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From Jesus to Christ

Paula Fredriksen  
2008-10-01 "Magisterial.  
. . . A learned,  
brilliant and enjoyable  
study."—Géza Vermès,  
Times Literary  
Supplement In this  
exciting book, Paula  
Fredriksen explains the  
variety of New Testament  
images of Jesus by  
exploring the ways that  
the new Christian  
communities interpreted  
his mission and message  
in light of the delay of  
the Kingdom he had  
preached. This edition  
includes an introduction  
reviews the most recent  
scholarship on Jesus and  
its implications for  
both history and  
theology. "Brilliant and  
lucidly written, full of  
original and fascinating  
insights."—Reginald H.  
Fuller, Journal of the  
American Academy of  
Religion "This is a  
first-rate work of a  
first-rate  
historian."—James D.  
Tabor, Journal of  
Religion "Fredriksen  
confronts her  
documents—principally  
the writings of the New  
Testament—as an  
archaeologist would an

especially rich complex  
site. With great care  
she distinguishes the  
literary images from  
historical fact. As she  
does so, she explains  
the images of Jesus in  
terms of the strategies  
and purposes of the  
writers Paul, Matthew,  
Mark, Luke, and  
John."—Thomas D'Evelyn,  
Christian Science  
Monitor  
*Streams of Living Water*  
Richard J. Foster  
2001-11-27 The author of  
the bestselling  
celebration of  
discipline explores the  
great traditions of  
Christian spirituality  
and their role in  
spiritual renewal today.  
In this landmark work,  
Foster examines the  
"streams of living  
water" -- the six  
dimensions of faith and  
practice that define  
Christian tradition. He  
lifts up the enduring  
character of each  
tradition and shows how  
a variety of practices,  
from individual study  
and retreat to  
disciplines of service  
and community, are all  
essential elements of

growth and maturity. Foster examines the unique contributions of each of these traditions and offers as examples the inspiring stories of faithful people whose lives defined each of these "streams."

*A Cloud of Witnesses*  
Joel F. Harrington 2001  
[ToFC cont.] The social principles of Christianity / K. Marx -  
- The twentieth century: Listen America / J. Falwell; The platform of the German Christians -- Western Christianity and contemporary society: The long loneliness / D. Day; Problems of religious pluralism / J. Hick -- Appendices: Alphabetical list of key terms; List of ecumenical councils; Schematic history of Christian churches. This collection of original documents, written by men and women from a myriad of diverse cultures and time periods, illustrates the variety of Christian ideas and practices of the past two millennia.  
-Back cover. This anthology is ideal for

use in historical surveys of western Christianity, whether taught in smaller chronological segments ... or as a one-semester overview of the last 2000 years ... -Pref. **Christianity** Diarmaid MacCulloch 2010-03-18 The New York Times bestseller and definitive history of Christianity for our time—from the award-winning author of *The Reformation and Silence* A product of electrifying scholarship conveyed with commanding skill, Diarmaid MacCulloch's *Christianity* goes back to the origins of the Hebrew Bible and encompasses the globe. It captures the major turning points in Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox history and fills in often neglected accounts of conversion and confrontation in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. MacCulloch introduces us to monks and crusaders, heretics and reformers, popes and abolitionists, and discover Christianity's

essential role in shaping human history and the intimate lives of men and women. And he uncovers the roots of the faith that galvanized America, charting the surprising beliefs of the founding fathers, the rise of the Evangelical movement and of Pentecostalism, and the recent crises within the Catholic Church. Bursting with original insights and a great pleasure to read, this monumental religious history will not soon be surpassed.

**The Far Right Today** Cas Mudde 2019-10-25 The far right is back with a vengeance. After several decades at the political margins, far-right politics has again taken center stage. Three of the world's largest democracies - Brazil, India, and the United States - now have a radical right leader, while far-right parties continue to increase their profile and support within Europe. In this timely book, leading global expert on political extremism Cas

Mudde provides a concise overview of the fourth wave of postwar far-right politics, exploring its history, ideology, organization, causes, and consequences, as well as the responses available to civil society, party, and state actors to challenge its ideas and influence. What defines this current far-right renaissance, Mudde argues, is its mainstreaming and normalization within the contemporary political landscape. Challenging orthodox thinking on the relationship between conventional and far-right politics, Mudde offers a complex and insightful picture of one of the key political challenges of our time.

### **Spirituality in Social**

**Work** Edward R Canda 2012-11-12 As Spirituality in Social Work: New Directions shows you, there has been an increase of interest among social workers concerning spiritual matters. In response to this collective interest,

Edward Canda and several other members of the Society for Spirituality and Social Work have compiled a thorough and timely compendium of social work research, theory, and practice. Their book will guide you in your efforts to meet the needs of your families and clients while still remaining educated and respectful of the many religious and nonreligious views different people have. In *Spirituality in Social Work*, you'll get an update on the current state of spirituality, social work scholarship, and education. From there, you'll move on to current appraisals of the many specialized ways social work educators are teaching spirituality in MSW programs, and you'll ultimately come full circle to a fuller understanding of the many ways social work and spirituality complement and inform each other in the classroom as well as in the field of practice. Most importantly, you'll

get specific guidance on these topics: how to enhance the intuition of social workers when to apply the Transegoic model to a dying adolescent where to engage in conceptions of spirituality in social work literature what Taoist insights can do to enhance social work practice how social work can prosper in future efforts to link spirituality and social work In many ways, *Spirituality in Social Work* is a spiritual awakening in its own right--for social workers, for individuals, and for communities at large. The demand for social work practitioners, educators, and community officials to be cross-trained in spirituality and social work is on the rise. So, if you're struggling to find new ways to deal with the ever-increasing and ever-diversifying demand for spiritual training in your particular social work setting, pick up this insightful edition and find new

hope and direction in the many different ways that social work and spirituality can work together for you.

**Readings in Christian Ethics**

David K. Clark 1994-02-01 Essays by leading ethicists provide students with a comprehensive introduction to ethical thinking.

The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind Mark A. Noll 1994 Mark Noll has written a major indictment of American evangelicalism. Reading this book, one wonders if the evangelical movement has pandered so much to American culture and tried to be so popular only to lose not only its mind but its soul as well. For evangelical pastors and parishoners alike, this is a must read! --Robert Wuthnow.

The Earliest History of the Christian Gathering Valeriy A. Alikin 2010 Recent research has made a strong case for the view that Early Christian communities, sociologically considered, functioned

as voluntary religious associations. This is similar to the practice of many other cultic associations in the Greco-Roman world of the first century CE. Building upon this new approach, along with a critical interpretation of all available sources, this book discusses the social and religio-historical background of the weekly gatherings of Christians and presents a fresh reconstruction of how the weekly gatherings originated and developed in both form and content. The topics studied here include the origins of the observance of Sunday as the weekly Christian feast-day, the shape and meaning of the weekly gatherings of the Christian communities, and the rise of customs such as preaching, praying, singing, and the reading of texts in these meetings.

Christianity and Social Work Beryl Hugen 2008  
*Christianity and Social Work* Beryl Hugen 1998-01-01

Christ and Culture H. Richard Niebuhr  
1956-09-05 This 50th-anniversary edition, with a new foreword by the distinguished historian Martin E. Marty, who regards this book as one of the most vital books of our time, as well as an introduction by the author never before included in the book, and a new preface by James Gustafson, the premier Christian ethicist who is considered Niebuhr's contemporary successor, poses the challenge of being true to Christ in a materialistic age to an entirely new generation of Christian readers.

*Christianity in the Twenty-first Century*  
Robert Wuthnow  
1995-04-13 In the year 2000--and beyond--what will the church be like? What challenges will it face? Will the church be able to provide a strong sense of community? Will it be an ethical force in the lives of Americans? And what role will religion play in

politics and in the marketplace? In *Christianity in the 21st Century* Robert Wuthnow reflects on these provocative questions as he seeks to identify changes that are taking place now in American society that churches must address if they are to remain vital in the future. He foresees five critical areas--institutional, ethical, doctrinal, political, and cultural--in which major challenges will arise, then meets the thorny issues head-on. How will churches' resource bases, their very identity, and their capacity to carry on their spiritual traditions be altered? Will they continue to function as sources of caring in a needy world? What impact will the resurgence of fundamentalism have, and how will moderate and liberal congregations react? How will the political activities of churches influence their capacity to be heard in the public arena, and what will the impact be

of pluralism and the prevailing materialism of our society? Drawing on a wide range of first-hand observations and research, Wuthnow demonstrates that in each of these five areas people of faith have strong reasons to enter the next century with confidence in their religious institutions. But he also highlights worrisome signs, and points to specific areas that need to be addressed to ensure the continuing vitality for Christianity in America--not least among these are the rampant individualism that erodes spiritual communities and the religious infighting that diminishes the Christian sense of unity. The onset of a new millennium affords a historic opportunity to take stock of the present situation and to plan for the future--in the years ahead, much reflection is likely to occur about all our major institutions. Christianity in the 21st Century aims to

contribute to those reflections by offering a sobering, realistic, and ultimately hopeful assessment of where the church is now, and where the church is headed.

The Second Media Age  
Mark Poster 2018-03-08  
This book examines the implications of new communication technologies in the light of the most recent work in social and cultural theory and argues that new developments in electronic media, such as the Internet and Virtual Reality, justify the designation of a "second media age".

Doing Right and Being Good  
David Oki Ahearn 2005 "Introduces the reader to the sources of Christian ethics and to critical reflection on moral issues, including interpretations of love, justice, and the formation of a virtuous character. Selected readings discuss issues of family and sexuality, violence and peace, economic justice, abortion, and euthanasia"--Provided by

publisher.  
Tactics Gregory Koukl  
2009 In a world  
increasingly indifferent  
to Christian truth,  
followers of Christ need  
to be equipped to  
communicate with those  
who do not speak their  
language or accept their  
source of authority.  
Gregory Koukl  
demonstrates how to get  
in the driver's seat,  
keeping any conversation  
moving with thoughtful,  
artful diplomacy. You'll  
learn how to maneuver  
comfortably and  
graciously through the  
minefields, stop  
challengers in their  
tracks, turn the tables  
and---most importantly--  
-get people thinking  
about Jesus. Soon, your  
conversations will look  
more like diplomacy than  
D-Day. Drawing on  
extensive experience  
defending Christianity  
in the public square,  
Koukl shows you how to:  
- Initiate conversations  
effortlessly - Present  
the truth clearly,  
cleverly, and  
persuasively -  
Graciously and  
effectively expose

faulty thinking -  
Skillfully manage the  
details of dialogue -  
Maintain an engaging,  
disarming style even  
under attack Tactics  
provides the game plan  
for communicating the  
compelling truth about  
Christianity with  
confidence and grace.  
Readings in Christian  
Ethics J. Philip Wogaman  
1996-01-01 Contains 70  
readings from the  
Fathers to Bernard  
Haring from Catholic and  
Protestant traditions.  
Religious Reading Paul  
J. Griffiths 1999-05-13  
What social conditions  
and intellectual  
practices are necessary  
in order for religious  
cultures to flourish?  
Paul Griffiths finds the  
answer in "religious  
reading" --- the kind of  
reading in which a  
religious believer  
allows his mind to be  
furnished and his heart  
instructed by a sacred  
text, understood in the  
light of an  
authoritative tradition.  
He favorably contrasts  
the practices and  
pedagogies of  
traditional religious

cultures with those of our own fragmented and secularized culture and insists that religious reading should be preserved.

**Christian Social Ethics**

Glennon, Fred 2021-03-17

**Shaping a Christian**

**Worldview** David S.

Dockery 2002-09-01

Shaping a Christian

Worldview presents a collection of essays that address the key issues facing the future of Christian higher education. With contributions from key players in the field, this book addresses the critical issues for Christian institutions of various traditions as the new century begins to leave its indelible mark on education.

The Triumph of

Christianity Bart D.

Ehrman 2018-02-13 The

“marvelous” (Reza Aslan, bestselling author of *Zealot*), New York Times bestselling story of how Christianity became the dominant religion in the West. How did a religion whose first believers were twenty or so illiterate day laborers

in a remote part of the empire became the official religion of Rome, converting some thirty million people in just four centuries? In *The Triumph of Christianity*, early Christian historian Bart D. Ehrman weaves the rigorously-researched answer to this question “into a vivid, nuanced, and enormously readable narrative” (Elaine Pagels, National Book Award-winning author of *The Gnostic Gospels*), showing how a handful of charismatic characters used a brilliant social strategy and an irresistible message to win over hearts and minds one at a time. This “humane, thoughtful and intelligent” book (The New York Times Book Review) upends the way we think about the single most important cultural transformation our world has ever seen—one that revolutionized art, music, literature, philosophy, ethics, economics, and law. *Embracing Hopelessness* Miguel A. De La Torre

2017-10-01 This book will attempt to explore faith-based responses to unending injustices by embracing the reality of hopelessness. It rejects the pontifications of some salvation history that move the faithful toward an eschatological promise that, when looking back at history, makes sense of all Christian-led brutalities, mayhem, and carnage. To embrace hopelessness moves away from a middle-class privilege that assumes all is going to work out in the end. By upsetting the norm, an opportunity might arise that can lead us to a more just situation, although such acts of defiance usually lead to crucifixion. Hopelessness is what leads to radical liberative praxis.

**Joyful Christian** C.S. Lewis 1996-06-03 More than one hundred selections from the distinguished theologian's writings covering such topics as liturgy, prayer, pain, vices, virtues, other religions, and

homosexuality  
**Christianity and Social Work** T. Laine Scales 2016-05-05 Christianity and Social Work is written for social workers whose motivations to enter the profession are informed by their Christian faith, and who desire to develop faithfully Christian approaches to helping.

*Christian Citizens* Elizabeth L. Jemison 2020-10-07 With emancipation, a long battle for equal citizenship began. Bringing together the histories of religion, race, and the South, Elizabeth L. Jemison shows how southerners, black and white, drew on biblical narratives as the basis for very different political imaginaries during and after Reconstruction. Focusing on everyday Protestants in the Mississippi River Valley, Jemison scours their biblical thinking and religious attitudes toward race. She argues that the evangelical groups that dominated

this portion of the South shaped contesting visions of black and white rights. Black evangelicals saw the argument for their identities as Christians and as fully endowed citizens supported by their readings of both the Bible and U.S. law. The Bible, as they saw it, prohibited racial hierarchy, and Amendments 13, 14, and 15 advanced equal rights. Countering this, white evangelicals continued to emphasize a hierarchical paternalistic order that, shorn of earlier justifications for placing whites in charge of blacks, now fell into the defense of an increasingly violent white supremacist social order. They defined aspects of Christian identity so as to suppress black equality—even praying, as Jemison documents, for wisdom in how to deny voting rights to blacks. This religious culture has played into remarkably long-lasting patterns of inequality

and segregation. Spiritual Diversity in Social Work Practice Edward R. Canda 2010 Weaving together interdisciplinary theory and research, as well as the results from a national survey of practitioners, the authors describe a spiritually oriented model for practice that places clients' challenges and goals within the context of their deepest meanings and highest aspirations. Using richly detailed case examples and thought-provoking activities, this highly accessible text illustrates the professional values and ethical principles that guide spiritually sensitive practice. It presents definitions and conceptual models of spirituality and religion; draws connections between spiritual diversity and cultural, gender, and sexual orientation diversity; and offers insights from Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism,

Indigenous religions, Islam, Judaism, Existentialism, and Transpersonal theory. Eminently practical, it guides professionals in understanding and assessing spiritual development and related mental health issues and outlines techniques that support transformation and resilience, such as meditation, mindfulness, ritual, forgiveness, and engagement of individual and community-based spiritual support systems.

### **Christian Faith and**

**University Life** T. Laine Scales 2017-09-25 This book provides new insights on the unique role of doctoral students and new faculty as they join other stewards of the academy working within Christian higher education. Weaving together a variety of voices—graduate students, pastors, and seasoned scholars—the book examines the Christian university's relationship to the Church and how faith and stewardship can guide the

pursuit of teaching and scholarship.

### *Is Christianity the White Man's Religion?*

Antipas L. Harris 2020-05-19 Biblical Christianity is not just for white

Westerners—it's good news for all of us. Theologian and community activist Antipas L. Harris responds to young Americans who struggle with the perception that Christianity is detached from matters of justice, identity, and culture, affirming that the Bible promotes equality for all people.

### *Christianity and*

*Wokeness* Owen Strachan

2021-07-20 In a world that is "woke," how many Christians are actually awake? This short, theologically sound primer is a resource for pastors, ministry leaders, community leaders, and other thinking Christians that explains carefully and clearly what Critical Race Theory and wokeness truly are, what the Bible teaches about race and ethnicity, why wokeness is distinct

from Christianity and should be rejected, and how the church can work for unity based in the gospel of grace. Owen Strachan is a respected Reformed theologian and thought leader who can help Christians: Better understand Critical Race Theory, something very few do; Understand the high stakes—for the church and society at large—of wokeness as a movement; Think through America’s complex past with nuance and sensitivity; Study how God has made humanity one through the imago Dei; Grasp the beauty of the biblical doctrine of ethnicity and “race”; and Be ready to work for unity in perilous times

*The Early Christian World* Philip F. Esler  
2002-09-11 Early Christian World presents an exhaustive, erudite and lavishly illustrated treatment of how the small movement which formed around Jesus in Galilee became the pre-eminent religion of the ancient world. The work begins by firmly situating early

Christianity within its Mediterranean social, political and religious contexts, before charting the history of the first Christian centuries. The creation and perpetuation of Christian communities through various means, including mission and monasticism, is explored, as is the everyday experience of early Christians, through discussion of gender and sexuality, religious practice, communication and social structures. The intellectual (particularly theological) and artistic heritage of the period is fully considered, and a vivid picture painted of the internal and external challenges faced by early Christianity. The book concludes with profiles of the most notable figures of the age. Comprehensive and accessible, *Early Christian World* provides up-to-date coverage of the most important topics in the study of early Christianity,

together with an invaluable collection of visual material. It will be an indispensable resource for anyone studying this period

**Christianity and Social Work**

North American Association of Christians in Social Work 2012-01-01

**Communal Reading in the**

**Time of Jesus** Brian J. Wright 2017-12-01 Much of the contemporary discussion of the Jesus tradition has focused on aspects of oral performance, storytelling, and social memory, on the premise that the practice of communal reading of written texts was a phenomenon documented no earlier than the second century CE. Brian J. Wright overturns the premise that communal reading of written texts was a phenomenon documented no earlier than the second century CE by examining evidence for its practice in the first century.

Reading the Bible Again For the First Time

Marcus J. Borg 2009-10-13 One of the

vital challenges facing thoughtful people today is how to read the Bible faithfully without abandoning our sense of truth and history.

Reading the Bible Again for the First Time provides a much-needed solution to the problem of how to have a fully authentic yet contemporary understanding of the scriptures. Many mistakenly believe there are no choices other than fundamentalism or simply rejecting the Bible as something that can bring meaning to our lives. Answering this modern dilemma, acclaimed author Marcus Borg reveals how it is possible to reconcile the Bible with both a scientific and critical way of thinking and our deepest spiritual needs, leading to a contemporary yet grounded experience of the sacred texts. This seminal book shows you how to read the Bible as it should be examined—in an approach the author calls "historical-metaphorical." Borg

explores what the Scriptures meant to the ancient communities that produced and lived by them. He then helps us to discover the meaning of these stories, providing the knowledge and perspective to make the wisdom of the Bible an essential part of our modern lives. The author argues that the conventional way of seeing the Bible's origin, authority, and interpretation has become unpersuasive to millions of people in our time, and that we need a fresh way of encountering the Bible that takes the texts seriously but not literally, even as it takes seriously who we have become. Borg traces his personal spiritual journey, describing for readers how he moved from an unquestioning childhood belief in the biblical stories to a more powerful and dynamic relationship with the Bible as a sacred text brimming with meaning and guidance. Using his own experience as an

example, he reveals how the modern crisis of faith is itself rooted in the misinterpretation of sacred texts as historical record and divine dictation, and opens readers to a truer, more abundant perspective. This unique book invites everyone—whatever one's religious background—to engage the Bible, wrestle with its meaning, explore its mysteries, and understand its relevance. Borg shows us how to encounter the Bible in a fresh way that rejects the limits of simple literalism and opens up rich possibilities for our lives.

### **Breaking the Social Media Prism**

Chris Bail  
2022-09-27 A revealing look at how user behavior is powering deep social divisions online—and how we might yet defeat political tribalism on social media In an era of increasing social isolation, platforms like Facebook and Twitter are among the

most important tools we have to understand each other. We use social media as a mirror to decipher our place in society but, as Chris Bail explains, it functions more like a prism that distorts our identities, empowers status-seeking extremists, and renders moderates all but invisible. Breaking the Social Media Prism challenges common myths about echo chambers, foreign misinformation campaigns, and radicalizing algorithms, revealing that the solution to political tribalism lies deep inside ourselves. Drawing on innovative online experiments and in-depth interviews with social media users from across the political spectrum, this book explains why stepping outside of our echo chambers can make us more polarized, not less. Bail takes you inside the minds of online extremists through vivid narratives that trace their lives on the platforms and

off--detailing how they dominate public discourse at the expense of the moderate majority. Wherever you stand on the spectrum of user behavior and political opinion, he offers fresh solutions to counter political tribalism from the bottom up and the top down. He introduces new apps and bots to help readers avoid misperceptions and engage in better conversations with the other side. Finally, he explores what the virtual public square might look like if we could hit reset and redesign social media from scratch through a first-of-its-kind experiment on a new social media platform built for scientific research. Providing data-driven recommendations for strengthening our social media connections, Breaking the Social Media Prism shows how to combat online polarization without deleting our accounts.

**Spirituality and Social**

**Work** John Russell Graham  
2007 Spirituality is an area of thought and practice that is attracting an increasing amount of attention and interest from social work practitioners, theorists, and instructors.

Spirituality and Social Work: Selected Canadian Readings explores the history, practice, and diversity of faith traditions with which spirituality and social work are intertwined. Exciting and relevant chapters in this collection include:  
Spirituality As a Guiding Construct in the Development of Canadian Social Work Reframing Spirituality, Reconceptualizing Change: Possibilities for Critical Social Work From Ecology to Spirituality and Social Justice Making Circles: Renewing First Nations Ways of Helping Black Churches in Canada: Vehicles for Fostering Community Development in African-Canadian Communities Islamic Theology and Prayer:

Relevance for Social Work Practice

The Bible Recap Tara-Leigh Cobble 2020-11-03

Have you ever closed your Bible and thought, What did I just read? Or maybe you have tried to read through the Bible in a year, but quit when it felt confusing or impersonal. The Bible Recap is here to help. Tara-Leigh Cobble, host of the popular Bible Recap podcast, walks readers through a one-year chronological Bible reading plan and explains each day's passage in an easy-to-understand way. Emphasizing how God's character can be seen throughout Scripture, the recaps are simple and short yet deep enough to help you understand the hard parts and press into knowing God better. As Cobble says, The primary role of Scripture is to show me who God is, and if I behold God, my life will naturally conform around what I learn about him. The Bible Recap will not only help you understand the

entire narrative of the Bible, it will fortify your faith.

*Christianity and Social Work Scales Laine*

2020-05-29 Christianity and Social Work is written for social workers whose motivations to enter the profession are informed by their Christian faith, and who desire to develop faithfully Christian approaches to helping.

*Readings in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*

John Corrigan 1998  
Composed mainly of primary source readings, but including important secondary sources well, *Readings in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* is designed to provide both chronological and topical coverage of each religion. The readings are grouped under six headings: Scripture and Tradition, Monotheism, Authority and Community, Worship and Ritual, Ethics, and Religion and Political Order. Readings for all three religions are arranged to allow for the identification of

similarities and differences among the traditions. A brief introduction sets each reading in its time and place and, in many cases, provides commentary on the significance of the material. Readings in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam is designed to supplement lectures and textbooks; is accessible to those just embarking on their study of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam; provides a comprehensive basis for further study of all three religious traditions; and balances short, pointed excerpts with longer, detailed readings.

*Reading the Bible in Islamic Context* Daniel J

Crowther 2017-11-08 In the current political and social climate, there is increasing demand for a deeper understanding of Muslims, the Qur'an and Islam, as well as a keen demand among Muslim scholars to explore ways of engaging with Christians theologically,

culturally, and socially. This book explores the ways in which an awareness of Islam and the Qur'an can change the way in which the Bible is read. The contributors come from both Muslim and Christian backgrounds, bring various levels of commitment to the Qur'an and the Bible as Scripture, and often have significantly different perspectives. The first section of the book contains chapters that compare the report of an event in the Bible with a report of the same event in the Qur'an. The second section addresses Muslim readings of the Bible and biblical tradition and looks at how Muslims might regard the Bible - Can they recognise it as Scripture? If so, what does that mean, and how does it relate to the Qur'an as Scripture? Similarly, how might Christian readers regard the Qur'an? The final section explores different analogies for understanding the Bible in relation to the

Qur'an. The book concludes with a reflection upon the particular challenges that await Muslim scholars who seek to respond to Jewish and Christian understandings of the Jewish and Christian scriptures. A pioneering venture into intertextual reading, this book has important implications for relationships between Christians and Muslims. It will be of significant value to scholars of both Biblical and Qur'anic Studies, as well as any Muslim seeking to deepen their understanding of the Bible, and any Christian looking to transform the way in which they read the Bible.

**The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down** Anne Fadiman 2012-04-24 A study in the collision between Western medicine and the beliefs of a traditional culture focuses on a hospitalized child of Laotian immigrants whose belief that illness is a spiritual matter comes

into conflict with doctors' methods.