

# Satan's Bookshelf

## The Worst Books Ever Written... And Why Christians Should Know Them

by Jeffrey Breshears

Satan's main headquarters in Hell is an enormous complex featuring his favorite artifacts and memorabilia from throughout human history.

There are rooms stocked with the most ingenious torture devices ever devised by demonically-inspired human beings; long hallways lined with thousands of sculptures and photos of both notorious and obscure mass murderers, perverts, racists, con artists, capitalist pigs, tyrants, anarchists, heretics and pathological liars (including many politicians and a surprising number of clerics and theologians); red-lit rooms that proudly display the most extensive collection of pornography in the universe; a spacious, convention-sized room modeled after Dave & Buster's loaded with hundreds of the most mindless and violent video games Satan ever inspired; and room after room with rows upon rows of Satan's favorite DVDs and compact discs.

But the vortex of this complex of decadence, and the energy center that has generated most of Satan's proudest accomplishments, is his library – a vast collection of volumes on every conceivable topic, including thousands of books on science, philosophy, psychology, theology, and even biblical studies. His very favorites, though, which he proudly displays in a special bookshelf in the center of the room, is an elite collection of books that have most effectively promoted his agenda and corrupted everything that God originally intended for good.

Ideas have consequences in terms of what people believe and how they live – whether they are God-honoring and life-affirming truths or Satanically-inspired lies. As Christians, we are called to be the

“light” and “salt” in our society. This makes it imperative that we understand our times, including those ideas that compete with the Christian faith in the public square. But it is obvious that as Christians we are decisively losing the war of ideas in America today – and often by default primarily because we have forfeited the great intellectual battles of our day. The extent of ignorance, laziness and apathy among many Christians and Christian leaders is nothing short of disgraceful.

We may not be able to turn back the secular tsunami that threatens to engulf our society and culture in a tidal wave of immorality and corruption, but we have a spiritual responsibility before God to do what we can. But we cannot be a source of light and truth unless we understand what's going on and why our culture has become so dysfunctional and antagonistic toward biblical values and beliefs. The solution to the bad ideas that are plaguing our society today is not to ignore them, just as the solution to bad books is not necessarily to discourage Christians from reading them. On the contrary, rather than avoid insidious and destructive ideas and influences, we need to encounter them, understand them, and be equipped to defeat them.

Our Areopagus seminar this winter focuses on the most significant and influential books in modern history that have distorted reality, corrupted morality, and undermined Christian values. These are books that all informed Christian should know, and I hope you'll be able to join us in this important study.

### The Areopagus Calendar

#### Winter Seminars

#### SATAN'S BOOKSHELF

The Worst Books Ever Written...  
And Why Christians Should Know Them!

The most influential books in modern history that have distorted reality, corrupted morality, and undermined Christian values.



Tuesdays, Jan. 13 - March 31  
7:00 PM

Perimeter Church  
Midtown Auditorium

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Wednesdays, Jan. 14 - April 1  
7:00 PM

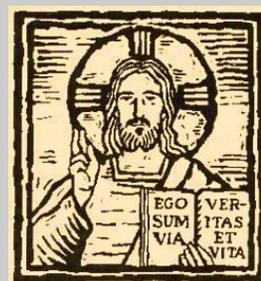
Johnson Ferry Baptist Church  
Room 108

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#### Christianity Thru the Centuries: From Jesus to the Present

Sundays – 11:15 AM

Johnson Ferry Baptist Church / Loft A



# 2014 RECOMMENDED BOOKS

## — BIBLICAL STUDIES —

Jeffrey D. Breshears, *An Introduction To Bibliology*  
(Areopagus Publishing)

## — PHILOSOPHY & APOLOGETICS —

Mary Poplin, *Is Reality Secular? Testing the Assumptions of Four Global Worldviews*  
(IVP Books)

## — CHRISTIAN HISTORY —

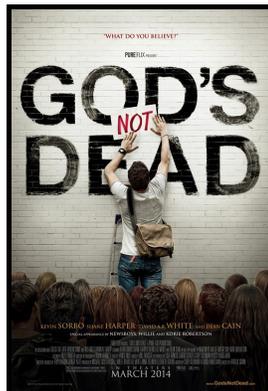
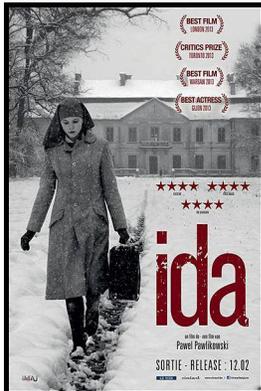
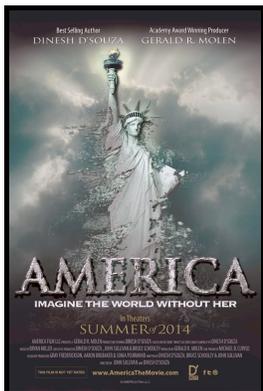
Larry Eskridge, *God's Forever Family: The Jesus People Movement In America* (Oxford University Press)

## — BIOGRAPHY —

Grant Wacker, *America's Pastor: Billy Graham and the Shaping Of a Nation* (Belknap Press)



Three recommended films of 2014  
with significant theological, philosophical,  
and/or socio-political themes



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### Winter Forums

**The World of J.R.R. Tolkien:**  
The Life and Times of the  
Literary Wizard Who Created  
"The Lord of the Rings"



A presentation by  
**Dr. Don Williams**

Professor of English, Toccoa Falls College  
Author of "Mere Humanity: G.K. Chesterton,  
C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien on the  
Human Condition"

Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

7:30 PM

Perimeter Church / Fellowship Hall



**The Demise of Mainline  
Protestantism in America...  
And How the Evangelical Church  
Can Avoid the Same Mistakes**

A presentation by

**Mark Tooley**

President, The Institute on Religion and  
Democracy



Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

7:30 PM

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