

Fred's Book List – Books 1-189

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Authors & Titles: alphabetically by the first author's last name in each of the ten headings A –J

Books 1-50: usually numbered in the order read from Oct '02 – Sep '03

Books 51-100: usually numbered in the order read from Oct '03 – Apr '05

Books 101-150: usually numbered in the order read from May '05 – Feb '06

Books 151-189: usually numbered in the order read from Mar '06 – Nov '06

A. BIOGRAPHICAL: (19 books)

Karen **Armstrong:**(137) *The Spiral Staircase: My Climb out of Darkness*

Rita Nakashima **Brock** & Rebecca Ann **Parker:** (81) *Proverbs of Ashes – Violence, Redemptive Suffering, and the Search for What Saves Us*

Joan **Chittister:** (167) *Called to Question – A Spiritual Memoir*

Ruth **David:** (144) *Child of Our Time: A Young girl's Flight from the Holocaust*

Jane **Goodall:** (186) *Reason for Hope – A Spiritual Journey*

Richard P. **Heitzenrater:** (72) *The Elusive Mr. Wesley*

Ayya **Khema:** (71) *I Give You My Life – The Autobiography of a Western Buddhist Nun*

Anne **Lamott:** (96) *Traveling Mercies – Some Thoughts on Faith*

Brother **Lawrence:** (127) *The Practice of the Presence of God – Being Conversations and Letters of Nicholas Herman – Brother Lawrence*

C.S. **Lewis:** (58) *A Grief Observed*

Thomas **Merton:** (94) *The Seven Storey Mountain*

Matt **Murray:** (83) *The Father and the Son – My Father's Journey into the Monastic Life*

Azar **Nafisi:** (128) *Reading Lolita in Tehran – A Memoir in Books*

John G. **Neihardt:** (89) *Black Elk Speaks – Being the Life Story of a Holy Man of the Oglala Sioux*

Don **Piper** (with Cecil Murphy): (130) *90 Minutes in Heaven – A True Story of Death and Life*

Mattie **Stepanek** & Jimmy **Carter**, ed. by Jennifer **Stepanek:** (166) *Just Peace – A Message of Hope*

Studs **Terkel:** (38) *Will the Circle be Unbroken? Reflections on Death, Rebirth, and Hunger for a Faith*

Brother Benet **Tvedten:** (74) *The View from a Monastery*

Elie **Wiesel:** (36) *The Town Beyond The Wall*

B. ESSAYS & NON-FICTION: (15 books)

Lorraine **Anderson**, editor: (61) *Sisters of the Earth – Women's Prose and Poetry about Nature*

Rick **Beyer:** (143) *The Greatest Stories Never Told: 100 Tales from History to Astonish, Bewilder, and Stupify*

Michael **Coogan**, editor: (15) *The Oxford History of the Biblical World*

Dinesh **D'Souza:** (70) *What's So Great About America*

Jared **Diamond:** (165) *Collapse – How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*

Steven **Dick**, editor: (3) *Many Worlds – the New Universe, Extraterrestrial Life & Theological Implications*

Myrna Reid **Grant**, compiler: (131) *Poems for a Good and Happy Life*

Joyce Sequichie **Hifler:** (60) *A Cherokee Feast of Days – Daily Meditations*

Sam M. **Intrator**, editor: (110) *Living the Questions – Essays Inspired by the Work and Life of Parker J. Palmer*

Tracy **Kidder:** (163) *Mountains Beyond Mountains – The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World*

Michael **Pollan:** (164) *The Botany of Desire – A Plant's-Eye View of the World*

Pietra **Rivoli:** (161) *The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy – An Economist Examines the Markets, Power, and Politics of World Trade*

Jeffery D. **Sachs:** (162) *The End of Poverty – Economic Possibilities for Our Time*

David **Schiller:** (112) *The Little ZEN Companion*

Lynne **Truss:** (113) *Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation*

C. FICTION: (15 books)

Mitch **Albom:** (73) *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*

Margaret **Atwood:** (176) *The Handmaid's Tale*

Italo **Calvino:** (142) *Cosmicomics*

Fyodor **Dostoevsky:** (63) *The Grand Inquisitor (Chapter Five of Book V of "The Brothers Karamazov")*

Greg **Iles:** (120) *The Footprints of God*

Mark **Haddon:** (101) *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*

Khaled **Hosseini**: (111) *The Kite Runner*
 Sue Monk **Kidd**: (102) *The Secret Life of Bees*
 Barbara **Kingsolver**: (173) *The Poisonwood Bible*
 Jonathon **Letehm**: (172) *Motherless Brooklyn*
 C.S. **Lewis**: (54) *The Screwtape Letters*, (56) *The Great Divorce*
 James **Redfield**: (91) *The Celestine Prophecy – An Adventure*
 Phillip **Roth**: (174) *The Plot Against America*
 Lawrence **Thornton**: (175) *Imagining Argentina*

D. MATH & SCIENCE: (18 books)

Edwin A. **Abbott** & Ian **Stewart**: (49) *The Annotated FLATLAND – A Romance of Many Dimensions*
 David **Bohm**: (95) *Wholeness and the Implicate Order*
 Bill **Bryson**: (84) *A Short History of Nearly Everything*
 Freeman **Dyson**: (97) *Infinite in All Directions*
 Robert **Ehrlich**: (85) *Nine Crazy Ideas in Science – A Few Might Even Be True*, (86) *Eight Preposterous Propositions – From the Genetics of Homosexuality to the Benefits of Global Warming*
 Stephen **Hawking**: (106) *A Brief History of Time – From the Big Bang to Black Holes*, (107) *The Universe in a Nutshell*
 Douglas R. **Hofstadter**: (149) *Gödel, Escher, and Bach: an Eternal Golden Braid*
 Robert P. **Kirshner**: (79) *The Extravagant Universe – Exploding Stars, Dark Energy, and the Accelerating Cosmos*
 Ray **Kurzweil**: (183) *The Age of Spiritual Machines – When Computers Exceed Human Intelligence*
 Ernest **Nagel** & James **Newman**: (160) *Gödel's Proof*
 Robert **Oerter**: (189) *The Theory of Almost Everything – The Standard Model, the Unsung Triumph of Modern Physics*
 Roger **Penrose**: (121) *Shadows of the Mind – A Search for the Missing Science of Consciousness*, (150) *The Road to Reality: A Complete Guide to the Laws of the Universe*
 Ian **Stewart**: (50) *FLATTERLAND – Like Flatland, Only More So*
 Gary **Stix**: (159) *A Matter of Time*
 Palle **Yourgrau**: (148) *A World Without Time: The Forgotten Legacy of Gödel and Einstein*

E. PHILOSOPHY & THEOLOGY: (12 books + Overview)

Philip **Clayton** & Arthur **Peacocke**: (158) *In Whom We Live and Move and Have Our Being – Panentheistic Reflections on God's Presence in a Scientific World*
 John B. **Cobb, Jr.** & David Ray **Griffin**: (40) *Process Theology – An Introductory Exposition*
 David Ray **Griffin** & Huston **Smith**: (87) *Primordial Truth and Postmodern Theology*
 Charles **Hartshorne**: (78) *Omnipotence and Other Theological Mistakes*
 Hans **Kung**: (115) *Eternal Life? Life after Death as a Medical, Philosophical, and Theological Problem*
 Sallie **McFague**: (129) *The Body of God – An Ecological Theology*
 C. Robert **Mesle**: (39) *Process Theology – A Basic Introduction*
 Bertrand **Russell**: (147) *Human Society in Ethics and Politics*
 Donald W. **Sherburne**: (92) *A Key to Whitehead's Process and Reality*
 Paul **Tillich**: (184) *Dynamics of Faith*
 Phil **Washburn**: (31) *Philosophical Dilemmas – Building a Worldview*
 Walter **Wink**: (51) *The Powers That Be – Theology for a New Millennium*
 Fred **Wohn**: (39a) *A Very Brief Overview of Process Theology*

F. RELIGION – ABRAHAMIC: (16 books)

Karen **Armstrong**: (9) *The Battle for God*, (20) *A History of God – The 4,000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam*, (43) *Islam – A Short History*
 John **Bowker**: (10) *A Brief History of God*, (99) *The Complete Bible Handbook – An Illustrated Companion*
 Gregg **Braden**: (103) *The God Code – The Secret of Our Past, the Promise of Our Future*
 Bruce **Feiler**: (44) *Abraham – A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*
 Richard Elliot **Friedman**: (132) *Who Wrote the Bible?* (133) *The Bible with Sources Revealed – A New View into the Five Books of Moses*
 Kahlil **Gibran**: (18) *The Prophet*, (19) *The Garden of the Prophet*
 Jack **Miles**: (100) *God: A Biography*
Muhammad: (152) *The Koran*
 Jaroslav **Pellikan**: (139) *Whose Bible Is It? A History of the Scriptures through the Ages*
 Nathan **Stone**: (93) *Names of God*

Joseph **Telushkin**: (28) *Biblical Literacy – The Most Important People, Events, and Ideas of the Hebrew Bible*

G. RELIGION – CHRISTIAN: (37 books)

Dietrich **Bonhoeffer**: (125) *Life Together*, (126) *The Cost of Discipleship*

Marcus J. **Borg**: (45) *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time: The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith*, (66) *The God We Never Knew – Beyond Dogmatic Religion to a More Authentic Contemporary Faith*, (75) *The Heart of Christianity – Rediscovering a Life of Faith*, (98) *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time – Taking the Bible Seriously but Not Literally*

Marcus J. **Borg** & John B. **Cobb**, Jr., editor: (108) *Progressive Christians Speak – A Different Voice on Faith and Politics*

Marcus J. **Borg** & John Dominic **Crossan**: (171) *The Last Week – A Day-by-Day Account of Jesus's Final Week in Jerusalem*

Marcus J. **Borg** & N.T. **Wright**: (46) *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions*

Bart D. **Ehrman**: (80) *Lost Christianities – The Battle for Scripture and the Faith We Never Knew*

Phillip **Gulley** & James **Mulholland**: (169) *If God Is Love – Rediscovering Grace in an Ungracious World*

John **Hare**: (146) *Why Bother Being Good? The Place of God in the Moral Life*

Erik **Kolbell**: (168) *What Jesus Meant – The Beatitudes and a Meaningful Life*, (187) *Were You There – Finding Ourselves at the Foot of the Cross*

Jon **Krakauer**: (153) *Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith*

C.S. **Lewis**: (53) *Mere Christianity*, (55) *Miracles*, (57) *The Problem of Pain*, (185) *The Four Loves*

Brian **McLaren**: (170) *The Secret Message of Jesus – Uncovering the Truth That Could Change Everything*

Burton L. **Mack**: (52) *The Lost Gospel – The Book of Q & Christian Origins*

Elizabeth **O'Conner**: (25) *Call to Commitment*, (26) *Journey Inward, Journey Outward*, (27) *Cry Pain, Cry Hope – Thresholds to Purpose*

Elaine **Pagels**: (47) *Gnostic Gospels*, (48) *Beyond Belief – The Secret Gospel of Thomas*

Parker **Palmer**: (117) *The Promise of Paradox: A Celebration of Contradictions in the Christian Life*, (118) *The Company of Strangers: Christians and the Renewal of America's Public Life*

John A.T. **Robinson**: (145) *Honest to God*

Huston **Smith**: (138) *The Soul of Christianity: Restoring the Great Tradition*

J. **Patterson-Smyth**: (114) *The Gospel of the Hereafter*

John Shelby **Spong**: (157) *The Sins of Scripture – Exposing the Bible's Texts of Hate to Reveal the God of Love*

Lee **Strobel**: (11) *The Case for Faith – A Journalist Investigates the Toughest Objections to Christianity*

Burton **Throckmorton**, Jr.: (16) *Gospel Parallels – A Comparison of the Synoptic Gospels*

Urantia Foundation (editors): (154) *Jesus – A New Revelation*

Robert Louis **Wilken**: (124) *The Spirit of Early Christian Thought – Seeking the Face of God*

N.T. **Wright**: (65) *The Resurrection of the Son of God*

H. RELIGION – EASTERN & NATIVE: (16 books)

Karen **Armstrong**: (37) *Buddha*

Marcus J. **Borg**: (67) *Jesus and Buddha – The Parallel Sayings*

Joseph **Campbell**: (14) *Reflections on the Art of Living – A Joseph Campbell Companion*

The **Dalai Lama**: (4) *Ethics for the New Millennium*, (5) *The Art of Happiness – A Handbook for Living*, (29) *How to Practice – The Way to a Meaningful Life*, (41) *Advice on Dying – and Living a Better Life*, (140) *Live in a Better Way: Reflections on Truth, Love, and Happiness*, (156) *Many Ways to Nirvana: Reflections and Advice on Right Living*

Thich Nhat **Hanh**: (68) *Going Home - Jesus and Buddha as Brothers*, (69) *Creating True Peace – Ending Violence in Yourself, Your Family, Your Community, and the World*

Jack **Kornfield**: (13) *The Art of Forgiveness, Lovingkindness, and Peace*

Ed **McGaa**: (62) *Native Wisdom – Perceptions of the Natural Way*

Sogyal **Rinpoche**: (155) *The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying*

Lao **Tsu**: (188) *Tao Te Ching*

Maharishi Mahesh **Yogi**: (88) *Science and the Art of Living – Transcendental Meditation*

I. RELIGION – GENERAL: (18 books)

Joseph **Campbell**: (24) *The Power of Myth*

Joseph **Dispenza**: (182) *God on your Own – Finding a Spiritual Path Outside Religion*

Lewis M. **Hopfe**: (151) *Religions of the World*

William **James**: (82) *Varieties of Religious Experiences – A Study in Human Nature*

C.S. **Lewis**: (59) *The Abolition of Man – Reflections on education with special reference to the teaching of*

English in the upper forms of schools

- Armand M. **Nicholi**: (90) *The Question of God – C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud Debate God, Love, Sex, and the Meaning of Life*
- Parker **Palmer**: (8) *The Active Life – A Spirituality of Work, Creativity, and Caring*, (32) *The Courage to Teach – Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life*, (33) *Let Your Life Speak – Listening for the Voice of Vocation*, (109) *A Hidden Wholeness – The Journey Toward an Undivided Life*, (119) *To Know As We Are Known: Education as a Spiritual Journey*
- John **Renard**: (12) *The Handy Religion Answer Book*
- Alan F. **Segal**: (116) *Life after Death: A History of the Afterlife in Western Religion*
- Huston **Smith**: (1) *Why Religion Matters – The Fate of the Human Spirit in an Age of Disbelief*, (17) *The World's Religions – Our Great Wisdom Traditions*, (76) *The Way Things Are – Conversations with Huston Smith on the Spiritual Life*
- Marjorie Hewitt **Suchocki**: (42) *In God's Presence – Theological Reflections on Prayer*
- Barbara Brown **Taylor**: (34) *Speaking of Sin – The Lost language of Salvation*

J. SCIENCE & RELIGION: (23 books)

- Ian G. **Barbour**: (35) *When Science Meets Religion – Enemies, Strangers, or Partners?* (64) *Nature, Human Nature and God*, (77) *Religion and Science – Historical and Contemporary Issues*
- Frances S. **Collins**: (181) *The Language of God – A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief*
- Paul **Davies**: (104) *God and the New Physics*, (105) *The Mind of God – The Scientific Basis for a Rational World*
- George F.R. **Ellis**: (135) *Before the Beginning – Cosmology Explained*, (179) *The Far-Future Universe – Eschatology from a Cosmic Perspective*, editor
- John F. **Haught**: (134) *Science & Religion – From Conflict to Conversation*, (177) *God After Darwin – A Theology of Evolution*
- Nancey **Murphy** & George F.R. **Ellis**: (136) *On the Moral Nature of the Universe – Theology, Cosmology, and Ethics*
- Arthur **Peacocke**: (141) *Theology for a Scientific Age: Being and Becoming – Natural, Divine, and Human*, (178) *Paths from Science Towards God – The End of all our Exploring*
- John **Polkinghorne**: (2) *The Faith of a Physicist – Reflections of a Bottom-up Thinker*, (122) *Quarks, Chaos & Christianity – Questions to Science and Religion*, (123) *Science and Theology – An Introduction*
- Gerald **Schroeder**: (22) *The Science of God – the Convergence of Scientific and Biblical Wisdom*, (23) *The Hidden Face of God – Science Reveals the Ultimate Truth*, (30) *Genesis and the Big Bang*
- Barbara Brown **Taylor**: (21) *The Luminous Web – Essays on Science and Religion*
- Pierre **Teilhard de Chardin**: (180) *Christianity and Evolution – Reflections on Science and Religion*
- David **Wilson**: (6) *Galileo's Religion versus the Church's Science?* (7) *Facets of Faith and Science*