

A From The Deck My Christian Journey With Same Sex Attraction

Embracing the Journey -

Greg McDonald 2020-01-07

A sympathetic, compassionate, and inspiring guide for parents—from the founders of one of the first Christian ministries for parents of LGBTQ children. Greg and Lynn McDonald had never interacted with members of the LGBTQ community until they discovered that their son was gay. Without resources or support, they had no idea how to come to terms with this discovery. At first they tried to “fix” him, to no avail. But even in the earliest days of their journey, the McDonalds clung to two absolutes: they would love God, and they would love their son. “An essential resource for Christian parents of LGBTQ kids,” (Matthew

Vines, Executive Director of The Reformation Project) this book follows the McDonald family’s journey over the next twenty years, from a place of grief to a place of gratitude and acceptance that led the McDonalds to start one of the first Christian ministries for parents of LGBTQ children. Based on their experience from counseling and coaching hundreds of struggling Christian parents, they offer tools for understanding your own emotional patterns and spiritual challenges. They also help you experience a deeper relationship with God while handling difficult or unexpected situations that are out of your control. You will discover tested principles, patterns, and spiritual lessons

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that can change the way we all see our families, and help Christians at large think through Christ-like ways to respond to the LGBTQ community. Written in an unvarnished, honest, reassuring, and relatable voice, this is a practical guide for parents and a roadmap to learning to love God, the people He created, and the church, even when they seem to be at odds.

Love Undetectable - Andrew Sullivan 2014-07-09

"I intend to be among the first generation that survives this disease." That was former New Republic editor Andrew Sullivan's first public statement about his HIV diagnosis. Speaking to heterosexual and homosexual audiences alike, this book is about the first steps in that journey of survival. If Sullivan's acclaimed first book, *Virtually Normal*, was about politics, this long-awaited sequel is about life. In a memoir in the form of three essays, Sullivan asks hard questions about his own life and others'. Can the practice of

Attraction friendship ever compensate for a life without love? Is sex at war or at peace with spirituality? Can faith endure the randomness of death? Is homosexuality genetic or environmental? Love Undetectable, then, refers to many things: to a virus that, for many, has become "undetectable" in the bloodstream thanks to new drugs, and to the failed search for love and intimacy that helped spread it; to the love of God, which in times of plague seems particularly hard to find and understand; to a sexual orientation long pathologized and denied any status as an equal form of human love; and to the love between friends, a love ignored when it isn't demeaned, and obscured by the more useful imperatives of family and society. In a work destined to be as controversial as his first book, Sullivan takes on religious authorities and gay activists; talks candidly about his own promiscuity and search for love; revisits Freud in the origins of homosexuality; and makes one of the more

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memorable modern cases for elevating the virtue of friendship over the satisfactions of love. Scholarly, impassioned, wide-ranging, and embattled, *Love Undetectable* is a book that is ultimately not about homosexuality or plague, but about humanity and mortality. *Uncommon Decency* - Richard J. Mouw 2011-08-29

Can Christians act like Christians even when they disagree? In these wild and diverse times, right and left battle over the airwaves, proliferators square off against prochoicers, gay liberationists confront champions of the traditional family, artists and legislators tangle, even Christians fight other Christians whose doctrines aren't "just so." Richard Mouw has been actively forging a model of Christian civil conversation with those we might disagree with—atheists, Muslims, gay activists and more. He is concerned that, too often, Christians have contributed more to the problem than to the solution.

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But he recognizes—~~from his~~ dialogues with those from many perspectives—that it's not easy to hold to Christian convictions and treat sometimes vindictive opponents with civility and decency. Few if any people in the evangelical world have conversed as widely and sensitively as Mouw. So few can write more wisely or helpfully than Mouw does here about what Christians can appreciate about pluralism, the theological basis for civility, and how we can communicate with people who disagree with us on the issues that matter most.

Sachet Mixte - Simon O'Corra

The Advocate - 2004-01-20

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Creation and Covenant -

Christopher Roberts

2008-11-01

This book articulates often

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latent and under-examined, but nonetheless significant, beliefs about sexual difference in the theology about marriage which has been dominant in the Christian west.

Understanding Same-sex

Attraction: where to Turn and how to Help (LDS Edition). - A.

Dean Byrd 2017

The authors and editors of *Understanding Same-Sex Attraction*, include scholars, therapists, religious leaders, and people who have dealt with same-sex attraction in their personal lives; all witness that hope, healing, and help are available. True science and true religion — never at odds with each other — come together again on this important subject. In reviewing this groundbreaking book, the Commissioner of LDS Family Services said: "Understanding Same-Sex Attraction is a treasure chest of five hundred pages filled with 'gems of wisdom, pure and bright.'"* The editors blend together information, inspiration, and instruction by engaging what they call the three pillars of

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~~religion, science, and human~~
experience. Whether used as an introduction to the subject for anyone, a reference book for religious leaders, a study guide for someone in counseling, or for the friends and family members of those who struggle, this book has something enlightening and helpful to offer everyone . . . [This book] will become a necessary addition to the libraries of individuals, families, Church leaders, mental health providers, and institutions of learning. Anyone seeking 'gems of wisdom' will find them 'pure and bright' within the pages of this book." (*"Oh Holy Words of Truth and Love," Text by Townsend, Music by Parry, LDS Hymns, 1985 pages 271) — Larry D. Crenshaw, L.C.S.W., D.C.S.W., Commissioner, LDS Family Services (excerpt from book review) Edited by: Dennis V. Dahle, JDA. Dean Byrd, PhD, MBA, MPH Shirley E. Cox, DSW, LCSW Doris R. Dant, MS, MA William C. Duncan, JD John P. Livingstone, EdDM. Gawain Wells, PhD.

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Gay Spirituality - Toby Johnson
2004

In this award-winning title, Johnson explores how the rise of gay identity--their ability to step outside the conventions of culture and see things from a different point of view--has become an important part of religious development.

Voices for Diversity and Social Justice - Julie Landsman
2015-08-20

Voices for Diversity and Social Justice: A Literary Education Anthology is an unflinching exploration through poetry, prose, and art of the heart of our educational system—of the segregation, bias, and oppression that are part of the daily lives of so many students and educators. It is also a series of poetical insights into the fights for liberation and resistance at the heart of many

of the same students' and teachers' lives. The contributors—youth, educators, activists, others—share what it is like to face discrimination, challenge unjust policy, or subvert monotony by cultivating a vibrant, equitable, revolutionary school environment.

The Origin of Consciousness in the Breakdown of the Bicameral Mind - Julian Jaynes
2000-08-15

National Book Award Finalist:

“This man’s ideas may be the most influential, not to say controversial, of the second half of the twentieth century.”—Columbus Dispatch

At the heart of this classic, seminal book is Julian Jaynes's still-controversial thesis that human consciousness did not begin far back in animal evolution but instead is a learned process that came about only three thousand years ago and is still developing. The implications of this revolutionary scientific paradigm extend into virtually every aspect of our psychology, our history and culture, our

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religion—and indeed our future. “Don’t be put off by the academic title of Julian Jaynes’s *The Origin of Consciousness in the Breakdown of the Bicameral Mind*. Its prose is always lucid and often lyrical...he unfolds his case with the utmost intellectual rigor.”—*The New York Times* “When Julian Jaynes . . . speculates that until late in the twentieth millennium BC men had no consciousness but were automatically obeying the voices of the gods, we are astounded but compelled to follow this remarkable thesis.”—John Updike, *The New Yorker* “He is as startling as Freud was in *The Interpretation of Dreams*, and Jaynes is equally as adept at forcing a new view of known human behavior.”—*American Journal of Psychiatry*
A Life of Unlearning - Anthony Venn-Brown 2015-09-28
A life of denial, exorcisms, gay conversion therapy and 16 years of marriage, crashed to a humiliating end for this high-profile Pentecostal preacher. A chance meeting propels him

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through a devastating maze of public scandal, rejection and isolation. Can he rebuild his life? Read this brutally honest story of one man's journey to authenticity.

The Advocate - 2001-08-14
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The Patriarch ; Or Family Library Magazine - 1842

The Advocate - 2004-08-17
The Advocate is a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) monthly newsmagazine. Established in 1967, it is the oldest continuing LGBT publication in the United States.

Michigan Christian Advocate - 1893

Christian Social Action - 2000

Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible, and the Church - Zondervan, 2016-11-29

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Unique among most debates on homosexuality, this book presents a constructive dialogue between people who disagree on significant ethical and theological matters, and yet maintain a respectful and humanizing posture toward one another. Few topics are more divisive today than homosexuality. *Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible, and the Church* brings a fresh perspective to a well-worn debate. While Christian debates about homosexuality are most often dominated by biblical exegesis, this book seeks to give much-needed attention to the rich history of received Christian tradition, bringing the Bible into conversation with historical and systematic theology. To that end, both theologians and biblical scholars--well accomplished in their fields and conversant in issues of sexuality and gender--articulate and defend each of the two views: Affirming - represented by William Loader and Megan K. DeFranza Traditional - represented by

Wesley Hill and Stephen R. Holmes The main essays are followed by insightful responses that interact with their fellow essayists with civility. Holding to a high view of Scripture, a commitment to the gospel and the church, and a love for people--especially those most affected by this topic--the contributors wrestle deeply with the Bible and theology, especially the prohibition texts, the role of procreation, gender complementarity, and pastoral accommodation. The book concludes with reflections from general editor Preston Sprinkle on the future of discussions on faith and sexuality. The Counterpoints series presents a comparison and critique of scholarly views on topics important to Christians that are both fair-minded and respectful of the biblical text. Each volume is a one-stop reference that allows readers to evaluate the different positions on a specific issue and form their own, educated opinion.

A View from the Deck - Rob

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Farnsley 2015-03-04

Is there any safe place for a man with a shameful 66-year-old secret-friends, family, the church, a Christian organization? Rob Farnsley explores that question with transparency and candor as he reflects on his life journey—a journey that came to a climax with the revelation of his struggle with same-sex attraction. Rob introduces us to the people and recounts the events that have made him the man he is—from observing his parents' loveless marriage as a boy to serving as a church planter in war-torn Eastern Europe later on in life. In *A View From the Deck*, Rob refuses to offer his readers pat answers to difficult questions about sexuality or to pontificate about the proper Christian response to those who wrestle with the same giants he has faced. Instead, he gives us a glimpse into the human experience—a glimpse that inspires empathy, compassion and a deeper awareness of our need for grace, regardless of our

position on the issue. Rob

Farnsley has lived a life of Christian service. He devoted over 23 years to church-planting missionary service. Prior to that, he served for a number of years on a college campus ministry team. He has been heavily involved in church ministry and service over all these years. He is single and looking forward to his best years ahead of him, although he says they have been pretty awesome already."

Be Great by Choice -

Kimberly Garner 2018-11-08

When you allow faith to empower your life something amazing happens! *Be Great By Choice* offers a window into the journey of the author's struggle and acceptance that her life as a lesbian was displeasing to God. Real power in life lies within the ability to choose, but being able to see and discern with our hearts is a tool sharpened within our spirit. Every word written is a testimony of how God made Kimberly into the woman He desired her to be by renewing her mind, spirit, and heart.

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This book explores how the application of her faith developed over time and how she applied it to walk away from homosexuality. Although rooted in Christian doctrine, Be Great By Choice is a book of healing and spiritual guidance for all walks of life; not just people who identify within the

LGBTQ community. God can move in your heart to promote you no matter where you are in life or what you've done. If you find yourself like the author in a position where you feel that good isn't good enough anymore, just know that you can choose to be Greater.

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