

## Counterfeit Gods

Misunderstandings about what it means for humans to be created in God's image have wreaked devastation throughout history -- for example, slavery in the U. S., genocide in Nazi Germany, and the demeaning of women everywhere. In *Dignity and Destiny* John Kilner explores what the Bible itself teaches about humanity being in God's image. He discusses in detail all of the biblical references to the image of God, interacts extensively with other work on the topic, and documents how misunderstandings of it have been so problematic. People made according to God's image, Kilner says, have a special connection with God and are intended to be a meaningful reflection of him. Because of sin, they don't actually reflect him very well, but Kilner shows why the popular idea that sin has damaged the image of God is mistaken. He also clarifies the biblical difference between being God's image (which Christ is) and being in God's image (which humans are). He explains how humanity's creation and renewal in God's image are central, respectively, to human dignity and destiny. Locating Christ at the center of what God's image means, Kilner charts a constructive way forward and reflects on the tremendously liberating impact that a sound understanding of the image of God can have in the world today.

You long for a life that is purposeful without being pressured, satisfying without being self-centred, and God-focussed without being goalless. You've been inspired by calls to follow Jesus with radical commitment, to desire God, not to waste your life, to live with integrity. You want to live fully devoted to God but have difficulty knowing how to do that, especially given the stress of daily life. What if you thought about serving God like working for a boss? What if you started to

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work for him, seriously? What if you were to: - adopt his strategic plan wholeheartedly? - follow his instructions before all others? - accept his invitation to enter the family business? - trust that he had chosen the right coworkers for you? - work with a focus on who you work for, not what you do? - take up his mandate to rest? In *Working for God*, Colin Noble combines stories of life in Japan and Australia with biblical insight, to help you see more clearly what it means to work for the best "boss" of all and to enjoy doing so for the rest of your life.

This is probably a cancer that can affect the whole of Christian faith. Is the God who has arrived the real Jesus Christ & is He the God of Israel? When I first met God, He didn't reveal Himself to me, but He let Satan put frog demons in me as a counterfeit god. It took me years to figure out that the gods inside me wasn't the Holy Spirit but demons. I went through a lot of troubles having these demons inside me. Now why did God allow Satan to put frogs inside me when I really trusted it was the God of Israel? Well in the days of Isaiah God said that this would happen to me in the yr 2000AD+/- . It's written in Isaiah 14:31. God tells the Church or Palestina that she's dissolved due to a religious counterfeit or smoke from the "north" which means religious for religion comes from the North in God's terminology. So a religious "smoke" from Satan was unleashed on the Messenger of Isaiah- this author- but I was able to discover it was Satan due to my marriage date- or appointed time. A Viking girl's Love got in the way of Satan & I was able to discover that I was being duped by frog demons & Satan. So the church or Palestina was saved. Isaiah 14:31 "Howl, O gate, cry, O city: thou whole Palestina, art dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, & none shall be alone in his appointed times." Marriage date. Why did God do this, dupe me into believing in counterfeit gods? It is because He does not want

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the Church just to believe blindly that the God who has arrived is really the true God. Satan has spent a lot of time confusing the Church saying that the antichrist shall come first, then a seven year tribulation, then Jesus will return riding on a white horse & destroying the antichrist army in Megiddo. Satan knew that Jesus would come first & in peace & that WWII is billions of years after the S. Coming. So when Jesus arrived in peace we would think He is the antichrist & we would not worship Him. & how do you know it is the real Jesus Christ? So God let me the Messenger of Isaiah who is the Herald of Jesus confront the onslaught of Satan head on. This is why He let me get duped, so I could discover Satan's plan & when the Church saw what happened to me they would know the truth. I discovered Satans plan or the briars & thorns that Satan put up to stop the Lord- books like - the Left behind series - & rapture doctrine. To prove that I am correct, has the rapture happened? No, & it wont happen & that should signal to the Church that their whole endtime doctrine & vision is wrong .The Lord says Isaiah 28:18" & your covenant with death "rapture doctrine" shall be disannulled, & your agreement with hell " rapture, tribulation, WWII etc doctrine" shall not stand: when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it" meaning when the purge of the 1/3 of the human race is killed, your doctrine that you are raptured out of here & wont feel the pain will fall apart. The Church is not raptured out of here. My ordeal of facing demons & Satan's deception head on with counterfeit gods proves that the real God of Israel has arrived, Just look what happened to me. Just like St. Job, my life is a lesson for the Church not to jump in blindly, like they did in 40 billion AD after the 1000 years when the antichrist will bring fire from heaven to earth. Did I bring fire from heaven to earth? Did the Rapture happen? I was able to convince the Church about Satan's attempt to smear the real

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Jesus Christ & the Church saw what my life was all about & its lesson, so the Lord said. Isaiah 14:32" What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation"? That the Lord hath founded Zion, & the poor of His people shall trust in it." God also said, Isaiah 18:3" All ye inhabitants of the world, & dwellers on the earth, see ye when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains, & when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye." So God says listen to my gospel when it goes over the nations as Rev 8:10. Rev 12:14, Isaiah 25:6, Joel 2:24

This Spiritual Warfare Book "is a wonderful resource for those who are serious about their walk of victory." Apostle Dorothy Matthews, N.C. Apostles, Bishops and Pastors ascribe the title, "God's General" to Dr. Elsie Clark, because of her numerous books and spiritual warfare teachings across the years. She explains spiritual warfare, strategically so you will gain absolute victory. This book will take you to the next level in spiritual warfare training. Two known people were raised from the dead through Dr. Clark's spiritual warfare teachings through documented letters from Pastor Clara Milton, VA - Connie Adams of CA. Letters of book endorsements were written to attest to Dr. Clark's powerful teachings on spiritual warfare by Bishop Leon Harris/Pastor Ruth Harris, NY - Pastor Donald Fozard - NC, Apostle Dorothy Matthews, NC - Pastor Clara Milton, VA - Apostle Sandra Appleberry, MI - Dr. Kathy Curran, MO - Yvonne Stephens (Minister) VA - Mable Oliphant (Christian Entrepreneur). Dr. Elsie Clark is a long-time Author/Bible Scholar of over 54 books. She operates in the five-fold ministry of an Apostle/Prophetess. She prophesied over "political officials and prominent leaders" of the world and has appeared on television/radio networks. She evangelizes the gospel of Jesus Christ, pastored for over twenty-one years and raised up ministry leaders. She taught God's Word, globally for over 24 years and ministered in places such as Rome, Italy; Corinth, Philippi, Thessalonica,

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Switzerland, Egypt, Haiti, Africa, etc. Dr. Elsie sets up boot-camp training in churches and is a well sought after speaker. She has written twelve volume series on Spiritual Warfare that includes this book. Her other books are powerful tools for biblical research. She is an available speaker for church conferences, workshops, conventions and seminars. Her vision is to build multiple ministries to win multiple souls into the Kingdom of God.

The theme of the testimony of the Spirit of God is found in various Biblical writings, but it has received inadequate attention in recent theology, Biblical studies, and the philosophy of religion. This book corrects that inadequacy from an interdisciplinary perspective, including theology, Biblical studies, philosophy of religion, ethics, psychology, aesthetics, and apologetics. The book includes previously unpublished work on the topic of the testimony of the Spirit in connection with: its role in Biblical literature, an ontology of the Spirit, conscience and the voice of God, moral knowledge, religious diversity and spiritual testimony, psychology and neuroscience, community and language, art and beauty, desire and gender, apologetics, and the church and discernment. The book includes a General Introduction that identifies some key theological and philosophical topics that bear on the topic of the testimony of the Spirit, and it concludes with a bibliography on the testimony of the Spirit. The book pursues its topics in a manner accessible to a wide range of readers from various disciplines, including college students, educated non-academics, and researchers. We all long for more of something in our lives. In our endless pursuit to feel worth and acceptance we find ourselves sacrificing everything for the promise to be a little more beautiful, a little richer, a little more powerful and successful, a little more loved. How do we break free from these empty pursuits and start chasing the only Promise that will ever

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satisfy? How do we uncover the hidden idols that are driving us and turn our devotion toward the one true God? Join Pastor and best-selling author Pete Wilson in discovering the joy and freedom that comes with seeking after God with your whole life. Learn how to replace, and not just relinquish, life's empty promises by turning your focus and worship toward Him. It is the only thing that will set you absolutely free from the endless pursuit of everything else.

“We had hoped it was he [the Messiah] who would redeem Israel” (Luke 24:21) In this book, you will learn that the religion Jesus founded was not Gentile or called “Christianity.” The name “Christianity” is not found in the New Testament—a work authored by Jews who followed Jesus; that the religion of Jesus was a form of Judaism that revolved around the Hebrew concept of “B’rit Hadashah,” meaning “New Covenant.” This concept first appeared in the writings of Jeremiah, one of the great prophets of Judaism; that to achieve the full task Jews have expected of their Messiah—of redeeming Israel and completing Gentile world salvation—there have been three separate stages in the work of Jesus the Messiah: (1) the Atonement & Resurrection stage; (2) the Gentile stage (represented by two thousand years of Gentile Christianity); and (3) the Jewish (or “Jewish redemption”) stage; that with regard to the Messiah’s prophecy on Jerusalem and on the completion (or “fulfillment”) of his Gentile stage—see Luke 21:24: “Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled”—on June 7, 1967 (the day Jerusalem fell to Jews), the Messiah’s prophecy was fulfilled. Hence, with June 7, 1967 formally marking the end of the Messiah’s Gentile (or “Christian”) stage, the Messiah’s final (or Jewish) stage has already begun; that with the “times of the Gentiles (or Christianity)” over, why Christians must adjust and reorient themselves to the new Jewish era and







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charts, definitions, and Scripture and subject indices, Basic Theology will give you a clear and comprehensive picture of Ryrie's approach to systematic theology. Its 94 chapters are arranged in outline style for easy reference. Considerable emphasis is given to explaining the dispensational view of the end times.

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New York Times bestselling author of *The Prodigal Prophet* and nationally renowned minister Timothy Keller exposes the error of making good things "ultimate" in this book, and shows readers a new path toward a hope that lasts. Success, true love, and the life you've always wanted. Many of us placed our faith in these things, believing they held the key to happiness, but with a sneaking suspicion they might not deliver. No wonder we feel lost, alone, disenchanted, and resentful. There is only one God who can wholly satisfy our cravings—and now is the perfect time to meet Him again, or for the first time. In *Counterfeit Gods*, Timothy Keller shows how a proper understanding of the Bible reveals the unvarnished truth about societal ideals and our own hearts. This powerful message cements Keller's reputation as a critical thinker and pastor, and comes at a crucial time—for both the faithful and the skeptical. *Counterfeit Gods* Foreword Novellas have many ways of being born. This one found its genesis when, after

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reading my book *Malignant Pied Pipers of Our Time*, my office janitor asked me, "Hey, Doc. If you treated Reverend Jim Jones when he was twelve-years old, could 918 deaths at Jonestown have been prevented?" "Maybe," I replied. This novella is partly a memoir about my love of my work. The story is about the possibilities and profound difficulties in changing destinies. Unlike many melodramatic TV or Hollywood movie scenarios, such changes occurring in psychotherapy are deceptively quiet...often muted. Psychotherapy involves many emotional experiences...anxiety, fear, fascination, wonder, boredom, humor/laughter, anger, sadness and often psychological pain. However, the more severe and ominous forms of pain, destruction and even prevented deaths, go unheralded. TheyOlsson-Counterfeit Godsare unnoticed because existentially, they like a suicide prevented, never in fact exist. Any genuine change in psychotherapy is always a story about two or more lives. The format I chose for this book is to alternate one chapter of Will's story (the Novel), with a subsequent chapter of psychiatric observations and knowledge about the destructive cult leader the Rev. Jim Jones. I am grateful for my friend and colleague Stuart Yudofsky MD's excellent suggestion about this format. It was sometimes used by one of my favorite authors, Allen Wheelis MD. I hope that my character Will and his treatment ...and even the story of the horrible aspects of Rev Jim Jones's troubled life, can help thwart the evil of destructive cults. So, be wary of all gurus and would-be emperors in new clothes!

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Encounters with Jesus: Jesus changed the lives of nearly every person he met in the Gospels. These were powerful experiences that can have a profound effect on us today and help explain not only different aspects of Christianity, but the deep questions of life itself. Preaching: Timothy Keller is known for his insightful, down-to-earth sermons and talks that help people understand themselves, encounter Jesus and apply the Bible to their lives. In this accessible guide for pastors and laypeople alike, Keller helps readers learn to present the Christian message of grace in a more engaging, passionate and compassionate way. Walking with God through Pain and Suffering: The problem of pain is a perennial one; and for those who undergo particular sufferings it can often be the largest obstacle for trusting in a good and loving God. If such a God exists, why is there so much suffering in the world? And how do we deal with it when it comes into our lives?

This volume probes the nature of gratitude as a virtue and identifies its moral value in the Christian life in order to enhance pastoral effectiveness in ministering to those gripped by sins of desire. Such impulses are explored in terms of the seven deadly sins, which this inquiry regards as distorted desires for the good God provides. Utilizing a method of

mutual critical correlation, this volume brings philosophical and psychological claims about gratitude into conversation with the Christian tradition. On the basis of an ontology of communion in which humans are inextricably situated in giving-and-receiving relationships with God, others, and the world, this inquiry defines gratitude as a social response involving asymmetrical, agapic reciprocity, whereby a recipient freely, joyfully, and fittingly salutes a giver for the gift received in order to establish, maintain, or restore a personal and peaceable relationship. Critiquing especially the reductions of gratitude by Aristotle and Jacques Derrida, this inquiry recommends gratitude as a virtue which, when embodied, practiced, and ritualized especially, though not exclusively, in the Eucharist, has potential to repel the destructive idolatries generated by the seven deadly sins and thus function as a crucial ingredient in human social flourishing. Familiarity with the virtue of gratitude as a vital ingredient in moral flourishing therefore equips pastors for greater ministerial effectiveness.

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The Empty Promises of Money, Sex, and Power, and the Only Hope that Matters  
Penguin

Eleven months after leaving Earth and her best friend Jane, Emily returns to the magical world of Adelai. There she finds a strange world only a few years removed from a devastating war and uncovers

the terrifying truth about the night she was sent to Earth. Meanwhile, back on Earth, Jane and an Emily from another time search for the evil witch Jael. But not all is what it seems, and the women soon find themselves on a collision course with an ancient entity hell-bent on spreading its darkness across the universe.

Many believers struggle with assurance of salvation, tending to approach obedience to God out of either guilt or legalism. We exist to display God's glory, declare God's gospel, and disciple for God's Great Commission. Instead of embracing these truths, many Christians have believed the lie that their identity in Christ does not affect how they live their lives in obedience to him. The gospel tells us that “being” (identity) comes before “doing” (obedience). This lack of understanding our gospel identity frequently results in either legalistic pride or frustrating guilt. The purpose of this book is to help believers understand their identity in the three persons of the Trinity and then joyfully serve God with gospel obedience. The gospel indicatives in the Bible serve as the fountain and power for obeying the moral imperatives in the Bible. The gospel roots our assurance of salvation and motivation to obey God in our identity, not in moralism, which elevates our performance instead of exalting the finished work of Christ.

The letter of Romans has changed countless lives,

and it can change your life as well! If you have ever wanted to know God, there is no better introduction other than Romans. The depth and length of the letter, however, have discouraged many people from exploring it. This short book was written to help you start that exploration--an exploration that you will take again and again throughout your life. I have no doubt that your life will be never be the same after experiencing this majestic letter.

From the creation story of Genesis to the new heaven and new earth of Revelation, *The Bible's Greatest Hits* contains the top sixty-six passages in Holy Scripture. Presbyterian pastor and novelist Henry G. Brinton invites readers into discussion and debate as he reveals the significance of these passages and connects them to contemporary life. Some readers will disagree with Brinton's selections, just as music fans dispute the choices on a greatest-hits album, but all will gain a new appreciation for the richness of scriptural insights found in the full range of biblical books, from the well-known to the obscure. Written for both private devotion and group discussion, *The Bible's Greatest Hits* includes the best in biblical scholarship as well as practical connections to daily life, along with questions for reflection at the end of each chapter. The book gives Christian youths and adults an introduction to the major characters and stories of Holy Scripture, as it links their daily lives to the Bible's most important

moral and theological insights. Readers will gain the satisfaction of increased biblical literacy while being shaped by the most transformative passages from Genesis to Revelation in the course of their ongoing faith development.

Shows how to discern the theological and homiletical message of the book of Revelation through narrative analysis.

Themelios is an international, evangelical, peer-reviewed theological journal that expounds and defends the historic Christian faith. Themelios is published three times a year online at The Gospel Coalition

(<http://thegospelcoalition.org/themelios/>) and in print by Wipf and Stock. Its primary audience is theological students and pastors, though scholars read it as well. Themelios began in 1975 and was operated by RTSF/UCCF in the UK, and it became a digital journal operated by The Gospel Coalition in 2008. The editorial team draws participants from across the globe as editors, essayists, and reviewers. General Editor: D. A. Carson, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Managing Editor: Brian Tabb, Bethlehem College and Seminary Consulting Editor: Michael J. Ovey, Oak Hill Theological College Administrator: Andrew David Naselli, Bethlehem College and Seminary Book Review Editors: Jerry Hwang, Singapore Bible College; Alan Thompson, Sydney Missionary & Bible College; Nathan A. Finn, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; Hans Madueme, Covenant College; Dane Ortlund, Crossway; Jason Sexton, Golden Gate Baptist Seminary Editorial Board: Gerald Bray, Beeson Divinity School Lee Gatiss, Wales Evangelical School of Theology Paul Helseth, University of Northwestern, St. Paul Paul House, Beeson Divinity School Ken Magnuson, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Jonathan Pennington, The

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New York Times bestselling author and pastor Timothy Keller concludes his Encounters with Jesus eBook series with *The Mother of God*, an exploration of the Annunciation and how Mary's reaction to her blessing can help us grow in our understanding of Christianity. Jesus' mother, Mary, was the first person to learn that he was the Son of God. By examining her response to the angelic announcement, Timothy Keller, pastor of New York's Redeemer Presbyterian Church and New York Times bestselling author of *The Reason for God*, sheds light on the uniqueness of this central fact of Christianity. He illustrates how deep her doubts were, how helpful her response was to those facing similar doubts, and how Mary in that moment shows us to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The issue of idolatry has been with the human race for thousands of years; the subtle temptation is always to take what is good and turn it into the ultimate good, elevating it above all other things in the search for security and meaning. In this timely and challenging book, New York pastor Timothy Keller uses classic Bible stories to look at the issue of idolatry - from the worship of actual idols in the Old Testament, to the idolatry of money by the rich young ruler when he was challenged by Jesus to give up all his wealth. Keller cuts through our dependence on the glittering false idols of money, sex and power to uncover the path towards trust in the real ultimate - God. Today's idols may look different from those of the Old Testament, but Keller argues that they are no less damaging. Culturally transforming as well as biblically based, **COUNTERFEIT GODS** is a powerful look at the

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temptation to worship what can only disappoint, and is a vital message in today's current climate of financial and social difficulty.

Herzog has written an introduction for seminary and college students to the discussion about the historical Jesus. He reports on the findings of the Jesus Seminar and also traces other scholarly work in Jesus studies, but with an eye to the theological.

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