



Alumni Connection

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Bed Bug Battles

Hello there! My name is Cody Stanley, and I want to share a brief story about how Professor Warren's political advocacy class was the catalyst that gave me the needed blueprint to work towards improving the lives of some of Colorado's most vulnerable. My wife and I had recently moved into a low-income part of town in order to be in proximity to those we wished to serve. It was while living in our new neighborhood that we encountered bed bugs. The first sign of our infestation was the nasty welts the size of silver dollars that Hope, my wife, started waking up with, which also itched like crazy. A few days later our suspicions were confirmed when we found a bed bug in the apartment. We immediately called our landlord, threw away the furniture and bought pesticide. Unfortunately, even though our landlord initially cooperated, the units that surrounded our apartment were owned by different, noncompliant landlords. We began talking to our neighbors and found out that many of them had been living with bed bugs for years. They explained that their landlords knew about the infestations, but they blamed the tenants for bringing them into the building. And because of the Denver affordable housing shortage, and the fact that many of our neighbors' rent was subsidized, they were often afraid to press the issue, fearing eviction and homelessness. This was the situation we found ourselves in. Within two weeks of our professional pest spraying, we started waking up with bites and finding bugs again, and we couldn't break our lease without losing our deposit. It was also at this time that my wife found out she was pregnant with our first child, which only exacerbated the situation.

It was during this time that I started taking Professor Warren's class and became encouraged and motivated to improve my community's bed bug problem. Thankfully her class laid out just what I needed to do to make this change happen. The key to our success was research and lots of it! Professor Warren's class taught us what to focus on. First, we researched the pervasiveness of bed bugs and found that the poor are twice as likely to have experienced bed bugs than the non-poor. We also found out that bed bugs are on the rise across the country, and that the CDC see bed bugs as a legitimate health risk. Second, we researched existing laws in Colorado that protect low-income tenants from having to live with bed bugs, while researching what kind of laws other states had in place.

We found that Colorado does not have any bed bug-specific laws, but that at least half a dozen other states had recently passed new bed bug-specific laws because of the growing problem. Then we found out what these new laws were supposed to do, how they were set into place, and whether or not they worked. This led us towards our solution. We found several state bills to piggyback off of that protected the rights of the tenants while spelling out the responsibilities of both tenants and landlords. Third, we researched who the stakeholders would be, these included groups like the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. We also looked into those who would oppose the bill such as the Colorado Apartment Association. Fourth, we figured out which policy-makers and influencers would most likely help us make this idea a reality. Fifth, we compiled our data, created a report detailing our findings, and developed a solution.

Finally, we put the rubber to the road! A lot of this was done after the class was over, because I was still driven to make this bill a reality. I spent a lot of time going back and forth with the staffers of city council people, state reps, senators, mayors, and the governor. I also did a lot of interviews with those most affected by bed bugs within my community to get statements and unique perspectives. I finally convinced my State Representative, Leslie Herod, to meet me and hear me out. I brought with me a public-school liaison from my community that had seen first-hand the effects that bed bugs had had on many of his low-income students. She ended up agreeing to consider sponsoring the bill after our conversation! Ultimately, we ended up partnering with the Colorado Pest Control Association, an irreplaceable ally who also wanted to see a bill like this passed. Fast forward half a dozen meetings and more than a year later and we finally had our bill passed in the House Committee, now awaiting its hearing by the whole House next week! This has been quite an unexpected adventure. I hope God helps you keep driving forward through the winds and turns of your journey so that you become the agent of change that our world needs!

Cody Stanley graduated from Denver Seminary in 2018 with an MDiv with a concentration on Justice and Mission. Hope Stanley graduated from Denver Seminary in 2018 with an MA in Justice and Mission.



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**Anna Goodworth,
class of 2005**

We are doing ministry with a few urban initiatives in Hartford, but most of all with our family. We have 2 bio kids and three adopted internationally. Because of our racially mixed family, we are thankful to be learning and bridging racial relationships with some incredible black leaders and pastors in the surrounding Hartford area. God is doing good things there and we are thankful to be even the smallest part of it.

Update Your Information

Update your contact info and share a life and ministry update [HERE](#)

**Jeff Haanen,
class of 2009**



Jeff, Kelly, and their four daughters are living in Littleton, CO. Jeff is the founder and Executive Director of Denver Institute for Faith & Work. He recently wrote the book, *An Uncommon Guide to Retirement: Finding God's Purpose for the Next Season of Life*. Here is a link to more details about the book: <http://jeffhaanen.com/resources/>

Alumni Prayer Requests

Did you know that each week the Alumni Relations team prays for Denver Seminary alumni? Click the button above to share a prayer request.

Upcoming Events

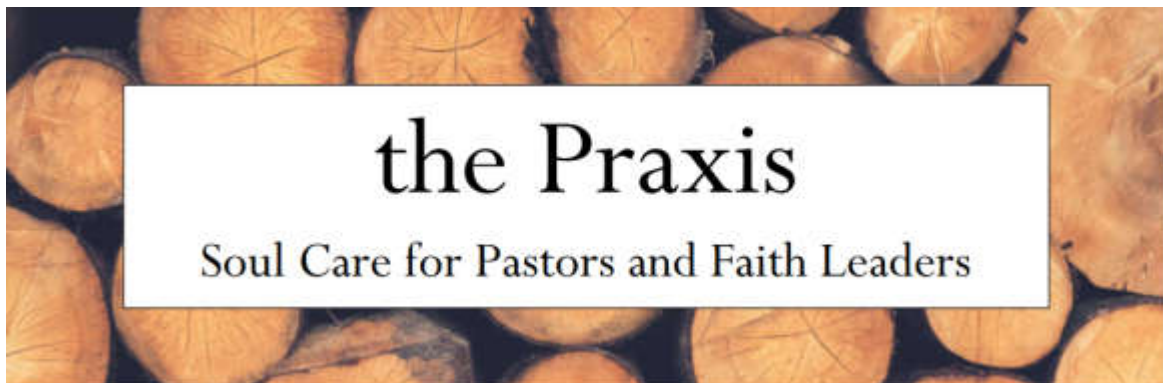


2019 Graduate Commencement Service

When: Saturday, May 18, 10:00am (doors open at 9:30 am for seating; graduates must arrive at 7:30)

Where: Southeast Christian Church, 9650 Jordan Rd. Parker, CO

What: There is no limit to the number of family members and friends that can be invited. Tickets are not required. Please note that childcare will not be provided.

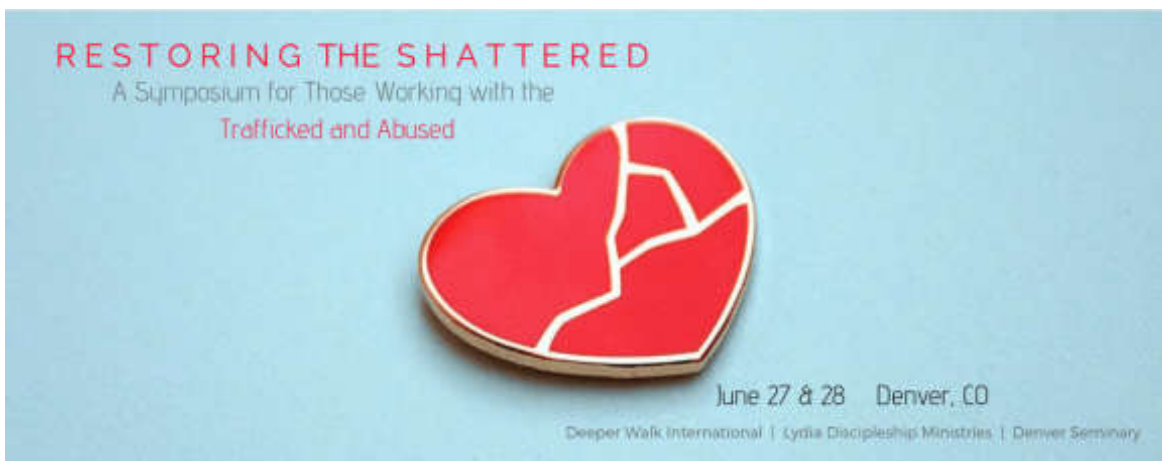


The heart of the Praxis is personal rediscovery of the joy, lightness, and abundant life available in the kingdom of God. The Praxis offers a safe place and proven process for Christian leaders to nurture their own personal relationship with God. It is a **9-month guided experience** for pastors, parachurch ministry leaders, and faith leaders along the Front Range longing for a deeper intimacy with God. The Praxis offers rest, refreshment, and soul care through monthly retreats, spiritual direction, and prayer practices to encourage a deeply personal reconnection with the abundant life in the kingdom of God.

Leaders invited into the Praxis join an intentionally small collective of peers for a 9-month transformative experience. **From September through May**, the Praxis cohort **gathers together monthly** for a retreat. These retreats offer holistic nurturing--combining rest, silence, solitude, community, teaching, and delicious meals. Participants additionally experience an hour of individual spiritual direction each month with a trained Christian spiritual director and are invited into personal, daily prayer practices.

The Praxis is offered **free of financial charge** for participants as a gift and metaphor of God's extravagant love. The cost of the Praxis is time: participants are expected to attend every retreat, participate in monthly direction, and engage in daily prayer practices.

The Praxis cohort has limited spaces available. Applications are still being accepted, but need to be submitted by May 15. Visit [The Abbey's Website](#) for more details.



Restoring the Shattered: A Symposium for Those Working With Trafficked and Abused

Date: June 27-28, 2019

Where: Denver Seminary

6399 S Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO 80120

Visit the [website](#) to register and for more information

This symposium is a gathering for those who work with people who have been deeply wounded by trafficking and other forms of sexual abuse. Deeper Walk International, Lydia Discipleship Ministries, and Denver Seminary are partnering to offer an overview of some of the best models, materials, and practices in this important area of ministry. This is the ideal setting for pastors, counselors, prayer ministers, and mental health professionals to connect and learn.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs): Deeper Walk International has been approved by the Indiana Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board (License #98000989a) as an educational provider approved to offer Category I continuing education to social workers, clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, addiction counselors, and clinical addiction counselors.

This conference qualifies for up to 10 hours of continuing education credits, approved by the Indiana BHHS Licensing Board. A Certificate of Attendance will be supplied for each attendee upon request. Please check with your state licensing board in advance to verify that you can self-submit and receive CEUs for your profession.



Denver Seminary 17th Annual Golf Tournament

All proceeds from the Denver Seminary 17th Annual Golf Tournament will be given toward the General Scholarship Fund, which provides financial aid for an average of 250 students each year. In turn, these students fulfill the mission of Denver Seminary as they go on to *engage the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture.*

Visit denverseminary.edu/golf for details

Seminary News



Eleven Years of Service

"Gordon MacDonald has announced that he will be stepping down as Chancellor of Denver Seminary after commencement on May 18th. He has served in this role for the past nine years. He and Gail are beloved members of our community. Their involvement in the Seminary has spanned five decades.

When I came to the Seminary in 2009, Gordon had just completed a one-year appointment as Interim President. During his time in that role, Gordon guided the Seminary through some particularly turbulent waters. His steady leadership and pastoral presence, helped create stability and hope through the collapse of the financial markets in the fall of 2008. His contribution to the well-being of Denver Seminary cannot be underestimated.

Gordon became Chancellor at Denver Seminary in the summer of 2010. He followed Vernon Grounds, who had served as Chancellor since 1979. Gordon and Gail became our campus pastors. They built meaningful relationships with faculty, staff, students, and trustees.

On a personal note, Gordon's friendship and wise counsel have sustained me in the demands of leading the seminary through, at times, turbulent change. His and Gail's personal care for Priscilla and me has been an amazing gift, we could not be more thankful.

Denver Seminary is a better place and we are better people because of Gordon and Gail's ministry in our midst."

**-Mark Young, PhD
Denver Seminary President**

Denver Seminary Counseling Professors Recognized

We are pleased to announce that Drs. Fred and Heather Gingrich, Professors of Counseling, have received The Distinguished Member Award and The Narramore Award from the Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS). In granting these awards, CAPS had the following to say:



The Distinguished Member Award

"The Distinguished Member Award was granted to Dr. Fred Gingrich in recognition of his many scholarly contributions and leadership in CAPS over the years. His years of experience as a missionary and educator made Fred an ideal founding coordinator of the Cross-Cultural/International track at our conferences, at which he has also been a regular presenter. He has co-authored two CAPS imprint books with IVP and several articles in our Journal of Psychology and Christianity. Finally, Fred has embodied Christ-like servant leadership and pastoral care in his role as the Pastoral Representative and Treasurer on the CAPS International Board of Directors for the past six years."

The Narramore Award

"The Narramore Award, an award given to a member who has demonstrated the ability to meaningfully synthesize theological and psychological perspectives in a way that enhances our understanding of each, was awarded to Dr. Heather Gingrich. In her many contributions to the integration literature (over 30 books, chapters, or articles), she has demonstrated an understanding of evangelical theology, psychological theory and research, and an ability to incorporate those into her work."

King Soopers has committed \$10 million yearly to support local charities!

Now when you swipe your King Soopers loyalty card, or enter your alternate ID (usually your phone number) ***you will not only receive your regular discounts and rewards, but King Soopers will donate to Denver Seminary.***

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3. After login or enrollment, search the Organizations box for Denver Seminary. One you locate it, click "Enroll." That's it!

Denver Seminary will received quarterly checks based on the total spending of all the people who select the Denver Seminary as their supported organization. Please tell you friends and family!

For questions contact the Advancement Office at: 303-762-6941 or advancement@denverseminary.edu



We are excited to announce our official Facebook group for Denver Seminary Alumni. This is a place for alumni to connect with one another from around the world and share updates, questions, resources, and stay connected to Denver Seminary.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/denverseminaryalumni/>



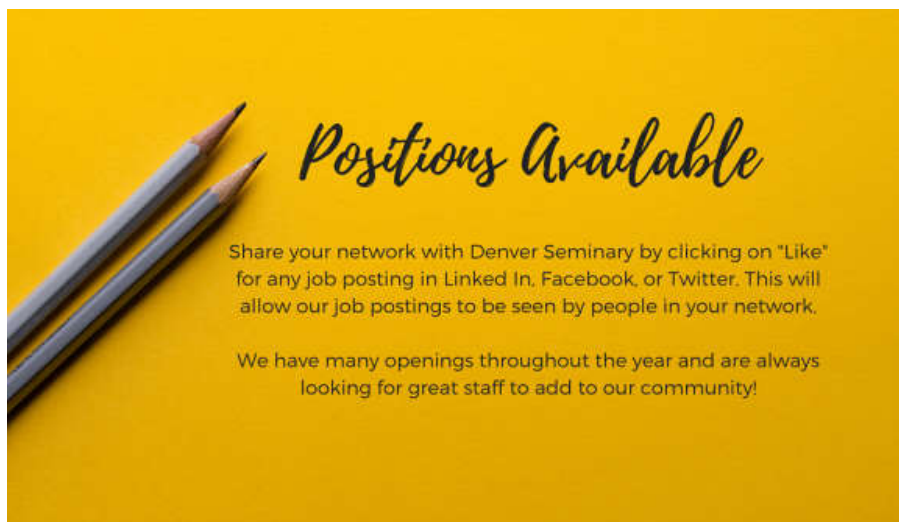
Unlocking the Parables of Jesus, taught by Dr. Craig Blomberg

At Denver Seminary, our intention is to graduate life-long learners. We hope these online courses offer a way to refresh and revisit areas of study that can greatly influence your faith journey. We encourage you to share these with your friends and family or to use them as teaching tools in your church or ministry context.

“Unlocking the Parables of Jesus,” begins by discussing the parable of the Prodigal Son, then looks at several approaches that have been used to unpack and understand the parables. Dr. Blomberg also walks through over a dozen different parables, exploring their interpretation and application to our daily lives.

*This class is not intended for credit towards any Denver Seminary degree program.

Register Now



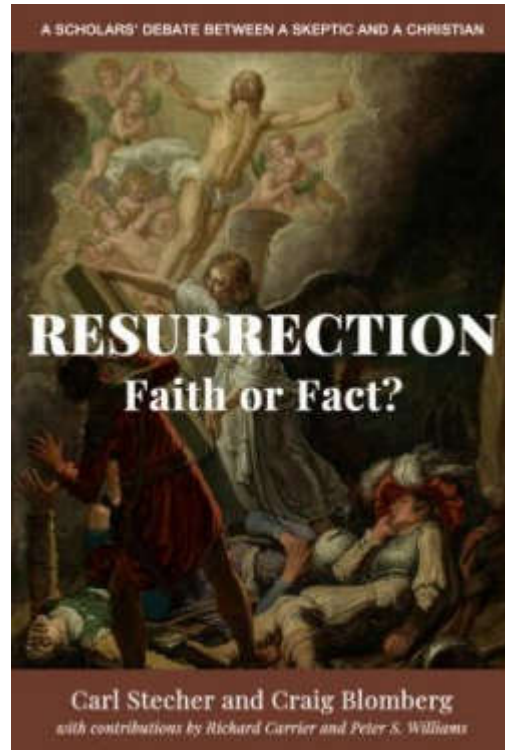
Book Corner

- Faculty Publications -

Resurrection: Faith or Fact?

By Craig L. Blomberg & Carl Stecher

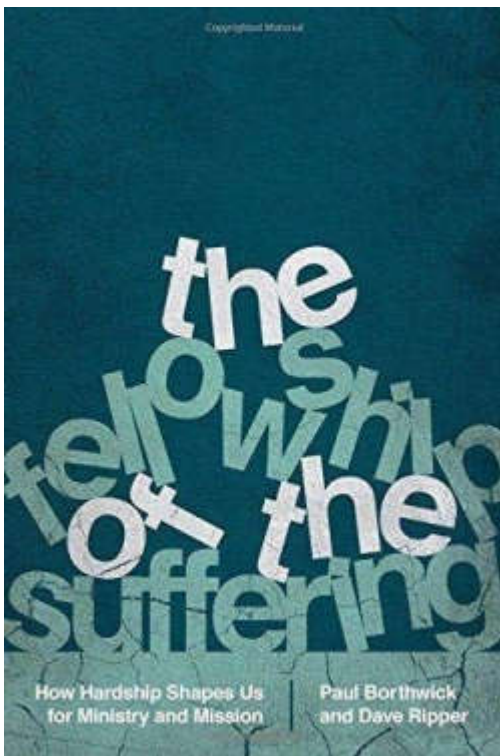
Is there enough evidence to believe Jesus rose from the dead, or must such a judgment be based only on faith? Can the resurrection story be considered a fact of history, or should it be viewed as an ahistorical account? Two renowned professors, atheist Carl Stecher and Christian Craig Blomberg, engage in a groundbreaking new debate on these very questions. Other experts on the resurrection, atheist Richard Carrier and Christin Peter S. Williams, comment on the outcome. Presenting new approaches to these centuries-old questions and taking into account the latest scholarly research, *Resurrection: Faith or Fact?* is a must-have not only for all those following the resurrection question, but also for those skeptics and Christians alike who are interested in determining for themselves the truth behind this foundational doctrine of the Christian faith.



Pitchstone Publishing, 2019

- Alumni Publications -

We are happy to share information regarding recent publications of Denver Seminary Alumni. The views expressed in these publications do not necessarily reflect the views of Denver Seminary.



The Fellowship of the Suffering: How Hardship Shapes Us for Ministry and Mission

**by Paul Borthwick and Dave Ripper
(Class of 2010)**

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings." Philippians 3:10 (ASV). If we follow Jesus, we will experience pain. It comes with the territory. We might face hardship because of our Christian commitment, or we may have challenges just from living in a fallen world. Either way, Christians follow in the footsteps of our suffering Savior and participate in his

suffering. But that's not the whole story. Missionary Paul Borthwick and pastor Dave Ripper show how transformation through our personal pain enables us to minister faithfully to a hurting world. They candidly share about their own struggles and how they have seen God's kingdom advance through hardship and suffering. Though we naturally avoid suffering, Christians throughout church history have become powerful witnesses to Christ as a result of their brokenness. Life is painful, but pain need not have dominion over us. Instead, it can propel us in missional solidarity with our suffering world. Come find comfort and renewed purpose in the fellowship of the suffering.

IVP Books, 2018

Faculty Updates



Howard Baker, ThM - Assistant Professor of Christian Formation; Director of Christian Formation

May 2-3, 2019: Golden, CO

Teaching, Praxis Retreat for Ministry Leaders

June 3-7, 2019: Stoneville, NC

Teaching, Soul Care Institute

June 10-13, 2019: Granby, CO

Teaching, Nexus International Staff Conference

Craig L. Blomberg, PhD - Distinguished Professor of New Testament

June 3-8, 2019: Grand Rapids, MI
NIV Study Bible Revision Committee, Zondervan Publishing House

June 24-29, 2019: Belfast, Northern Ireland
Committee on Bible Translation for the NIV, Biblica Europe Headquarters

July 11-28, 2019: South Africa
Teaching at a variety of locations in South Africa

July 29-December 29, 2019: Cambridge, England
Sabbatical Study Leave, Tyndale House, Cambridge, England



Sung Wook Chung, DPhil - Professor of Christian Theology; Director of Asian Initiative

May 10-13, 2019: Atlanta, GA
Leading a seminar on systematic theology for Korean-American pastors

Preaching at a local church

May 28-August 5, 2019: South Korea and Asia
Presenting at Seoul C.S. Lewis Conference and Seoul Jonathan Edwards Conference, Seoul, South Korea
Teaching at Cohen Theological Seminary, Clark City,

Philippines

Teaching at International School of Theology, Jeju Island, South Korea

Preaching at local churches in all over Korea and Japan

Hélène Dallaire, PhD - Earl S. Kalland Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages; Director of Messianic Judaism

July 7-10, 2019: Cambridge, UK
Present paper at Conference on Hebrew Language
University of Cambridge





Doug Groothuis, PhD - Professor of Philosophy

["Why Buddhism is Not True"](#) - A book review of Robert Wright's book entitled *Why Buddhism Is True: The Science and Philosophy of Meditation and Enlightenment*. 29 April 2019.

["The Intersection of Jazz and Apologetics"](#) - An interview on Jazz and Apologetics for the national radio program "Point of View." 16 April 2019.

["Apologetics in the Local Church"](#) - Focus on the Family Article

["Suffering Well With Your Flock"](#) - Focus on the Family Article

["Being a Tech-Wise Church"](#) - Focus on the Family Article



Richard Hess, PhD- Distinguished Professor of Old Testament; Editor of the Denver Journal

May 4, 11, 18, and 25 2019; June 1, 8, and 15. 2019 : Denver, CO
Preaching at 316 at 1601 S. Clarkson

June 9, 2019: Littleton, CO

Speaking on Formation of God's People for Mission, St. James Presbyterian Church

June 21, 2019: Cambridge, UK

Advising on Onomastics Project, Tyndale House

June 22, 2019: Cambridge, UK

Understanding the Old Testament Conference, Tyndale House

June 24-30, 2019: Belfast, UK

Member, NIV Committee on Bible Translation

July 19-20, 2019: McKenzie, TN

Co-Teaching, Celtic Christianity, Bethel University

July 23-26, 2019: McKenzie, TN

Co-Teaching, The Pastor and Public Worship, Bethel University

William Klein, PhD - Professor of New Testament

May 16-30, 2019: Republic of Georgia
Pilgrimage to the Republic of Georgia





Betsy Nesbit, PhD - Associate Professor of Counseling

May 20, 2019: LaCrosse, WI

Speaker, *Bridging the Divide*, Wisconsin Association for College Admission Counseling

July 6-7, 2019: Colorado Springs, CO

Association for Spirituality, Ethics, Religion and Values in Counseling Conference

July 17-18, 2019: Cripple Creek, CO

Speaker, Colorado Association of School Resource Officer's Conference

Don Payne, PhD - Associate Professor of Theology and Christian Formation

Dr. Payne is currently finishing a book on the doctrine of sanctification, to be published by Baker Academic. The core argument is that the already accomplished aspect of sanctification actually constitutes the defining and dominant aspect of sanctification. While it does not imply the completion or accomplishment of spiritual maturity in this life, accomplished sanctification actually serves as the dynamic and animating (not merely “positional”) work of God on which ongoing spiritual transformation depends. We can and must be transformed because we have been sanctified. The book will unfold what actually occurs in accomplished sanctification to make transformation possible and hopeful without being either antinomian or moralistic.



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