

Apostle On The Edge An Inductive Approach To Paul

Designed as a guide to the many facets of the islands. Recounts the history of the area, looks at the inland sea, and describes the geographical features and wildlife of the islands. Discusses what to see and do at the park. For centuries the apostle Paul has been invoked to justify oppression ? whether on behalf of slavery, to enforce unquestioned obedience to the state, to silence women, or to legitimate anti-Semitism. To interpret Paul is thus to set foot on a terrible battleground between spiritual forces. But as Neil Elliott argues, the struggle to liberate human beings from the power of Death requires "Liberating Paul" from his enthrallment to that power. In this book, Elliott shows that what many people experience as the scandal of Paul is the unfortunate consequence of the way Paul has usually been read, or rather misread, in the churches. In the first half of the book, Elliott examines the many texts historically interpreted to support oppression or maintain the status quo. He shows how often Paul's authentic message has been interpreted in the light of later pseudo-Pauline writings. In Part Two, Elliott applies a "political key" to the interpretation of Paul. Though subsequent centuries have turned the cross into a symbol of Christian piety, Elliott forcefully reminds us that in Paul's time this was the Roman mode of executing rebellious slaves, a fact that has profound political implications. The Acclaimed, Authentic Biography of the Early Church's Greatest Evangelist--the Apostle Paul. Master storyteller John Pollock makes Paul and his amazing story freshly alive, so that you can know the greatest apostle much as Luke and Timothy did as they traveled with him. As you turn the pages, you'll sense Paul's motives, his aims and priorities; what

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mattered to him; and what he was willing to die for.

A journey into the heart of Christianity that explores the mysterious and often paradoxical lives and legacies of the Twelve Apostles -- a book both for those of the faith and for others who seek to understand Christianity from the outside in. Peter, Matthew, Thomas, John: Who were these men? What was their relationship to Jesus? Tom Bissell provides answers to these ancient, elusive questions. He examines not just who these men were (and weren't), but also how their identities have taken shape over the course of two millennia. Ultimately, Bissell finds that the story of the apostles is the story of early Christianity: its competing versions of Jesus's ministry, its countless schisms, and its ultimate evolution from an obscure Jewish sect to the global faith we know today in all its forms and permutations. In his quest to understand the underpinnings of the world's largest religion, Bissell embarks on a years-long pilgrimage to the supposed tombs of the Twelve Apostles. He travels from Jerusalem and Rome to Turkey, Greece, Spain, France, India, and Kyrgyzstan, capturing the rich diversity of Christianity's worldwide reach. Along the way, he engages with a host of characters -- priests, paupers, a Vatican archaeologist, a Palestinian taxi driver, a Russian monk -- posing questions that range from the religious to the philosophical to the political.

Presented here, in paperback for the first time, is John Peter Lange's *Theologisch-homiletisches Bibelwerk*. Intended to help preachers prepare sermons the commentary series is essentially biblical and evangelical catholic. This 19th century commentary has served as a standard reference for more than a century. Many early reviewers regarded Schaff's edition with his additional material as superior to the original. It has proven to be a complete and useful Commentary and continues to prove especially valuable to ministers. It contains critical annotations of the text and its translation, and a

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threefold commentary, exegetical, doctrinal, and homiletical. Under these three heads the text is viewed from every aspect.

It is a common—and fundamental—misconception that Paul told people how to live. Apart from forbidding certain abusive practices, he never gives any precise instructions for living. It would have violated his two main social principles: human freedom and dignity, and the need for people to love one another. Paul was a Hellenistic Jew, originally named Saul, from the tribe of Benjamin, who made a living from tent making or leatherworking. He called himself the “Apostle to the Gentiles” and was the most important of the early Christian evangelists. Paul is not easy to understand. The Greeks and Romans themselves probably misunderstood him or skimmed the surface of his arguments when he used terms such as “law” (referring to the complex system of Jewish religious law in which he himself was trained). But they did share a language—Greek—and a cosmopolitan urban culture, that of the Roman Empire. Paul considered evangelizing the Greeks and Romans to be his special mission. “For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” The idea of love as the only rule was current among Jewish thinkers of his time, but the idea of freedom being available to anyone was revolutionary. Paul, regarded by Christians as the greatest interpreter of Jesus’ mission, was the first person to explain how Christ’s life and death fit into the larger scheme of salvation, from the creation of Adam to the end of time. Preaching spiritual equality and God’s infinite love, he crusaded for the Jewish Messiah to be accepted as the friend and deliverer of all humankind. In *Paul Among the People*, Sarah Ruden explores the meanings of

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his words and shows how they might have affected readers in his own time and culture. She describes as well how his writings represented the new church as an alternative to old ways of thinking, feeling, and living. Ruden translates passages from ancient Greek and Roman literature, from Aristophanes to Seneca, setting them beside famous and controversial passages of Paul and their key modern interpretations. She writes about Augustine; about George Bernard Shaw's misguided notion of Paul as "the eternal enemy of Women"; and about the misuse of Paul in the English Puritan Richard Baxter's strictures against "flesh-pleasing." Ruden makes clear that Paul's ethics, in contrast to later distortions, were humane, open, and responsible. Paul Among the People is a remarkable work of scholarship, synthesis, and understanding; a revelation of the founder of Christianity.

World renowned forensic Archeologist, Dr. Terry Harper, has miraculously survived two assassination attempts within the span of 10 days. As Israeli police try to discover exactly who is behind these inexplicable attacks, Harper, aided by a mysterious ex-CIA operative, try to escape the Middle East and return to the safety of the United States, before another can be launched. Throughout the journey, Harper experiences blackout-induced visions, which transform him into an unwitting eyewitness to the birth of the Christian faith, as seen through the eyes of the Saul of Tarsus. In this third book of the award-winning Eye Witness graphic novel series, the transformation and missions of the super-apostle Paul, are examined like never before as the author delves into questions like: What happened to Paul between the time when his sight was taken on the road to Damascus to when he returned to that city, three years later? Rise of the Apostle, takes the reader through a full color, fully illustrated roller-coaster ride which features the intertwining of a modern day

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action-thriller with an adaptation of the Book of Acts. The Eye Witness series is appropriate for readers from early teen and up. Winner in the category of Graphic Novels at the 2009 Best Book Awards, sponsored by USAbooknews.com

After Jesus, Peter is the most frequently mentioned individual both in the Gospels and in the New Testament as a whole. He was the leading disciple, the "rock" on which Jesus would build his church. How can we know so little about this formative figure of the early church? World-renowned New Testament scholar Markus Bockmuehl introduces the New Testament Peter by asking how first- and second-century sources may be understood through the prism of "living memory" among the disciples of the apostolic generation and the students of those disciples. He argues that early Christian memory of Peter underscores his central role as a bridge-building figure holding together the diversity of first-century Christianity. Drawing on more than a decade of research, Bockmuehl applies cutting-edge scholarship to the question of the history and traditions of this important but strangely elusive figure. Bockmuehl provides fresh insight into the biblical witness and early Christian tradition that New Testament students and professors will value.

Detective Chief Inspector Frank Castle never caught the Woodlands Killer and it almost destroyed him. Now, years later, mauled by the press and traumatised by nightmares, he is faced with a copycat killer with detailed inside knowledge of the original case. He and his partner Jacki Stone enter a deadly labyrinth, and at its centre is the man Castle believes was responsible for the first

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killings. He's running a sinister cult and playing dark mind games with the police. The investigation has a shattering effect on Castle and Stone. Dark coded ritualistic killings are being carried out on high-profile figures and the body count is rising. Castle employs a brilliant psychologist to help him solve the case, but some psychopaths are cleverer than others. The book has a unique twist, timed to perfection by the author. A dark, layered narrative with detailed psychological profiling, *Apostle Rising* is an extremely powerful noir crime story with a chilling dimension of horror.

"Paul the Apostle," featuring more than seventy photos of places the apostle had visited, is a comprehensive, absorbing study of Paul against the historical background and milieu of his age. The study is not a defense or criticism of Paul, but an in-depth study of his life and thought with the aim of knowing Paul as he really was. Stuart H. Merriam, Ph.D., received his doctorate in church history from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He pastored two Presbyterian churches in Virginia and New York, before founding in 1964 the Highland Christian Mission in Papua New Guinea, where he currently serves as director.

The Apostle Paul's dramatic and much discussed conversion on the road to Damascus radically changed the course of his life - as well as the Christian religion. Can a new narrative, and a new perspective, be brought to this two-thousand-year-old story and centuries of critical thought and study? The writer and filmmaker Robert Orlando believes it can. *'Apostle Paul: A Polite Bribe'* is a dramatic and challenging book, inspired by his

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controversial film of the same name. This groundbreaking look at Paul's life draws on extensive research into Paul's letters and the book of Acts to reveal his human attitudes and insecurities. Orlando constructs a fresh take on Paul's life, especially his collection for the Jerusalem church, and proposes that Paul, as one of Christianity's most celebrated converts, may have needed more than faith and fervour to convince the other apostles to accept his vision of ministry. 'Apostle Paul: A Polite Bribe' illustrates how a vision of promise eventually leads to a hopeless prison cell and, ultimately, a new religion, challenging the traditional perspective and inspiring new thought about one of the best-known founders of the Christian religion.

In this groundbreaking study, Michael Cosby uncovers the unknown history of the transformation of the Apostle Barnabas from a peacemaker to a warrior saint. Modern Cypriot beliefs about Barnabas diverge significantly from the New Testament depiction of the man as a leader involved in creative solutions to ethnic conflicts in the early church. Over the centuries, he morphed into a symbol of Greek Cypriot nationalism, bequeathing his power to the archbishop in Nicosia. This modern mythical St. Barnabas resulted from a complicated blend of religious and political maneuvering at key points in the history of Cyprus. Orthodox clergy made a consensus builder complicit in the ongoing strife between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots. Cosby's thought-provoking book challenges readers to ponder their own beliefs to sort through what is history and what is legend. Reduced to its simplest form, *The Dysfunctional Church*

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maintains that: -The Catholic church is an addict, an institutional addict. - It's addicted to preserving the male, celibate, clerical model of the church. - Many Catholics exhibit patterns of classic codependency which reinforce this addiction. - The result is a dysfunctional church unable to confront a problem many members know is there. Michael Crosby breaks the silence to talk openly about the abuse of authority in the Catholic church. He does this in a way that offers comfort, hope, and challenge to the frustrated but caring members of its family. He traces the historical gathering of powers by the hierarchy into its own hands and its ramification for today. Applying the approach that Matthew's Jesus took to the church leaders of his day, Crosby brings the discerning light of scripture into the dark corners of growing addiction. The Dysfunctional Church is a clear, loving, and unequivocal intervention. The author calls on church leaders and all other codependents in the church to face their addiction and seek recovery through spiritual conversion. Acknowledging that he himself is a recovering codependent, he invites us all to turn to God to fill the hole in our wholeness. This involves coming under the authority of a higher power as well as finding support in prophetic communities modeled on the Twelve Steps. For those who left the church in anger, Crosby's analysis invites compassion; for those who remain in frustration, it offers hope; and for the many who feel condemned to the church's use of authority, it offers a way of recovery.

Out of the very heart of Judaism, a former Pharisee, a Hebrew of the Hebrews, of the tribe of Benjamin, came a

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man of large vision and spirit willing to count all things but loss, willing to endure the loss of all things, and take the message of the Cross of Jesus Christ to Jew and Gentile alike unto the ends of the earth, in the process becoming the chief interpreter of the New Covenant. Presented here are my findings of Paul the Apostle. Author and teacher Michael R. Cosby provides a wonderful guide to Paul's letters, helping students relate them to their own cultural setting and figure out for themselves what they mean. Irreverent, entertaining, engaging, and fun, yet grounded in sound theology, Cosby's textbook, full of pictures, questions, and insights, is certain to be a most popular educational tool.

Are you willing to become a watchman for the Lord? In *Global Warning*, Bill Vincent urges us all to take a stand for America. In an effort to seek out and purge the wickedness that has seeped its way into the highest places in our society, Bill calls each of us to spend time in prayer and ready ourselves to deliver His warnings. Turn away from social media. Turn off your TVs. Look inward for the Word of God. His Word alone guides us to the truth, to the dangers of our society, and the call to action. When our Lord sounds the alarm, will you take up His call? Employ your faith, nourish your soul, and ready yourself for His Word. Grab your copy today.

A profound and moving journey into the heart of Christianity that explores the mysterious and often

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paradoxical lives and legacies of the Twelve Apostles—a book both for those of the faith and for others who seek to understand Christianity from the outside in. “Expertly researched and fascinating... Bissell is a wonderfully sure guide to these mysterious men.... This is a serious book about the origins of Christianity that is also very funny. How often can you say that?” —The Independent Peter, Matthew, Thomas, John: Who were these men? What was their relationship to Jesus? Tom Bissell provides rich and surprising answers to these ancient, elusive questions. He examines not just who these men were (and weren't), but also how their identities have taken shape over the course of two millennia. Ultimately, Bissell finds that the story of the apostles is the story of early Christianity: its competing versions of Jesus's ministry, its countless schisms, and its ultimate evolution from an obscure Jewish sect to the global faith we know today in all its forms and permutations. In his quest to understand the underpinnings of the world's largest religion, Bissell embarks on a years-long pilgrimage to the supposed tombs of the Twelve Apostles. He travels from Jerusalem and Rome to Turkey, Greece, Spain, France, India, and Kyrgyzstan, vividly capturing the rich diversity of Christianity's worldwide reach. Along the way, he engages with a host of characters—priests, paupers, a Vatican archaeologist, a Palestinian taxi driver, a Russian

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monk—posing sharp questions that range from the religious to the philosophical to the political. Written with warmth, empathy, and rare acumen, *Apostle* is a brilliant synthesis of travel writing, biblical history, and a deep, lifelong relationship with Christianity. The result is an unusual, erudite, and at times hilarious book—a religious, intellectual, and personal adventure fit for believers, scholars, and wanderers alike.

The book of Acts opens with the dramatic story of tongues of flame descending upon believers at Pentecost and the prophecy of an egalitarian dispensation of the Spirit being fulfilled. Yet, as the narrative unfolds, we become aware of a tension between the socially egalitarian promise of the Pentecost story and the author's underlying concern to provide reassurance for his elite patron Theophilus that Jesus followers do not disturb the existing social order. In this guide, Acts is read as a struggle to tame the tongues of fire. Acts mutes the egalitarian promise of the Spirit through presenting an 'orderly account' (as its author calls it) of the Jesus movement that appeals to elite sensibilities. And, at the same time, the narrative contains contradictions, gaps and fissures that suggest the outlines of a more complex, and even subversive, religious movement.

Satire is a kind of preaching. Satire pervades Scripture. Satire treats the foibles of sinners with a

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less than perfect tenderness. But, if a Christian employs satire today, he is almost immediately called to account for his "unbiblical" behavior. Yet Scripture shows that the central point of some religious controversies is to give offense. When Christ was confronted with ecclesiastical obstinacy and other forms of arrogance, he showed us a godly pattern for giving offense. In every controversy, godliness and wisdom (or the lack of them) are to be determined by careful appeal to the Scriptures and not to the fact of someone having taken offense. Perhaps they ought to have taken offense, and perhaps someone ought to have endeavored to give it.

Revelation is probably the most read, but least understood book of the Bible. History is replete with examples of how not to interpret it, and books featuring end-of-world prophecy claims based on Revelation consistently top the bestseller lists. But how can the message of such an enigmatic book be applied to our lives today? In *Discipleship on the Edge*, Darrell W. Johnson drives home the challenging and practical message of Revelation in thirty carefully crafted sermons. Paying careful attention to the original context of Revelation and the circumstances surrounding its composition, Johnson shows that the book is not a "crystal ball" but rather a "discipleship manual." Thoroughly researched and yet accessible, this collection of sermons is a helpful

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resource for pastors and small group leaders who are looking for models to help them preach and teach the message of Revelation in a time when there is much confusion about the end times. Darrell W. Johnson serves as Scholar-in-Residence at The Way Church and Canadian Church Leaders Network in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. A popular conference and retreat speaker, he has also served as the preaching pastor for a number of congregations in North America and the Philippines, as well as serving as Adjunct Professor of Preaching for the Doctor of Ministry program at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, and a Teaching Fellow at Regent College. His other books include *Experiencing the Trinity* and *Fifty-Seven Words That Change The World*.

In this courageous work Michael Crosby offers a trenchant analysis of mandatory celibacy in the Roman Catholic Church. He shows how the imposition of celibacy has now revealed a deeper issue: the abuse of power as well as the abuse of women and homosexuals in the Church. Crosby asserts that: --to argue that the present discipline of mandatory celibacy is based on the New Testament is a misuse of scripture; --imposed celibacy continues to be used as a means of maintaining clerical control through fear and intimidation; --a religious system demanding celibacy exposes a deeper control: the abuse of power endemic

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throughout the system; --while difficult to live out even when freely chosen, enforced celibacy can result in dysfunctional behaviors at all levels.

Integrating his personal experience as a celibate and cleric with biblical exegesis, historical study and the behavioral sciences, Crosby believes that: --healthy celibacy demands intimacy with God and others; --a healthy church will reorder its current power dynamics in a way that mitigates sexual abuse; --this will once again reveal Roman Catholicism to be a religion with an inspiring model of evangelical life and witness. This updated revision of Crosby's award-winning 'Celibacy: Means of Control or Mandate of the Heart?' also addresses the abuse of power in the Catholic Church by those male, clerical celibates who control it. He convincingly points the way to a Church that will be--with all its ministers--healthier and holier.

I've got some great news for you! You are much closer than you think to living a life that deeply satisfies your heart and soul, even if it feels like that's not true for you right now. In fact, for many people it feels impossible. It might even look impossible. Despite our feelings and perspectives, though, it is still absolutely, undeniably true: you are living on the edge of incredible. You're receiving an invitation with these very words--an invitation to more freedom than you've ever thought possible. It's an invitation to revel in unconditional acceptance, to make a positive impact in the lives of those around you, and to move past the edge of incredible right to the very

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centre of it.

Building on his own translation from the Greek, Hultgren walks readers through Romans verse by verse, illuminating the text with helpful comments, probing into major puzzles, and highlighting the letter's most inspiring features. He also demonstrates the forward-looking, missional character of Paul's epistle -- written, as Hultgren suggests, to introduce Roman Christians to the major themes of Paul's theology and to inspire in them both confidence in the soundness of his teaching and support for his planned missionary efforts in Spain.

Eric Silkwin, a young man of Cheyenne descent learns he has the gift of healing. As Eric travels through life's experiences, he is faced with the uncertainty of where this healing force has originated.

A full-scale study of the world's most famous secret society, the Cambridge 'Apostles'.

What if a serial killer wanted to take more than just your life? Katherine Callahan's life has been anything but ordinary. Clinically dead at age six, the accident that briefly stole her breath also gave her something in return? the ability to see the dead. Although terrified at first, Katie learned to navigate the ups and downs of her gift while keeping her ghostly visions a secret to all but a few. Now an adult, she uses her special ability and her forensic expertise to give a name to the nameless. When human remains are uncovered in the mountains of Virginia, Katie and her cadaver dog, Chance, are pulled into the investigation. But what starts out as a routine case turns into a spine-chilling game of cat and mouse as, one by one, Katie's loved ones become the targets of

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a madman's fantasies. Together, with the handsome but brooding FBI agent Jake Devereaux, Katie finds herself in a race against the clock to unmask a killer before he can land his ultimate prize-Katie Callahan herself. He calls himself the Apostle. And he's closer than you think. After many years of experience with churches, I observed that the maturing of the churches in general was being thwarted by the lack of genuine apostolic and five fold ministry. The book was written to illustrate the need for genuine apostolic leadership from the heart of maturity. Most books about apostolic leadership, although good and helpful, were more or less written from the point of view of application and performance of ministry rather than from the aspect of heart. Key editorial points are: Why we need each other. The marks of a true apostle and how to recognize them The need for a team spirit. Passing the baton to future leaders. This book will throw great light on the understanding of those who want to see true oversight work in churches and the blessing it will bring to all concerned. In Paul's angry letter, everything is magnified. His obstructers have insidious motives, their Galatian victims are dense and on the brink of spiritual peril, and the law itself is outmoded and a malevolent taskmaster. How do we read beneath the rhetoric? Writing on the Edge surveys ancient Greco-Roman and modern linguistic sources on hyperbole and demonstrates that it is possible to separate out the effect of Paul's edgy rhetoric on his ideas. Eleven criteria are applied to identify Paul's most hyperbolic passages in Galatians, followed by a reinterpretation of those passages and the entire thrust

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of the letter. Paul's true attitudes emerge, and a more consistent picture of the apostle materializes, one in line with his Torah-observant behavior in Acts.

This historical novel spans the reigns of the Roman caesars Tiberius through Nero. It tells the story of the fledgling early church and how they were impacted by Roman law and rule. The apostle Paul traveled extensively throughout that world, visiting metropolitan cities, fearlessly taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ straight into the heart of pagan worship. He suffered hunger, stoning, prison, flogging, beating, being shipwrecked three times, and being in constant danger of bandits. Yet throughout all of these reverses, he courageously and fearlessly defended his message and his God-given calling. Interwoven throughout the pages of this story are two Roman soldiers, Marcos and Gaius, who walk the Jerusalem wall, observing from their Roman viewpoint all that is going on in the Jewish world. They observe the persecutions led by Saul and, later, the puzzling change in his life. Eventually, because of the impact a changed Paul has upon their lives, they come to know his Christ. This very real and human Paul, along with the electrifying, heart-stopping world in which he and the early church lived, is sure to keep the reader on edge, wondering what can happen next. Paul and this early church were willing to give everything, including their lives, for the truth of the good news that Christ had

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come to set up his kingdom in the heart of man. The household was the basic unit of the early church; it also constituted the basic unit of political economy until the Industrial Revolution. This richly detailed work uses the notion of house as a unifying theme, establishing the identity and concerns of the early Christian churches. What emphases did Matthew's gospel have for that audience - which Crosby establishes was urban-based and prosperous - and what does it mean to First World Christians today? Through an in-depth exploration of Matthew's gospel and its socioeconomic milieu, 'House of Disciples' shows how the world of the early church continues to challenge Christians nineteen hundred years later. It makes a unique contribution to both New Testament scholarship and the practice of a contemporary spirituality.

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saint? In *Creation of History*, Michael Cosby explores the relationship between history, memory, and myth through the fascinating story of St. Barnabas. Anyone interested in the New Testament, Cyprus, and the Orthodox Church will benefit from his compelling narrative." --John Fea, author of *Why Study History: Reflecting on the Importance of the Past*. "Professor Cosby's work masterfully brings to light these two versions of Barnabas, the New Testament saintly personality, the peacemaker and spiritual mentor of Paul, and the socially constructed Barnabas of Cypriot history." --Kyriacos Markides, from the Foreword

Michael Cosby is Professor of New Testament and Greek at Messiah College in Grantham, Pennsylvania. He is the author of *Interpreting Biblical Literature: An Introduction to Biblical Studies*, *Apostle on the Edge: An Inductive Approach to Paul*, and other books and articles. As a Senior Fulbright Fellow, he conducted research in Cyprus on the Apostle Barnabas.

"Knowledge held within is dead knowledge. Share it with others, and then it is resurrected." These are words that Apostle Dr. Muriel Avant Fuqua lives by. Though, throughout her life, there have been plenty of things she'd rather have kept silent about, she has learned, firsthand, that it is these very traumas that must be brought into the light so their power can be broken and healing can begin. A shining example of the necessity to speak out—and a cautionary tale

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about the harm and dysfunction that results from silence—this empowering memoir is about overcoming the debilitating pain of abuse and infidelity through the healing power of a loving God. At the same time, Dr. Fuqua's debut book serves as an excellent educational source on the challenging issues of women in ministry and church hurt. Over the years, Dr. Fuqua has experienced more than her fair share of pain, but she has also discovered the amazing truth that God can truly renew brokenness. And her life, her marriage, and her church all declare the good news. Discover for yourself the peace of Christ, as you learn from her story how you, too, can step into the light and wrap your pain in the glory of God.

Creating a Scene in Corinth imaginatively draws readers into Chloe's house church, which has just received a letter from their church planter, the apostle Paul. Using group simulation, the book brings to life scholarly research on how the gospel penetrated the Roman Empire. As participants role-play early believers and debate with each other, they gain new insights and will never read 1 Corinthians the same way again. First-century Corinthians were just as human as church people today. They did not consider Paul's letters authoritative Scripture when he wrote them, so lively group discussion and debate are encouraged. This method of Bible study works for many levels, from youth groups to Sunday

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school classes, or in college and seminary courses.

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A groundbreaking new portrait of the apostle Paul, from one of today's leading historians of antiquity. Often seen as the author of timeless Christian theology, Paul himself heatedly maintained that he lived and worked in history's closing hours. His letters propel his readers into two ancient worlds, one Jewish, one pagan. The first was incandescent with apocalyptic hopes, expecting God through his messiah to fulfill his ancient promises of redemption to Israel. The second teemed with ancient actors, not only human but also divine: angry superhuman forces, jealous demons, and hostile cosmic gods. Both worlds are Paul's, and his convictions about the first shaped his actions in the second. Only by situating Paul within this charged social context of gods and humans, pagans and Jews, cities, synagogues, and competing Christ-following

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assemblies can we begin to understand his mission and message. This original and provocative book offers a dramatically new perspective on one of history's seminal figures.

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