

STRANGE NEW WORLD

NEW YORK POST

WORLD NEWS

Same-sex couple sues surrogate who refused to abort their 2-year-old son over a minor birth defect

The New York Times

Trans Migrants in ICE Detention Are Losing Their Rights and Medical Care

U.S. officials have sometimes eliminated access to gender-related

according to public records. Officials no longer consistently provide transgender inmates with hormones and other gender-related care.



Not the Bee



NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina dad sues school for not saying whether boys can use the girls' bathroom in elementary



Dr. Jones • Aug 13, 2026

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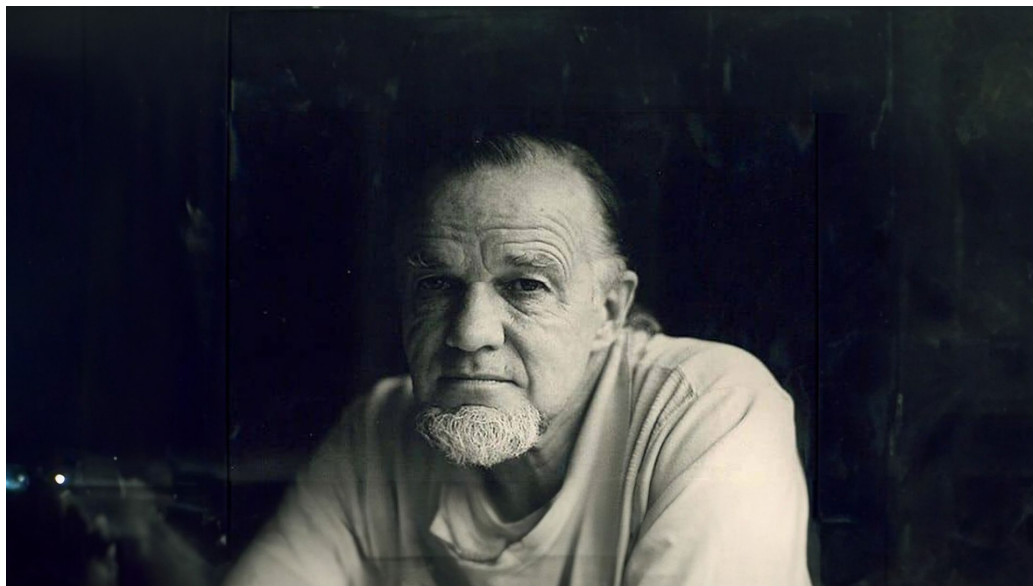


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How Should Christians Respond?

Dreher, Schaeffer, Trueman



Summary of CH 9 (continued)

- **Examine ourselves:** We are complicit. Christians and churches must recognize where they have quietly accepted or compromised with the spirit of expressive individualism. We have imbibed the cult of personal happiness, and elevated our individual feelings to dangerous levels.
- **Learn from The Ancient Church:** Believers should look to the early church (Justin Martyr, 1st Peter, The Didache, John 13:35) and figures like Augustine to see how past generations navigated a hostile or confused culture.
- **Teach the whole Counsel of God:** Churches need to focus on a comprehensive biblical worldview rather than just reacting to hot-button cultural issues. Know Doctrine; Know the Storyline of the Bible. Our foundations in truth must be broad and deep.

Summary of CH 9 (continued)

- **Shape Intuitions Through Biblical Worship:** Regular, historic patterns of Christian worship help re-form the inner desires and intuitions of believers.
- **Recover a Theology of Nature and The Body:** Christians must retrieve a robust theology of the natural body and natural order (God's beautiful, good design) against modern notions that the body is "stuff" to be overcome.
- **Avoid extremes:** Believers should reject both naive optimism and hopeless despair, approaching their cultural moment with sober wisdom. BUT BE HOPEFUL – Christ has lived, died, and rose. He shall come again! Live faithfully in Challenging times.

Responding to the Culture

- Know Christ
- Know Christianity intellectually
- Recover a Biblical anthropology
- Stop Imitating The World
- Build Strong Families and Churches
- Raise Children Intentionally
- Create Christian Institutions
- Engage the surrounding culture rather than simply despising it.
- Don't make politics your savior.
- Be willing to suffer.
- Keep loving people

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Know Christ – In Your Hearts Set Apart Christ as Lord - 1 Peter 3:15

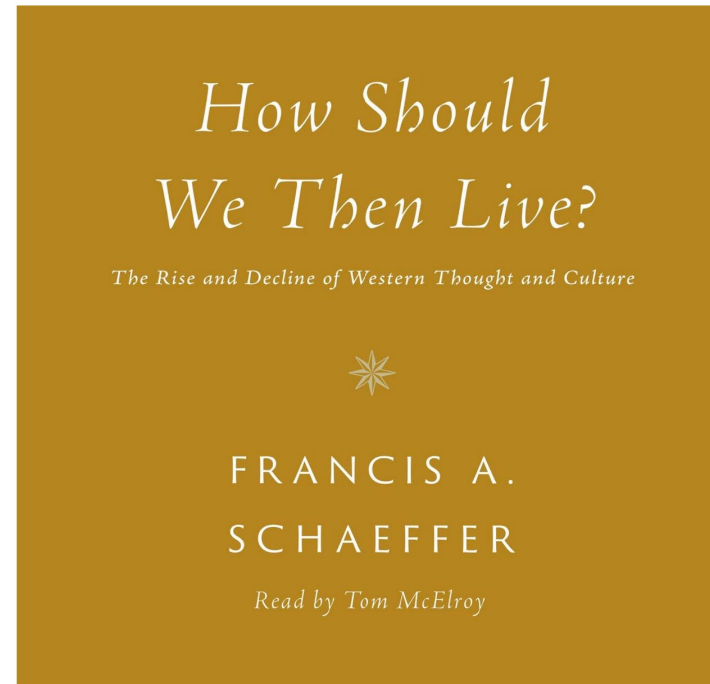
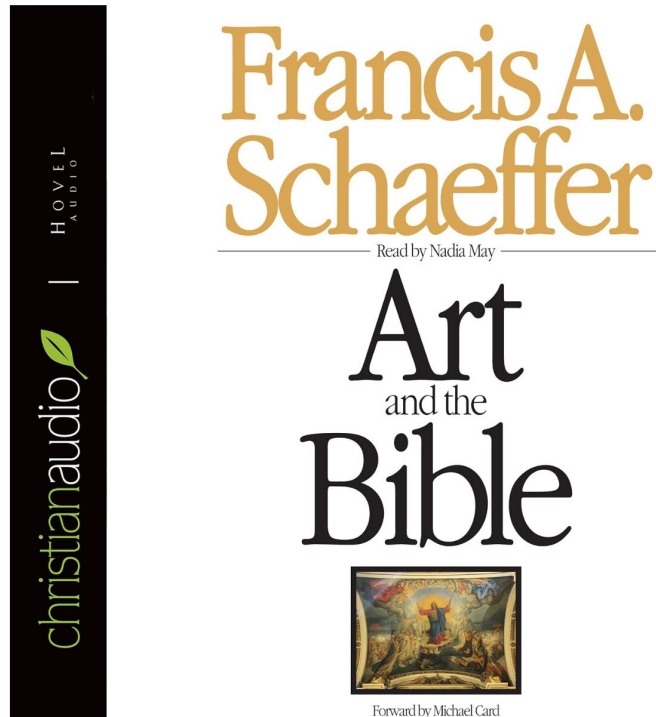
“Those who are afraid of men have no fear of God, and those who fear God have no more fear of men.” - Dietrich Bonhoeffer.



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Know Christianity Intellectually: Gain understanding of philosophy, history, anthropology, economics, politics, art, or contemporary cultural ideas. Understand *why* people believe what they believe.

— Schaeffer



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Recover a Biblical Anthropology: Know what Scripture teaches about the image of God, the body, sex, marriage, family, work, freedom, sin, death, and redemption. — Trueman

- Genesis 1-3 (Creation, Fall, Redemption).
- Psalms (an anatomy of the human soul).
- Romans (man's problem God's solution in detail).

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Stop Imitating The World: Examine the ways Christians have absorbed expressive individualism, church consumerism, sexual individualism, therapeutic psychology, and radical autonomy.

- Trueman

“Do not be conformed to the Pattern of this World!”

- Romans 12:1



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Build Strong Christian Families and Churches: Make the church a genuine community rather than merely a weekly worship service.

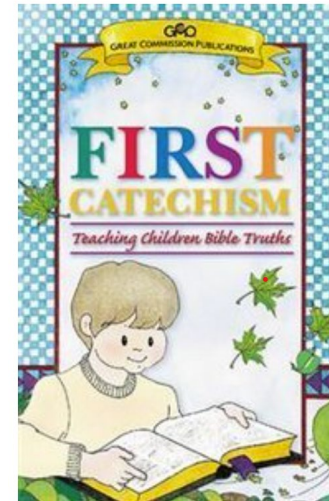
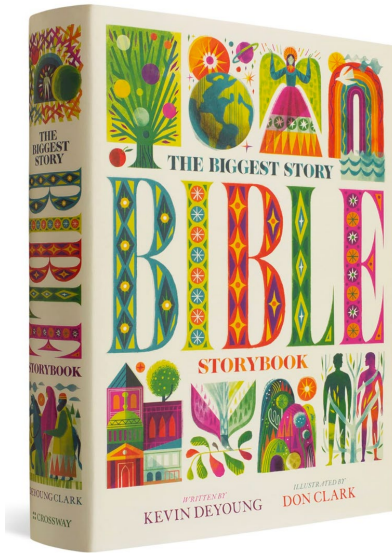
— Trueman/Dreher



“Our church communities will need to be thick. We will need to build strong counter-cultures. This won’t just involve spending more time together, but spending deliberate time together. They will need to be truly formative communities.” - Gospel Coalition.

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Raise Children Intentionally: The culture will disciple your children unless you disciple them more intentionally. — Dreher



“And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel. And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals.” – Judges 2:10-11

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Create Christian Institutions: Schools, churches, families, businesses, publications, friendships, ministries, and communities should reinforce rather than undermine Christian discipleship.

— Dreher/Schaeffer

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” – Acts 1:8

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Engage the Surrounding Culture: Rather Than Simply Despising It:
Talk to unbelievers. Make arguments. Make art. Do excellent work.
Defend truth. Love your neighbors. Evangelize. — **Schaeffer**

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile,
and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your
welfare. – Jeremiah 29:7

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Don't make Politics Your Savior: Political involvement is legitimate, but political victory cannot save the culture or the church. - Schaeffer, Trueman, Dreher

1 Timothy 2:1–2: *“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”*

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- **Be Willing to Suffer:** If faithfulness eventually costs Christians money, reputation, career advancement, social acceptance, or political power, Christians must regard faithfulness to Christ as more important.
— Dreher
- Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory^[b] and of God rests upon you.
- 1 Peter 4:12-14

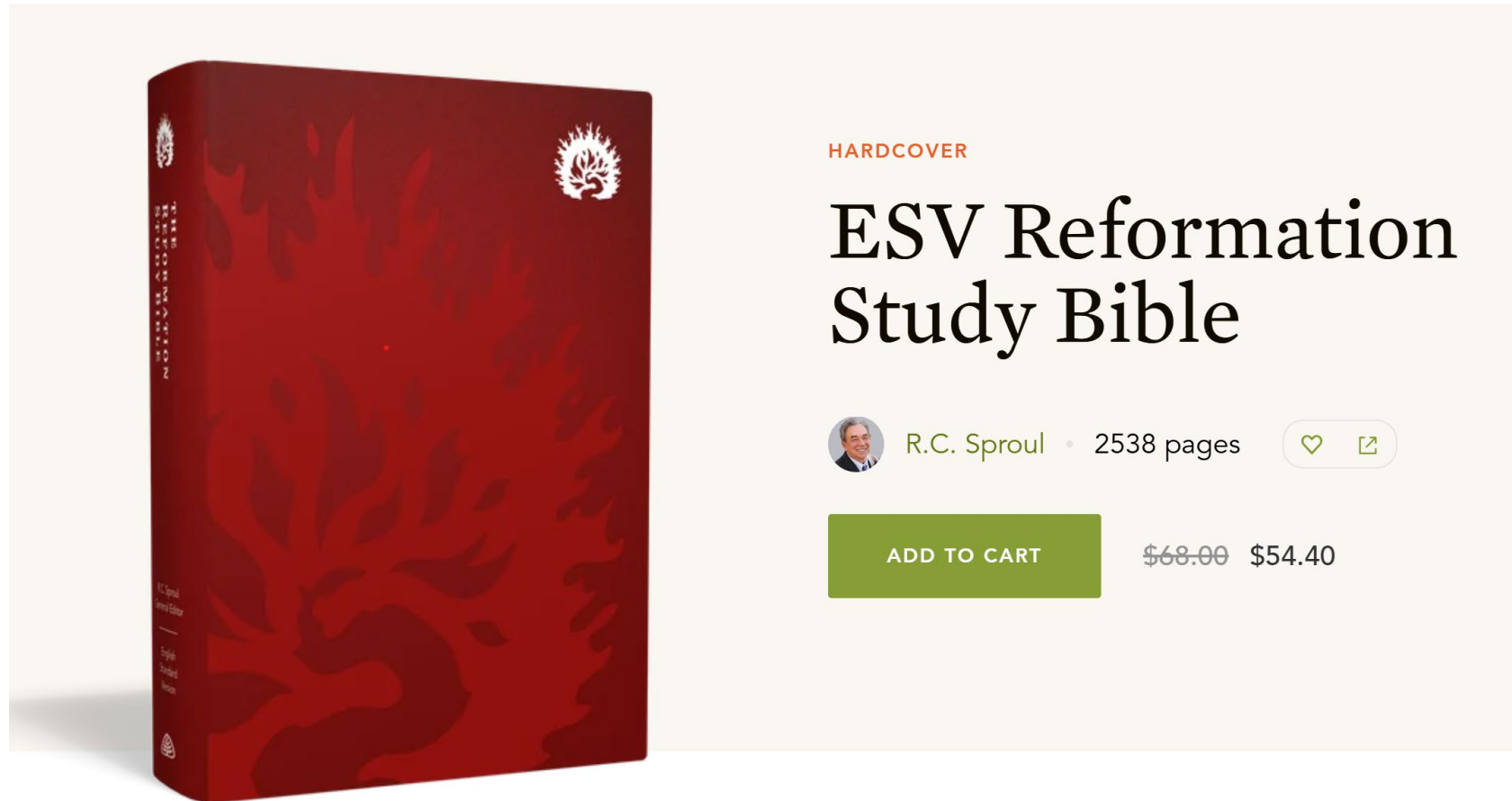
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Keep Loving People: This is perhaps the most important qualification to all of the above. The goal isn't to create an embittered Christian bunker. It is to be a faithful, truthful, sacrificial people who can say both "**No, that isn't true**" and "**I love you**" at the same time.

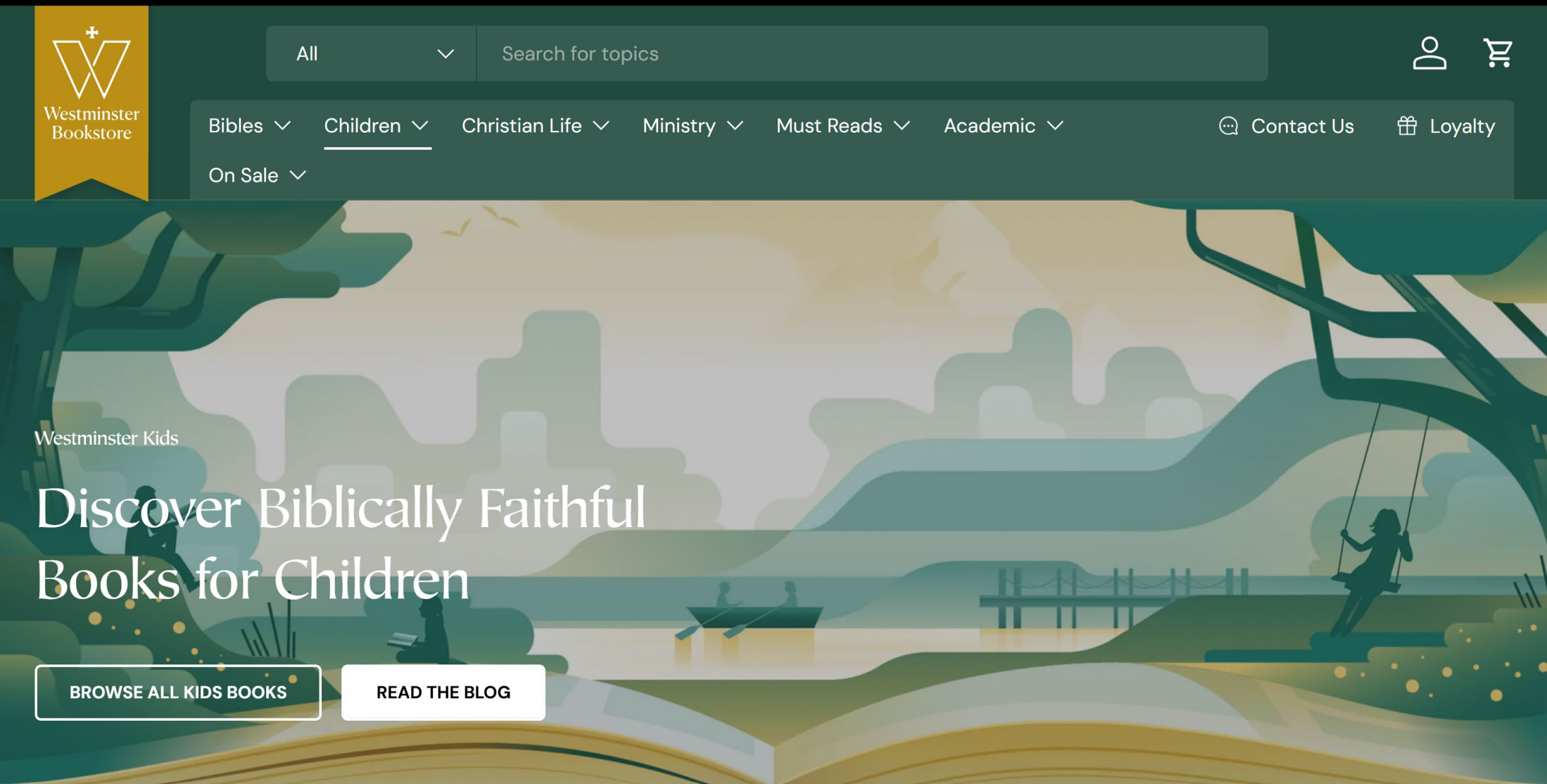
¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. – 1 Peter 3:14-16

Resources for Living in a Strange New World

Knowing God



RAISING CHILDREN



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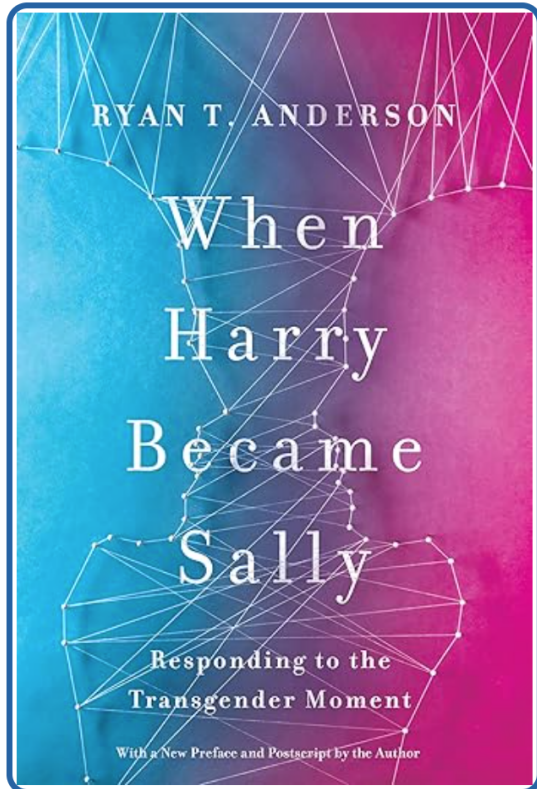
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When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Moment



by [Ryan T. Anderson](#) (Author) | Format: Hardcover

4.7 ★★★★★ (394)

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The transgender movement has hit breakneck speed. In the space of a year, it's gone from something that most Americans had never heard of to a cause claiming the mantle of civil rights.

But can a boy truly be “trapped” in a girl’s body? Can modern medicine really “reassign” sex? Is sex something “assigned” in the first place? What’s the loving response to a friend or child experiencing a gender-identity conflict? What should our law say on these issues?

When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Moment provides thoughtful answers to all of these questions. Drawing on the best insights from biology, psychology, and philosophy, Ryan T. Anderson offers a balanced approach to the policy issues, a nuanced vision of human embodiment, and a sober and honest survey of the human costs of getting human nature wrong.

He reveals a grim contrast between the media’s sunny depiction and the often sad realities of gender-identity struggles. He introduces readers to people who tried to “transition” but found themselves no better off. Especially troubling is the suffering felt by adults who were

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Harvest USA provides discipleship and equipping to care for those affected by sexual brokenness.

Today, the larger mission of Harvest USA is two-fold. First, Harvest USA seeks to be a resource to the local church, equipping individual congregations and the church at large to better care for and disciple those affected by sexual brokenness. We provide excellent resources through our blogs, videos, seminars, presentations, and books to support and strengthen the church. Second, Harvest USA is committed to providing one-on-one discipleship and support groups for men, women, and parents affected by sexual struggles in its Dresher office.

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Outreach Opportunity - Good News Club



Worldview Formation and Training



Conclusion

Remember that Jesus wins, and you triumph with Him!

So then, press on!