

## The Portable Seminary A Masters Level Overview In One Volume

KING DAVID was a complicated, conflicted man of flesh. But too often he is viewed as an Americanized shepherd boy on a Sunday school felt board or a New Testament saint alongside the Virgin Mary. Not only does this neglect one of the Bible's most complex stories of sin and redemption; it also bypasses the gritty life lessons inherent in the amazing true story of David. Mark Rutland shreds the felt-board character, breaks down the sculpted marble statue, and unearths the real David of the Bible. Both noble and wretched, neither a saint nor a monster, at times victorious and other times a failure, David was through it all a man after God's own heart.

Unveiling the Name of Jesus: A Guide to Understanding the Jehovaistic Titles explores the source of power behind the name given to Our Savior and King, Jesus the Christ, by analyzing some of the names and titles given to the God of the Old Testament. By comparing the purpose of these names with the attributes demonstrated by Jesus, the book demonstrates the equality of Christ with the Almighty God. Through the study of such aspects of God as His steadfastness, power, righteousness, authority, and his ability to provide for His own, the reader can compare the instances where God exhibited these attributes with the same qualities shown in Christ in His role as Savior and Redeemer. The resultant analysis by the author establishes the Deity of Christ and substantiates the claim that He indeed is truly the God of the Old Testament, as His name encompasses all the titles and names of God as written in the Scriptures. The believer in Christ can be fully assured of the power inherent in the name of Jesus, that it truly stands above every other name in heaven and on the earth.

Updated and expanded, the second edition of The Teaching Ministry of the Church offers churches a step-by-step plan for establishing and maintaining effective teaching methods for every age.

When you read the history of First Presbyterian Church of Richmond, Kentucky, you are not merely reading about a church's story. You are exploring God's story—a story of God's justice and grace, of love and compassion, of redemption and hope. When you read the church's history, you discover your own story—the story of all who believe in God's just and compassionate activity in the world today. When you read the church's story, you discern the voice of God's spirit speaking within each one of us and calling us to make Christ's love known throughout the world. If you want to know the grace of God today, you need to hear that grace in the voices of our ancestors; for, they yet speak.

Dr. Norman L. Geisler has been called the "father of evangelical Christian philosophy." He has written more than one hundred books and taught at universities and top seminaries for some fifty-six years. He was the first president of the Evangelical Philosophical Society and the founder and first president of the International Society of Christian Apologetics. He has spoken or debated in more than two dozen countries and held pastoral/pulpit ministries in four states. Many view him as a cross between Thomas Aquinas and Billy Graham. No one has done more to communicate the modern challenges of the Faith to the "average" Christian, to the church, and to the academy. This volume offers creative and constructive essays from twenty-three contributors, all notable in their own right, who preserve and propagate Dr. Geisler's ideas and express appreciation for his influence. Those who know him best say he is "true, faithful, and blessed by God!"

John MacArthur and other distinguished teachers of preachers respond to the apostle's mandate in this comprehensive treatment of expository preaching. Dr. MacArthur's well-known passion for the Scriptures is combined with the vision and expertise of other faculty members at The Master's Seminary to produce a definitive statement on how to unfold the meaning of God's Word effectively to today's congregation. Other contributors include: James F. Stitzinger, James E. Rosscup, Robert L. Thomas, George J. Zemek, Donald G. McDougall, Richard L. Mayhue, Irvin A. Busenitz, and David C. Deuel.

The 'long twelfth century' (1075–1225) was an era of seminal importance in the development of the book in medieval Europe and marked a high point in its construction and decoration. This comprehensive study takes the cultural changes that occurred during the 'twelfth-century Renaissance' as its point of departure to provide an overview of manuscript culture encompassing the whole of Western Europe. Written by senior scholars, chapters are divided into three sections: the technical aspects of making books; the processes and practices of reading and keeping books; and the transmission of texts in the disciplines that saw significant change in the period, including medicine, law, philosophy, liturgy, and theology. Richly illustrated, the volume provides the first in-depth account of book production as a European phenomenon.

There's a lot of talk about Missionary Discipleship. But how do you practically live it? Foundations for Discipleship is not simply a book you read. It's a tool you use to form and accompany others on their journey as Christian disciples. For use with small groups or individuals, these captivating articles provide the roadmap for training in the basic skills of Christian living and evangelization, including: How to live "The Little Way of Evangelization" How to accompany others on the journey of "Win," "Build," and "Send" How to help others grow in prayer, Eucharistic devotion, Christian friendship, and care for the poor How to share the Gospel and your testimony How to deepen one's own interior life, from which all evangelization flows How to invite others into mission This book is a toolbox for leaders who want to walk with others in discipleship. If you read it by yourself, it might change your life; if you use it to lead others, you might change the world.

Here is an opportunity for pastors and seminary students to learn from the best. In this second book of the "Preacher's Toolbox" series, more of today's most popular Christian leaders offer sage advice on "Inspirational Preaching" that will motivate and encourage readers to deliver more effective and inspirational sermons. Teachers like John Piper, Brian Wilkerson, Gordon MacDonald and John Ortberg offer guidance and instruction from both personal and Biblical perspectives. Together with Book 1 of the "Preacher's Toolbox" series on "Prophetic Preaching," pastors and Christian leaders will have a well-spring of knowledge on the art of preaching today. Table of Contents - "The Supremacy of God in Preaching," by John Piper - "The Biggest Idea in Preaching," by Haddon Robinson - "Authentic Inspiration," by John Ortberg - "Helping People Think Higher," by Bryan Wilkerson - "Preaching the Wow Factor," by Lee Eclov - "Inspired and Inspiring," by Jeffrey Arthurs - "Fighting for Your Congregation's Imagination," by Skye Jethani - "Preaching

with VIM, Not Just Vigor," by Bryan Wilkerson - "Your Text Has Feelings," by Kenneth Quicke - "Allowing Emotion to Buttress Truth," by Gary Fenton - "Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Grace: Why We Preach from Psalms," by Lee Eclov - "5 Veins of Deep Preaching," by Scott Chapman - "Soul Deep Preaching," by Gordon MacDonald - "Preacher as Advocate," by John Koessler - "Preaching with Childlike Wonder," by Matt Woodley - "Last Sunday You Preached Your Final Boring Sermon," by Michael Quicke - "A Good Mystery," by Richard Hansen - "Red Pill Preaching," by Mark Batterson - "Leading and Preaching," by Paul Borden

Imagine an atheist sending you regular prayer requests. Or your coworker grabbing you by the arm and asking you to stay late at work to talk about God just a bit longer. When Jesus talked about the Good News, people ran to him. We should expect the same response. Good News for a Change is about working together with Jesus to share the gospel in ways unique to each person's situation. You will enjoy evangelism because it is a fun, deeply personal, community and person-oriented way to connect with people. You'll be energized and focused on helping people discover why Jesus is good news for them.

This fresh approach to preaching shows how to combine God's Word with the power of drama to develop a unique, relevant, and effective preaching style.

In this volume in the Library of Biblical Theology series, James D.G. Dunn ranges widely across the literature of the New Testament to describe the essential elements of the early church's belief and practice. Eschatology, grace, law and gospel, discipleship, Israel and the church, faith and works, and most especially incarnation, atonement, and resurrection; Dunn places these and other themes in conversation with the contemporary church's work of understanding its faith and life in relation to God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ.

For every person who draws strength and direction from the Bible, there are many more who struggle with it. Some call it a long book with fine print and obscure meaning. Some call it a mystery, a chore to read, or an undecipherable puzzle. The good news is you can easily solve this problem. With over 300,000 sold, this revised and expanded edition of Living by the Book will remove the barriers that keep Scripture from transforming your life. In a simple, step-by-step fashion, the authors explain how to glean truth from Scripture. It is practical, readable, and applicable. By following its easy-to-apply principles, you'll soon find yourself drawing great nourishment from the Word—and enjoying the process! The Living by the Book Workbook is the perfect compliment to provide practical application of lessons.

Presents a Christian perspective on faith in the face of suffering, drawing on insights from such disciplines as psychology and evolutionary biology to demonstrate how Christians view suffering differently from others.

This book is an important part of the historical record of Dr. Norman L. Geisler. It displays Geisler's intellectual gifts and devotion to the Lordship of Christ in his defense of Christianity and classic evangelicalism. This book, written by one of Geisler's long-time and trusted assistants, will be of importance to those who want a first-hand interpretation of Geisler and the significance of Geisler's method for present-day evangelicalism. It provides a clear assessment of the impact of Geisler's embrace of classical realism, classical theism, the doctrine of inerrancy in the context of twentieth century evangelical theology, while providing a way forward to apply Geisler's method in the twenty-first century.

Not every Christian should go to seminary, but there are certain teachings of the Bible that every Christian must know. Theology is important because what we believe affects how we live. Whether you're a relatively new believer in Jesus or a mature Christian looking for a better understanding of basics of the faith, Christian Beliefs is for you. This readable guide to twenty basic Christian beliefs is a condensation of Wayne Grudem's award-winning book Systematic Theology, prized by pastors and teachers everywhere. He and his son, Elliot, have boiled down the essentials of Christian theology for the layperson and made them both clear and applicable to life. You will learn about the Bible, the characteristics of God, what it means that we are created in the image of God, what God has done for us in Christ, the purpose of the church, and much more. Each chapter includes questions for personal review or group discussion. "These truly are twenty basic beliefs that every Christian should know. Wayne Grudem is a master teacher with the ability to explain profound truths in simple language. He is a man of deep conviction and theological passion--and those who read this book will be both educated and encouraged in the faith." --R. Albert Mohler Jr., President, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky "Based on Systematic Theology, this summary will certainly help beginners with Christ to get the hang of their faith." --J. I. Packer, Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia "As Wayne Grudem's Systematic Theology contracts into a compact book, I do not lose my enthusiasm for the truth he loves and the clarity of his words." --John Piper, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota Haddon Robinson's widely used and influential text, Biblical Preaching, has influenced generations of students and preachers. In The Big Idea Companion for Preaching and Teaching, trusted leading evangelical homiletics, teachers of preaching, and experienced pastors demonstrate that Robinson's "big idea" approach to expository preaching still works in today's diverse cultures and fast-paced world. This accessible resource offers an insider's view on figuring out the big idea of each book of the Bible, helping preachers and teachers check their interpretation of particular biblical books and passages. The contributors offer tips on how to divide each book of the Bible into preaching and teaching passages, guidance on difficult passages and verses, cultural perspectives for faithful application, and suggested resources for interpreting, preaching, and teaching. Pastors, teachers, Bible study leaders, small groups, and college and seminary students and professors will find a wealth of valuable information in this resource.

We are far removed from the time and culture of the biblical world, and this distance easily leads to misunderstanding and misinterpretation. Our understanding and appreciation for God's Word increase exponentially when we know about the context in which the biblical books were written. So while many Bible commentaries explain the theological meaning of the text, The Baker Illustrated Bible Background Commentary provides fascinating cultural and historical insights into God's Word. Richly illustrated with full-color photos throughout, this one-volume background commentary includes articles by leading Old

and New Testament scholars on subjects such as - countries, cities, and cultures of the Holy Land and the Greco-Roman world - warfare and execution - religious groups and customs - fashion, athletics, feasts, and celebrations - honor, shame, and hospitality - and much more This colorful, informative volume is an essential companion for pastors, teachers, and laypeople who want to enhance their personal Bible study and help others do the same.

Has the final end-time generation—spoken of by Jesus and the prophets—finally arrived? Could our generation be the one that is witnessing the beginning phases of the second coming of the Lord? If so, will you be one of the faithful Jesus finds when He calls His church to heaven? In *The Sifted Generation*, Pastor Michael Henderson takes a unique look at the final generation from which the true church will be sifted just prior to the days of tribulation that are coming on the entire earth. The Bible tells us the times of that generation will be perilous! Blasphemies, selfishness, rebelliousness, gracelessness, slanderous hearts, hedonistic behavior, and a lack of respect for God, His church, and His commandments will rule the day. As evidenced in the social and cultural wars around the globe, it is evident that the world is already choosing its sides. Ironically, the Bible declares that a man will arise in the last days. He will be a religious leader who will have great charisma and the uncanny ability to garner support from large sections of unbelieving humanity. Through deceptive words, promises, and the quasi miraculous, this religious leader will then persuade his followers to support one even more sinister than he. This partner in deception will pounce on the opportunity to take the reins of the world under his control. *The Sifted Generation* explores what life will be like on Earth just before the Lord begins the consummation of all things. The question is: When the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the Earth? (Luke 18:8). Other titles by the author are *25 Reasons to Believe*, editor and co-author with Bernie Lutchman and John Snyder, and, *Those Who Are Wise Will Shine!* Michael also writes for the periodical, *The American Church Magazine*.

This book is a study guide on Revelation designed for individual and group study

*A Step-by-Step Guide to Operating In The Gift of Prophecy* The gift of prophecy is not reserved for a super-spiritual, elite group of believers. In fact, the scriptures promise that in the last days, the Holy Spirit would be poured out on everyone in the world. This spiritual outpouring will manifest in a resurgence of the gift of prophecy that is to affect every believer, young and old, male and female, rich and poor! If you are a Christian, the Holy Spirit lives inside of you. This means that you have access to all of His supernatural gifts and you too can prophesy! Well-respected and seasoned prophetic leader, Kris Vallotton, provides a practical guide that has become a staple resource in training all believers to operate in prophetic ministry. This revised and updated edition features new content, including topics such as: “Understanding the Spirit Realm,” “Last Days Prophetic Ministry,” and “What Covenant Are You Prophesying From?” Get equipped to: Tell the difference between Old and New Covenant prophecy—and correctly operate as a New Testament prophetic voice Learn the languages of God and hear His voice like never before Discover and develop your prophetic gifts in a safe environment Step out and confidently share words of knowledge, wisdom, and prophecy Recognize a true prophet from a false prophet Ideal for personal study, small groups, and church classes, *Basic Training for the Prophetic Ministry* is your guide to understanding and operating in the prophetic ministry. Get ready to hear God’s voice in a fresh way, speak His word with power, and release hope, life, and destiny to those around you!

An outstanding group of authors address the structure of theological education using different avenues of approach. Each writer describes and frames a theological response to a major feature of the contemporary scene. The contributors look at events and movements that shape the organization of theological studies, including a review of black religion, feminism, practical theology, and liberation movements. They explore interrelating issues such as social ethics, seminary and university education, and historical consciousness.

What does the Bible teach about how to live in today’s world? Best-selling author and professor Wayne Grudem distills over forty years of teaching experience into a single volume aimed at helping readers apply a biblical worldview to difficult ethical issues, including wealth and poverty, marriage and divorce, birth control, abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality, business practices, environmental stewardship, telling the truth, knowing God’s will, understanding Old Testament laws, and more.

Dr. Lyon shows that the Bible promises healing by Jesus if we fulfill the requirements of believing His promises. He points out the Divine healing as the Bible teaches can be instantaneous, gradual, by the use of means, and even death is a form of healing. He also discusses old age and our service for the Lord. The booklet is not only a presentation for Biblical healing, but a manual showing how we can experience healing and be an instrument for divine healing.

The modern apologetics classic that started it all is now completely revised and updated—because the truth of the Bible doesn’t change, but its critics do. With the original *Evidence That Demands a Verdict*, bestselling author Josh McDowell gave Christian readers the answers they needed to defend their faith against the harshest critics and skeptics. Since that time, *Evidence* has remained a trusted resource for believers young and old. Bringing historical documentation and the best modern scholarship to bear on the trustworthiness of the Bible and its teachings, this extensive volume has encouraged and strengthened millions. Now, with his son Sean McDowell, Josh McDowell has updated and expanded this classic resource for a new generation. This is a book that invites readers to bring their doubts and doesn’t shy away from the tough questions. Features Include: • Thoroughly revised and updated from the previous edition • Now co-authored by Josh McDowell and Sean McDowell • All-new chapters defending against the latest attacks from Christianity’s critics • Designed to be a go-to reference for even the toughest questions • Offers thoughtful responses to the Bible’s most difficult and extraordinary passages • Expansive defense of Christianity’s core truths, including the resurrection of Jesus Christ *Zondervan's Seminary in a Box* includes everything you need learn the basics of Christian theology, biblical interpretation, the Old Testament, and the New Testament from today's top theologians and biblical scholars including Wayne Grudem, D. A. Carson, Douglas J. Moo, J. Scott Duvall, J. Daniel Hays, Tremper Longman III, and more.

Author David Horton tells the stories of godly men in the Bible, emphasizing their strong characteristics to teach the basics of Christian character--as examples for Christian boys to follow on their journey to becoming godly men.

*Take Your Theological Education to the Next Level* Deepen your biblical and theological knowledge without the time, expense, and formality of seminary. In this extensively updated book, discover all the major topics in a typical seminary master's program authoritatively taught by respected professors, authors, and leaders. This introduction to a biblical studies degree is ideal for the layperson or anyone in vocational ministry who lacks the time or finances to attend classes, who lives where formal training is unavailable, or whose previous education is primarily secular. Study what you want, when you want. Subjects include: · systematic theology · surveys of the Old and New Testaments · apologetics · world religions · church history · homiletics · leadership · Christian education · and more

Studying doctrine for the Christian often feels like watching a construction crew build a foundation. There seems to be a great amount of activity, but the results don't appear visible. Just like

the foundation is essential for the stability of a building, studying theology is crucial to the long-term stability of the believer. The goal of this study is to provide you with the basics of biblical doctrine to make sure your foundation is sound. At times this will feel like the difficult work of laying an unseen foundation for a building. At other times, however, it will feel like we are soaring to great heights as we explore the breadth and length and height and depth of our faith. During the course of this study, we will consider the questions: Why study theology? Who is God? Who am I? What is the church? Where do I go when I die? Why do other people believe differently?

This authoritative guidebook to U.S. religious groups is now available in a brand-new, updated edition.

'Aborigines did not cause the extinction of the megafauna . . . and it is unlikely that they have caused the extinction of any element of the fauna and flora.' 'If you want to practise control burning in order to protect houses or farms, then do it in the same way as you would use a bulldozer to clear a firebreak, but don't pretend that you are doing anything but damage to the environment.' 'If you commercialise an environmental resource you do so to make money. Don't pretend that it also benefits the environment.' Spanning fifty thousand years and an entire continent, *The Pure State of Nature* presents a passionate account of the Australian environment. The myths that abound in popular and scientific writing, the 'theories' and fancies about the place of humans in the ecology of this vast landmass, are subjected to scrutiny. In particular, the author demolishes the widely accepted orthodoxy about the use of fire by Aborigines and their supposed part in the extinction of the Australian megafauna. From the ruins of those myths *The Pure State of Nature* offers lessons for the new millennium. In turns provocative, humorous, impassioned and gentle, this is a bold book of ideas about the past and present, a book about how we can shape the future. To *The Pure State of Nature* Dr David Horton brings many years' experience as scientist, farmer and archaeologist. Among his publications are *Recovering the Tracks* and *The Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*. He now writes and consults from his stud sheep farm in New South Wales.

“Professor, mentor, author, disability advocate, seminar leader around the world—Dr. David Anderson corralled his many talents and worldwide experiences to author this important book. The volume should prove invaluable to Christians concerned about disabilities, especially teachers. Without flinching, Dr. Anderson tackles the tough issues: How could a good and benevolent God permit disabled children? Are disabilities the result of sin? How does a Christian teacher of the disabled differ from secular counterparts? Especially helpful is his emphasis on the reflective teacher integrating faith and learning. Certainly this is a volume that belongs on the bookshelves of anyone concerned with disabilities.” —Steven A. Kaatz PhD, Graduate Programs in Special Education, Bethel University, St. Paul, Minnesota “I have had the privilege of traveling with Dr. Anderson as he has taught the concepts addressed in this book to educators, pastors, and parents in a variety of countries. I've seen the material come alive as leaders discover the importance of thinking Christianly about disability. This book has the potential of impacting all readers in similar ways. Dr. Anderson challenges all of us to come to grips with a biblical worldview and then to live it out within our spheres of influence. *Toward a Theology of Special Education* thus encourages all readers to think Christianly about disability. Such thinking will then motivate us to care with God's care and to serve with God's concern for justice and compassion.” —Dr. Richard Schoenert, pastor emeritus, Calvary Church, Roseville, Minnesota

This is the course of study of the program to become fully ordained through The Order of Christian Community of Christ. This is a Student/Bhshop self paced program that take between 18 to 24 months to complete. Upon graudation and ordination the new Cleric will have a fully defined ministry and action plan. The Order is a sacred Protestant Order of independent called ministers. This program assist those that wish to be Ordained and maintain a secular calling. The Order continues to provide advice and support as the new Minister/Pastor deploys their newly developed ministry progroms.

Dear Reader, In this book, the Spirit of God led me to give instruction and understanding of being called to preach. Without this critical understanding could very well lead someone to do more damage than good, thus defeating their purpose of the call. The book begins by bringing complete attention to the preacher themselves to recognize the call of the Lord and progress through his process to build character and faith. The biggest focus is devoted to receiving the God-given message for his people, utilizing proper exegetical study to the Word, applying proper homiletics, provide current application of the Word to bring relativity, and always keep Christ and the cross at the center of it all. The book finishes up by demonstrating the need for the preacher to move aside and allow the Holy Spirit and the anointing to bring spiritual change in the people. Even though this book was dedicated as a guide for the preacher, anyone that is Christian and desires a greater understanding of the Word can apply these concepts as well. Blessings, Dr. Shane Erxleben

This proven guide in pastoral counseling has been extensively expanded and revised by the author to include recent developments and research, new resources, and attention to newly urgent needs such as AIDS, eating disorders, homosexuality, and violence. Written with clarity and sensitivity, this volume builds on biblical foundations and the best resources of professional psychology. It reflects the insights the author has gained from many years of Christian counseling. New Sections include: The Legal, Ethical and Moral Issues in Counseling The Multicultural, Multiracial Issues in Counseling Conflict and Relationships Dealing with Death and Grief Alcoholism and Other Substance Abuse Crises and Trauma Counseling and Terrorism

Pastors and students who want a one-volume commentary to complement the *New Interpreter's Study Bible* will be pleased to find in this resource the quality of scholarship that is a hallmark of other *New Interpreter's Bible* resources. The portability, accessibility, and affordability of the one-volume commentary will appeal to professors and students as well as lay persons and pastors. This commentary contains articles on all the books of the Bible, including the Apocrypha, as well as numerous general articles on biblical interpretation, geographical and historical setting, religion, text, canon, translation, Bible and preaching/teaching, with bibliographies for each article. Extra value includes: chronology/timeline, table of measures and money, and a subject index. Old Testament Editor: Dr. David L. Petersen, Franklin Nutting Parker Professor of Old Testament, Emory University. Professor Petersen's current research focuses on the book of Genesis and on prophetic literature. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Dr. Petersen has written, coauthored, or coedited a number of scholarly and popular books and articles. He was the senior Old Testament editor for *The New Interpreter's Bible*. Professor Petersen is a past president of the Society of Biblical Literature. New Testament Editor: Dr. Beverly Roberts Gaventa, Helen H.P. Manson Professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis, Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Gaventa, whose specialties within the field of New Testament are the letters of Paul and Luke-Acts, is widely published. She is a member of the advisory board for the *New Testament Library*, a new commentary series for Westminster John Knox Press; editor of the

Society of Biblical Literature's Resources for Biblical Studies and a member of the editorial board of its Journal of Biblical Literature; and associate editor of the Catholic Biblical Quarterly. Many people admire and even revere the Bible, but they simply do not understand what they read, much less how to study Scripture. Yet they wish they could. In this insightful and alternately amusing guide, Professor Mark Yarbrough shows how easy and gratifying it is to unlock the hidden truths of God's Word and to discover a world where reading the Bible doesn't just satisfy our curiosity, but changes our life. To do this, the reader will step into the seminary classroom and observe the practical principles—the tricks of the trade—for becoming a more effective student of the Bible. But Yarbrough has made sure that his writing style and general approach will be appealing to both academic students and those involved in lay-level Bible study. Real life is whacky and in-your-face. Studying Scripture should be too.

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Summary of God, Caesar and the Freedom of Religion by Elizabeth Warren November 17, 2004 This book is a distillation of the current practices of 191 national governments concerning their respect for the Human Right of freedom of religion. Its focus on the relationships between governments and religions reveals the relative political power of both. Religions are vital to societies. They give people a way to express their responses to the divine impulse. They form the basis for social order and morality. Since 1948 when the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was approved by the United Nations, a majority of the nations of the world have approved it. The question presented by this book is, how well do the nations respect the right in practice? While a majority of the governments do respect the freedom of religion, some restrict the right of people to practice their religion through laws and administrative practices. Moreover, there are times when inter-religious rivalries get in the way of free expression of religion and lead to conflicts. Sometimes a benign religion comes to be used by militants who badly distort its message. Some religions become seekers after power, either with respect to each other or with respect to their governments. In at least one case, religion and government are one. The book is different from others that discuss freedom of religion in that it classifies 191 countries according to their governments' respect for freedom of religion in practice, using U. S. State Department reports and other sources. The focus of the book is political, not theological.

The most comprehensive and authoritative review of B-School fundamentals—from top accounting and finance professors For years, the Portable MBA series has tracked the core curricula of leading business schools to teach you the fundamentals you need to know about business—without the extreme costs of earning an MBA degree. The Portable MBA in Finance and Accounting covers all the core methods and techniques you would learn in business school, using real-life examples to deliver clear, practical guidance on finance and accounting. The new edition also includes free downloadable spreadsheets and web resources. If you're in charge of making decisions at your own or someone else's business, you need the best information and insight on modern finance and accounting practice. This reliable, information-packed resource shows you how to understand the numbers, plan and forecast for the future, and make key strategic decisions. Plus, this new edition covers the effects of Sarbanes-Oxley, applying ethical accounting standards, and offers career advice. • Completely updated with new examples, new topics, and full coverage of topical issues in finance and accounting—fifty percent new material • The most comprehensive and authoritative book in its category • Teaches you virtually everything you'd learn about finance and accounting in today's best business schools Whether you're thinking of starting your own business or you already have and just need to brush up on finance and accounting basics, this is the only guide you need.

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