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The Friend We Have in Jesus The Mission and Death of Jesus in Islam and Christianity **Short Answers to Big Questions about God, the Bible, and Christianity** *Getting Over Yourself What Christians Believe From Proverbs to Parables* What's the Least I Can Believe and Still be a Christian? Jesus Christ The Truth About Islam and Jesus I Am With You Always War Inconsistent with the Religion of Jesus Christ The Shadow, The Body, and The Light **Re-imagining African Christologies** **How to Talk about Jesus (Without Being That Guy)** *Jesus and the Other Names* The Urban World and the First Christians *The Nine Levels of Anointing Power for Christian Growth* Knowing the Gospel From Buddha to Jesus Not All Roads Lead to Heaven *Persecuted Jesus Wants to Save Christians* *The Highest of All Mountains* *Christian Origins and the Establishment of the Early Jesus Movement* *Boundless* What Jesus Learned from Women Realism and Christian Faith The Vanishing Jars of Clay **Free to Love** True Faith Love Kindness **Christians** **The Insurgency of the Spirit** Worshipping Christ Jesus to Usher in the New Millennium The Power of Ordinary Christians Digital Jesus *Beginning from Jerusalem* **The Historicity of Jesus Alive!**

how much willful sin is a part of your christian testimony christians sending the wrong message to the world is a warning to all who profess to being christians their actions speak volumes about their relationship with god satan and the world that he controls has made many christians a part of his battle plan against god what you say and more importantly what you do demonstrates to the world the identity of your true master as christians we are supposed to represent god and our lord jesus christ to the world living in peace with the world has caused many of us to become collaborators with the world in unholy activities in the book of romans chapter 12 verse 18 the bible gives some general guidance on how we are to conduct ourselves it states if it be possible as much as lieth in you live peaceably with all men the problem with this guidance is that people have gone way beyond religious tolerance and accepting ungodly behavior christians have forgotten the most important part to understanding what this scripture really means the scripture hebrews 12 14 sheds light on the application of the scripture in romans 12 18 it states follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the lord certainly we must try to live in peace with the world but at what cost christians cannot forsake living holy to have peace with the world when we do the world is watching and judging us as one of them the question then becomes whom do you serve do you serve god only in words and serve his enemy in actions and deeds this is your christian testimony to the world it shows the world that you care more about living in peace with it than you do about living holy and obeying god this book addresses the practice and acceptance of willful sin the question of realism that is whether god exists independently of human beings is central to much contemporary theology and church life it is also an important topic in the philosophy of religion this book discusses the relationship between realism and christian faith in a thorough and systematic way and uses the resources of both philosophy and theology to argue for a christocentric narrative realism many previous defences of realism have attempted to model christian belief on scientific theory but moore argues that this comparison is misleading and inadequate on both theological and philosophical grounds in dialogue with speech act theory and critiques of realism by both non realists and wittgensteinians a new account of the meaningfulness of christian language is proposed moore uses this to develop a regulative conception of realism according to which god s independent reality is shown principally in christ and then through christian practices and the lives of christians is trying to be the best you actually ruining you from living your best life to self actualizing finding your destiny and waiting on the best to come the contemporary messages of the world exhort us to believe that we are promised and entitled the biggest and best life can possibly offer but is that actually what jesus promises is that even close to the message of the gospel getting over yourself is a call for christians to reject these hollow messages of personal prosperity and to return to the humble truths of the gospel you ll learn how to identify this insidious popular theology in culture and churches and examine its devastating effects and perhaps most importantly you ll learn how to combat it with gospel truth that leads to the abundant life jesus actually desires for his people discover the beauty in losing yourself and ultimately in gaining him in his many travels as a researcher for youth with a mission bryan bishop discovered a startling phenomenon hidden movements of muslims hindus and buddhists who are experiencing and following jesus outside the boundaries of traditional western christianity and they have plenty to teach christians in the west who feel spiritually stagnant or disillusioned through colorful firsthand accounts bishop unveils fresh

expressions of faith that can revitalize our own those who have left or are feeling the pull to leave the church along with those who chafe against christianity's european american cultural box will welcome this expansive view of what it looks like to follow christ for two thousand years we have been teaching and learning the prophecies and promises of god concerning his first coming it is time to stop drinking milk as infants and begin eating meat as mature christians we need to teach and learn the prophecies and promises for god's second coming first we need the biblical explanation for the old blood covenant and the scriptural explanation for the new blood covenant the shadow and the body before we can understand god's eternal salvation plan for all the earth the light did you know 1 god changed the written law before he changed the natural law in order for god's chosen daughter mary to give birth to messiah 2 the substitute lamb god provided for isaac and the substitute lamb god provided for the offerers in the temple was god's plan until the real lamb of god jesus came as the substitute sacrifice for all mankind 3 that the promise blessing was fulfilled at his first coming there for we are able to inherit the birth right blessing at his second coming word of wisdom god does not interfere with man's will unless man's will interferes with god's will bishop norman vincent peale at last god's door to his kingdom is open to all mankind evangelist minister billy graham and i remembered the word of the lord john baptized with water but you shall be baptized with holy spirit st peter acts 10 16 17 for one man's disobedience many were made sinners so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous st paul romans 5 19 21 in this enlightening book rudolph schnackenburg asks who is jesus for us today by delving into the relationships jesus had during his lifetime with biblical figures such as john peter mary martha and lazarus schnackenburg discovers that jesus must be seen as a friend a personal friend of everyone schnackenburg writes that friendship must prove itself genuine during times of persecution and suffering friendship with jesus gives christians the strength of the holy spirit to overcome the difficulties that can make their way into daily life by reviewing our relationship with jesus as a deep and profound friendship christians can recognize the compassion care communication and commitment that jesus offers to us through our faith out of the generation that grew up in the great depression and world war ii thousands of young christians felt called by god to the ends of the earth pauline a brown with her husband ralph and two other families went to the sindh province in southern pakistan in 1954 their goal to share god's message love with muslim sindhis this book is not just about north americans abroad but about a fellowship of ordinary people crossing cultural and linguistic barriers to take on the extraordinary challenge of establishing the church in the sindh desert jars of clay is a story of laughter and tears of danger and deliverance of despair and hope of victory and defeat above all it is a story of perseverance in the face of great odds the story of how the church of jesus christ small and fragile as it is is taking root in the barren desert soil of sindh in pakistan an islamic republic is relevant more than ever in our post 9 11 world who do you say that i am mark 8 29 is the question of christology by asking this question jesus invites his followers to interpret him from within their own contexts history experience and social location therefore all responses to jesus's invitation are contextual but for too long many theologians particularly in the west have continued to see christology as a universal endeavor that is devoid of any contextual influences this understanding of christology undermines jesus's expectations from us to imagine and appropriate him from within our own contexts in reimagining african christologies victor i ezigbo presents a constructive exposition of the unique ways that many african theologians and lay christians from various church denominations have interpreted and appropriated jesus christ in their own contexts he also articulates the constructive contributions that these african christologies can make to the development of christological discourse in non african christian communities this accessible reference offers short and to the point answers to fifty pressing questions people have about god the bible and christianity including are there errors or contradictions in the bible do science and faith conflict is hell a real place what will heaven be like is it possible to prove god exists why did jesus have to die does god hate sex do christians have to go to church and many more this book is for those who want a clear introduction to the essential teachings of christianity to help them grow in faith and in preparation to share the basics of christian belief most christians know they should be trying to tell their friends and family about jesus but in a post christendom world personal evangelism is viewed negatively it's offensive inappropriate and insensitive recent studies confirm that the majority of christians rarely evangelize worried they might offend their family or lose their friends in how to talk about jesus without being that guy author sam chan equips everyday christians who are reluctant and nervous to tell their friends about jesus with practical tested ways of sharing their faith in the least awkward ways possible drawing from over two decades of experience as an evangelist teacher and pastor chan explains why personal evangelism feels so awkward today and utilizing recent insights from communication theory cross cultural ministry and apologetics he helps you build confidence in sharing your faith and teaches you how to evangelize your friends and family in socially appropriate ways in the tradition of the first urban christians by wayne meeks this book explores the relationship between the earliest christians and the city environment experts in classics early christianity and human geography analyze the growth development and self understanding of the early christian movement in urban settings the book's contributors first look at how the urban physical cultural and social environments of the ancient

mediterranean basin affected the ways in which early christianity progressed they then turn to how the earliest christians thought and theologized in their engagement with cities with a rich variety of expertise and scholarship the urban world and the first christians is an important contribution to the understanding of early christianity this book deals with the rites of passage into adult christian living to pass through these powers of anointing by the holy spirit all of us must take a journey from babyhood new birth in christ to growing in spiritual maturity into that perfect man or woman of god ephesians 4 11 12 this will not come overnight or quickly in our walk with the lord it will take time and many will have to sacrifice the things of this world to achieve it but it can be done by all who are willing to follow the lord in this world one hundred percent of us must start by passing through the first level of power that the holy spirit bestows upon all who believe in christ jesus everything in our lives will begin at the cross of calvary and from there we will all go on a trip with the holy spirit that will forever change our lives every day the holy spirit will become our teacher and guide john 16 13 and depending on how much of him we want will determine the level of growth we achieve as christians in this world it will not come because of traditions of men or preachers proclaiming to have absolute truth but only by the holy spirit himself as he teaches and witnesses with your spirit the revelations of god s word that only he can give romans 8 16 i invite you to travel with me through the pages of this writing and discover the truths that are within i take no credit for what the holy spirit of god has revealed only he has the wisdom and revelations to open our eyes to his word and only he has the anointing power to grow us up from level to level as we progress in his knowledge and power but here is a truth you must know the holy spirit will not take you any further in spiritual growth than you are willing to allow him to matthew 7 11 at every level of anointing you have to pass through to grow and go on to the next level you will have to ask of him and be willing to sacrifice what needs to be given in order to achieve it many who are tied up in religion and bondage to denominationalisms will try to keep you from this growth very few in the body of christ will ever reach full maturity in our lord most already believe that they have achieved this level because they are good christians they go to church give their tithes help a few people work in the church and say their prayers every day outwardly this may seem like the perfect saint of god but the lord is seeking more from us to pick up our cross for him and follow him this will require commitment a sold out attitude sacrifices and even death if that s what it takes twelve apostles willingly lived their lives for him and gave their lives in death the question today is how far do you want to grow in christ and do you want to live your life for him or continue to play church on earth this book will change the way you see yourself with christ it will help you come out of organized religion and walk with your lord the way he meant it to be only the holy spirit can show you these things to come i hope this book will challenge you to become the mature christians god intends for all of us to become in christ s love dr richard e weathers psyd paul s notion of christian liberty must be understood within the context of love god s love for humanity as manifested in the person of jesus christ and the believer s love for god and neighbor the apostle informs the christians under his care that they have been freed from the enslavement of sin and death so that they might love more fully by virtue of their union with the risen lord christians are free to love in the deepest sense of the word god others and themselves john buckel is a priest of the archdiocese of indianapolis and an alumnus of the katholieke universiteit leuven he is currently assistant professor of new testament exegesis at st meinrad school of theology he has lectured extensively on st paul throughout the united states what are christians to make of their mission in an pluralistic world asks paul f knitter author of the landmark work in interfaith dialogue no other name as a recognized scholar and participant in interfaith dialogue knitter is in a unique position to explore the key concept of what christian mission must entail in a world that will remain a world of many religious faiths for the foreseeable future from the first chapter of jesus and the other names which recounts his own theological and dialogical odyssey knitter constructs what he calls a correlational globally responsible theology of religions as a necessary correction to traditional pluralist and exclusivist approaches by anticipating and addressing his critics both conservative and liberal knitter makes a powerful argument for a reconstruction of mission faithful to the christian imperative and dynamically attuned to the plurality of the world jesus and the other names will give pause to those who believe christian mission can be carried on as it was in the modern era sure to inspire debate as well as dialogue it offers a more humble but perhaps more christic postmodern approach to mission in the new millennium that has little to do with earthly glory and nothing to do with the sense of cultural superiority that has so often and often so tragically accompanied modern missionary movements theologians missiologists christian historians can all benefit from its thoughtful and timely message almost 60 percent of those in american evangelical churches believe that many religions can lead to eternal life but if jesus is to be trusted when he says that no one comes to the father except through him the church is failing in its mission and it s not hard to guess why an exclusive jesus just isn t popular in our inclusive world dr robert jeffress calls on christians to recover the exclusive claims of the one they claim as lord and savior not as a way to keep people out of heaven but as the only way to invite them in he tackles questions like can people be saved who have never heard of christ what about those who worship god by another name do children automatically go to heaven when they die true compassion for non christians doesn t lie in letting them go their way while we go ours but

in sharing the only true way with them knowing the gospel the good news of jesus christ made simple is an inspirational and accessible bible based primer on jesus christ and his message and teaches how a reader in the twenty first century can achieve salvation through this most important first century figure this book answers simple question like what is the gospel who is god who is jesus what is a christian how to become saved what is salvation is there life after death in knowing the gospel readers are introduced the good news of the four gospels which tell of jesus identity and historical times through the lens of both old testament and new testament writings readers learn about sin and repentance through the story of the apostle paul who turned from persecuting jesus followers to following him himself while sin is inevitable readers will be heartened to learn that faith and trust in jesus will lead them to eternal life in him as christians the book concludes with a joyous invitation to salvation if someone came back from the grave they would be able to answer some big questions what happens when we die is there anybody out there which religion if any is true christians claim that jesus christ did just that was bodily resurrected three days after being brutally executed but is it true dan clark helps readers explore for themselves whether jesus really is alive and why it matters the goal of this book is to suggest that jesus as a creative artist was heavily influenced by the hebrew bible s book of proverbs it posits that he created some of his short parables from specific verses found in proverbs suggests that he expanded some basic sapient themes present in this book when composing his parables and shows him reacting negatively to the commonly held belief that this book s overall concept of wisdom is that the wise are rewarded and the fools are punished by god through their own self destructive choices and subsequent actions thus this text points to jesus as an inventive artist a concept not usually associated with him and it complicates simplistic ways of defining biblical wisdom part i demonstrates how jesus might have created his tales from specific proverbs found in the book of proverbs the overarching theme for these parables is wisdom jesus as wisdom i cor 1 24 speaking wisdom in new ways part ii discusses jesus as a self actualized artist who creatively designed these tales it examines what shaped jesus artistry what might have been the sources of his literacy why he might have chosen to expand individual proverbs imaginatively in order to create his moral tales and how his wisdom enhanced conventional attitudes toward wisdom as the former included and clarified his new kingdom of god concepts this book could be used in courses treating literature and the bible biblical art the humanity of jesus and wisdom literature common to christians and jews john stott authors bible studies from the gospels on the nature of christ the studies include excerpts from his book the incomparable christ this book explores the events people and writings surrounding the early jesus movement the essays are divided into four groups the movement s formation production of its early gospels description of the jesus movement itself and the jewish mission and its literature kindness is not what we have been taught it is it isn t a soft virtue expressed only by sweet grandmothers or nice boy scouts kindness is neither timid nor frail instead it is brave and daring willing to be vulnerable with those with whom we disagree it is the revolutionary way that jesus himself called us to live the way of selfless risks the way of staggering hope the way of authenticity dr barry corey president of biola university believes we tend to devalue the importance of kindness opting instead for caustic expressions of certainty that push people away we forget that the essence of what god requires of us is to love kindness in this book filled with stories from his travels around the globe barry shows us the forgotten way of kindness it is a life that calls us to put ourselves at risk a life that calls us to hope a life of a firm center and soft edges it is the life christ invites us to follow no matter what the cost this new paperback edition has an added chapter and a foreword from steven curtis chapman dehumanization has led to serious misinterpretation of the gospels on the one hand christians have often made jesus so much more than human that it seemed inappropriate to ask about the influence other human beings had on him male or female on the other hand women have been treated as less than fully human their names omitted from stories and their voices and influence on jesus neglected when we ask the question this book does what jesus learned from women puzzling questions that have frustrated readers of the gospels throughout history suddenly find solutions weaving cutting edge biblical scholarship together with an element of historical fiction and a knack for writing for a general audience james mcgrath makes the stories of women in the new testament come alive and sheds fresh light on the figure of jesus as well this book is a must read for scholars students and anyone else interested in jesus and or in the role of ancient women in the context of their times many people today both christians and non christians are confused about or unaware of the essentials of christian faith in this book anna wierzbicka takes a radically new approach to the task of communicating what christians believe to the widest possible audience the story of god and people the heart of the book sets out the core tenets of christian faith in narrative form using simple language that is accessible to anyone even those with no familiarity with christianity or christian vocabulary the story is not only simple but also universal though written in english it is not phrased in full english english as we know it today shaped by history culture and tradition but in minimal english minimal english contains only those 400 or so english words that can be translated into any other language essentially it corresponds to the shared core of all languages in the introduction to the book wierzbicka explains minimal english and minimal languages in general and in the story of god and people that follows she demonstrates the effectiveness of minimal

english as a tool for global understanding at the same time the use of minimal english allows her not only to retell the christian story in a strikingly new way but also to rethink its meaning bringing into relief its internal cohesion logic and beauty digital jesus documents how like minded individuals created a large web of religious communication on the internet in essence developing a new type of new religious movement one without a central leader or institution by tracing the group s origins back to the email lists and usenet groups of the 1980s up to the online forums of today digital jesus also serves as a succinct history of the development of online group communications from publisher description worshipping christ jesus to usher in the new millennium withstanding in the second heaven in the end times takes seriously the threats that the powers of this world make against all who seek to worship the one true god the author miss wemys o l small known as destiny and purpose was born again in 1980 she credits her work and witness since then to the lord jesus christ and gives him the glory resting upon the inspiration that comes from jesus christ worshipping christ jesus to usher in the new millennium explains the origins of the principalities and powers that oppose him at every turn the triumph of his resurrection from the dead the ways that christians can stand firm against opposing forces and the necessity of worshipping and working with other believers if you have seen at least a bit of what the forces opposed to the lord can do in your life in the relations among members of your community and to the foundations of our shared culture then worshipping christ jesus to usher in the new millennium can give you the practical yet spiritual guidance you need to strengthen your trust in jesus christ with this support you will be able to do exactly as the subtitle states so that the coming lord will find you standing firm in the second heaven in the end times christians are the world s most widely persecuted religious group according to studies by the pew research center newsweek and the economist among others a woman is caught with a bible and publicly shot to death an elderly priest is abducted and never seen again three buses full of students and teachers are struck by roadside bombs these are not casualties of a war these are christian believers being persecuted for their faith in the twenty first century many americans do not understand that christians today are victims in many parts of the world even many western christians who worship and pray without fear of violent repercussions are unaware that so many followers of christ live under governments and among people who are often openly hostile to their faith they think martyrdom became a rarity long ago persecuted soundly refutes these assumptions this book offers a glimpse at the modern day life of christians worldwide recounting the ongoing attacks that rarely make international headlines as western christians pray for the future of christ s church it is vital that they understand a large part of the world s christian believers live in danger persecuted gives documented accounts of the persecution of christians in africa asia the middle east and former soviet nations it contains vivid stories of men and women who suffer abuse because of their faith in jesus christ and tells of their perseverance and courage persecuted is far more than a thorough and moving study of this global pattern of violence it is a cry for freedom and a call to action this book is for people who believe that the gospel is a message of peace and this gospel of peace is relevant for our time peacemaking is a core part of our christian discipleship just as we learn how to pray just as we learn how to love our neighbors just as we learn how to feed the hungry we can also learn how to be peacemakers sarpiya believes that peacemaking is central to the christian faith and practice this book will serve as a guide that will offer a scriptural guide with practical stories and applications readers will be challenged by scripture to take the call to peacemaking into their communities the fact that numerous peace treaties have collapsed serves to show how difficult it is to transcend cycles of violence and foster a sustained durable peace the one place that one could look to for answers about how to move toward peace is within faith communities and sometimes not just one faith acting alone but working alongside other faiths in concert with other faiths taking an interreligious approach the highest of all mountains shows how sarpiya s christian peacemaking backed by the interreligious approach brings the monotheistic faiths together as they all agreed on one denominator to their faith s origin abraham christians are often surprised when they hear muslims say we believe in jesus too and we hold him in great esteem but what do they really mean are the muslim jesus and the christian jesus the same person immersed in the islamic worldview as the son of a devout muezzin mosque leader emir caner helps readers untangle two very different belief systems he and john ankerberg take on the tough questions what role does jesus have in islam what does the qu ran say about him what does it not say why are muslims repulsed by the idea that jesus is the son of god fully god and fully man what do muslims have in mind when they acknowledge jesus as virgin born how can christians discuss these belief differences without insulting muslim friends and acquaintances a concise authoritative guide for informed muslim christian interaction the second volume in the magisterial christianity in the making trilogy beginning from jerusalem covers the early formation of the christian faith from 30 to 70 ce after outlining the quest for the historical church parallel to the quest for the historical jesus and reviewing the sources james dunn follows the course of the movement stemming from jesus beginning from jerusalem dunn opens with a close analysis of what can be said of the earliest jerusalem community the hellenists the mission of peter and the emergence of paul then he focuses solely on paul the chronology of his life and mission his understanding of his call as apostle and the character of the churches that he founded the third part traces the final days and literary legacies

of the three principal figures of first generation christianity paul peter and james the brother of jesus each section includes detailed interaction with the vast wealth of secondary literature on the many subjects covered a study of the history and meaning of personal devotion to jesus christ for catholic orthodox and protestant christians the devotional life of christians over the two millennia since jesus birth has been one of motion changing and growing in response to the challenges presented to the church the temperaments of newly baptized nations and controversies about how we can and should relate to god and yet the core of authentic christian devotion has not changed it remains today as it was in the time of the church fathers the trusting and personal encounter with christ that is both open and foundational to the life of all christian believers in this book the well known spiritual writer and teacher fr benedict groeschel c f r surveys the development and trials of christian devotion from the days of the martyrs until the twentieth century tracking it through the centuries and among sadly divided branches of christianity he finds a commonality of experience and even of language that is constantly ignored among christians themselves by observing what image of christ the canvas of common devotion portrays he hopes we will move not to discredit this image but to sharpen it and make it more consistent with the new testament and the ancient church though the devotional life is sometimes brushed off as unimportant in comparison to a theological understanding of christ groeschel warns that such dismissal threatens to make distant unknown and obscure the savior who said i am with you always the answer instead is to draw near to jesus in devotion and with authentic expressions of that devotion which themselves help paint the image of christ found concretely in revelation onto the minds and daily life of the devout begun on a pilgrimage to the holy land and the result of years of preparation and a whole life of guiding people as priest public preacher psychologist and spiritual director this book will help catholic orthodox and protestant believers gain not only a comprehensive view of how pious christians over the centuries have lived out their devotion to god but the examples and perspective they need to live more devoutly today pastor and author martin thielen has compiled a list of ten things people need to believe and ten things they don t in order to be a christian this lively and engaging book will be a help to seekers as well as a comfort to believers who may find themselves questioning some of the assumptions they grew up with with an accessible storytelling style that s grounded in solid biblical scholarship thielen shows how christians don t need to believe that sinners will be left behind to burn in hell or that it s heresy to believe in evolution and while we must always take the bible seriously we don t always have to take it literally at the same time christians do need to believe in jesus his life his teachings his death and resurrection and his vision for the world a great benefit of those beliefs is that they provide promising answers to life s most profound questions including where is god what matters most what brings fulfillment what about suffering is there hope thielen articulates centrist mainline christianity in a way that s fresh and easy to understand and offers authentic christian insights that speak to our deepest needs this new edition includes a leader s guide previously only available online and a new introduction from the author that reflects on the book s reception the leader s guide features unique and easily implemented aids for carrying out a seven week congregation wide initiative that will help local churches reach out to their communities more information is available at thielen wjkbooks com it is difficult today to discern much of a difference between christians and non christians the person who claims to be a christian with saving faith seems no different from the one who claims otherwise in this context many are left wondering what true faith is this brief study on paul s letter to titus addresses the question of what it means to be a genuine follower of jesus christ may this book challenge you to explore afresh the necessity of pursuing good works in view of god s free gift of salvation the insurgency of the spirit taps mutli disciplinary methodologies of post colonial biblical scholarship and anthropology liberation theologies indigenious studies grief trauma research and nature meditation writings to shape a constructive retrieval of the animist jesus the vision that emerges is one that sets forward an earth loving jesus who challenges christians in particular to mobilize against the destructive relationship that exists between imperial religion and political systems buddhism is not a way of harmony and cosmic unity as westerners tend to think although buddhism is a rapidly rising religion in the west few westerners know what buddhism is like from the inside steve who made the journey from buddhism to christ explains the buddhist mind set and worldview and makes useful points of comparison the vanishing reveals the plight and possible extinction of christian communities across syria egypt iraq and palestine after 2 000 years in their historical homeland some of the countries that first nurtured and characterized christianity along the north african coast on the euphrates and across the middle east and arabia are the ones in which it is likely to first go extinct christians are already vanishing we are past the tipping point now tilted toward the end of christianity in its historical homeland christians have fled the lands where their prophets wandered where jesus christ preached where the great doctors and hierarchs of the early church established the doctrinal norms that would last millennia from syria to egypt the cities of northern iraq to the gaza strip ancient communities the birthplaces of prophets and saints are losing any living connection to the religion that once was such a characteristic feature of their social and cultural lives in the vanishing janine di giovanni has combined astonishing journalistic work to discover the last traces of small hardy communities that have become wisely fearful of outsiders and where ancient

rituals are quietly preserved amid 360 degree threats di giovanni s riveting personal stories and her conception of faith and hope are intertwined throughout the chapters the book is a unique act of pre archeology the last chance to visit the living religion before all that will be left are the stones of the past war inconsistent with the religion of jesus christ is a pamphlet written by david low dodge as one can guess from the title dodge writes about the futility of war and why it is incompatible with christian beliefs this work is one of the many writings published by dodge who is remembered today for his anti war literature and founding the new york peace society the new york bible society and the new york tract society the common wisdom is that christians and muslims should dialogue only about what they agree on this book takes a different approach as the author observes if we focus only on our common ground we will miss some of the motivating force of our traditions because that force derives not only from what we hold in common but also from those convictions that keep us apart

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