

Christ Church Georgetown—Adult Forum Series, 2016-2017

Supplementary Reading List

[Compiled by Barry Seltser—May 2017]

This list provides some suggestions for further reading to supplement the adult forum series on “Why Be a Christian?” These suggestions are provided for your illumination and enjoyment; each title was recommended by at least one of the presenters. They are, of course, merely a small and idiosyncratic sampling covering the subjects we have briefly examined this year. Most of the books are available on sites such as Amazon. I have grouped them into broad (somewhat overlapping) categories.

Broader Reference and Overview

The Anchor Bible Dictionary, 6 volumes, edited by David Noel Freedman

Leszek Kolakowski, Religion

Alistair McGrath, The Christian Theology Reader

Jaroslav Pelikan, The Christian Tradition (5 volumes on Christian doctrine)

Belief and Faith

Walter Brueggemann, The Prophetic Imagination

Frederick Buechner, Wishful Thinking: A Seeker’s ABC

Caroline Walker Bynum, The Resurrection of the Body in Western Christianity: 200-1336

Michael Curry, Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus

Verna Dozier, The Dream of God: A Call to Return

Herbert McCabe, God Matters and God Still Matters

Brian McLaren, The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World’s Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to be Christian

Gerald O’Collins, Christology

Rowan Williams, Tokens of Trust

N. T. Wright, The Resurrection of the Son of God

Ethics and Christian Action

David Brooks, The Road to Character

Peter Brown, Through the Eye of a Needle: Wealth, the Fall of Rome, and the Making of Christianity in the West, 350-550 A.D.

Soren Kierkegaard, Works of Love and Fear and Trembling

Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton, Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers

Allen Verhey, The Christian Art of Dying

Jim Wallis, Racism: America's Original Sin

Action and Belief in Identity and Imagination

W. H. Auden, For the Time Being (in Collected Poems)

Frederick Buechner, Telling the Truth: The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale

Albert Camus, Lyrical and Critical Essays

L. William Countryman, The Poetic Imagination: An Anglican Spirituality

T. S. Eliot, Four Quartets

Monica Furlong, Christian Uncertainties

Denise Levertov, The Stream and the Sapphire: Poems on Religious Themes

Martha Nussbaum, The Fragility of Goodness: Luck and Ethics in Greek Tragedy and Philosophy

Dorothy Sayers, Introductory Papers on Dante: The Poet Alive in his Writings

Sophocles, Tragedies [also see the classical tragedies of Aeschylus and Euripides]

Frederica Harris Thompsett, Courageous Incarnation in Intimacy, Work, Childhood and Aging

Rowan Williams, Anglican Identities

John Zizioulas, Being as Communion

Richard Rohr website at Center for Action and Contemplation <https://cac.org/>