

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Faith Outside the Box - A Cumulative List of Books and other Resources
used in the Group's Monthly Discussions
2005 -- 2022

2005 – 2009

- Marcus J. **Borg**, *The Heart of Christianity* w/ Pastor Doug Ryniewicz, spring 2005
- John Shelby **Spong**, *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*, w/ Pastor Doug Ryniewicz, mid-2006
- Marcus J. **Borg**, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, w/ Pastor Jim Heinemeier, early 2007
- Summer 2007 DVD series, "Living the Questions"
- Marcus J. **Borg** and J.D. **Crossan**, *The Last Week* w/ Pastor Jane Halpern, Lent 2008
- Karen **Armstrong**, *The Bible: A biography*, summer 2008
- Jim **Wallis**, *God's Politics* w/ Vicar Laura Johnson, fall 2008
- Marcus J. **Borg** and J.D. **Crossan**, *The First Christmas* w/ Vicar Laura Johnson, early 2009
- *The Essential Reinhold Niebuhr* w/ Vicar Laura Johnson, spring-summer 2009
- Marcus J. **Borg** and J.D. **Crossan**, *The First Paul*, fall 2009

2010 – 2011

- Lesley **Hazleton**, *After the Prophet: The epic story of the Shia-Sunni split in Islam*, Jan-Feb 2010
- Robert **Wright**, *The Evolution of God*, spring 2010
- J.D. **Crossan**, *A Long Way from Tipperary*, early summer 2010
- Krista **Tippett**, *Einstein's God* w/ Pastor Margrethe, Sept-Oct 2010
- Harvey **Cox**, *The Future of Faith*, Nov-Dec 2010
- John Shelby **Spong**, *Eternal Life: A new vision*, Jan-Feb 2011
- John **Polkinghorne**, *Exploring Reality: The intertwining of science and religion*, March-April 2011
- Steven **Prothero**, *God is Not One: The eight rival religions that run the world -- and why their differences matter*, April-June 2011
- Summer 2011 DVD series, "Jesus to Christ" PBS, July-August 2011
- Rob **Bell**, *Love Wins*, Sept 2011
- David **Norton**, *The King James Bible: A short history from Tyndale to today*, Oct-Nov 2011
- Elaine **Pagels**, *Beyond Belief: The secret Gospel of Thomas*, Dec 2011

2012 – 2013

- Brian **McLaren**, *A New Kind of Christianity: Ten questions that are transforming the faith*, Jan-Feb 2012
- Karen **Armstrong**, *The Case for God*, March-April 2012
- Paul **Davies**, *The Mind of God*, April-May 2012
- Douglas John **Hall**, *Why Christian?* May-June 2012
- Summer 2012 DVD Series, “Living the Questions,” July 2012
- Diana Butler **Bass**, *Christianity after Religion*, Sept-Oct 2012
- James **Martin**, *Between Heaven and Mirth: Why joy, humor, and laughter are at the heart of the spiritual life*, Nov 2012
- Jason **Rosenhouse**, *Among the Creationists: Dispatches from the anti-evolutionist front*, Nov-Dec 2012
- Diarmuid **O’Murchu**, *Ancestral Grace - Meeting God in our evolutionary story*, Jan 2013
- Robin **Meyers**, *Saving Jesus from the Church*, Feb-March 2013
- Richard **Rohr**, *Falling Upward: A spirituality for the two halves of life*, April 2013
- Walter **Brueggemann**, *The Prophetic Imagination*, May 2013
- Lecture series by Don **Leverenz** on the history of science & religion, July 2013
- Summer 2013 DVD Series, “Painting the Stars” August 2013
- John Shelby **Spong**, *The Fourth Gospel: Tales of a Jewish mystic*, Sept-Oct 2013
- Diana Butler **Bass**, *A People’s History of Christianity*, Oct-Nov 2013

2014 – 2015

- Malcolm **Gladwell**, *David and Goliath: Underdogs, misfits, and the art of battling giants*, Jan 2014
- Francis **Spufford**, *Unapologetic: Why, despite everything, Christianity can still make surprising emotional sense*, Feb-March 2014
- Bart D. **Ehrman**, *Misquoting Jesus: The story of who changed the Bible and why*, March-April 2014
- Jonathan **Haidt**, *The Righteous Mind: Why good people are divided by politics and religion*, April-May 2014
- Summer 2014 DVD 12-part Series, “First Light: Living the Questions,” featuring John Dominic **Crossan** and Marcus J. **Borg**, July-August 2014
- David **Lose**, *Making Sense of the Cross*, Sept 2014
- Nadia **Bolz-Weber**, *Pastrix: The cranky, beautiful faith of a sinner and saint*, Oct 2014
- Barbara Brown **Taylor**, *Leaving Church*, Nov-Dec 2014
- Nicholas **Wade**, *The Faith Instinct: How religion evolved and why it endures*, Jan-Feb 2015
- Marcus J. **Borg**, *Convictions – How I learned what matters most*, Feb-March 2015
- Gretta **Vosper**, *AMEN: What prayer can mean in a world beyond belief*, April 2015

- Catherine **Baker** for the AAAS Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion, *The Evolution Dialogues: science, Christianity, and the quest for understanding*, May-June 2015
- Bart D. **Ehrman**, *How Jesus Became God*, Summer 2015 DVD Several-Part Series, "The Great Courses," July-August 2015
- Marcus J. **Borg** and N.T. **Wright**, *The Meaning of Jesus – Two Visions*, Sept-Oct 2015
- Nancy Ellen **Abrams**, *A God that Could be Real: Spirituality, science and the future of our planet*, Nov 2015
- James **Carroll**, *Christ Actually: Reimagining faith in the modern age*, Dec 2015-Jan 2016

2016

- Marcus J. **Borg**, *Speaking Christian: Why Christian words have lost their meaning and power, and how they can be restored*, Feb-March 2016
- Diana Butler **Bass**, *Grounded: Finding God in the world – a spiritual revolution*, April-May 2016
- Summer DVD series: "History of Christianity" with Diarmaid **McCollough**
- Robert P. **Jones**, *The End of White Christian America*, Sept-Oct 2016
- James H. **Cone**, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, Nov 2016
- Francis **Collins**, *The Language of God: A scientist presents evidence for belief*, Dec 2016

2017

- Brian **McLaren**, *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the world's largest religion is seeking a better way to be Christian*, Jan 2017
- Katherine **Ozment**, *Grace without God: The search for meaning, purpose, and belonging in a secular age*, Feb 2017
- Huston **Smith**, *The Soul of Christianity: Restoring the Great Tradition*, March 2017
- Andrew **Pettegree**, *Brand Luther*, April 2017
- Martin **Luther's** three "reforming treatises" of 1520: *On the freedom of a Christian*, *To the Christian nobility of the German nation*, and *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church*, May 2017
- Summer DVD series: "Saving Jesus redux: an exploration of a credible Jesus for the third millennium"
- Douglas **Knight** and Amy-Jill **Levine**, *The Meaning of the Bible: What the Jewish scriptures and the Christian old testament can teach us*, August-Sept. 2017
- Yuval Noah **Harari**, *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*, Oct-Nov 2017

2018 – 2019

- Geza **Vermes**, *The Changing Faces of Jesus*, Jan-Feb 2018
- Te Nehisi **Coates**, *Between the World and Me*, Feb-March 2018
- Michael **Gerson**, *How Evangelicals Lost their Way*, April 2018
- John **Winthrop**, *A Modell of Christian Charity*, May 2018
- Bishop John **Spong**, *Unbelievable: Why neither ancient creeds nor the Reformation can produce a living faith today*, Sept-Oct 2018
- Atul **Gawande**, *Being Mortal*, Nov 2018
- Jonathan **Merritt**, *Learning to Speak God from Scratch: Why sacred words are vanishing -- and how we can revive them*, Jan 2019
- Jack **Miles**, *God in the Qur'an*, Feb 2019
- E. O. **Wilson**, *The Meaning of Human Existence*, March-April 2019
- Marcus **Borg**, *Putting Away Childish Things: A tale of modern faith*, May 2019
- Rachel Held **Evans**, *Faith Unraveled: How a girl who knew all the answers learned to ask questions*, June 2019
- Phillip **Cary**, *Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation* (DVD series), July-Aug. 2019
- Paula **Fredriksen**, *When Christians were Jews*, Sept-Oct 2019
- Paul **Fromberg**, *The Art of Transformation: Three things churches do that change everything*, Nov 2019

2020

- Richard **Rohr**, *The Universal Christ: How a forgotten reality can change everything we see, hope for, and believe*, Jan-Feb 2020
- John Dominic **Crossan** and Sarah Sexton **Crossan**, *Resurrecting Easter: How the West Lost and the East Kept the Original Easter Vision*, March 2020
- Thomas **Cahill**, *The Gifts of the Jews: How a tribe of desert nomads changed the way everyone thinks and feels*, May 2020
- Harold **Kushner**, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, June 2020
- Stephen **Cave**, 50-minute video presentation on “Immortality: The quest to live forever and how it drives civilization,” (available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mz3BD45gpF8>), July 2020
- Rev. Barbara Brown **Taylor**, 25-minute video presentation “Holy Envy,” (available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3eA0YGAVI58>), August 2020
- Brian **McLaren**, 15-minute video interview with Colby Martin about “Leaving Fundamentalism,” available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75RaefibmoU> September 2020

- Archbishop Desmond **Tutu**, *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World*, October 2020
- Professor Bart **Ehrman**, *Jesus before the Gospels: How the Earliest Christians Remembered, Changed, and Invented their Stories of the Savior*, November 2020

2021

- Timothy **Egan**, *A Pilgrimage to Eternity: From Canterbury to Rome in Search of a Faith*, January 2021
- Rabbi Arthur Ocean **Waskow**, *Dancing in God's Earthquake: The Coming Transformation of Religion*, March 8, 2021
- Lee **MyIntyre**, *Post-Truth*, March 29, 2021
- Diana Butler **Bass**, *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks*, April 2021
- Brian **McLaren**, *Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to Do About It*, May 2021
- River **Jordan**, *The Ancient Way: Discoveries on the Path of Celtic Christianity*, June 2021
- Professor Peter **Brown**, Princeton University; four half-hour video presentations on *Celtic Christianity*, presented at All Saints' Church, Princeton, NJ in 2003 and available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xnpW9vNdFg>, July-August 2021
- Amy-Jill **Levine**, *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, September 2021
- Howard **Thurman**, *Jesus and the Disinherited*, October 2021
- Peter **Manseau**, *The Jefferson Bible – a Biography* (along with Vincent **Cunningham**'s book review in the New Yorker Magazine of Jan 4 & 11, 2021 pp77-80 entitled *Personal Jesus*), November 2021

2022

- Gerd **Theissen**, *The Shadow of the Galilean – The Quest for the Historical Jesus in Narrative Form*, January 2022
- Eve **La Plante**, *American Jezebel – The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutchinson, the Woman Who Defied the Puritans*, February-March 2022.
- John Shelby **Spong**, *2012 Series: Spong Revisited I – IV, "Think Different – Accept Uncertainty,"* Published under auspices of ProgressiveChristianity.org. April 2022.
- Elizabeth A. **Johnson**, *Quest for the Living God – Mapping Frontiers in the Theology of God*, May 2022.
- Father Tyson **Wood**, former HT Vicar – *Views on Catholic and Lutheran Theology* – in his Interview on YouTube at: <https://chnetwork.org/journey-home/fr-tyson-wood-former-lutheran-minister-journey-home-program/>, November 2022.