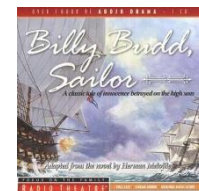
Ben Hur – Lew Wallace

Billy Budd, Sailor - Hermann Melville

The Horse and His Boy - C.S. Lewis

Les Miserables - Victor Hugo

Silas Marner - George Elliot (nom de plume), based upon the book from 1800's



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In October 2009, I first listened to *Silas Marner* (Focus on Family Radio Theater) after visiting Anne in her nursing care facility. I much needed to hear this drama about loss and being borne up on the hands of God despite the loss. I had a good cry.



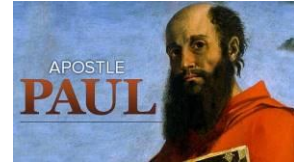
History- Church (Roman to Current)

Roman Era

Four Hundred Silent Years, H.A. Ironside, 1914, First Ed., 104pg – Author vastly summarized verbose Josephus (Roman Empire), First Maccabees (Seleucid Empire), and other texts from 425BC to 25AD. This speed-read starts with Persian Empire and finishes Chapter 3 with an ill-advised compact with Rome. Chapter 4 explains how a non-Jewish Edomite became King of the Jews through bribery and backstabbing (literal murders). Pundits made a rhyme: “safer to be King Herod’s pig (Greek: *sus*) than his son (Greek: *uios*)”. Chapter 5 reviews morality tales (being the apocryphal books of the Septuagint).

Josephus: Thrones of Blood (History of the Times of Jesus 37BC to AD70) - 1988, 231pg, Barbour Pub. – This gives military history from installation of King Herod and ending with destruction of the Temple. This paraphrase in date order is easier than reading Josephus. I learned that General Titus (son of regional General and new Emperor Vespasian) kept four Roman legions (23,200 total) within their siege camps because two rival armies of Zealots (15,000 vs 8,500, 23,500 total) fought each other within Jerusalem. Titus let rivalry reduce the defenders and then he breached the walls.

Apostle Paul - Luke Johnson (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) – Except for nod to political correctness in the last lecture, a former Benedictine monk speaks to Paul’s life and letters. He claims he is in the academic minority who believes the letters are authentic but gives both the evidences pro and con. He teaches about Judaism at Emory, and his interleaving Torah-specific vocabulary in describing Paul’s letters fit the context well.



Evangelicals and Tradition – D.H.Williams (2005) – This “Free Church” writer values the early Church Fathers (patristic era to 400’s) and shows how it should affect our theologies (and lack thereof). His basic argument is context and becomes a bit repetitive in parts. Namely, we cannot claim a systematic theology without considering how the early church struggled with identical concepts: the nature of Jesus, of God, of Salvation, etc. While we prefer sola fide and sola scriptura (to counter overt medieval abuses), we still intimately rely upon early wrestling by competent believers of interpreting scripture.

Origin and Early History of Christianity in Britain, Andrew Gray, DD, 1897 - An eye-opening account of Christianity told from the view of the Briton inheritors of the early faith under the Romans from 50AD to the 400’s, centuries before (Roman Catholic) Augustine landed near London. (See *History of England, Volume 1*)

History of the Bible: Making of the New Testament Canon ... and ... After the New Testament: Writings of the Apostolic Fathers - Bart Ehrman (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) –Two sets of lectures, 100AD to 400AD, fill in gaps about key Christian leaders from a skeptical liberal secular historian’s perspective.

Homage to Jerome, Patron Saint of Translators – Valery Larbuad, 1946 (translated in 1984) – This French essay lauds the significance of Jerome, Latin Vulgate translator. My visit to his Bethlehem cave in 2017 perked my interest. Pope Damasus in 382 commissioned Jerome, who finished in 405.

“Nothing seems more impertinent, more uncivilized, than the sentimental and mocking tone, the jeering condescension that some [moderns] assume when dealing with the works, personality, and ideas of [ancient] Christian literature.

Let [an ancient] pagan relate Vespasian miracles... and [moderns] readily absolve him invoking the ignorance of his times and the prejudices of his nation. But when [an ancient] Christian is involved, such [ancient] displays of credulity become unforgivable mistakes that disqualify [the author, and] discredit even the most substantial and strongest part of his works. In these, [moderns] see nothing but error, touching naiveté, and the rants of children who believe in fairy tales.”

“But did these same moderns ever ask themselves what figure they would cut a few centuries hence with their own “modern ideas”, “insights”, condescension that they made to the prejudices of their own time, and to the fashions, the modes of thought, the spirit of their caste and country? For instance, what their bourgeois philanthropy would look like when compared to Jerome’s Christian charity? If they had asked, they would probably have paid Saint Jerome the same respectful attention they unquestioningly grant [ancient] pagan writers.”

Confessions of St. Augustine – Rex Warner, 1963 – A reader cannot skim this and needs some life experience. It is implicitly explicit about his sins. Augustine explored his struggles getting close to God. Nine biographic chapters review his faith journey. Four chapters slowly ruminate about memory, the brain, scientific observations, and philosophy about measuring time. Finally, he sewed it together as evidence for a creator (ingenious but not clear at first). I should diagram his massive if-then logic tree.

Talking about attending church (re: Victorinus, famed rhetorician – Book 8 Section 2), he states that not going public with our faith is no faith at all:

Victorinus incredulously jokes *“So, are you saying the walls of the church [and a little baptism water] make one a Christian?”*

His Christian friend retorted, *“Yes, if that means you will stop hiding [your faith] in fear of what your friends will say.”*

The crowd buzzed when Victorinus owned Jesus publicly at his baptism. Augustine was still not willing but Victorinus' action deeply impressed him.

St. Augustine’s Confessions - William Cook and Ronald Herzman, 2004 (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) – After reading *The Confessions* in print, I was ready to hear the analysis by my favorite two audio lecturers. The mostly hidden faith of these public university professors sparkles with fun enthusiasm here.



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Coptic Orthodox Church of Egypt – Matthias Wahba, 1989 (1998 Reprint) – A quick overview of Coptic (Egyptian) Church history and theology. They match Catholic worshipful non-worship of Mary and the Martyrs. They intensely follow the Nicene Creed. Western conservative theologians would feel at home in a Coptic seminary. However, their Orthodox mysticism and liturgy would appeal more to monastics. Coptics insist upon baptism by immersion. They divide the Passover in two parts: the meal with Judas present (the Last Supper) and remarks by Jesus later (the Eucharist).

Middle Ages

Francis of Assisi - William Cook and Ronald Herzman (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) - Along with Dante's Divine Comedy, this delightful romp through the Middle Ages helped me better understand the Reformation era.



Reformation (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) - Faith in Western Europe during the 1500s ... the issues are often still relevant. (See *Future Church*)

Practice of the Presence of God – Brother Lawrence, 1692 (Hendrickson audiobook and reprint, 2004, 155pg) – Born 1614 into brutal 30-Year War (imposing Catholic faith upon resistant German towns that spun out of control), and after serving in the French Army, joined the Carmelites in 1640 Paris as a lay brother. He served as cook and dishwasher (jobs he intensely disliked). His transforming realization occurred in 1650. Cardinal Beaufort interviewed him about this life-change starting in 1666. Upon Lawrence's death, the Cardinal published letters and interviews covering those final 25 years. The book later became popular among English Protestants such as John Wesley.

“...the least little thought of Him will be acceptable. You need not cry very loud; He is nearer to us than we are aware of.”

"There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God." – Br. Lawrence

Lives of Great Christians - William Cook (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) – These 24 lectures got tiresome when I finished sentences due to prior knowledge. He covers 2000 years with a good summary of significant players, especially seven from the Early Middle Ages. I recommend it for pulling ‘hidden history’ summarized into one set of lectures.

Religion and the Church in Russia (1540-1933AD) – Paul Miliukov, 1942 – As a member of the Duma after the February Revolution of 1917, the Bolsheviki in October forced him to Paris. He focused on the tug between form and content within Russian schisms adapting to each succeeding Tsar or Church Patriarch. By 1920, Communists launched destructive anti-religious purges while their Constitution callously claimed “freedom of religion.” They criminalized church schools and discussions at home, while the same Article 13 allowed unlimited “anti-religious propaganda”. Two severe purges confiscated church buildings, imprisoned/killed pastors, and burned ancient artwork.

Church History (Twenty Centuries of Catholic Christianity) – John Dwyer, 1985 (Paulist Press) – This ‘throw back the curtains’ tome spares no wayward Pope or self-absorbed error. He notes when the church could have remained unified but chose external politics at expense of internalized faith. At times, he favors the Reformation and then flags their egregious actions. He compacts all into 400 pages with an even hand. While I felt Vatican II was positive, he gives it a mixed grade. Some felt he was anti-Catholic but he is passionate for a faith-bearing church. It needs an index. A 1998 revised edition exists.

Modern to 1960

Wesley Country - Richard Bewes, 2003 (Christian History Institute) – The compiler geographically arranged diary entries regarding towns visited by John Wesley in England. This book uses many 1700's engravings. Wesley preached 15 times a week until age 88, to crowds too large for each local church, a different town each day.

In 1774, he explained his vigor at age 75: “*The grand cause is the good pleasure of God, who doeth whatsoever pleaseth Him. The chief means are, 1. My constantly rising at four [a.m.] for about 50 years. 2. My generally preaching at five in the morning; one of the most healthy exercises in the world. 3. My never travelling less than four thousand five hundred miles in a year [on horseback].*”

American Religious History, Patrick Allitt (audio, TheGreatCourses.com)



Fistful of Heroes: Great Reformers and Evangelists - John Pollock, 1988, Marshall-Pickering (Zondervan affiliate), United Kingdom. It recounts fourteen men, minus the Wesley brothers, who greatly influenced England 1745 to 1929.

D.L. Moody - The Valley and The World - Faith Bailey, 1959 (Moody Press, Chicago) - An abbreviated biography with origins of Moody Bible Institute, the YMCA, and unvarnished story of D.L. Moody from a restless teenager to 19th century evangelist. There are brief insights of Christian faith during the Great Chicago Fire, the Civil War, and the Spanish-American War.

Story of American Methodism – Frederick Norwood, 1974, eighth printing 1989, 448pg– Methodists in America started not as a separate church but believers engaged in their Bible and daily faith through hundreds of “classes” within the Anglican Church. After the Revolution, it became a real church to hold new preachers accountable. Such served an uneducated rural population migrating westward. The history up to the Civil War captivated me but I recoiled about pietistic faith only among the uneducated.

Nearly all denominations split over slavery. After Darwin (including his principle that blacks were less human) and Higher Criticism of the Bible from Europe (prior to archeology and molecular science), the demand for seminary elite filled urban pulpits with nascent liberalism. Their strict application of Darwin and Higher Criticism undercut the Bible as trustworthy.

Denominations took decades to re-unite with mixed results. Larger Methodist groups joined piecemeal until 1968 when the United Methodist Church formed without concern about disparate theologies. Urban churches hosting 80% of the members were already theologically liberal and focused upon political social engineering. (I joined a rural UMC in late 1972 during the Jesus Revolution, not knowing its merger occurred only four years

earlier.) Divisions made the new UMC anything but united, already politically fractious by 1970, split along theological issues in contention since 1830.

Cross in the Sunset– The Story of Methodism in California-Nevada, Leon Loofbourow, Vol. 1, 1966, 239pg, Hist. Soc. of Cal-Nevada Annual Conf. – Refers to cross on Telegraph Hill when Glide Memorial in San Francisco was strongly evangelical and biblically conservative. Covers competing Methodist bodies (split over slavery).

Aside: J.C. McPheeters (1889-1983) for 18 years pastored Glide Memorial (1931-1948, pg176-181) and while still pastor, became President of Asbury Seminary (1942-1962) in Wilmore, KY. This distant Seminary made a big summer presence (1950-1990) at Redwood Christian Park in Boulder Creek. In 1981 and 1983, I met Dr.McPheeters as a vibrant elderly man at that Family Camp.

Protestant Clergy in the Great Plains and Mountain West - 1865-1915, Ferenc Morton Szasz, 1988, University of New Mexico - This well-researched out-of-print book explored the impact of Western church planters after the Civil War, with vignettes on cultural clashes and rural surprises. (See *Holy Faith of Santa Fe - 1863-2000*)

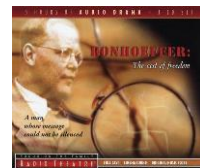
Holy Faith of Santa Fe - 1863-2000, Stanford Lehmborg, 2004 - A riveting book in the first half that parallels nicely with *Protestant Clergy in the Great Plains and Mountain West - 1865-1915*. It bogs down later with boring references to funds, numbers, and committees. The historical portion showed interaction between this congregation and the State of New Mexico. Governor Prince was a (very) controlling member of this congregation with evidence that the State controlled the Church during that frontier era.

100 Voices – Anne Buchanan and Debra Klingsporn – They quote Christian leaders from 1900 to 2000 by ten-decade segments with commentary about the spiritual tenor of each decade. Many quotes come from liberal sources but which are not liberal in content.

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Waves of Grace: John Newton (PG-13)

Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Cost of Freedom



Life and Writings of C.S. Lewis- Lewis Markos, PhD (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) - There are many biographies, but these lectures bring his books into orderly categories.

Family Lineage Records as a Resource for Korean History (720AD to 1955) – Hildi Kang, 2007, academic version, 269 pages. Her son David edited a more readable version: *When Ancestors Come to Visit: The Sinch'ŏn Kang clan*, 2020, 151 pages.

Northern Korea once had a large Christian population, more so than Southern Korea. This makes the Communist takeover after 1950 all the more tragic. She introduces the flowering and brutal suppression of Christian faith in North Korea.

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Her husband, Sang-Wook, switched languages with different scripts for forced shifts in life: Korean, Japanese, American English, and he could read Chinese. He learned basic German and French (using a French/Japanese dictionary at age 19). He did not speak Chinese, but he could read the characters since Korean uses them and because Korean is a phonetic alphabet. Kang can mean “health,” “river,” and other things, and the Chinese character marks identify the variants. Newspapers eliminated the breadth of meaning by using far fewer Chinese characters than just 30 years ago.

Despite his medical grandfather turning his back on Jesus, his grandmother and mother enabled Sang-Wook to be well rooted in faith. His daughter feels significantly fortunate to have a Christian heritage that saw them through Japanese occupation, life under communism, escape to the South, surviving the Korean War, and emigration to UC Berkeley with much evidence of God’s provision throughout.

I only learned the horrific backstory of these Livermore friends in late 2022: Sang-Wook Kang (Physicist from LLNL Bible Study Groups, 1935-2021), Hildi Kang (from Cello and Symphony. 1934-2019), daughter Laura Kang Ward (my student for Biblical Greek), and adult grandsons Michael and Nicolas (from Trinity Church).

Post-Modern after 1960

Reforming Fundamentalism: Fuller Seminary and the New Evangelicalism – George Marsden, 1987 (1995 Reprint) – This history of dispensational fundamentalists paints the Presbyterian side 1920s to 1980s. He used controversies at Fuller to define theological shifts 1947 to 1967. It is ironic to me that a national survey in 1982 and of all alumni in 1985 shows Fuller as more liberal than its evangelical cousins. I chose Fuller in 1985-1986 because it was the sole conservative local seminary for a Holiness Methodist!

Bay Area Presbyterians were hardly fundamentalists. We met at conservative Menlo Park Presbyterian, but most second-career commuter students were Assembly of God or Roman Catholic (co-registered at St. Patrick Seminary). See my **Glory Years** chapter.

Appendix: James Hunter Survey at Evangelical Seminaries (1982)

Do you consider yourself a Pentecostal or charismatic Christian?

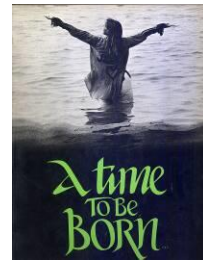
. Fuller Seminary: 44% Other Evangelical Seminaries: 27%

Have you ever spoken in tongues?

. Fuller Seminary: 43% Other Evangelical Seminaries: 32%

Page 229 footnote: *One [similar] statistic ... is that 1982 Fuller students included 40% who had their 'born again' experience between 14 and 17, while at other [evangelical] seminaries this [teenage] number was 27%.*

Time to be Born – Brian Vachon, 1972 – A photojournalist for LOOK magazine revisits his California contacts within the Jesus People Movement one year later for follow-up interviews and raw observations. I read this some decades ago but re-read in 2013 since it informed a key chapter in my memoir about the Baptism into God's Holy Spirit.

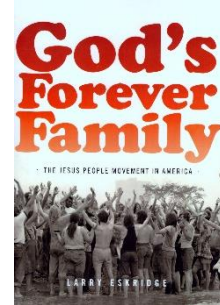


Awakenings in America and the Jesus People Movement – Kent Philpott (2011) – Pastor Kent compares the three Great Awakenings to his experiences with the Jesus People era (1967-1972). He rued his unwise attempts to extend the awakening by his own effort. He moved from Arminian to Reformed theology. I contacted him about my 1970-1975 activity in New Mexico and follow-up metrics. He was age 77 in liberal Marin County in 2018 and currently records video interviews as research sources. In 2019, he argued for allowing God's Spirit free rein without manipulation. He argues against the cessation by Calvinists while arguing against wayward charismania (calling it "pentecostalized").

Worldly Evangelicals – Richard Quebedeaux, 1978 (1980 reprint), 189 pages with index – This off-putting title is a must-read for Christians active in the 1970s. It explains the range of evangelicals ten years after the peak of the Jesus Revolution. He forecast direction of these branches with uncanny insight as if he wrote this overview in 2022.

Center-Right Evangelicals seemed caricatured (anti-this, anti-that). What he calls the Evangelical Left shocked me saying that they (by 1978) became political and religious liberals (InterVarsity, Fuller Seminary, and orthodox agencies as I observed them). Fuller and Golden Gate were the only local Bay Area seminaries that held to any conservatism in 1978. Radical Evangelicals reflect the socialist and social re-engineering wing indistinguishable from the humanist secular culture (even back in 1978).

God's Forever Family: The Jesus People movement in America – Larry Eskridge (2013, 2018 Reissued) – A PhD thesis that gives history of Jesus People (1966-1970) and us Jesus Kids (1970-1975).



Kent Philpott appears in this book (See (1) *Awakenings in America and the Jesus People Movement* and (2) *Memoirs of a Jesus Freak*). His Evangelical Coalition supporters included lawyer George Hardistry who wrote our first Living Trust. His wife wrote *Forever My Love*, which we devoured as young marrieds. It surprised me in 1977 to find George in nearby Orinda and now I find this secondary connection!

I was not into drugs, sex, and rock/roll but my college peers were in beyond a healthy distance (marijuana, mushrooms, alcohol, hashish, but no injectables nor LSD to my knowledge) from 1970-1976. We had one non-student as a speed freak (amphetamines). He frequented our on-campus coffeehouse as the only way he felt stable. He was the closest we high-tech students had to a drug-affected hippie.

We had another non-student, a former homosexual, and gang Texas motorcyclist with a Mormon upbringing, whose transformation for Jesus was stunning. After my graduation, he felt drawn to witness to his former gang. Police found him murdered on a Texas highway without identification except a Sunday bulletin from our local Methodist Church. The church connected to his Utah family who welcomed us Jesus Kids who had been his rescue from gang life. Some who attended the funeral said it was the first time seeing Lobo with short hair and in a suit. We were impressed that while he took on a dangerous task, we knew Lobo preferred to die witnessing for Jesus.

Many high school "Jesus Kids" attended some church. I was the oddball prohibited from church access. To us second-wave Jesus People, those years were profoundly anchoring in the faith (both during high school and in college). The book discusses the Jesus People fade-away, which applied to us Jesus Kids about five years later. We could cite the same reasons: college degrees and marriages. Some tried to retain the commune atmosphere of our Brother's House by moving to rural Indiana and Texas. Some became teachers and principals at Christian high schools. One specific crew became the entire science/math cadre at Fremont Christian High School in California (1975-1980) but later felt more at home in Amish country. Even though none were Amish, they all grew long beards and dressed conservatively. Heidi (a thick as thieves' friend of my wife) has been midwife these past 40 years for many Amish in their Indiana county as well as delivering grandkids from among our former New Mexico college crew living nearby.

Memoirs of a Jesus Freak, Kent Philpott, 2014(?), 2016 2nd Ed., Earthen Vessel Pub., 328pg – A rare first-hand page-turner about the earliest participants in the Jesus Revolution. It is a key resource for 1967 to 1972. See (1) *Awakenings in America and the Jesus People Movement* and (2) *God's Forever Family: The Jesus People Movement on America* by Larry Eskridge.

Aside: Pastor Kent and wife Katie helped my *Greek for Beginners* on-line class by providing students and attended themselves.

- Part I (168pg) - As the Summer of Love in 1967 gave way to hard drugs and predators, Kent and his crew helped trapped youth 50 years. He tells of supernatural (good and bad), hindsight, and history (good and bad).
- Part II (160pg) –46 short sketches of leaders

Church of Modesto, Jim Bouck, 1999, 334pg– Interviews of several pastors regarding 1983-1998. They crossed racial, denomination, and church size boundaries. Many participants came with roots in the Billy Graham Crusade of 1948, the Luis Palau Crusade of 1983, and Promise Keepers events of 1995 and 1998. These were theologically conservative churches. How much of that unity remains after 25 years?

A friend responded 12/16/2023:

I attended First Baptist in Modesto within those years, so I personally knew just about everyone interviewed. Much of the unity (alluded to throughout the book) was to close "loopholes" by which disgruntled members could easily switch to another local church, thus "escaping" any particular fundamentalist trapping of the moment. FBC liked control. Friends in the choir were told they could not also sing in a secular choir, etc. These kinds of things were unevenly enforced. Their control affected getting married, which the book mentions in detail. They wanted to close the "marriage loophole" (their term). If staff made it difficult to get married (or outright prohibited it), a couple just went to another church for their wedding (causing drama of course). The church wanted agreement across the other churches to prevent those kinds of flight risks.

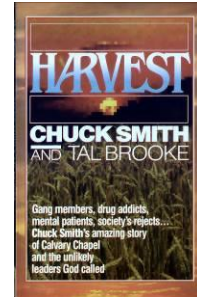
Coming Great Awakening - David McKenna (1990) - McKenna could replace his many references to 1990 with 2020 as most observations hold true. While we must not sit idle expecting God to do our work (Eph.2:10), it is still God who stirs our hearts. This usually begins, as McKenna looked back on prior movements since the advent of post-Reformation colleges (and I maintain back to the first Medieval colleges), when a few youngish people took the faith in earnest. That is, the 'waiting' was not dead passivity.

Lost Boy: My Story – Greg Laurie, 2008 – Greg and I graduated high school in 1971, only an hour apart across Los Angeles at the height of the Jesus Revolution. I only knew of him through his artsy tract “Living Water” (I have a 1970 copy) and his comic doodles for Maranatha and Calvary Chapel materials. I thought he was years older.

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I became the academic reaching miniscule groups of intellectuals but he became the unschooled evangelist reaching millions these past 45 years with Harvest Crusades. His story is akin to the elite in Jerusalem who noted that these uneducated ordinary men (Peter and John) had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13). We local Jesus teens were much aware of evangelistic activity within Los Angeles.

Harvest – Chuck Smith, 1993 – I dislike huge churches but these life-stories of pastors of the ten largest Calvary Chapels describe the Jesus People of the early 1970's. Chuck Smith, pastor of the original Costa Mesa congregation, died 10/3/2013 at age 86 after leading for 48 years.



[The stories tell of ten men who narrowly pulled out of their LSD-haze by 1972, and of those who did not.] *“In a walk through Berkeley’s Peoples Park [in 1993], ... there are squatters, mutterers, and twitchers who had been the youth of the 1960’s Many are now welfare cases, cared for by the very system they tried to destroy. When they were at the pinnacle of youthful energy ... if they [knew] how they would turn out, they would have screamed in horror, thrown their pills and reefers into the Pacific, and questioned their own [utopian] dreams.”* (Page 151)

Scientists Who Believe - 21 Tell Their Own Stories - Eric Barret (MSc, Univ. Sheffield, PhD, D.Sc. Environmental Science Univ. Bristol, and Director of Remote Sensing) and David Fisher (Radio Academy of Science), 1984, Moody Press- Scientists in the physical sciences tell their faith stories for scientists within the USSR. It highlights Dr. Boris P Dotsenko, former head of nuclear physics in 1966, Institute of Physics, Kiev, USSR.

Praying with the KGB - Philip Yancey (Multnomah Press, 1992) - This tour of Russia, when the walls came down, has surprising twists in Christian endeavor by the government itself. Though dated (Zagorsk was renamed back to Sergiev Posad), it gives the background that explains why the communist newspaper "Pravda" ("Truth") later became a major publishing house of Bibles in Russia. This book records the unusual invitation by Gorbachev and meetings with the KGB and the Supreme Soviet in 10/1991.

Amish Peace, Suzanne Woods Fisher, 2009, 218pg – One of her few non-fiction books that feed her historical novels. Many in-person interviews with Amish families in their barns and kitchens and hosting a church service in their large living rooms once a year. I found affinity of some practices with my faith walk, aspects we busy moderns can use.

America’s Pastor: Billy Graham, The Shaping of a Nation – Grant Wacker, 2014 (audio, 2015) – A Duke Divinity professor looks at Graham through available public data over 60 years. Each chapter runs up to 120 minutes and each is 30 minutes far too long. The material covers both promoters and detractors and notes the transition of Graham’s political and spiritual emphasis by decade. While Wacker is no swooning fan, he admits throughout that Graham had integrity that went to his core.

History- American (Colonial to Current)

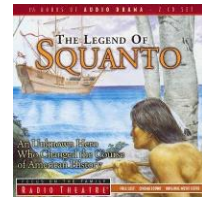
Don't Know Much About History – Kenneth Davis, 1995 – Five hundred year summary of U.S. History from **1492 to 1992**. This is *governmental* history, not our scientific, cultural, or religious history. He exaggerates in a few places (“*For every mile of railroad laid ... thousands of workers died.*” p.192) and castigates the Electoral College (p.426) without explaining the compromise with the 50 States (else California and New York would always own the President). This handy compendium lists both our governmental exceptionalism and warts. With the proclivity of humans (sinful by definition) to be corrupted by power, he says nothing at all about post-1750 Judeo-Christian faith.

Legends, Lies, and Cherished Myths of American History – Richard Shenkman, 1988 – Topically arranged myths within U.S. History listing the backstory of each. Some would think such books debunk the exceptionalism of the American Experiment. Not so. The author compiles the source material in a readable form to describe what happened and how the myths evolved after the fact. Beyond the Puritans (whom surprisingly get some positive press) with later sparse notes about Jews and Irish Catholics (solely in role as immigrants), the author says very little about post-1750 Judeo-Christian faith.

1600's

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The Legend of Squanto



Don Fernando Duran y Chaves's Land and Legacy– Joseph Sanchez (out of print) – This book describes the intrigue and subterfuge in the defense of the 1692 Atrisco Land Grant (across Rio Grande from Albuquerque) for 275 years. It survived legal challenges through the Spanish Reconquista, the Mexican Republic, the American territorial corruption, and the United States courts until its final dissolution in 1968.

Everyday Life in Early America – David Hawke, 1988 – These capsulated chapters tell the colonial environments and social life of migrants settling Virginia to New England up until 1704. He nicely contrasts the hacking of farms out of the forests (horrifying Europeans where wood was scarce) and port towns (as if transplanted English villages).

1700's

Benjamin Franklin: The Autobiography and other Writings – Herbert Schneider, Ed., 1949 (1953 Reprint), University of California Press – Franklin's life in his own words and 10 vital essays he wrote, including "A Letter on Religious Toleration (1772)", "The Way to Wealth (1758)". This should have been mandatory reading in all colleges.

"Our humble family early embraced the Reformation ... sometimes in danger ... They had an English Bible ...fastened open with tapes under and within the cover of a joint stool. When my great-great-grandfather wished to read it to his family, he turned up the joint stool upon his knees ... One of the children stood at the door to give notice if he saw ... an officer of the spiritual court [under Queen Mary]" - Autobiography, 1771

"It would be thought a hard government that should tax its people [at a 10% rate] ... but idleness taxes many of us much more." - Wealth, 1758.

Anza Expeditions to Alta California 1774-1776 – Janet Newton (1975) – Bicentennial 42 page booklet taken from her book *Las Positas* (1969). Janet describes early explorers prior to Anza as treating California as an inhospitable backwater. It was refreshing to see a good actor (Anza) become friends with the farming tribes who feared the raiding Apaches. He persuaded the farming tribes to stop fighting each other and so secured a land route from Arizona to north of San Diego. Janet then narrates Anza's explorations to the San Francisco Bay Area and describes how he escorted Spanish families through that arid land route. Bad actors soon reneged on Anza's diplomacy, maltreated the supportive tribes, and thus isolated those 1776 Spanish settlers from overland supplies.

George Washington Crossed Here, Ann Hutton, 1966 (1988 printing), 72 pages – Written in format of a colonial broadside booklet, this covers the backstory of the somewhat fictional Leutze painting "Washington Crossing the Delaware". She covers activities of December leading to the Christmas night crossing describing the dire situation on the ground and in the river. Although a minor success after a string of abject failures for Washington, British General Cornwallis identified it as the pivot that gave traction to the Revolution. Details I did not read about in school.

Americas in the Revolutionary Era – Marshall Eakin (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) – The author compared colonial revolutions 1776-1825 in the Americas. He had four points. (1) Wars in Europe, especially Napoleonic, influenced colonial revolts. (2) Creoles and native-born whites affected how revolts progressed. (3) Restriction of trade stimulated the unrest. (4) Strong-man tyrants kept each new country in constant turmoil.

John Adams, David McCullough, 2001, 751 pages – After watching the [1776 musical](#) (Director Cut 2002) on July 4, I realized that I knew almost nothing about John Adams.

This addictive read revealed the man over his 90 years, his family, and his relationships with Congress. The biography acts as a framework to describe the first 50 years of US Government and investigate key players and scurrilous detractors.

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He explores turbulent relationships with France, Napoleon, Britain, insane George III, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, and a hostile partisan Press with press rights to slander that far outstripped Hearst's fabled "Yellow Journalism". Jefferson and most Southerners belonged to the Republican Party (States Rights) battling northern Federalists (Big Government).

The cash-poor farmer Adams died with paid-for property of \$100K, no debt, and [never used slaves](#). The flashy aristocratic Jefferson died with a debt of \$100K that far exceeded the value of all properties, including his 130 auctioned slaves and Monticello.

Over a thousand loving and highly political letters went between John and wife Abigail. Adams and Jefferson restored their friendship and both died on July 4, 1825 (things the playwright thought moderns would never believe). The Jefferson scandal with his slave Sally Hemmings was published often during his lifetime (that is, not a recent discovery).

Revolutionary Medicine 1700-1800 – C. Keith Wilbur, MD, 1997, Second Ed – Many hand-drawn illustrations with text in Colonial font show medical care (and tools) as it transitioned from medieval concepts to the queasiness of early surgery under primitive conditions of war. Soldiers would survive a battle better than under medical care. It made me involuntarily flinch and squeamish several times.

1800's

Low-cost educational audios from simplymagazine.net (click on: education).

Declaration of Independence

Thomas Jefferson

The Gettysburg Address

Westward Migration

California's Spanish Place-Names: What They Mean and How They Got There – Barbara and Rudy Marinacci, 1980 (Second printing 1988), 268 pages – Reference Book. Uses place-names time wise to sneak in a compact history of California 1534-1870. It covers tension between secular, military, and Mission units, tensions under secular Mexican control, and the overwhelming of 12,000 rural Californios by 250,000 pre-Civil War Americans. The last chapter helps reader detect fake Spanish names after 1870. Appendixes describe where to visit historic Spanish/Mexican sites, basics of Spanish/Mexican nouns, and 60-page dictionary.

Jedediah Smith and The Opening of the West – Dale Morgan, 1953 – This time-based detailed summary of the 1822-1831 beaver trappers comes from all prior publications. It has long appendices of letters and academic notes for researchers. A Pleasanton re-enactor of mountain man James Beckwourth in 2015 caused me to determine which things were halfway true as told by “the gaudy [campfire] liar”. Aside from Lewis and Clark, I did not know any of this mapping history prior to the wagon train era to Oregon.

Traits of American Indian Life and Character – attributed to Peter Ogden, 1853 (Dover Reprint) – Having read the fur trapper era from the American viewpoint (Jedediah Smith), I found this British viewpoint. Utah named Ogden after the author although he was not a Mormon and worked for Hudson's Bay Company. His presentation of the Indians (hostile Blackfeet, friendly Flatheads) honestly portrayed privation and violence of the Northwest to dissuade further migration of Americans into British trading areas.

Despite this blatant propaganda, the 16 vignettes made a riveting picture of the Northwest tribes of the 1830's. The Robert Redford 1972 movie *Jeremiah Johnson* offered the same view. The Blackfeet treated all others (Whites and Indians) as trespassers to justify stealing horses and murder. Their message to all: “Stay out of Montana and Idaho!”

Views of a Vanishing Frontier – John Ewers, et al (1984, Out of Print) – Catalog of exhibit at the San Francisco deYoung Museum in 1984. This 150th anniversary tour followed the 1832-1834 trip up the Missouri River to middle of Montana by German naturalist Prince Maximilian of Wied and phenomenal Swiss water colorist Karl Bodmer. These materials were all but lost in the Wied archives until rediscovered after WWII. This two-year travelogue and paintings of several pre-Gold-Rush Indian cultures of the upper plains resides at the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha. Worth finding a used copy.

Tocqueville and the American Experiment, William Cook (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) – The American distinctive traits observed by a traveler from France 1835 and 1840



Tales of Conflict: Indian-White Murders and Massacres in Pioneer British Columbia – Bruce McKelvie, 1949, Heritage House, British Columbia. Shatters image of the 'noble savage'. Both cultures had savages. The noble ones, both White and Indian, suffered. Our American wild west was tamed by comparison.

It Happened on the Oregon Trail - Tricia Wagner. Many accounts edited from diaries 1828 through 1906. This came from my visit to the Trails Museum in Independence.

1839 Wagon Train Journal Travels ... -Thomas J Farnham, 1843, 1983 reprint, Northwest Interpretive Association, Oregon. Farnham hired by New York Tribune Horace Greeley. Pre-gold-rush view of Indians (He was upbeat about quiet tribes he lived with but negative about raiding tribes), missionaries (especially the Whitman Mission with Dr. Whitman as the only honest white man he met), and other travelers.

Lane County Kid's Book: Stories to 1900 – Cheryl Wallin (1982) – Aimed at third-graders, I enjoyed the capsule summaries for this Oregon area where I grew up (Florence, Mapleton, Lorane, Eugene) with fun extracts from teenage pioneer journals.

The Shirley Letters from the California Mines 1851-1852 – Dame Shirley, The Pioneer magazine, 1854-1855 (Ballantine 1971 Reprint: Intro by Wheat 1949; and Smith 1997 Reprint: Intro by Oglesby) – Shirley wrote from a crude cabin for 14 months on the Feather River diggings (near Marysville).

Her in-person letters are the sole eyewitness accounts of that boom-through-bust year. Bret Harte borrowed her themes for his tales in 1870. The 1949 brief notes by Wheat link each specific, affable, and unfiltered letter to its historic setting.

Bartlett's West: Drawing Mexican Boundary – Robert Hine, 1968, Yale Univ Press, 155pg – Boundary survey team in New Mexico (1850-1853) led by civilian Commissioner Bartlett with unvarnished view of political meddling, ill-defined authority, backstabbing military vs civilian control, Apache depredations, typhoid, ... all made mute by the Gadsden Purchase. In spite of conflicts and disease, team artists made wonderful sketches and watercolors of this desolate area prior to portable cameras. Author compares to 1832-34 Karl Bodmer artistry (See *Views of a Vanishing Frontier*)

James Barker 1856-1858 Diary: From Texas to Oregon in a Covered Wagon – Prepared by Frank Barker (grandson), 1979, [Lompoc Valley Historical Society](#), 35 pages – A rare find. Extreme south route from Fort Worth [I-20] to El Paso [I-10] through Yuma [I-8] (five to twenty desert miles a day). Uses 1856 spelling. – This is my first wagon train diary from a preacher. It contains brief cultural insights four years before the Civil War.

He was a 50-year-old Methodist among irreligious train of 50 families that ignored Sundays. At El Paso, the train voted him as manager. While the worst became more so, even his own devotion waned. Regardless, he read the entire Bible each year. His large family scattered among Gold Rush settlers. He settled briefly in Los Angeles ([1857 Fort Tejon Earthquake](#) [largest ever in US at 7.9, I visited there in April], rented farm: barley failure). He then took his wagon north [I-5], observing [220] miles of ruptured fault [15 feet displacement] to Roseburg where he died two years later. His adult children regathered south to Lompoc and hence became part of that pioneer community.

True Tales of the Old West – Charles Convis – The author compiled one to three page biographic sketches into thirty occupational low-cost titles. The subtitle states “*Fascinating stories of the little known and little-known stories about the famous.*” Each enjoyable story ends with its book title source. I concluded that most Americans today would not survive the privations or dangers. These stories fill gaps in schoolbooks focused upon bad white men breaking treaties but which ignore ruthless tribes who ravaged other tribes. Both evils caused outsized grief to decent white men and peaceable tribes. Some army officers protected Indians and terrible officers only saw an enemy. There were both humane and deceitful Indian Agents. Some honorable men like trader Jesse Chisholm (half Cherokee) and tribes sought peaceful solutions.

- *Courts and Lawyers of the Frontier* – 2002 – Twenty-five wild west courts
- *Doctors of the Old West* – 2005 – Twenty doctors under difficult conditions
- *Old West Merchants* – 2005 – Twenty risk-takers. Some failed. Some did well.
- *Teamsters, Packers, Bullwhackers* – 2003 – Nineteen freighters. Not easy life.
- *Women of the Frontier Army* – 2004 – Sixteen amazing military wives

Churches of El Dorado County: 1850-1940 – Will Upton, 1940 (Old Hangtown Press) – El Dorado (mining towns east of Sacramento) began in 1849 with both prospectors and preachers arriving together. The gamblers and saloonkeepers were the most generous in funding churches. In these boom-and-bust towns, surviving churches either shared space or combined. Men treated women prior to 1920’s hedonism with upmost respect, even in a town with 28 saloons. Gallantry and chivalry ruled their 1800’s day [p.45-46].

Recollections of a Handcart Pioneer of 1860 – Mary Hafen (1938, 2004 Reprint) – She recounts hardscrabble life after emigrating from Switzerland as a child arriving before the railroad to extreme southwest corner of Utah until the 1930s. While she fully endorsed LDS (Mormon) community, she portrays the woman’s frontier life sharing a husband with three other families. Each wife had her own house and acreage turning desert sand and gravel into fields. Only a tight Mormon support network barely prevented desolate outposts from early starvation (several times).

Civil War

Uncle Tom's Cabin – Harriet Beecher Stowe (Classics Illustrated (CI) version) – Part of my Civil War readings, I love how CI used comic book renditions. The CI essays are always spot on. The essay author explained the cultural markers that made this novel a runaway best-seller in 1850.

Civil War Curiosities – Webb Garrison (1994, 281p) – The author collected odd data that missed being ‘important enough’. The book is addictive until raw carnage data sinks in by the last 50 pages. Antiquated methods against new technology yielded 7000 Union men dead or maimed in 8 minutes in the Cold Harbor battle (or 15 hits every second). Emancipation was anathema to Union generals and even by Lincoln during the first two years. It later became a war measure against the South. Northern slaves were not freed. From his election, the South hated President Lincoln as much as the Left hated President Trump. The North was not gracious either, treating him as an uncouth backwards ape.

California and the Civil War - Richard Hurley (2017, 175p) - This highly readable tourist book explores politics and personalities due to the physical isolation of California. We almost became our own country. Our morals were barely out of the Stone Age. Example 1: We fought over limited resources (gold, land, water) across tribal lines: Indians vs Indians, northerner vs southerner, Whites vs Indians, Mexicans vs Whites, Indians vs Mexicans, and Mormons vs US Army. California soldiers killed Indian raiders (over land, food, and water). A key person (regardless of side) could be both a bright light and ruthless. It helped that I knew some about pre-war Western US history and southwestern Indians. Example 2: California was to become a slave State! Southern Democrats owned L.A. and Northern Democrats owned S.F. Bay. Lincoln got only 40% of the California vote. Given the imminent war, northern Democrats (pro-slavery but pro-Union, who did not like slaves competing with them in gold mining) joined with the brand new Republican party to vote for the Union. After the war, this marriage of convenience broke up. The pro-slavery Democrats (both Northern and Southern) retook the entire State government.

Forgotten Heroes: The Story of the Buffalo Soldiers – Clinton Cox, 1993 – Sold to youth, but is at adult level. The movie *Buffalo Soldiers* (1997) used this material.

“The only way I could write this book was... to show that men do strange things to survive. If not always commendable, I think they can at least be understood.”

Gettysburg: The Final Fury – Bruce Catton – This summary of prelude, battle, and aftermath (with field drawings and maps) emphasizes driven personalities of Generals in battle decisions.

Civil War Parks: The Story behind the Scenery – William Davis, 2002 – I bought this book during my 2002 visit to the Manassas National Battlefield. He briefly covered each battle describing the war significance for each side, listed key leaders, and told how the ravaged area became part of the National Park Service.

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Up From Slavery, Booker T Washington, 1901, 1995 Dover reprint, 166pg – Purchased at Lincoln Memorial in 2002 but finally read in 2023 for tour of Virginia plantation of his boyhood slavery and his freedom after the Civil War. Both Appomattox Courthouse NHP and Booker T Washington Memorial provided context of the predicament of former slaves. He addresses problems and solutions from the late 1800's that applies today. He describes new educational principles of Hampton Institute in Virginia and the subsequent start-up of his Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. This book gives the early Tuskegee history for understanding the 1995 film *The Tuskegee Airmen*.

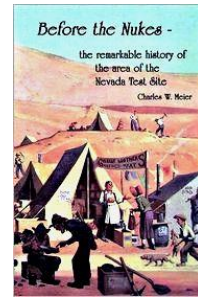
Post-Civil War West

Depot – Alan Frank (2019) – 150 anniversary of train arrival to Livermore valley. He describes the depot building construction, death, and rebirth for passenger service.

Parallel Paths: A Railroad History of Livermore – Alan Frank, 2022 (202 pages) – While Livermore-specific with old-time business and street names, this book includes an inside history of the railroads that could describe many western towns during the drive(s) to build (and control) six railways to the Pacific Coast. This book created a town microcosm which helped me understand the national struggles in *Nothing Like It In The World* (Stephen Ambrose) and *The Big Four* (Oscar Lewis).

Fred Harvey: Creator of Western Hospitality – William Armstrong – Brief booklet covers highlights of the Harvey Empire. It is a rag to riches story done the honest way, and explains how emphasis on standardization made for a reliable trail instead of a trial.

Before the Nukes – Remarkable History of the Nevada Test Site – Charles Meier, 2006 - I sought to finagle a free flight to Mercury, Nevada on the LLNL commuter plane. That never happened. This book records the history of early desert Indians, wayward wagon trains, and determined miners. (See *Origins of the Nevada Test Site*)



Stagecoaching on the California Coast: The Coast Line Stage from Los Angeles to San Juan [Bautista] – Maury Hoag, 2001 – Travel from Los Angeles through the many stage stops between the eras of steamships and railroads. Watch out for bandits!

Best of Virginia City and the Comstock – Len Ettinger, 1995 – Local lore reviews the 1000 mines and power-struggles by a geologist-lawyer. The summary visualized the difficulties underground (170-degree hot water, etc.). The crooked lawyering, banking (loans at 5% per month ... 60% annually!), and power-mad greed among the four “Silver Kings” helped explain the resulting foreclosure theft, consolidation, and undermining (literally) of the competition. Len overlooked George Hearst who struck it rich here.

Phoebe Apperson Hearst – The Pleasanton Years – Denise Howe, undated monograph. [and] *Golden Days of San Simeon* – Ken Murray, 1995 – I bought this book on my 2001 tour of Hearst Castle. In 2015, our Pleasanton museum hosted the current 30-year San Simeon historian. Her talk linked threads with Phoebe Hearst who lived on 500 acres in our hills and the family sources of wealth. More research showed George Hearst struck it rich at the Comstock Lode and later discovered the huge Anaconda copper mine. He became a significant landowner in coastal California. When he became US senator, Phoebe actively preserved history and that explained a paving stone with her name engraved at the wharf of Mount Vernon. She heavily supported UC Berkeley including being a UC regent for 20 years. Their one son William dropped out of Harvard to launch

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a media empire. When Phoebe died and the Pleasanton property sold, William built his coastal art museum/castle (and furnishing the four family mansions near Mt. Shasta).

Wild Muir: Twenty-Two of John Muir's Greatest Adventures – Selected by Muir re-enactor, Lee Stetson, 1994 - Most of Muir's works are academic, but these recollections thoroughly entertain! Regardless of his Sierra Club, Muir was popular due to his visual descriptions of nature. He had superior physical endurance and a driven ability to explore new territory with privation (hardtack bread and tea ... if any remained).

H.A. Coal Mine – Assembled by Dan Mosier (1992) – Booklet chronicles promising H.A. Coal Mine in Hayward in competition with our local Livermore coal mine. Author assembled reports from local newspapers 1873 through 1875. The mine poked into a water trap that flooded it days just prior to full-scale mining. Apparently, the quality coal (\$24/ton in 1875, not the \$14/ton local lignite) did not justify drainage costs. Miners were paid \$2/day with stock options. The price for digging went from \$6 to \$10 per foot in depth, which included timbering and redwood planking of the shaft. My New Mexico Tech mining peers would find this booklet describing many a freshly hopeful mine.

Geronimo – Mark Gardener (WNPA, 2006) – This brief tourist biography describes last Apache war leader and nothing about the amazing Gatewood. See instead *Gatewood and Geronimo* (UNM, 2000) and excellent movie *Geronimo: An American Legend* (1994).

Kingdom of Hawaii

Mark Twain in Hawaii, Roughing it in the Sandwich Islands - Samuel Clemens - This has a lengthy historical foreword and delightfully visualizes the islands in 1866. He rarely had kind words for missionaries, but wrote first-hand accounts of the positive impact of Christianity as compared to the unrestrained hedonism of the earlier Yankee whalers.

Brief History of Hawaii, George Armitage – He wrote, “*An attempt to pack Hawaii history into 8000 words ... abbreviation with a vengeance.*” It was.

Hawaii: Truth Stranger than Fiction – LaRue Piercy, 1985 – Missionary eyewitness accounts from which James Michener created his novel ***Hawaii***. Michener was no fan of the strict Congregationalist New England Puritans. Yet, while he cherry-picked negative data, he accurately merged real events from several missionaries on the islands. Piercy tells the rest as the historian for the 1800’s Mokuaukaia Church in Kailua-Kona.

Piercy affirms the clash between the poly-everything Polynesians and the mono-everything Puritans, who had an intense drive to convert the natives into cold-weather gentry before the unclad anything-goes Hawaiians had faith to leave off serving Pele’. Michener and Mark Twain thus portrayed it as an exchange for one myth (Pele’) for another (Jesus).

Remarkably, competent native believers and children of missionaries built a vibrant network of churches that offset deals struck between whaling ship captains and the early chiefs. Those included prostituting their overly willing daughters and creating distilled spirits that earned awards in Paris.

1900's

New Century

San Francisco's Golden Era – Lucius Beebe and Charles Clegg (1960)
– A photo book describing the King Solomon type gold-saturated wealth flowing prior to the 1906 earthquake and fire. The mine owners, banks, and entrepreneurs simply could not spend their money fast enough. The earthquake terminated such lavish lifestyles in a week.



“Recurrent almost continuous bonanzas [California gold, Virginia City silver, Yukon gold] permitted money from the top of the pile to filter down to the lower strata to a degree almost unbelievable. The nabobs were simply rolling it in.”

Old Valley Tales – William Trimmingham, Editor, 2001 – This delightful booklet from Pleasanton Museum on Main collects stories from elderly children of the Trimmingham and Detjens pioneers to the Sunol-Livermore area. They watched San Francisco burn from Sunol ridge after the 1906 earthquake. Bandits, colorful characters, riding steam trains through Niles Canyon to high school in Oakland, arrival of gas vehicles, wealthy Hearst cousins as neighbors, youth who wired a private telegraph to the railroad stationmaster, first homemade radio, and a horse who solved a crime.

Before BART: Electric Railroads Link Contra Costa County – Beverly Lane (2012) – Describes commuting using local area electric Interurban railways from 1900 to 1957 prior to highways and trucks. It seems attractive versus our current clogged roads.

Dunsmuir – Deborah Harton and Ron McCloud (Arcadia Publishing) – Hundreds of local historical societies document their towns with Arcadia photobooks. This one summarizes the passenger railroad rise and decline within the whole Mount Shasta pioneer corridor between California and Oregon. This is a must-have book for California railroad fans

Listening to the Rumrunners – David Mowry, Center for Cryptologic History, undated booklet (34p) – The author described incremental creation of interagency radio traffic interception for enforcing the 18th Amendment of 1919. A small team within the Coast Guard initiated the efforts and a most talented code breaker, Mrs. Friedman, translated gang-syndicate transmissions. The working out of tools and management during Prohibition prepared the coalesced team for WWII.

Great Depression

We Had Everything But Money – Deb Mulvey/ Clancy Strock; Editors, 1992 – This sampler of Great Depression memories from the 1930s in the United States sorted hundreds of memories into ten topics, gave an introduction for each topic, and added photos. I wondered how to survive if the banks closed again. How would entire cities adjust without jobs, gas, stores, groceries, credit, cash, and on-line shopping? The captivating personal stories confirmed the ‘wear it out, fix it, make do’ feelings that my father-in-law described in his memoirs.

Lindbergh Alone, Brendan Gill, 1977, 216pg – Retrospective biography of Charles Lindbergh early life leading to his Air Mail years, his May 1927 solo flight to Paris, and the calamitous aftermath as he established early passenger aviation. The author (a journalist) lets us see the private Lindbergh within his intentional isolated life away from the hounding media, using private letters, photos, and diaries, in tandem with quotes from Lindbergh’s autobiographies. The book closes with his involvement in early rocketry where he became aware of, arranged funding for, and became friends with unknown professor and experimenter, Robert Goddard.

Harvest Gypsies – John Steinbeck, 1936 (Reprint: Wollenberg, 1988, Heyday) – In-person articles written for San Francisco News which fed into his novel *The Grapes of Wrath*. Unlike homeless due to mental illness or addictions, these articles reflect how proud farmers uprooted by drought degraded within six months into a numbed peon class literally starving against 500,000 other migrants for \$300/year wages ... if they had gas to drive to the fields. It presents fourteen pages of photos by famous photographer Dorothea Lange. My father-in-law illegally rode the freight trains looking for work in 1934 and turned back in Arizona since the California border was closed.

Straight on till Morning: Life of Beryl Markham, Mary Lovell, 1987, 2011 reprint, 421pg – Researched biography of a jungle pilot and Derby-level horse trainer with a penchant for bed hopping among British gentry. This page-turner fills gaps in Beryl's *West with the Night* (1942) and continues through 1986 as a top horse trainer. She was a horse whisperer, fearless with animals, flew 1930’s airplanes, spoke four African languages, but severely lacked moral, social, and fiscal responsibility. The book covers some pioneer interaction of Europeans with Africans, and her early civilian airplanes. *Out of Africa* by Karen Blixen (1938, 1984 reprint) provides more background. Beryl bedded Karen’s pilot lover after a split. Author interviewed Beryl for six weeks, just before she died. The 1991 film *Shadow on the Sun* (James Fox 3hrs) portrays this adventurous and deeply flawed horsewoman/pilot.

Tree Army – Stan Cohen (1980, 1993, 2005 reprint) – This photo history of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), 1933-1942 gives a significant summary. In the frozen economy, President Roosevelt created military-run training for 3 MILLION unskilled men age 18-25 in over 4500 camps. It cost \$3 BILLION (\$300B in 2019 dollars). This averaged \$1000 per man for infrastructure and their labor (12 cents an hour, not a living wage of course). They enlisted for six-month terms for up to two years. Of their \$30/month income, the CCC sent \$25 to their family. They focused on soil conservation,

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forestry, and roadbuilding. For the last two years, the CCC became more like army construction battalions. It still took WWII to retrain our nation for handle non-agricultural work and unfreeze the economy.

World War II – With Germany

Graf Spee: Life and Death of a Raider, Dudley Pope, 1956, 246pg – Edge of seat, cat and mouse start of WWII as Germany disrupted commerce trade routes to England from pre-war 1936 to 1939 with a “pocket” battleship (a monster above treaty limits). This is the very last battle where warships moved under radio silence without radar, sonar, or long-range aircraft. The larger ships used spotter seaplanes hoisted on board but their ranges were limited. The book closes with a slugfest with three small English cruisers limping to defeat with their guns knocked out. Then, much to the surprise of the English, the Graf Spee ran to neutral Montevideo. The book alternates chapters between English and German commands, letting the reader know the score while both sides remained in the dark. Use a world map to track the first attacks and subsequent hunt.

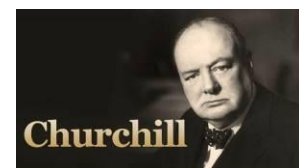
IBM and the Holocaust - Edwin Black (Audio) – This edge-of-the-seat book describes how Germans assembled Jewish identities using IBM tabulating equipment. The account shows how close we could adapt commercialized engineering for future evil. Revelations says that the people willingly took the mark of the beast on their right hand and that none could buy or sell without the mark. Imagine the consumer appeal of veterinary identity chips used as imbedded credit cards for humans: wireless, always available, not subject to theft or fraud. Consider identity database management and identity chip applications.

History of Hitler’s Empire, 2nd Edition - Thomas Childers (audio, TheGreatCourses.com)



Resistance during the Holocaust – US Holocaust Memorial Museum (52 pages, undated) - This describes how the targeted population was nearly starved when they finally believed the ghastly news about the extermination camps. The ten percent of escapees who avoided recapture joined communist brigades in forests, but still felt unwelcome.

Churchill, J. Rufus Fears (audio, TheGreatCourses.com)



Violins of Hope, James Grymes, 2014, First edition, 320pg – Author finds Jewish-played violins that barely survived the Holocaust and their dedicated restorer. He then investigated those evil years through the eyes of just seven Jewish symphonic violinists (one chapter each) who delayed their immediate demise by playing daily in the death camp orchestras. Many know the most infamous German and Polish camps, but I never knew the devastation faced under Nazi-inspired Norwegian, Romanian, and Ukrainian confiscation, torture, and starvation of their own Jewish citizens.

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The Livermore Amador Symphony played a dozen such violins (with repairer's adult son at hand) in February 2023. Several violins were in museum cases with the son answering questions. Yet, the museum video clips did not prepare me for this fast-paced researched book. It took me by surprise despite my knowledge of the WWII camps. It made what I heard at the concert palpable versus staying distant with the common but faceless macro data. A must-read.

German Generals Talk –Liddell Hart (1948, 1979 reprint) – Remarkable views of WWII by the Wehrmacht Army Generals (not the SS). He interviewed these captured Generals and focused upon their battle decisions. While written so soon after 1945, they said nothing about the Holocaust. This affirms that Hitler, who distrusted these older Generals, deftly kept them busy with the war itself. Hitler's inner circle had no strategic war skills. His brilliant early tactical efforts left the older Generals without wiggle room about his later bad decisions. I often wondered why their resistance lost traction. Hart explained that their soldiers fully lived the Reich even as did teenagers. One surprise: The day after the attempt to kill Hitler, one General jailed all SS forces in Paris. Oops!

Copenhagen Papers – Michael Frayn and David Burke (2000) – A sophomoric prank of an actor fully spoofing his playwright about a true episode of German nuclear physicists held in a mansion in England after WWII upon which Frayn had produced a thoughtful historical play about Allied Niels Bohr meeting Nazi Werner Heisenberg in Copenhagen. My atheist mother-in-law sent this book in hopes that I would see the parallels of my implausible belief in God or rethink my role at a nuclear weapons laboratory. Just how far could actor Burke yank Frayn's chain?

While not a religious book, just how far are we gullible in belief in God? Some believe because "The Bible Says So" but Judeo-Christian faith is not blind, unreasonable, nor uninformed. Sufficient evidence exists for those who seek (Hebrews 11:6).

From Adolf Hitler to Jesus Christ – Helmut Schmitz, 1976 (Second edition) – My Bible students Rex and Mary Alice Richardson gave me this book. Both Helmut (German) and Rex (American) received wounds in WWII. While physically recovered, both had to survive the war mentally through faith in Jesus. This book deeply resonated with Rex.

My Best WWII Souvenir – Mitsuo Sakamoto (1995, signed copy) – A delightful mixture of lifetime marriage and a Sgt. Bilko type military career (1943-1963). He served as a Japanese-American from Hawaii in the much-decorated 442nd Regiment. He re-enlisted often to be near and eventually marry in 1952 his German sweetheart, finally retiring in Hawaii. He waited 50 years to write of those army years. His gives many vignettes with photos about specific Japanese-American soldier friends in Germany, which I count as the more significant, but unintended, historical narrative during the Cold War years.

World War II – With Japan

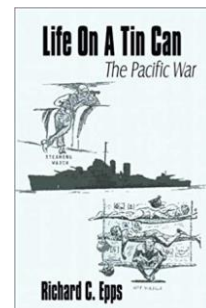
Attack on Pearl Harbor: A Pictorial History – Stan Cohen (50th Anniversary Edition) – This heavy photo-essay book covers all the Oahu bases, not just Pearl Harbor alone. While sufficiently informative, it lacked an index and some uncommon photos beg for detail. The editor missed one groaner caption for a plane hulk engulfed in flames on the tarmac, “*This view was probably taken sometime after the attack.*”

Enemy on Island: Issue in Doubt – Stan Cohen (1983, 2009 reprint) – This photo history covers the fall of Wake Island the same month as the Pearl Harbor attack in WWII. We built up this small useless waterless exposed coral atoll to defend access to Hawaii. Japan bombed it back to sand and shipped 1200 prisoners to China (nearly all were civilian workers). Japan repaired the runway with 98 civilian prisoners as heavy equipment operators (whom they later executed). We bombed it back to sand and rebuilt the whole atoll to refuel transoceanic flights through 1970. Half the book follows the civilian prisoners during their 4-year plight as slave labor in China finally arriving to work in Japan’s coalmines. Battle maps, sobering photos, and prison pencil sketches.

Town Like Alice, five hour 1980 mini-series adaptation of the novel – I give this period piece of two decades a rare thumbs-up for video. It follows a man and a woman (love interest) from the invasion of Malaysia by Japan, their chance meeting and unusual roles as POWs (Part 1), and ten years later, their follow-up in the outback of Australia (Part 2, Alice is an isolated town). Where is God when you are a POW and life is bordering on the impossible? How does injustice to POWs affect common soldier guards?

Clear the Bridge! The War Patrols of the USS Tang – Richard O’Kane (1977; 2003 Reprint) – Rear Admiral O’Kane (1911-1994) tells the short life of his new submarine launched from our local Mare Island Naval Ship Yard on 12/7/1943, on patrol in January and sunk by its own last torpedo in October. U-Boats were the bane of our risky supply ship convoys to England. I relished stories of hunting those hunters. In the Pacific, total war made our hunters into heroes, where the rules were sink or be sunk. Of course, the Japanese Imperial Navy loathed our subs as much as we despised the U-boats. His jargon impeded his action-packed narrative. The vital maps helped explain the story line but I wanted translations of the many Japanese geographical terms.

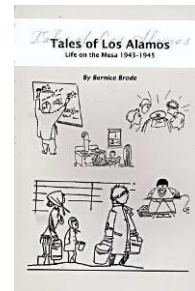
Life on a Tin Can: The Pacific War - Richard Epps (2002) - Fast paced local sailor's memoir on a Destroyer (a ‘Tin Can’) from Pearl Harbor to VJ Day. I read the official battles in school, but never the up-close view of a Blue Jacket radar man watching the attacks and counter attacks from a Radar Picket ship. Describes development of radar from its infancy in 1941 (a bedspring antenna) to advance radars by 1945.



World War II - Homefront

Molly's World in 1944 (An American Girl Series) – This female view of our countrywide move to war life explored the child's side of the story.

Tales of Los Alamos - Life on the Mesa 1943-1945, Bernice Brode, 1997, Los Alamos Historical Society - A lively unvarnished first-hand account from her personal papers.



Dublin and the Tri-Valley: The WWII Years – Steven Minniear and Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold (2014) –Arcadia photobook documents short-lived but largest naval installation on our west coast. I knew this dry land base once existed, but I had no idea of the scope. Our open flat grasslands east of San Francisco Bay enabled four huge but temporary Navy bases. Dublin hosted a Seabees training base, a Navy embarkation and receiving center (processing up to 2200 inbound and deploying 2500 sailors **per day** in 1944), a 3000-bed hospital, and Naval Air Station (in Livermore). They left the rapidly built wooden buildings unpainted. After auctions of dismantled buildings in 1946, the Air Force, Army, Federal Prisons, and Department of Energy rebuilt upon the properties.

Post-World War II

sound of mountain water: The Changing American West - Wallace Stegner, 1980 – His best magazine articles 1946-1968 in two parts. (1) Road trips in the Southwest 1946-1952 with footnotes about each area in 1980, focused upon how water resources affects the ambiance. (2) The art of writing history of the American West 1950-1968 with three analysis of authors (Bret Harte, Willa Cather, Bernard DeVoto). Part 1 fascinated me whereas Part 2 appeals to cultural issues, to wit:

“No one ... would deny to any writer materials and methods he finds compelling, yet I am pretty sure that some part of our most advertised recent fiction is sick, out of its mind, and out of the moral world, worshipful of Moloch, in love with decay and death. Another part is simply the corrupt answer to a corrupt demand, which is in turn cynically promoted”. – As a **liberal** in 1964, page 180

“... believing with Milton that "a good book is the precious lifeblood of a master sprit, embalmed and treasured up to a life beyond life"; we find ourselves living through a period, which seems to value very little either traditional knowledge, wisdom, and eloquence. ... And so it strikes me that to erect a great library is an act of stubborn and sassy faith. This is not the great age of books. ... A rather small percentage read books, and many of those who do read, read non-books, or treat real books as if they were non-books.” – ... in **1968**, page 276-277

Origins of the Nevada Test Site –Fehner/Gosling, 2000, US DOE – This 50th anniversary book is a readable non-technical history of the former atomic test site. While it mostly interests workers from DOE facilities and laboratories, it has a good background history as to why we had an atomic testing range at all. I never finagled a free seat for a tour on the weekly flight during LLNL tests in the 1970s. (See *Before the Nukes*)



Blessed Assurance - At Home with the Bomb in Amarillo Texas - A.G.Mojtabai,1986 (University of New Mexico Press) - Revealing journalist observations of the DOE Pantex Plant, Christians living in Amarillo, the juxtaposition of faith and weapons, superb summarization of 'end-times' Christian theology. Out of print but worth finding a copy.

Last Man on The Moon - Gene Cernan - The Gemini/Apollo race to the moon, read by that same last astronaut, was an edge-of-seat audio book. Not a book about Christianity per se but a clarion call for quality workmanship and teamwork under duress ... and yes, engineers prayed.

Best of Orrock- Ray Orrock, 1990, Self-Published, Out of Print – Humor columnist in the East San Francisco Bay with local-color skewed observations 1972 through 1985. Best stories: “A Letter I Never Wrote” (1977, compliment your heroes before they die), and “Mark and the Togo Sandwich” (1979, young teen son in bleachers with a very Sloppy Joe sandwich). www.rayorrock.com

Introduction to his “*Let there be Light*” (1978):

“I heard from several who confessed to love affairs with cars, old clunkers, especially old clunkers. When the final breakdown came, several admitted that they had watched Ol’ Betsy towed off to the salvage yard with tears in their eyes. One man confessed that it was all he could do to keep from [heaving] his body across the hood, sobbing ‘No! No! Don’t go!’ ”

This is My America - It took me months to locate retired Canadian TV producer Douglas Hutton, who created a superior vinyl LP for the RCMP history (*Scarlett and Gold*, out of print). For his retirement, he made this tribute to U.S. history (ThisIsMyAmerica.com)

Mono Lake Guidebook, David Gaines, 1989, Fourth Ed., 104pg – This salt-laden landlocked lake is a crucial mid-point food source for massive bird migrations. He describes the conflict between the larger environmental need versus the myopic water-is-water mindset of Los Angeles. After devastating Owens Lake, Los Angeles built the aqueduct up the east side of Yosemite and began diverting water from Mono Lake to let it become a toxic lagoon. While not an activist, I value stewardship and wise use of nature. We must think holistically of our environment. Use the excess water to feed Los Angeles but do not take all of it!

- 9/2023 Update: The elevation of 6392 feet is the limit to prevent toxic alkali dust storms and to avoid the disastrous 1991 level of 6372 feet. It is now at 6383 feet.

Lighting The World: My Journey in Lighting at GE, Tom Soules, 2021, 142pg – This is a breezy first-person chemical-physicist narrative of the NELA Park for electrical lighting 1968-1993 and how LED technology escaped out the door to China. While LED and CFL are common consumer terms today, many science authors explain acronyms only the first time, meaning you will head to the valuable Index to decode CMH, HID, FEM, and HSH. Regardless, I will never again look at a humble fluorescent lightbulb in a blasé way. The author and his lab-rat peers illuminated the world for decades with the most amazing chemical and engineering science prior to LED lighting.

History of the U.S. Economy in 20th Century - Timothy Taylor, 1996 (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) – These lectures helps me avoid sound-bite solutions. He compared social metrics to how various actions affected those metrics. Some actions worked with delayed results and some harmed us. He defended and blamed all political parties and economists without falling prey himself to sound bites.



Archeology of the Atomic Bomb: The Sunken Fleet of Operation Crossroads at Bikini... - Delgado/ Lenihan/ Murphy, 1991, National Park Service – This before-and-after history describes two Pacific Island atomic tests on a fleet of warships in 1946. The NPS evaluated turning the area into a scuba park. The lagoon was undisturbed due to radiation. With half-life decay after 50 years, the water now safely protects tourists. With some boring technical sections, attention to historical detail makes this a rare composite of the sunken fleet and the decisions leading to the tests. The authors give a

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brief history of every ship including the intact USS Saratoga aircraft carrier. Twenty years later, the lagoon fleet became a World Heritage Site in 2010 for divers.

2000's

Cerro Grande: Canyons of Fire, Spirit of Community – Los Alamos National Lab, Alison Grieggs, Editor – This report narrates the devastating May-June 2000 forest fire and recovery. President Clinton declared it a disaster when the fire burned 350 families out of homes and 28% of Laboratory property. The writers filled this 188-page keepsake with pathos and wise policy commentary. I never wept over other government reports but this one tugged deeply at my heart.

California's Wild Edge: The Coast in Poetry, Prints, and History – Tom Killion, 2015 – This 190 page art/poetry book has stunning detailed carved wood-block prints for many ink changes for some images. There is counter-culture poetry weirdness. The artisan prints and historical narrative overshadows those weak spots. I saw original woodcut prints at a local museum where the color palette had jaw-dropping effervescent shades.

Killion quotes with biting irony Robert Hass about the 1924-33 work of Jeffers, saying his politics “*were deeply out of fashion, at least among people likely to read poems. The literary culture of the New Deal was predominantly liberal, socialist, and humanist. Jeffer’s self-reliance and isolation did not in practice differ from any wealthy Republican, Roosevelt-hating citizen of Carmel. Jeffers died [in 1962] just as his poetry was rediscovered by a new [e.g. liberal, socialist, humanist] generation in tune with his love of the natural world.*” (p.110).

History- World (Ancient to Current)

Ancient

Origins of Things – Jack Meinhardt, Editor (2002, BAS) – Sixteen fun historical romps describing concepts I assumed always existed.

Gilgamesh: A New Rendering in English Verse – David Ferry, 1992 – This Sumerian epic becomes accessible by adjusting scholarly translations from prose into iambic pentameter two-line couplets. The warrior is quite averse to dying. He meets a Noah-like person in his underworld quest for eternal life. The part that parallels Noah is a disappointing tiny portion near the end of King Gilgamesh's quest (2800 BC).

History of Ancient Egypt - Bob Brier (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) - These 48 lectures became increasingly compelling. For a topical area inundated with books, this series nicely wove together archeology, geography, experimental science, history, hieroglyphs, mummies (specialty), and crosschecking eyewitness accounts of ancient travelers. Since I was familiar with the archeology and described visuals, the audio option suited me.

Ancient Egyptians: A Popular Introduction, Jill Kamil (1976, 1988), 152 pages, American Univ of Cairo Press, Egypt – A easily readable summary about Egypt (First Dynasty to Roman Era) using categories: Land, Pre-Dynastic era, Government, Travel, Life, Work, Leisure, Current access.

Tales Mummies Tell – Patricia Lauber, 1985 - This youth book of photos enticed the nascent scientist and complemented the *History of Ancient Egypt*.

Between the Rivers - The History of Ancient Mesopotamia - Part I: The Rise of Civilization - Alexis Castor (audio, TheGreatCourses.com). My visit to the British Museum in London enhanced this overview from 6000 BC to Alexander the Great.

Famous Greeks – J. Rufus Fears, 2001 (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) – These 24 lectures follows Plutarch's *Lives* from the dawn of Greek City-States ending with Cleopatra. He points out things Westerners absorbed or ignored from the Greeks.

Peloponnesian War - Kenneth Hart (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) - Engrossing series bridged Persian and Greek empires (600-300BC) and key players.

Alpha to Omega - The Life and Times of the Greek Alphabet – Alexander and Nicholas Humez – The authors use Greek word stems that start with each letter as a jumping-off point to describe historical vignettes of Greece, often with a humorous side note.

Aeneid of Virgil - Elizabeth Vandiver (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) - This epic, and Homers' Iliad, were known by heart to Romans but had put me to sleep. These lectures made the epic poem accessible in context of history.



Mysteries of the Ancient World – Toni Eugene, 2005 – This National Geographic photo book, with readable text, samples six ancient sites (Stonehenge, Mounds of America, Terra Cotta Army of China, Peru Nasca Lines, Easter Island, Great Zimbabwe)

Lost Worlds of South America - Edwin Barnhart (TheGreatCourses.com, 2012) – The key phrase throughout these lectures is “the fanged deity”. This master creator takes on the form of a leopard with a penchant for chopping off heads. The lectures covers the earliest western coast civilizations up to the Inca Empire, the Spanish conquest, and ends discussing modern descendants (mostly Quechua). His geographic region focuses upon gold/silver bearing Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and the Amazon headlands in western Brazil.

Ancient Civilizations of North America - Edwin Barnhart (TheGreatCourses.com, 2018) – He gives background data for my circle trips exploring Southwest Pueblo archeology. Sites visited in my several trips over 30 years included New Mexico (El Malpais, El Morro, Petroglyph, Socorro, Gran Quivira, Abó, Quarai, Bandelier, Tsankawi, Chaco, and Aztec), north to Mesa Verde, and south to Arizona (Canyon de Chelly and Window Rock). If you road trip to these significant Pueblo ruins, take these audio lectures along.

Archeology: Introduction of World's Greatest Sites – Eric Cline, 2016 (audio, Great Courses.com) – This National Geographic archeologist (30 seasons of fieldwork) tours most world regions; containing many sites he visited or dug. He explains methods and tools. The 24 lectures come with a 175-page text with a B&W stock photo of each site.

Halley's Bible Handbook – The constantly re-issued classic reflects the state of 1950's archeology and capsulized summary of all the sections of the Bible. A must-have even if archeology has greatly expanded our evidences for faith in the past 70 years.

Temples that Jerusalem Forgot - Ernest Martin. In this 485-page broadside against Temple Mount archeology, the author repetitively says it was the Tenth Legion's army headquarters. It was outside the early city, the only edifice left standing, Jerusalem was literally plowed for treasure, pre-Islamic era Jews claimed the Temple was south, and early Muslims treated the 'Rock' as a Christian (not Jewish) site (they bowed to Mecca with their backs to the 'Rock'). Most archeologists disagree with this author.

Roman Empire (27BC–AD476, A Study in Survival) – Chester Starr, 1982 – I was unwilling to read six volumes of *History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* by Edward Gibbon or eleven volumes of *Story of Civilization* by Will Durant. Starr summarized the Empire into broad topical areas for the casual reader. Gibbon blamed Christianity for dampening Roman martial verve. Instead, Starr emphasized decay of the army into tribal mercenaries, decentralization to an independent aristocracy, the loss of urban organization, and loss of institutional Christianity (England from 400-600AD).

Rome (Rise and Fall of an Empire) – Philip Wilkinson, 2010 (2011 Imprint) – This 64 page coffee table book is for a visual person. I valued the computerized imagery, cutaway drawings, and numerous foldout pages.

History of England, Volume 1, Earliest Times to the Reformation - G. M. Trevelyan, 1926 – I liked the interaction of Christianity amongst numerous marauding hordes of invaders that frequently slashed and burned across England prior to Tudor times. This readable report corroborates Andrew Gray’s 1897 book ***Origin and Early History of Christianity in Britain*** by painting the political picture that drove the faith migrations.

My American public schools did not teach this specific history. To summarize, when the Romans left, the invading pagan Saxons pushed the Britons into Wales. The subsequent violent pagan Danes then pushed the Saxons west. Some Christians, who had no love lost for savage Saxons, migrated to Ireland, and a century later traversed back to northern Scotland. Moving south, they began sending missionaries (finally) to the enslaved Saxons in the mid-east England. Through superior organization of Roman Catholics, the Normans ruthlessly suppressed carefree Briton Christianity, whom retreated with their newly converted Saxon allies into the hills of Scotland. The rest, they say, is history.

Untold Story of Ireland's Heroic Role from the Fall of Rome to the Rise of Medieval Europe -Thomas Cahill - This fast read focused on the history of Rome of Augustine’s day for half the book and painted how much civilization was lost with the fall of Rome. The literate Irish monks were copiers. They copied a book while reading it and passed along both. They retained ancient texts while the continental libraries burned.

Vikings (790–1066AD) – Kenneth Harl (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) – These 36 lectures looked at the Viking/Scandinavian view from the decline of the Roman Empire to the Early Middle Ages. The Viking interacted with Islamic slave buyers, Charlemagne, and Byzantium. The Slavs captured for the Muslims became the source word for ‘slave’. The slash-pillage-and-burn narrative across England settles down eventually to Danish rule prior to the Norman Conquest. The Normans were a prior set of Viking Sea Kings (Norse Land). The conversion (and reticence) to continental Christianity addressed how local church/state unions enabled Scandinavian kingdoms.



Middle Ages



Middle Ages, A three-course series by Philip Daileader (audio, TheGreatCourses.com)

Early Middle Ages - 300AD to 1000AD

High Middle Ages - 1000AD to 1300AD

Late Middle Ages - 1300AD to 1600AD

Life and Writings of Geoffrey Chaucer - Seth Lerer (audio, TheGreatCourses.com)



Other 1492: Isabella and Ferdinand – Teofilo Ruiz, UCLA (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) - These 12 lectures discussed the initial population and monarchy in Castile before the larger area became formally “Spanish”. He explained the layered Jewish situations prior to their (partial) expulsion. Since Portugal gained sea access to India, he refuted the myth that seafaring nations treated the world as flat. They navigated down the African coast. Columbus already sailed that same coast “over the horizon”. Isabella did not sell her jewels to finance his trip.

Modern

Men-Of-War: Life in Nelson's Navy, Patrick O'Brian, 1974, 95pg – This non-fiction youth book (for adults) gives background shipboard details for his 21 historical novels of the 1760-1820 British fleet (and helps explain parts of the 2003 film *Master and Commander*.)

Travels with a Donkey in the Cevennes – Robert Louis Stevenson, 1878 (Audio) – This is his travel diary in a mountainous rural France that experienced the Catholic-Protestant wars leaving some villages Catholic (mostly) and some Protestant (mostly). His troublesome pack donkey almost hides the fascinating religious commentary.

World War I: "The Great War" - Vejas Liulevicius, 2006 (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) – Motivated by the national WWI Museum in Kansas City, these lectures helped explain museum material (and the grist for C.S. Lewis' postwar period of absolute atheism). These 36 lectures methodically describe the war. He depicts pre-war years and examines the three regional warfronts. He discusses war objectives; industrialized warfare; and the suffering of soldiers, prisoners, and home front civilians. He examines the Armenian massacres, the Communist revolution, and aftershocks worldwide.

Mad Trapper of Rat River – Dick North (2005 reprint of 1972 book) – Strange 1931-1932 Canadian manhunt in the frozen Yukon. This book documents the story behind a song called "Rat River Trapper". The song used a sing-able bouncy tune on the 150th anniversary vinyl LP about the RCMP in 1974 (Douglas Hutton's tribute called *Scarlet and Gold*). Thirty years later, I saw this lone copy in the store at McArthur-Burney Falls State Park. I was likely the only customer who knew the provenance as I snapped it up.

Flying Scotsman – Sally Magnusson – This is an Eric Lidl biography. As seen in the movie *Chariots of Fire*, Eric was every bit a saint, not gushy hollow, or standoffish. Eric had a real faith with real daily life, and unafraid to share it when entering the Olympics in Berlin under Hitler's nose and later as missionary for China Inland Mission.

Great Battles – Decisive Conflicts that have Shaped History – Christer Jorgensen, Editor – There is a brief summary of 30 pivotal battles in three eras (sword, gunpowder, rifle). I liked the color strategy maps following each summary.

Casa Loma – Bill Freeman (1999) – Tourist book covers most famous castle-like mansion in Canada. Sir Henry was a wheeler-dealer rags-to-riches-to-rags story in which he furnished only a third of the interior until his shady finances collapsed in 1923. Toronto took the bankrupted \$3.5 million (\$100M in 1999 dollars) mansion for only \$27,000 in back taxes. It became an abandoned nuisance until volunteers rescued it in 1937. Yet, this amazing mansion seemed a pittance compared to much larger governmental and university buildings. I felt its story best demonstrates why we see enormous buildings mostly built upon the backs of taxpayers.

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Under the Black Umbrella: Voices from Colonial Korea 1910-1945 – Hildi Kang, 2001, 167 pages – Many first-person accounts among first-generation San Francisco Bay Area Korean elders. An appendix gives their post-1945 status.

Russian Journal – Andrea Lee, 1979 (1984 Edition) – Two PhD students (husband, Russian History and wife author, English) were exchange scholars at Moscow State University and Leningrad 1978-1979. Andrea, my age, lived among students outside the moneyed elite. They were not against the Soviet system and marched waving red flags through Red Square in the May Day Parade. I visited 20 years later. Two complete generations in the United States born since 1979 have no visceral knowledge of socialist life. Their 120 square foot two-room dorm quarters normally bunked six Russian students or two families. Her wonderful prose brought back sights, sounds, and smells from my two visits. She describes not finding fresh food, high inflation, Black Market operators, and the obsession over Western consumer products. The book is captivating with short deeply personal vignettes about specific friends made across economic and political spectrums. It is not a political screed but feels unintentionally prophetic. Every US voter born after 1970 must read this book and then go make a Russian friend.

Elizabeth R: The Role of the Monarchy Today – Antony Jay, 1992 – This 40-year anniversary book intimated the steady decline of society left to short-term devices. It makes a compelling case for the two stabilizing roles of the constitutional monarchy.

History- Espionage (Ancient to Current)

Espionage and Covert Operations: A Global History - Vejas Gabriel Liulevicius (audio, TheGreatCourses.com) – He covers spy history from ancient Egypt through today. Excellent.



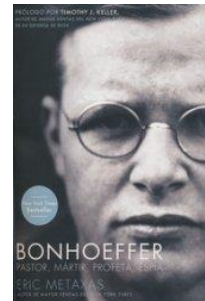
Immortal Game (A History of Chess) – David Shenk, 2006 (Random House Audio) – The earliest traces of Chess come from India about 500AD. He talks through an historic game for avid players (minimal interest) teasingly woven through chapters on history (high interest) about how different cultures and ages used this brain-enhancing virus.

Military Intelligence: Its Heroes and Legends – Diane Hamm, compiler, 1987, US Army – Thirteen edge-of-seat short stories covering the Civil War to WWII highlighting intelligence personnel gathering or delivering military data at great personal risk.

SPY: The Secret World of Espionage – H. Keith Melton and John Zaller, Editors – This was the travelling exhibit guide in 2013 at Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley. It has professional photos and highlights of the museum text. Melton, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, is a historian in spy technology and espionage. He collected over ten thousand devices, books, and papers of eminent spies.

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Bonhoeffer- Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy – Eric Metaxas (Unabridged Audio), BlackstoneAudio.com - I earlier read Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship*, *Life Together*, and a dramatized biography. However, this 23-hour audio probes how Hitler compromised the church. Church leaders wanted to discard the Hebrew Bible and all of Paul's letters (since his weak-willed Jewish texts countered German ideals), and to replace every cross as "a hated Jewish symbol" with the preferred swastika (!)



The German Church was a mile wide, an inch deep, and pagan in Biblical engagement. Dietrich did not become a heart-level believer until his second seminary doctorate. Eric tweaks debates about citizens facing excessive evil versus Evangelical belief (through Paul's letters) to obey authority (even one that enslaves or murders its lawful citizens).

Secret War: Inside Story of Code Makers and Code Breakers of WWII – Michael Paterson, 2007 – Many computer geeks know about Alan Turing and his first electronic computer to crack German Enigma codes. Captain Grace Hopper once regaled us in the 1970's at New Mexico Tech about debugging other early computers by literally removing a moth from vacuum-tube circuitry. Following the book *The Ultra Secret* (1974), many business management books extolled the inter-discipline teams of Bletchley Park. This newer British perspective lets the unsung workers talk. It plops the reader into the cat-and-mouse wins and losses due to cipher skills. Examples: Germany broke our State Department Black Code and thus through our ambassador in Cairo, they knew key Allied plans for North Africa. A German spy later stole the D-Day plans months in advance from the British Ambassador in Ankara. The Ultra project fortunately revealed that Hitler treated these true plans as false diversions.

Philby Conspiracy – Page, Leitch, and Knightley, 1968 – While old news before high school, I did not know the context until 44 years later. This one man by suppressing pleas by German officers, allowed the Nazis to continue the death camps, extended the war with more loss in all categories, hurried us into the Cold War, and enabled Stalin's brutish reign of terror through betrayal of all Western operations.

The 1930's was a disaster. Many called for militant socialism or atheistic communism as solutions. However, the authors still felt that Philby abided more a deep hatred of the West rather than a love for communist police states. However, unknown to the authors, Philby later retired as a General in the Soviet KGB.

Spy's Guide to Santa Fe and Albuquerque – E.B. Held (Chief of counterintelligence 2002-2009, Sandia Labs) – My knowledge about the Manhattan Project pre-dated the 1995 CIA declassification of the Venona Project. The 1989 movie *Fat Man & Little Boy* was great, but we now know, finally, that the Rosenbergs really were spies, Oppenheimer really was a loyal citizen, and the spy situation in New Mexico was much worse.

"In 1945, the KGB had four spies working [directly upon the bombs] ... [Only] in 1963, when [double agent] Kim Philby defected to Moscow, did [our] counterintelligence finally know that the KGB knew [since 1949] that [our] counterintelligence knew about the four spies. ... By 1963, the only people who cared about the truth, but did not know the truth, were the American public. [In 1995,] thirty-two years later, CIA Director Deutch decided that ... the American public [finally] had a 'need to know'."

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Top Secret Tourism – Harry Helms, 2007 – This guide gives a 26-state tour of secret government sites and notes how access changed after the 9/11 attack. Running sarcasm reflects disbelief of accountability but otherwise shows maps, what specific kinds of secrets sit behind the fences, and an unusual factoid about each site. His written status of plutonium at LLNL reflects the 2007 holdings before removal. He left out the rabbit-warren buildings of the original Kansas City Plant (KCP). Three new facts for me: EG&G was purchased by another company; the Air Force Weapons Lab (AFWL) in Albuquerque no longer exists as I knew it in 1975; and nuclear weapon storage moved from the famous Monzano mountain tunnels onto Kirtland Air Force Base proper.

Management and Philosophy

Brief Guide to Star Wars: Unauthorized Inside Story – Brian Robb, 2012 – A tech-peek of the career of George Lucas from 1963 through 2012. It speaks to management of projects without knowing all details first (akin to Agile Software Programming).

Ideas Have Consequences – Richard Weaver, 1948 (2013 edition) –While this former Socialist pointed out cultural dangers of his once deeply held beliefs (with prophetic insight), only one antidote appealed to me ('The Last Metaphysical Right'). The 2016 deplorable class will recognize the outworking of the warnings (p.1-116) now seventy years later. Regardless of Weaver's unworkable solutions, his warnings offered historic sources for our overly polarized culture.

The illuminating Afterword (2013) noted that early reviews "*in regional newspapers and religious periodicals were generally quite favorable, while those organs of the liberal establishment tended to sneering vituperation*" (p.172).

Legacy of Service, Kenneth Roed, 2004, 256 pages, California Water Service Group – Corporate history of largest stockholder-owned water utility in the Western US (1926-date) showing amazing survival of 1929 stock-market crash and decades of growth through frequent acquisitions of other water utilities. A portion of Livermore is one of their water districts. Instead of slash and burn corporate raiding, they retained managers and employees at their original geographical area, centralizing only administrative functions (billing, etc.) and a high-tech water-testing laboratory in San Jose.

The book is a study of the sand-shifting interaction between municipal-owned and corporate-owned utilities, the creation and engagement with the California Public Utilities Commission, and maturing management styles over the decades.

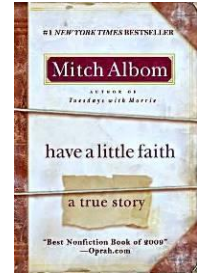
The later decades become a blur of names (boring). However, fascinating portions highlight the data processing revolution (1970's onward) and of Continuous Improvement concepts (1990's onward), which matched my own career path.

Star Trek Movie Memories - William Shatner (Audio) – He covers the movies from *Star Trek, The Movie* and ending with *Generations*. He discusses the film franchise and methods to avoid when working with co-workers and bosses (and their criticisms).

Other Topics

In the Beginning Was the Word: Teaching Reading & Writing Through the Bible - Ruth Colvin, 1994, Literacy Volunteers of America, New York. Ruth had me review her book - a high honor. It uses a persons' motivation to read the Bible as the tool to help.

Have a Little Faith – Mitch Albom, 2009 – A tribute to two pastoral leaders by a secularized journalist after some ‘ah-ha’ moments. This story interweaves the last eight years of his childhood Rabbi in New Jersey and a black ex-felon preacher in Mitch’s home city of Detroit.



Hog on Ice (And Other Curious Expressions) – Charles Funk 1948

Heavens to Betsy! (And Other Curious Sayings) – Charles Funk 1955 – These 1980’s reprints tracks down colorful expressions with quotes in original Italian, French, German, and Old English. He quotes phrases from books when he was a boy seventy years earlier in the 1880’s, then still popular during WW II, but now out of vogue sixty years later in 2014. Some phrases last for centuries and some (old to us) were brand new in 1950.

Looking Forward to Being Attacked – Lt. James Bullard, 1977 – My wife’s book. Forty years later, women and youth still need to practice these bodily escapes. We cannot outfight a stronger criminal, but we can maim him enough to escape. If you kill him with an escape move, have no remorse.

None of these Diseases - S. I. McMillen, MD (Spire/Revell)

Professor and the Madman – Simon Winchester (1998 Hardback, 1999 Unabridged Audio) - The *Oxford English Dictionary* (OED) reflects a bizarre tale of obsessive lexicographers. The most prolific OED contributor, while institutionalized for the criminally insane as a schizophrenic, was a medical doctor in the US Civil War and Yale graduate. There are some lurid sections. This book appeals to 1) those with a mentally ill family member as a 50-year case study, 2) artisan letterpress aficionados, and 3) ‘big data’ computerists. The OED.com site freely offers much of their dictionary.

Wit and Wisdom of Harry Truman, Ralph Keyes, 1995, 200pg – Quotes by theme. Purchased at his Presidential Library. While a fully partisan judge and politician (Democrats all good, Republicans all bad), his quotes made worthy reading.

Two observations rang true for 2023: “*There are more prima donnas per square foot in public life in Washington DC than in all opera companies ever to exist.*”

Moreover, his scary premonition: “*We would lose something important to our political life if the conservatives were all in one party and the liberals in the other. This would make the nation divided either into two opposing and irreconcilable camps or into even smaller and contentious groups.*”