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SELECT ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

The following bibliography is meant to help us continue to grow in a supernatural, miraculous life and ministry. There are several categories of books from which to choose, and I have limited my listings to the ones that have helped me the most.

If you were to ask me what you should read next about such and such, this bibliography provides my answer. I have placed three stars (***) in front of a book I consider a must-read. I also list each book as basic (B), intermediate (I), or advanced (A) as a guide to the book's level of difficulty. I hope you meet some new "friends" on this list.

One more thing. If I were forced to select the *first* books to read for encouragement regarding miracles and the supernatural, I would select these in alphabetical order: John Burke, *Imagine Heaven*; Tom Doyle, *Dreams and Visions: Is Jesus Awakening the Muslim World?*; James Garlow and Keith Wall, *Miracles Are for Real*; and Judith MacNutt, *Angels Are for Real*.

ARGUMENTS FOR GOD'S EXISTENCE

***Boa, Kenneth D., and Robert M. Bowman. *Twenty Compelling Evidences That God Exists: Discover Why Believing in God Makes So Much Sense*. Rev. ed. Colorado Springs: Cook, 2005. (B)

This book contains an accessible presentation in brief form of a large number of solid arguments for God's existence. Each argument is presented in a usable form.

Craig, William Lane. *On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision*. Colorado Springs: Cook, 2010. (I)

An excellent, brief overview of the case for God and Christianity by its ablest defender.

Moreland, J. P. *The God Question*. 2nd ed. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2021. (I)

Contains two chapters on God's existence, defends the reliability of the New Testament, and provides fresh insights for becoming a growing Jesus follower.

***Moreland, J. P., and Tim Muehlhoff. *The God Conversation: Using Stories and Illustrations to Explain Your Faith*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2007. (B)

A basic book that focuses on learning the arguments for God and using illustrations to communicate them to others. A simple read.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE HISTORICAL RELIABILITY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT DOCUMENTS

***McDowell, Josh, and Sean McDowell. *Evidence That Demands a Verdict: Life-Changing Truth for a Skeptical World*. Rev. ed. Nashville: Nelson, 2017. (I)

This is an updated edition of a Christian classic that has changed lives all over the world. A great reference tool.

Strobel, Lee. *The Case for Christ: A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1988. (B)

The gold standard in defending the historicity of Christianity.

Wallace, J. Warner. *Cold-Case Christianity: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels*. Colorado Springs: Cook, 2013. (B)

In this absolutely fascinating, easy-to-read book, Wallace, a homicide detective who has appeared on shows such as Dateline, FOX News, and Court TV, applies his detective craft to the claims of the Gospels and concludes there is overwhelming evidence of their historical reliability.

Williams, Peter J. *Can We Trust the Gospels?* Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2018. (B)

A brief, excellent resource for learning why it is most reasonable to accept the historical reliability of the Gospels.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE HISTORICITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Craig, William Lane. *The Son Rises: The Historical Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus.* Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2000. (B)

A good, basic overview of the evidence.

***Habermas, Gary R., and Michael R. Licona, *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus.* Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2004. (I)

A thorough case for the resurrection that leaves no stone unturned.

McDowell, Josh, and Sean McDowell. *More Than a Carpenter.* Rev. ed. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale, 2009. (B)

A wonderfully readable book defending the resurrection.

GENERAL ARGUMENTS FOR MIRACLES

Keener, Craig. *Miracles: The Credibility of the New Testament Accounts.* 2 vols. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2011. (A)

A massive tome that many call the best books (it's a two-volume set) defending miracles on the market today.

***Strobel, Lee. *The Case for Miracles: A Journalist Investigates Evidence for the Supernatural.* Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2018. (B)

This is the first book I'd read to learn the case for and against miracles.

GENERAL COMPENDIA OF MIRACLE STORIES, ANSWERS TO PRAYER, ANGELIC ENCOUNTERS, AND NDES

These books are tremendously inspiring and will strengthen your faith. They contain credible accounts of people who have experienced God's miraculous interventions.

Canfield, Jack, Mark Victor Hansen, and LeAnn Thieman. *Chicken Soup for the Soul: A Book of Miracles*. Cos Cob, CT: Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, 2010. (B)

A very readable book containing brief accounts of numerous miracle stories that are inspiring and faith-building.

Canfield, Jack, Mark Victor Hansen, and Amy Newmark. *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Miracles Happen*. Cos Cob, CT: Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, 2014. (B)

This is a further exploration of miraculous events by two of the same authors.

***Crandall, Chauncey. *Touching Heaven: A Cardiologist's Encounters with Death and Living Proof of an Afterlife*. New York: Faith Words, 2015. (B)

This book will change your life. It is a must-read.

***Fazzina, Daniel. *Divine Intervention: Fifty True Stories of God's Miracles Today*. Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2014. (B)

This exciting and very credible book contains fifty miraculous accounts by the people who experienced them. Contact information is provided for each contributor and an appendix contains medical documentation of a number of cases where relevant.

***Garlow, James, and Keith Wall. *Miracles Are for Real: What Happens When Heaven Touches Earth*. Bloomington, MN: Bethany House, 2011. (B)

The best book to get for credible, moving, brief accounts of contemporary miracles. A great read.

———. *Real Life, Real Miracles: True Stories That Will Help You Believe*. Bloomington, MN: Bethany House, 2012. (B)

This book is also excellent and faith building.

BOOKS ABOUT THE PRESENT REALITY OF THE SO-CALLED MIRACULOUS SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Grudem, Wayne, ed. *Are Miraculous Gifts for Today? Four Views*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996. (I)

A solid biblical study presenting advocates of four different views about miraculous gifts. Objective and accessible.

***Storms, Sam. *The Beginner's Guide to Spiritual Gifts*. Ventura, CA: Regal, 2002. (B)

A must-read for solid teaching about miraculous spiritual gifts.

HOW TO PRACTICE KINGDOM POWER IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

***Scott, Alan. *Scattered Servants: Unleashing the Church to Bring Life to the City*. Colorado Springs: Cook, 2018. (B)

In this book that is chock-full of authentic accounts of miracles, Pastor Scott places the focus on using the Spirit's power for outreach and ministry.

***Storms, Sam. *Practicing the Power: Welcoming the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Your Life*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2017. (B)

The best book available about the wise, biblical way to make room for the practice of the Spirit's power in the local church.

HOW TO PRACTICE AND RECEIVE ANSWERS TO SPECIFIC PETITIONARY PRAYERS

***Hazen, Craig. *Fearless Prayer: Why We Don't Ask and Why We Should*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 2018. (B)

*This power-packed little book is one you won't be able to put down.
It contains excellent perspective on petitionary prayer.*

THE PRACTICE OF HEALING PRAYER

***MacNutt, Francis. *Healing*. Rev. ed. Notre Dame, IN: Ave Maria, 1999. (B)

This is the best book on learning to heal the sick.

Wimber, John. *Power Healing*. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1987. (B)

This is the story of how John Wimber learned to practice healing prayer with a special focus on its use in evangelism.

GENERAL BOOKS ON HEARING GOD

***Jersak, Brad. *Can You Hear Me? Tuning In to the God Who Speaks*. Rev. ed. Abbotsford, BC: Fresh Wind, 2012. (B)

A very practical guide with plenty of exciting cases for learning to hear God.

***Virkler, Mark and Patti. *Dialogue with God: Opening the Door to Two-Way Prayer*. Alachua, FL: Bridge-Logos, 1986. (B)

Another exceptional guide for discerning God's voice.

***Willard, Dallas. *Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God*. 3rd ed. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1999. (B)

This classic Dallas Willard book provides deep, instructive teaching about cultivating the ability to hear God's voice.

BOOKS ON PROPHECY, WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE, AND WORDS OF WISDOM

***Deere, Jack. *The Beginner's Guide to the Gift of Prophecy*. Ann Arbor, MI: Servant, 2001. (B)

The first book to read on this topic.

***Storms, Sam. *Understanding Spiritual Gifts: A Comprehensive Guide*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2020. (B or I)

The most comprehensive biblical study available. Outstanding biblical treatment of spiritual gifts; full of real-life examples.

***Sullivant, Michael. *Prophetic Etiquette: Your Complete Handbook on Giving and Receiving Prophecy*. Lake Mary, FL: Creation House, 2000. (B)

Written by an authentic, well-regarded practitioner, this book is at the top for learning how and how not to practice the prophetic.

BOOKS ABOUT CONTEMPORARY DREAMS AND VISIONS IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

***Doyle, Tom. *Dreams and Visions: Is Jesus Awakening the Muslim World?* Nashville: Nelson, 2012. (B)

If you don't believe that Jesus himself is appearing to Muslims in the Middle East, you will after you read this.

Malick, Faisal. *Ten Amazing Muslims Touched by God*. Shippensburg, PA: Ambient, 2012. (B)

This book contains accounts of miraculous conversions of Muslims. It would be the book to give to a Muslim.

BOOKS ABOUT ANGELS

***MacNutt, Judith. *Angels Are for Real: Inspiring, True Stories and Biblical Answers*. Bloomington, MN: Chosen, 2012. (B)

An informative and inspiring account of angelic manifestations.

***———. *Encountering Angels: True Stories of How They Touch Our Lives Every Day*. Bloomington, MN: Chosen, 2016. (B)

Another great book on angels. It will strengthen your faith in the supernatural.

BOOKS ON THE DEMONIC

***Arnold, Clinton E. *Three Crucial Questions about Spiritual Warfare*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1997. (I)

Written by a world-class New Testament scholar, this is the first book to read about biblical teaching regarding the demonic.

Dickason, C. Fred. *Demon Possession and the Christian: A New Perspective*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 1989. (I)

A thorough treatment of what the Bible says about a Christian's relationship to the demonic.

***Kraft, Charles H. *Defeating Dark Angels: Breaking Demonic Oppression in the Believer's Life*. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Chosen, 2016. (B)

The best practical guide for dealing with the demonic. My first choice in this area.

***Storms, Sam. *Understanding Spiritual Warfare: A Comprehensive Guide*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2021. (I or A)

This is the most thorough treatment of the subject available today.

BOOKS MAKING THE CASE FOR THE REALITY OF NDES

These books contain wonderful stories of NDEs, but their strength is that they give the evidence for why we should trust these accounts and respond to all the objections skeptics raise against NDEs. Very persuasive books.

Atwater, P. M. H., and David H. Morgan. *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Near-Death Experiences*. Indianapolis, IN: Alpha, 2000. (B)

I don't agree with everything in this book, but it is fair and contains a careful presentation of a number of credible accounts.

***Burke, John. *Imagine Heaven: Near-Death Experiences, God's Promises, and the Exhilarating Future That Awaits You*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2015. (B)

Burke's book is the very best of its kind. The first book to read on this subject.

***Long, Jeffrey. *Evidence of the Afterlife: The Science of Near-Death Experiences*. San Francisco: HarperOne, 2010. (B)

This book contains a nice presentation of responses to all the major objections raised against NDEs.

Miller, J. Steve. *Near-Death Experiences as Evidence for the Existence of God and Heaven: A Brief Introduction in Plain Language*. Acworth, GA: Wisdom Creek, 2012. (B)

Miller writes well, thinks clearly, and possesses a pastoral heart. This is a great read, especially for evidence of NDEs.

***Rivas, Titus, Anny Dirven, and Rudolf H. Smit. *The Self Does Not Die: Verified Paranormal Phenomena from Near-Death Experiences*. Durham, NC: International Association of Near-Death Studies, 2016. (I)

While not a Christian perspective, the book is very friendly to a religious worldview, including distinctively Christian accounts that are recorded. This may be the best researched book available.

COMPENDIA OF NDES

These books contain a different NDE story in each chapter, with the result that many brief and inspiring stories fill these books.

Bell, James Stewart, comp. *Angels, Miracles and Heavenly Encounters: Real-Life Stories of Supernatural Events*. Bloomington, MN: Bethany House, 2012. (B)

A solid book with a number of authentic stories about heavenly encounters.

Garlow, James L., and Keith Wall. *Encountering Heaven and the Afterlife: True Stories from People Who Have Glimpsed the World Beyond*. Bloomington, MN: Bethany House, 2010. (B)

Garlow and Wall are extremely credible, excellent writers who have gathered a number of exciting cases.

***———. *Heaven and the Afterlife*. Bloomington, MN: Bethany House, 2009. (B)

Ditto.

***Morse, Melvin. *Closer to the Light: Learning from the Near-Death Experiences of Children*. New York: Ivy, 1990. (I)

This is a very special, heartwarming book.

Sabom, Michael. *Light and Death: One Doctor's Fascinating Account of Near-Death Experiences*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1998. (B)

Sabom is a solid Christian and writes a very persuasive book with wonderful stories.

INDIVIDUAL BIOGRAPHIES OF NDE STORIES

These books tell the story of an individual's life, including their NDE and how it changed their life.

Alexander, Eben. *Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2012. (B)

This was a bestseller that provided very strong evidence of the after-life. Unfortunately, some of the interpretations Alexander gives to his experience are contrary to biblical teaching. Still, it is a good read.

***Anderson, Reggie. *Appointments with Heaven: The True Story of a Country Doctor's Healing Encounters with the Afterlife*. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale Momentum, 2013. (B)

This may be the most moving book Hope and I have read in this area. Incredible!

Besteman, Marvin. *My Journey to Heaven: What I Saw and How It Changed My Life*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2012. (B)

A persuasive, insightful book about the author's visit to heaven.

Burpo, Todd. *Heaven Is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back*. Nashville: Nelson, 2010. (B)

The basis for a movie, this touching book is hard to deny in its claims.

McVea, Crystal, and Alex Tresniowski. *Waking Up in Heaven: A True Story of Brokenness, Heaven, and Life Again*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2013. (B)

A sad story about Crystal's horrible life and how her NDE changed all that.

***Neal, Mary C. *Seven Lessons from Heaven: How Dying Taught Me to Live a Joy-Filled Life*. New York: Convergent, 2017. (B)

It's hard to overstate how excellent this book is. Extremely credible and full of practical life lessons.

———. *To Heaven and Back: A Doctor's Extraordinary Account of Her Death, Heaven, Angels, and Life Again*. Colorado Springs: WaterBrook, 2011. (B)

A New York Times bestseller, Dr. Neal's account has a deep feel of authenticity.

Storm, Howard. *My Descent into Death: A Second Chance at Life*. New York: Doubleday, 2005. (B)

Storm was an arrogant, narcissistic atheistic professor who died and experienced demons taking him to hell. The book recounts what followed.

A DAILY DEVOTIONAL ON HEAVEN CONTAINING SCRIPTURE AND DAILY NDE ACCOUNTS

Burke, John, and Kathy Burke. *Imagine Heaven Devotional: 100 Reflections to Bring Heaven to Your Life Today*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2018. (B)

This book contains one hundred devotional reflections, each about two pages in length, that ponder a Scripture text and give a short NDE account, followed by daily application.