

Ebook free Misreading scripture with western eyes removing cultural blinders to better understand the bible [PDF]

brandon o brien and randy richards shed light on the ways that western readers often misunderstand the cultural dynamics of the bible identifying nine areas where commonplaces of modern western thought diverge with the text the authors ask us to reconsider long held opinions about our most beloved book the bible was written within collectivist cultures when westerners immersed in individualism read the bible it s easy to misinterpret important elements or miss them altogether in any culture the most important things usually go without being said so to read scripture well we benefit when we uncover the unspoken social structures and values of its world we need to recalibrate our vision combining the expertise of a biblical scholar and a missionary practitioner misreading scripture with individualist eyes is an essential guidebook to the cultural background of the bible and how it should inform our reading e randolph richards and richard james explore deep social structures of the ancient mediterranean kinship patronage and brokerage along with their key social tools honor shame and boundaries that the biblical authors lived in and lie below the surface of each text from abraham sarah and hagar to peter s instructions to elders the authors strip away individualist assumptions and bring the world of the biblical writers to life expanding on the popular misreading scripture with western eyes this book makes clear how understanding collectivism will help us better understand the bible which in turn will help us live more faithfully in an increasingly globalized world with fascinating insights into biblical customs and conditions many of which exist today in the middle east bowen clarifies over 100 scriptural texts and phrases that often puzzle western readers unfamiliar with the culture of bible times the transcendent christ found in the bible is rediscovered and plugged back into the wayward truth hungry over americanized world in a western jesus this work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it this work is in the public domain in the united states of america and possibly other nations within the united states you may freely copy and distribute this work as no entity individual or corporate has a copyright on the body of the work scholars believe and we concur that this work is important enough to be preserved reproduced and made generally available to the public to ensure a quality reading experience this work has been proofread and republished using a format that seamlessly blends the original graphical elements with text in an easy to read typeface we appreciate your support of the preservation process and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant this small book contains nothing new but brings together information on many customs differing so widely from those of our part of the world that we hope it will help sunday school teachers and young people to a little better understanding of some parts of the book the refugee that has come to your church the pastor of the immigrant church in your town and you yourself all come before the same bible even the same verse and walk away with completely different understandings and applications in an increasingly globalized and multicultural world how can we learn to see beyond our own cultural influences understand those of others and learn from each other in order to better understand and apply the word of god how do we stay faithful to the text when our contemporary cultural perspective is so different from the original author s this book will enable you to understand the common pitfalls and dangers related to cross cultural hermeneutics while also equipping you with principles and real life examples for how to interpret scripture in such situations additionally given the fact that our world is increasingly digitized and people are less and less 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distinguished backlist of princeton university press these editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions the goal of the princeton legacy library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by princeton university press since its founding in 1905 the song of songs eight chapters of love lyrics found in the collection of wisdom literature attributed to solomon is the most enigmatic book of the bible for thousands of years jews and christians alike have preserved it in the canon of scripture and used it in liturgy exegetes saw it as a central text for allegorical interpretations and so the song of songs has exerted an enormous influence on spirituality and mysticism in the western tradition in the voice of my beloved e ann matter focuses on the most fertile moment of song of songs interpretation the middle ages at least eighty latin commentaries on the text survive from the period in tracing the evolution of these commentaries matter reveals them to be a vehicle for expressing changing medieval ideas about the church the relationship between body and soul and human and divine love she shows that the commentaries constitute a well defined genre of medieval latin literature and in discussing the exegesis of the song of songs she takes into account the modern exegesis of the book and feminist critiques of the theology embodied in the text with over 100 million copies in print the book of mormon has spawned a vast religious movement but it remains little discussed outside mormon circles now terry l givens offers a full length treatment of this influential work illuminating the varied meanings and tempestuous impact of this uniquely american scripture givens examines the text s role as a divine testament of the last days and as a sacred sign of joseph smith s status as a modern day prophet he assesses its claim to be a history of the 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pressing issues in egalitarian churches and organizations today he answers pressing issues such as whether men really are the spiritual head of the home how our best intentions to help can actually harm women in ministry how christians need a better script for lust power and sexuality the question of evil presents a profound

challenge to humanity why do we do what we know to be wrong this is especially a challenge to religious believers why doesn't an all good and omnipotent god step in and put an end to evil the problem of evil in the western tradition examines how western thinkers have dealt with the problem of evil starting in ancient israel and tracing the question through post biblical judaism early christianity especially in africa the middle ages the renaissance the reformation the enlightenment and to the twenty first century when science has raised new and important issues joseph kelly covers the book of job the book of revelation augustine of hippo aquinas luther marlow milton voltaire hume mary shelley darwin jung flannery o'connor karl rahner teilhard de chardin and modern geneticists chapters are some perspectives on evil israel and evil the new adam out of africa the broken cosmos the middle ages decline and reform of humanism the devil's last stand rationalizing evil the attack on christianity dissident voices human evil in the nineteenth century science evil and original sin modern literary approaches to evil some scientific theories of evil and modern religious approaches to evil joseph f kelly ph d is professor of religious studies at john carroll university in cleveland ohio he is the author of the world of the early christians published by the liturgical press the scripture of western ascension is a central text of medieval taoist mysticism written by an unknown author in the fifth century a d it closely resembles the tao te ching in structure and contents edited and commented on several times until the twelfth century the text played an important role in taoist religious thought kohn presents the first western introduction to this aspect of traditional chinese religion and culture through her careful textual study and fully annotated translation of the scripture of western ascension she delineates the history structure and contents of what mystical thought meant within the taoist religion she also discusses the religious background of the text and provides detailed analyses of the philosophical concepts of the physical universe mind knowledge language and the way of the sage biblical texts have been used consistently in sermons throughout christian history preachers have transformed the texts into an aural experience using them to evangelize educate edify exhort or even terrify their audiences sermons have enabled scripture to be communicated to people from a wide range of social backgrounds delivering the word examines the power of preaching and its reception across two millennia of homilies from st paul origen chrysostom augustine and hildegard of bingen to jonathan edwards samuel taylor coleridge aimee semple mcpherson and chris brain in its exploration of the impact of the sermon on the interpretation of scripture delivering the word will be of interest to students of biblical and religious studies has god said has god actually spoken declared himself and his purposes to us historically the christian faith has affirmed god's redemptive revelatory speaking as historical contentful redemptive centrally in jesus christ and under christ and by the spirit in the text of holy scripture but in the past three centuries developments in western culture have created a crisis in relation to historical divine authority the modern reintroduction of destructive dualisms cosmological and epistemological via descartes newton spinoza and kant have injured not only the physical sciences e g positivism but christian theology as well the resulting eclipse of god has permeated western culture in terms of the christian understanding of revelation it has meant the separation of god from historical action the rejection of god's actual self declaration and especially in textual form holy scripture after critical analysis of these dualistic developments this book presents the problematic effects in both protestant schleiermacher bultmann tillich and roman catholic rahner dulles theology the thought and influence of karl barth on the nature of scripture is examined and distinguished from most barthian approaches the effects of dualistic barthian thought on contemporary evangelical views of scripture pinnock fackre bloesch are also critically analyzed and responses made helm wolterstorff packer the final chapter is a christocentric multileveled reformulation of the classical scripture principle via einstein torrance and calvin that reaffirms the church's historical identity thesis that holy scripture is the written word of god a crucial aspect of god's larger redemptive revelatory purpose in christ 1536

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Strange Scriptures That Perplex the Western Mind 1943-04-30 with fascinating insights into biblical customs and conditions many of which exist today in the middle east bowen clarifies over 100 scriptural texts and phrases that often puzzle western readers unfamiliar with the culture of bible times

A Western Jesus 2007 the transcendent christ found in the bible is rediscovered and plugged back into the wayward truth hungry over americanized world in a western jesus

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minister or bible student who wants to understand and expound the scriptures notable features include commentary based on the new international version the niv text printed in the body of the commentary sound scholarly methodology that reflects capable research in the original languages interpretation that emphasizes the theological unity of each book and of scripture as a whole readable and applicable exposition

Taoist Mystical Philosophy 1991 thomas c oden surveys the decisive role of african christians and theologians in shaping the doctrines and practices of the church of the first five centuries and makes an impassioned plea for the rediscovery of that heritage christians throughout the world will benefit from this reclaiming of an important heritage

Delivering the Word 2014-09-11 robert van voorst s anthology of world scriptures now in its fifth edition is the most widely adopted anthology in comparative world religions courses now for the first time wadsworth is proud to present van voorst s anthology of world scriptures western religions this new volume contains not only all of the scriptural selections from the previous anthology but also newer textual material for each religion that brings scripture study closer to our own time included in this concise affordable reader is coverage of zoroastrianism judaism christianity islam and four new religious movements baha i the church of jesus christ of latter day saints christian science and the unification church van voorst s characteristic clarity and pedagogical vision make for a student friendly and scholarly dependable guide to the history doctrines ethical systems structures and rituals of these major western religions

Has God Said? 2006-03-01 no one book or even all books together can tell fully the greatness of jesus christ although that is true we can point to the things that god has revealed in his word he is far greater than our greatest imaginations he is fully god but also fully man he not only created the universe but he also holds it all together he is both the sacrifice for our sins and our great high priest he is ever the pioneer leading the way do we look for a love beyond full human comprehension there is no one like jesus in his love do we look for a power that can not only change us but also change society there is no one like jesus in what he can do do we look for one who knows the future and will lead us into the future jesus is the only one who can do that jesus surpasses the greatest human beings in his character traits he excels in all his ministries he is unique from whatever perspective we look at him here is a person who will never disappoint and will never bore us he is new ev

J 2000-08 spiritual reading explores how god the bible and the practices of reading are all connected angela lou harvey investigates how the spiritual reading of the bible takes place in our modern literate western culture in this context a spiritual reading of the bible is one that aims to know and love god through individual bible reading spiritual reading discusses what it means to read the bible well and looks at the role of the church as giving us guidance for reading it in this way harvey considers these ideas vis a vis historically orientated biblical scholarship as well as reading the bible as a classic work of western literature with reference to the use of literature through a christian framework in the works of c s lewis and alan jacobs harvey analyses the significance the bible has had in shaping other literary works drawing upon insights of theologians such as karl barth henri de lubac and ellen f davis spiritual reading suggests that a renewed understanding of faith is needed for the spiritual reading of scripture spiritual reading is for the reader who wishes to gain a deeper understanding on how scripture can better connect an individual to god

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1, 2 Peter, Jude 2003-09-01 livia kohn presents the first western introduction to this aspect of traditional chinese religious and culture through her careful textual study and fully annotated translation of the scripture of western ascension she delineates the history structure and contents of what mystical thought meant within the daoist religion she also discusses the religious background of the text and provides detailed analyses of philosophical concepts in chapters called the physical universe mind knowledge language and the way of the sage

How Africa Shaped the Christian Mind 2007-12-26 the culture of the eastern church to many is alien yet there are recognizable family resemblances this book aims to start to get to know one another again from a reformed protestant perspective

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There's No One Like Jesus 2014-11-21 world scripture is a guidebook to the primary source materials of the classical living religions of the world it is a guidebook which innovatively blends critical and interpretative tools with sacred symbols and stories of ultimacy

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