



# 59<sup>th</sup> RNA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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# GREETING

*Religion Newswriters President*

Welcome to Washington and to the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Religion Newswriters Association.

In my 10 years on the religion beat, the past year has been the most challenging period as our industry faces unprecedented changes and challenges. The industry meltdown has been especially unkind to the religion beat, forcing some longtime colleagues and friends to leave the business—often not by choice.

But this crazy atmosphere also offers us tremendous opportunities to enhance and expand religion coverage, and we hope this conference equips you with the tools, ideas and collegial support to navigate these turbulent times.

Ann Rodgers and Charley Honey and their team have put together an all-star lineup that should send you home refreshed, reinvigorated and recharged.

This organization (and this conference) belongs to you. Let us know what we can do to make it better!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Eckstrom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Kevin Eckstrom  
Executive Director



# GREETING

*Religion Newswriters Executive Director*

Dear RNA 2008 Conference Attendees:

Just as some faiths have cycles that begin with a liturgical "New Year," those of us fortunate enough to work for Religion Newswriters view each year's Annual Conference as our "New Year."

This "New Year" we're sharing better ways to communicate via our redesigned Web Site. We'll try expanding membership among ethnic and alternative press and we'll broaden our scholarship support.

The next year—our 60<sup>th</sup>—is critical for Religion Newswriters. Your Religion Newswriters Board will think strategically about what RNA should look like beyond 2009 and they'll envision a prudent path toward those goals.

We'll ask your advice during that process. We'll ask for your time, as we seek committed volunteers to shoulder our work. And we'll ask for your dollars, to match a \$35,000 challenge grant from some of the nation's most prestigious foundations.

None of us know how our jobs will change in the future. But as RNA starts this "New Year," we know that because of you, we're in it together—and for the very long haul.

On behalf of the RNA staff and board, I thank you for sharing the journey and welcome you to Washington, D.C.

Yours,

Debra L. Mason  
Executive Director



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# SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

## *59<sup>th</sup> RNA Annual Conference*

A detailed schedule is listed on pp. 8–17.

### **WEDNESDAY SEPT. 17, 2008**

8–8:30 a.m.	Registration—Covering Islam program (National Press Club)
8–8:30 a.m.	Breakfast—Covering Islam program (National Press Club)
8:30 a.m.–Noon	Covering Islam Pre-Conf. Program (National Press Club)
9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.	Registration open—RNA Annual Conference (Crowne Plaza)
Noon–1:30 p.m.	Luncheon—Dr. Will Davis Jr. (Crowne Plaza)
1:30–5 p.m.	Covering Islam Pre-Conf. Program (National Press Club)
6–7:30 p.m.	Dinner—The Fetzer Institute (Crowne Plaza)

### **THURSDAY, SEPT. 18, 2008**

7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.	Registration desk open (Sphinx Club)
7:30–8:30 a.m.	Breakfast & press conference—Jossey-Bass (Crowne Plaza)
8:30–10:30 a.m.	Multimedia Pre-conference Program (Crowne Plaza)
10 a.m.–6 p.m.	Sources Central areas open (Sphinx Club)
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Luncheon—Council for America’s First Freedom (Crowne Plaza)
1–1:15 p.m.	Welcome by RNA President (Sphinx Club)
1:15–2:45 p.m.	Panel: Faith in Politics (Sphinx Club)
2:45–3:15 p.m.	Refreshment break in Sources Central areas (Sphinx Club)
3:15–4:15 p.m.	Panel: New Religion Page (Sphinx Club)
4:15–5:30 p.m.	Special Event: Digital Petting Zoo II (Crowne Plaza)
6–8 p.m.	Welcome reception—Zondervan (K Street Lounge)
8:30–10:30 p.m.	Movie screening—Fireproof (E Street Cinema)

## **FRIDAY, SEPT. 19, 2008**

8 a.m.–4 p.m.	Registration desk open (Sphinx Club)
8 a.m.–4 p.m.	Sources Central areas open (Sphinx Club)
8–9 a.m.	Breakfast & press conference—Berkley Center (Sphinx Club)
8–8:40 a.m.	New active member breakfast, invite only (Crowne Plaza)
9–10:30 a.m.	Panel: Immigration (Sphinx Club)
10:30–10:50 a.m.	Refreshment break in Sources Central areas (Sphinx Club)
10:50 a.m.–12:10 p.m.	Panel: Secularism/Atheism (Sphinx Club)
12:20–2 p.m.	Luncheon—The DeMoss Group (Tuscan West)
2–3:20 p.m.	Panel: 2008 Survey of Religion & Politics (Sphinx Club)
3:40–5 p.m.	Panel: Abraham Lincoln (New York Ave Presbyterian Church)
6–8 p.m.	Reception & Tour: National Shrine—Lovell-Fairchild (Shrine)
9 p.m.	Freelancer social (Crowne Plaza)

## **SATURDAY, SEPT. 20, 2008**

8 a.m.–4 p.m.	Registration desk open (Sphinx Club)
8 a.m.–4 p.m.	Sources Central areas open (Sphinx Club)
8–9 a.m.	Breakfast & press conference—HarperOne (Sphinx Club)
9–10:20 a.m.	Panel: Catholic Education (Sphinx Club)
10:20–10:40 a.m.	Refreshment break in Sources Central areas (Sphinx Club)
10:40 a.m.–Noon	Panel: Sourcing Islam (Sphinx Club)
Noon–1:40 p.m.	Luncheon—Humane Society (National Press Club)
2–3:20 p.m.	Option 1: Panel: Blogging (The Washington Post) Option 2: Panel: Congregations (Sphinx Club) Option 3: Free time
3:40–5:30 p.m.	Option 1: Panel: Architecture (Third Church of Christ, Scientist) Option 2: Panel: Surveys (The Washington Post) Option 3: Free time
6–7:30 p.m.	Reception & Silent Auction (Sphinx Club)
7:30–11 p.m.	Awards Banquet & Dessert Reception (Sphinx Club)

## **SUNDAY, SEPT. 21, 2008**

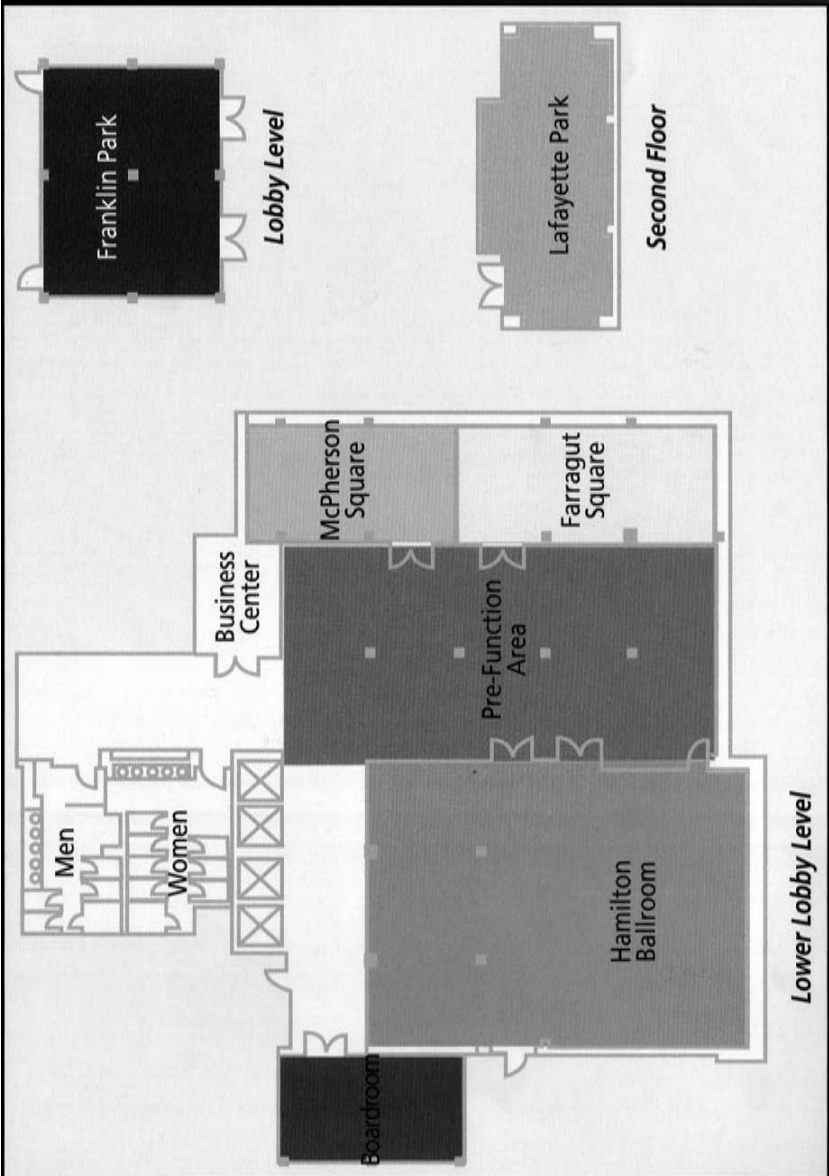
8–9 a.m.	Breakfast of Champions (Crowne Plaza)
9–11 a.m.	Active members meeting (Crowne Plaza)
11 a.m.– Noon	Board meeting (Crowne Plaza)
Noon–2 p.m.	Board lunch (Crowne Plaza)



# MAPS

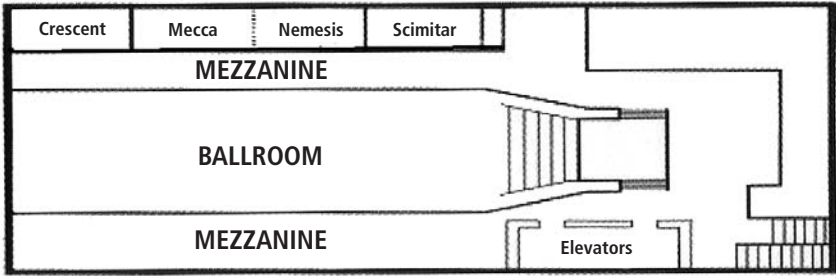
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**CROWNE PLAZA, 14<sup>th</sup> & K St. NW (adjacent to Sphinx Club)**





# SPHINX CLUB, 1315 K St. NW (adjacent to Crowne Plaza)



OASIS room & DINING ROOM/BAR located on first floor. Not pictured above.





World War II Memorial

# WEDNESDAY EVENTS

*September 17, 2008*

## PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

Attendance at pre-conference programs requires advance registration. This year's programs are sold out.

**8 a.m.–5 p.m.**

**Covering Islam program**  
National Press Club, 13th floor,  
First Amendment Room

**8–8:30 a.m.**

**Registration & breakfast**

**8:30–9 a.m.**

**Welcome**

**9–10:30 a.m.**

**Panel: About Islam**

**10:30–10:40 a.m.**

**Break**

**10:45 a.m.–Noon**

**Panel: Women & American Islam**

**Noon–1:30 p.m.**

**Luncheon** (all attendees welcome)  
**Crowne Plaza, Hamilton Ballroom**  
Sponsored by author Dr. Will  
Davis Jr., who will discuss his new  
book, "Why Faith Makes Sense."

**1:30–2:45 p.m.**

**Panel: American Muslim  
Civic Participation**

**2:45–2:55 p.m.**

**Break**

**3–4:30 p.m.**

**Panel: Reporting  
on American Muslims**

**4:45–5 p.m.**

**Evaluations & wrap up**

**6–7:30 p.m.**

**Dinner** (all attendees welcome)  
**Crowne Plaza, Hamilton Ballroom**  
Sponsored by The Fetzer Institute's  
Campaign for Love & Forgiveness.  
Speakers: Beverly Dorn Steel &  
Jo Washington, active campaign  
participants; Everett L. Worthington Jr.,  
Virginia Commonwealth University

## RNA CONFERENCE EVENTS

**10 a.m.–5 p.m.**

**Registration desk open**  
**Crowne Plaza, lower level**  
Thursday registration is at Sphinx Club.

# THURSDAY EVENTS

September 18, 2008

## PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

7:30–8:30 a.m.

**Breakfast & press conference**  
Crowne Plaza, Lafayette Rm. (2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.)  
Sponsored by Jossey-Bass, featuring author Chris Korzen and his new book, "A Nation for All."

8:30–10:30 a.m.

**Getting up to Speed on Multimedia: a Practical Primer for Print Religion Journalists**  
Crowne Plaza, Hamilton Ballroom  
Advance registration required.

## RNA CONFERENCE EVENTS

7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Registration desk open**  
Sphinx Club

7:30–8:30 a.m.

**Breakfast & press conference**  
Crowne Plaza, Lafayette Rm. (2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.)  
Press conference at 8:10 a.m., sponsored by Jossey-Bass. Author Chris Korzen will present his new book, "A Nation for All."

10 a.m.– 6 p.m.

**Sources Central areas open**  
Sphinx Club dining room & ballroom

11:30 a.m.

**OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 59<sup>th</sup> RNA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Luncheon**  
Crowne Plaza, Hamilton Ballroom  
Sponsored by Council for America's First Freedom (CFAFF), featuring an address by Ambassador and CFAFF President Robert A. Seiple.

1–1:15 p.m.

**Welcome**  
Sphinx Club ballroom  
By RNA President Kevin Eckstrom, editor, Religion News Service

1:15–2:45 p.m.

**Panel: Putting Faith in Politics**  
Sphinx Club ballroom

Seasoned political commentators discuss the roles faith communities have played in this year's presidential campaign—from candidates' personal beliefs to the effectiveness of Democrats to appeal to religious voters. Moderated by Adelle Banks, Religion News Service.

Panelists include:

- Michael Gerson, The Washington Post
- Amy Sullivan, TIME Magazine

2:45–3:15 p.m.

**Refreshment break**  
Sphinx Club dining room  
Drop your business card in all three collection bowls in the Sources Central areas for your chance to win big prizes!

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National Museum of the American Indian | Robert C. Lautman

## THURSDAY CONTINUED

3:15–4:15 p.m.

**Panel: The New Religion Page**  
**Sphinx Club ballroom**

Editors of some of the best online religion pages will talk about how their sections made the transition from paper to the Web. Moderated by Mirko Petricevic, Waterloo Region Record.

Panelists include:

- **Cathy Grossman**, USA TODAY
- **Sam Hodges**, The Dallas Morning News
- **David Waters**, On Faith

4:15–5:30 p.m.

**Special event: Digital Petting Zoo II**  
**Crowne Plaza, Hamilton Ballroom**

Radio Shack's back with more gadgets and more space to play with them. Learn how to communicate your stories across multiple platforms—print, audio, video and Web—with “now” technology.

6–8 p.m.

**Welcome reception**

**K Street Lounge, 1301 K St. NW**

Sponsored by Zondervan, featuring author/RNAer Cathleen Falsani with her latest book, “Sin Boldly.”

Walking directions: go out Crowne Plaza lobby door and turn right. Walk 1 block.

8:30–10:30 p.m.

**Movie screening: “Fireproof”**  
**E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW**

Sponsored by Fireproof the movie. Red carpet premiere includes busing, refreshments, screening and discussion. Speakers: Jim McBride, executive producer and Alex Kendrick, director and co-writer

Meet in Crowne Plaza lobby at 8:30 to board buses. Buses will return to hotel by 11 p.m.



George Washington Statue

# FRIDAY EVENTS

*September 19, 2008*

**8 a.m.–4 p.m.**

**Registration desk open**  
**Sphinx Club**

**8 a.m.–4 p.m.**

**Sources Central areas open**  
**Sphinx Club dining room & ballroom**

**8–9 a.m.**

**Breakfast & press conference**  
**Sphinx Club Oasis room**

Press conference at 8:40 a.m.,  
sponsored by the Berkley Center for  
Religion, Peace and World Affairs.

**8–8:40 a.m.**

**New member breakfast** (invite only)  
**Crowne Plaza, Farragut room**  
RNA Board members welcome and  
network with the newest group of  
active members.

**9–10:30 a.m.**

**Panel: Strangers & Aliens Among Us**  
**Sphinx Club ballroom**

This panel looks at how U.S. faith  
communities respond to immigrants  
and how congregations welcome  
worshippers who may be precious in  
the eyes of God but illegal in the eyes  
of the state. Moderated by Abe Levy,  
San Antonio Express-News.

Panelists include:

- **J. Kevin Appleby**,  
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
- **Roy Beck**, NumbersUSA
- **Kim Bobo**, Interfaith Worker Justice

**10:30–10:50 a.m.**

**Refreshment break**  
**Sphinx Club dining room**

**10:50 a.m.–12:10 p.m.**

**Panel: We Believe In No God,  
and You Shouldn't Either**  
**Sphinx Club ballroom**

Outspoken atheists have produced a  
host of bestsellers in the past two years  
with bold challenges to religious faith.  
This panel probes the dynamics of  
atheism and secularism and examines  
the different perspectives of those  
who seek morals and meaning beyond  
religion. Moderated by William Lobbell,  
Four Boys New Media.

Panelists include:

- **Jennifer Michael Hecht**, author
- **Barry Kosmin**, Institute for the Study  
of Secularism in Society and Culture
- **Paul Kurtz**, Center for Inquiry

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Iwo Jima Memorial | S. Greg Panosian

## FRIDAY CONTINUED

12:20–2 p.m.

### Luncheon

**Tuscana West, 1350 I St., NW**

Sponsored by the DeMoss Group, includes the debate: How “Christian” Does a Presidential Candidate Need to Be? Speakers include Dr. Robert Jeffress (First Baptist Church of Dallas) and Jay Sekulow (ACLJ Chief Counsel), with moderator Mark DeMoss.

Walking directions to Tuscana:

Take a left outside the hotel lobby door, and head south on 14<sup>th</sup> St. Walk one block and make a left on I (eye) St. Tuscana is at 1350 I St.

2–3:20 p.m.

### Panel: 2008 National Survey

#### of Religion & Politics

#### Sphinx Club ballroom

Conducted at the University of Akron in every presidential election since 1992, the 2008 National Survey of Religion &

Politics offers a baseline for assessing the role of religion in the 2008 presidential election. John Green, the director of the study, will release the pre-election survey and offer comparisons to the 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004 versions. Moderated by Joe Rodriguez, The Wichita Eagle.

Presenter:

- **John Green**, University of Akron, Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics

3:20–3:40 p.m.

### Refreshment break

**Sphinx Club dining room**

3:40–5 p.m.

### Panel: The Spiritual Abe Lincoln New York Ave. Presbyterian Church, 1313 New York Ave. NW

In 2009 the U.S. will celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Abraham Lincoln with history museums and libraries nationwide expected to be involved. Your angle: Lincoln’s faith has always been disputed, with some historians pegging him as a devout Christian, others a skeptical rationalist and a small minority as a Spiritualist. Lincoln scholars will examine the evidence for what he believed and how his legacy has taken on religious overtones. Moderated by Peter Smith, The Courier-Journal.

Speakers include:

- **David Early**, Library of Congress
- **Dewey Wallace**, George Washington University
- **Ronald C. White Jr.**, author of two bestselling Lincoln books

Walking directions to Presbyterian

Church: Take a left outside the hotel lobby door, and head south on 14<sup>th</sup> St. Walk two blocks and make a left on H St. Go one more block and turn right on New York Ave. to #1313.



6–8 p.m.

**Tour and reception**  
**National Shrine of the**  
**Immaculate Conception**

Tour the largest Catholic church in the Americas, and one of the 10 largest churches in the world. Reception sponsored by Lovell-Fairchild Communications.

Meet in the Crowne Plaza lobby at 5:30 p.m. to board buses and depart for the Shrine. Buses will leave the Shrine at 8 p.m. to return to the hotel.

8 p.m.

**Dinner on your own**

9 p.m.

**Freelancer social** (invite only)  
**Crowne Plaza, Farragut room**

Just for freelance writers: join your colleagues for a laid-back gathering perfect for networking, sharing ideas and sources and, of course, socializing.

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Lincoln Memorial



# SATURDAY EVENTS

*September 20, 2008*

**8 a.m.–4 p.m.**

**Registration desk open**  
**Sphinx Club**

**8 a.m.–4 p.m.**

**Sources Central area open**  
**Sphinx Club dining room & ballroom**

**8–9 a.m.**

**Breakfast, messages from our donors, and press conference**  
**Sphinx Club Oasis room**

Come down bright and early for coffee and breakfast and enjoy this unique opportunity to hear from RNAers who have a special affinity with our organization. Then stay for the press conference at 8:40 a.m., sponsored by HarperOne, featuring the debut of their "Green" Bible.

**9–10:20 a.m.**

**Panel: The Challenge of Catholic Schools**  
**Sphinx Club ballroom**

Most of the teachings nuns are gone, and so are many of the students. Why are parochial schools closing in some areas, growing in others or changing to meet modern realities? In addition to reviewing trends in Catholic parochial education, Archbishop

Donald Wuerl of Washington, D.C., will speak about the unique solutions he tried in an attempt to keep open inner-city Catholic schools. Moderated by Michael Paulson, *The Boston Globe*.

Speakers include:

- **Mark Gray**, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate
- **Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl**, Archdiocese of Washington

**10:20–10:40 a.m.**

**Refreshment break**  
**Sphinx Club dining room**

Don't forget: drop your card in three collection bowls in Sources Central and Sources Central Annex for your chance to win prizes!

**10:40 a.m.–Noon**

**Panel: Sourcing Islam: Nuanced Reporting on a Contested Faith**  
**Sphinx Club ballroom**

Confused about whom to call to get responsible and informed views from within the Islamic community? You're not alone. This panel will help you locate credible sources on Islam and understand where they stand on the Muslim political, theological and social spectrum.

Moderated by Matthai Kuruville,  
San Francisco Chronicle.

Speakers include:

- **Shahed Amanullah**, Halalfire Media LLC and Altmuslim.com
- **Paul Barrett**, BusinessWeek
- **Dalia Mogahed**, Gallup Center for Muslim Studies

**Noon–1:40 p.m.**

### **Luncheon**

#### **The National Press Club**

**529 14<sup>th</sup> St. NW**

Sponsored by The Humane Society of the United States, highlighting their “Compassionate Eating” campaign aimed at congregations, religious groups and theological schools.

Walking directions to the Press Club:

Go out the Sphinx Club’s lobby doors and turn left (South) on 14<sup>th</sup> St. Walk approximately six blocks on 14<sup>th</sup>, ending at #529.

**2–3:20 p.m.**

#### **Breakout Option 1:**

##### **Panel: Boggled by Blogging?**

#### **The Washington Post**

**1150 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW**

A growing number of religion reporters are asked to blog for their outlet’s

Web sites. This panel will look at how to make your blog more interesting than the thousands of others out there, when to find time to write it and how to deal with controversial subject matter in this more personal forum. Moderated by Kristen Campbell, The Press-Register.

Speakers include:

- **Manya Brachear**, Chicago Tribune
- **Terry Mattingly**, GetReligion.org
- **Andrea Useem**, ReligionWriter.com

A bus will be available from The Press Club to take attendees to The Pos for those who prefer not to walk (.75 mile). Departure instructions will be given at the conclusion of the luncheon.

Walking directions to The Post from the

National Press Club: Go out The Press Club’s lobby doors and head North on 14<sup>th</sup> St. Walk seven blocks., then turn left on K St. (If walking from the hotel, start here). Travel two blocks and make a right on 15<sup>th</sup> St. The Post will be two blocks up on 15<sup>th</sup> (#1150).

#### **Breakout Option 2:**

##### **Panel: Whither Congregations?**

#### **Sphinx Club ballroom**

The big wooden doors are closing as graying churches and synagogues can no longer sustain themselves in changing neighborhoods. This panel will look at why some neighborhood congregations are dying and how others are reinventing themselves to reach out to new flocks of faithful in coffeehouses, warehouses and homes. Moderated by Cecile Holmes, University of South Carolina.

Speakers include:

- **Diana Butler Bass**, author
- **Andre Daley**, Mosaic Life
- **Julia Duin**, The Washington Times

**Continued...**





## SATURDAY CONTINUED

### Breakout Option 3: Free time

3:40–5:30 p.m.

#### Breakout Option 1: Panel: The Mission of Architecture Third Church of Christ, Scientist 900 16th Street NW

Pour your dollars into a beautiful, historic building, or put the money to work on spreading the faith and caring for the needy? This workshop will look at ways some Washington congregations have found to resolve that dilemma, and what happens when outsiders try to landmark a house of worship against the will of the faith community. Moderated by Kevin Eckstrom, Religion News Service.

Speakers include:

- **Darrow Kirkpatrick**,  
Third Church of Christ, Scientist
- **Bob Jaeger**, Partners for Sacred Places

Walking directions to the church from the Sphinx Club: Go out the lobby door and turn left (South) on 14<sup>th</sup> St. Walk one block and turn right on I (eye) St. Walk three blocks, ending at the intersection of I and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Walking directions to the church from The Washington Post: Head South on 15<sup>th</sup> St. and travel 2.5 blocks. Turn right on I (eye) St. and walk one block, ending at the intersection of I and 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Breakout Option 2: Panel: Surveying Surveys The Washington Post

Reporters are bombarded with purported poll and survey results on religious belief and practice. But how do we know which studies are trustworthy and how to interpret what they say? We look at sound and faulty data and help you find ways to tell which is which. Moderated by Jacqui Salmon, The Washington Post.

Speakers include:

- **Dan Cox**, Public Religion Research
- **Roger Finke**, Association of Religion Data Archives
- **Ed Stetzer**, LifeWay Research

Walking directions to The Post from the Crowne Plaza: Go out the lobby doors and turn left on K St. Travel two blocks and make a right on 15<sup>th</sup> St. The Post will be two blocks up on 15<sup>th</sup> (#1150).

### Breakout Option 3: Free time

6–7:30 p.m.

#### Reception & Silent Auction Sphinx Club ballroom, mezzanine

Come and bid on more than 100 items to benefit RNA's Scholarship fund. Reception sponsored by Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly.

7:30–10 p.m.

#### Awards Banquet Sphinx Club ballroom

Join us in honoring the winners of RNA's 2008 Contests for Religion Reporting. Tickets required for entry.

10–11 p.m.

#### Dessert Reception Sphinx Club ballroom, mezzanine

Enjoy a delectable selection of desserts while hobnobbing with the contest winners. Also, don't forget to pay for your auction spoils!



Capitol Hill

# SUNDAY EVENTS

*September 21, 2008*

**8–9 a.m.**

## **Breakfast of Champions**

### **Crowne Plaza, Hamilton ballroom**

Hear first-hand how this year's contest winners developed their award-winning stories, from start to finish.

A continental breakfast buffet will be available in the hallway outside the Farragut room. Seating is available in the hall and in Farragut.

**9–11 a.m.**

## **Active members meeting**

### **Crowne Plaza, Hamilton ballroom**

Make your voice heard! All RNA active members are encouraged to attend this important business meeting. Conference adjourns at 11 a.m.

**11 a.m.– Noon**

## **Board meeting**

### **Crowne Plaza, Hamilton ballroom**

Private meeting

**Noon–2 p.m.**

## **Board lunch**

### **Crowne Plaza, Hamilton ballroom**

Private lunch

## **JOIN US NEXT YEAR!**

Make plans now to attend the 60th RNA Annual Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 10–13, 2009, at the Marriott Minneapolis City Center hotel.



Minneapolis skyline



M Street in Georgetown

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# LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

## Dart chosen as recipient of the 2008 William A. Reed / Religion News Service Lifetime Achievement Award

By Steve Maynard  
The News Tribune

For 40 years, John Dart has chronicled the cutting edge of religious life, writing about the first gay church, the emergence of Scientology and the growing strength of evangelicals and charismatics.

In his 31 years as a religion writer at the Los Angeles Times, Dart also opened up the world of biblical scholarship to readers. Dart explored topics such as the Nag Hammadi Library, the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Jesus Seminar.

"I do like the intellectual side and the research side," Dart said. He enjoyed seeing stories in the complexities of research that many didn't pursue.

He continues that quest at Christian Century magazine, where since 2000 he's served as news editor.

Dart's exhaustive contributions to religion reporting have earned him the 2008 William A. Reed/Religion News Service Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dart, who soon turns 72, said he has no plans to retire. The task of

finding and telling good stories continues to drive him.

"Motivation almost invariably comes from hearing about a great story that hasn't been told yet, or told well enough to bring out its significance," Dart said.

Dart's written six books, starting with "The Laughing Savior: the Discovery and Significance of the Nag Hammadi Gnostic Library" and most recently "Decoding Mark."

One of his special writing interests, as Dart put it, has been "the borders between humor and faith, satire and the sacred."

He once took a long shot and asked Woody Allen's agent for an interview with Allen while he was making his 1977 movie "Annie Hall." To Dart's surprise, Allen—who normally wouldn't give interviews during filming—wanted to talk about his spiritual angst over life, death and the existence of God, Dart said.

"I actually ran out of questions during our phone interview," Dart recalled. "He was in no rush."

Dart has won numerous awards, including RNA's Supple Award. He was president of RNA from 1990–92.

The next year, Dart was a visiting scholar at the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University. At the center, he and former Southern Baptist Convention president Jimmy Allen explored the tensions between religion and news media. They wrote, "Bridging the Gap: Religion and the News Media." The study was the catalyst for numerous newspapers to ramp up their religion coverage.

Dart then wrote what became the first widely used primer for religion news coverage, "Deities & Deadlines," published by the center.

For nearly 18 of Dart's 31 years at the Times, Dart and colleague Russell Chandler both worked as religion writers, covering tumultuous times on the beat and setting the day's standard for religion reporting. Chandler won the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007.

Chandler said he and Dart shared lots of laughs and fascinating on-the-job experiences during their many years as colleagues working the same beat together.

"Longevity and commitment to the beat are hallmarks of John's professional career," Chandler said. "John Dart is a true professional—and a scholar's scholar, recognized by both peers and the academic world alike," Chandler said.

A native of White Plains, N.Y., Dart didn't set out to become a religion writer.

"I wanted to be a sportswriter," Dart recalled.

After earning his bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Colorado, Dart served in the U.S. Army

Security Agency for several years. From 1961–65, Dart worked as a staff writer for United Press International. He covered Dodgers baseball games and scored the first-ever interview with Ronald Reagan about his political aspirations.

A career in full-time sports writing never broke Dart's way so he pursued science writing at Caltech public relations for two years.

After that, he found his home—and niche. He was a religion writer at the Los Angeles Times until 1998.

His diverse coverage included Buddhists and Muslims finding their U.S. roots and Native Americans and indigenous Hawaiians struggling to keep their religious traditions alive.

Dart said his interest in research, the intellectual aspects of religion, and the "almost unlimited borders for reporting" hooked him on the religion beat.

"How many news beats can and sometimes must include details from history or ancient tradition to explain current conflicts?" Dart asked. "How many can deal with different ideas about the future, however misguided as many are, that are causing people to spend great amounts of money and time to spread their visions?"

While at the Times, Dart became one of the first religion reporters to mine the conferences of academic organizations for religion stories.

He's also written for academic publications and is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Once a newcomer to their research, Dart has been accepted into the circles of scholars because of the credibility of his reporting and writing during his long career.



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Our mission is to promote excellence in religion reporting in the news media. RNA achieves its mission by providing education and other resources for its members and by raising awareness of the importance of religion coverage in the mainstream media.

## Religion Newswriters Foundation

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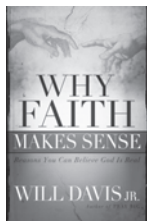
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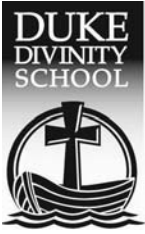
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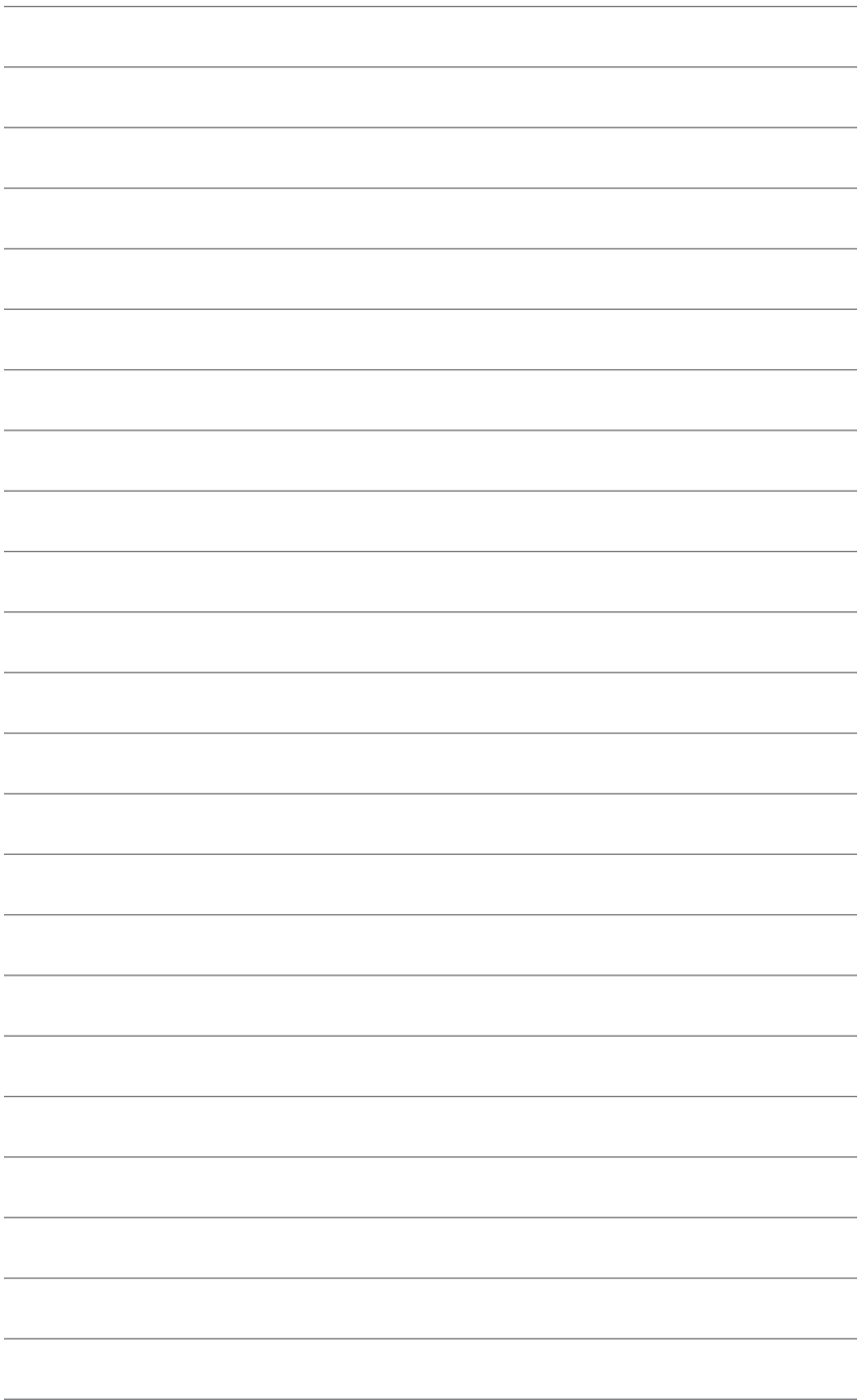
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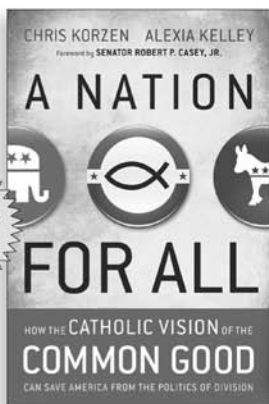
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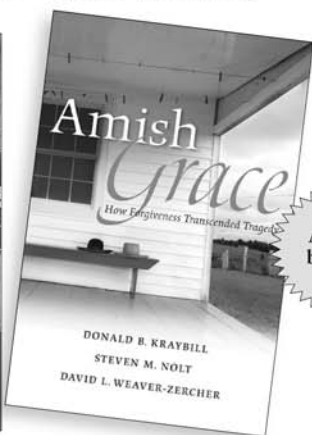


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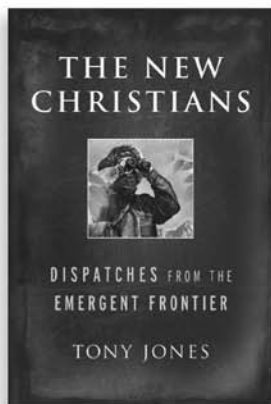
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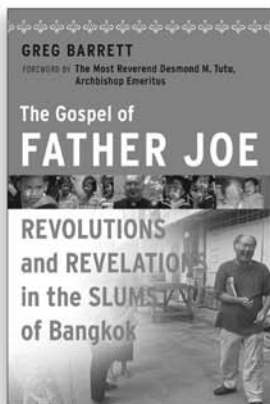
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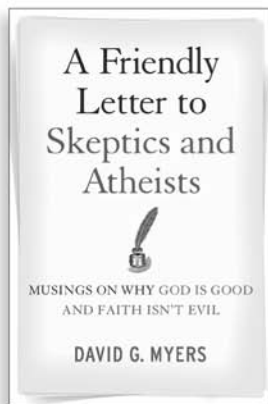
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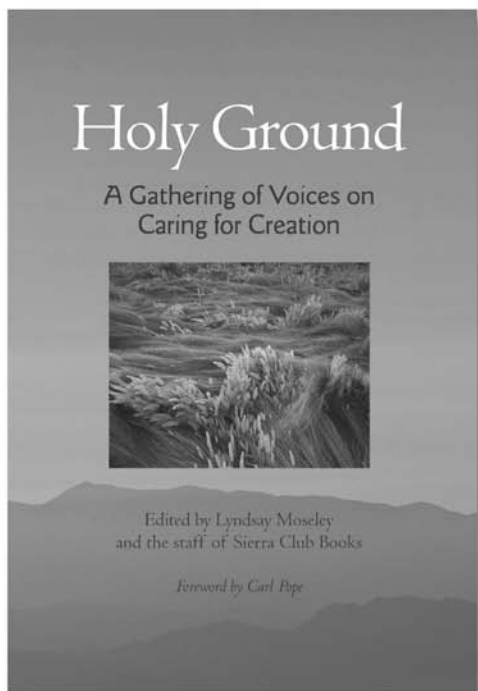
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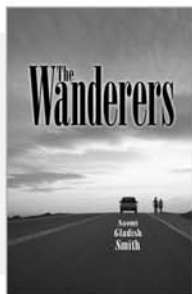
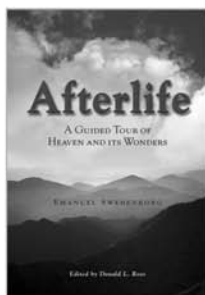
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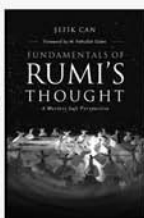
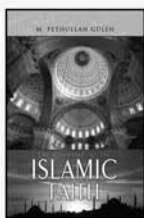
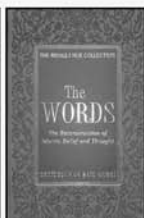
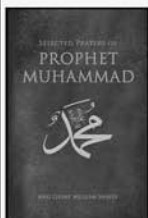
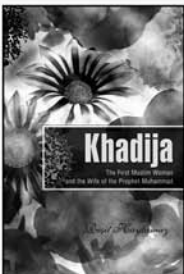
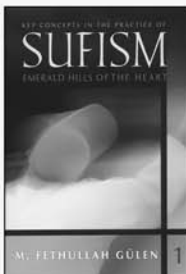
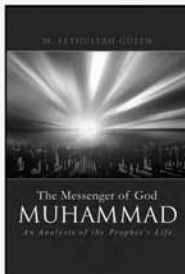
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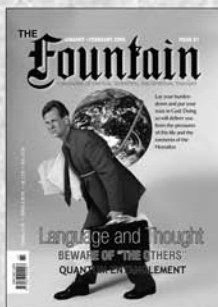


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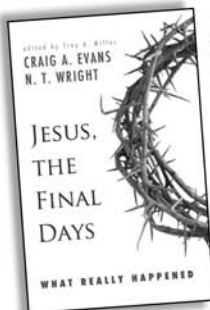
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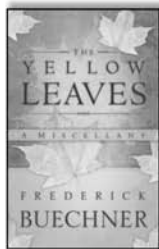
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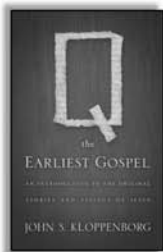
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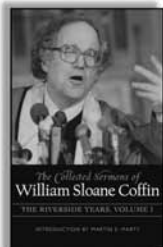
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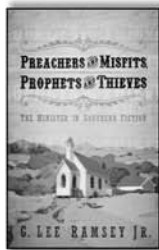
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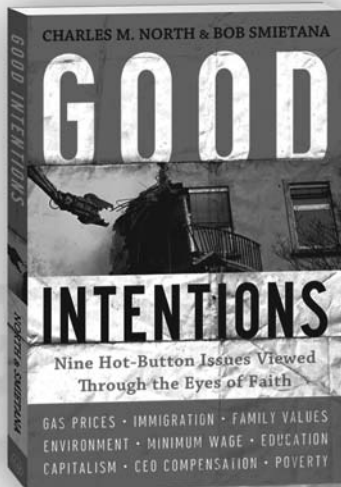
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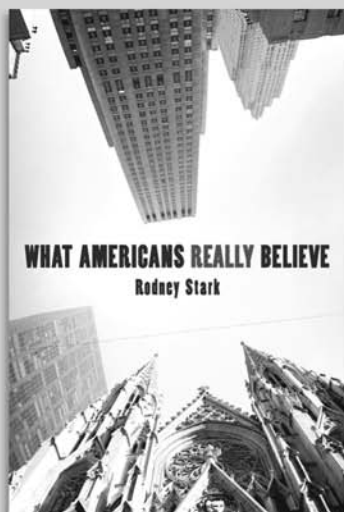


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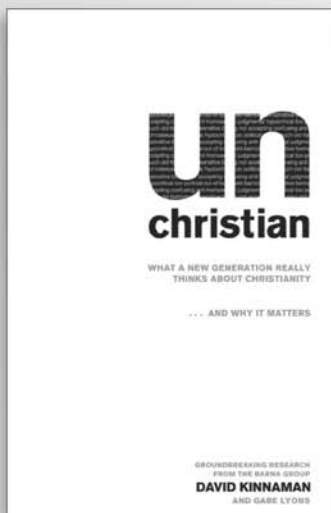
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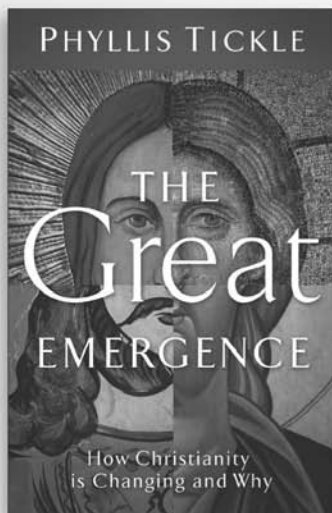
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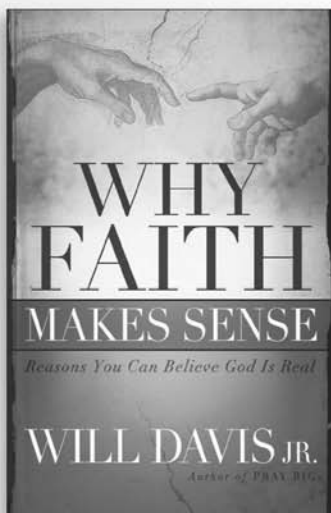
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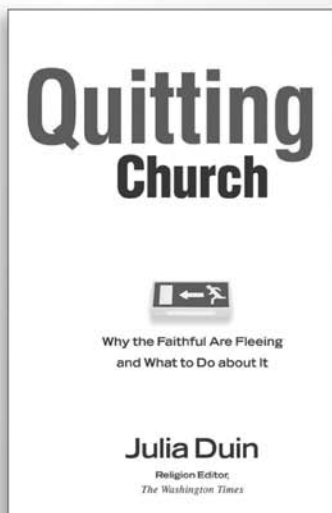
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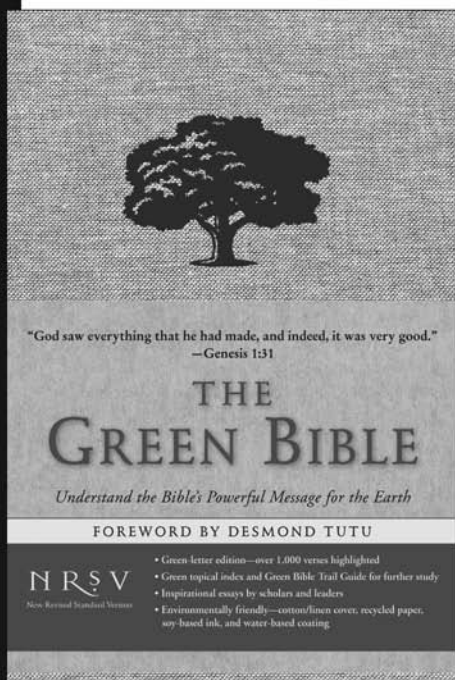
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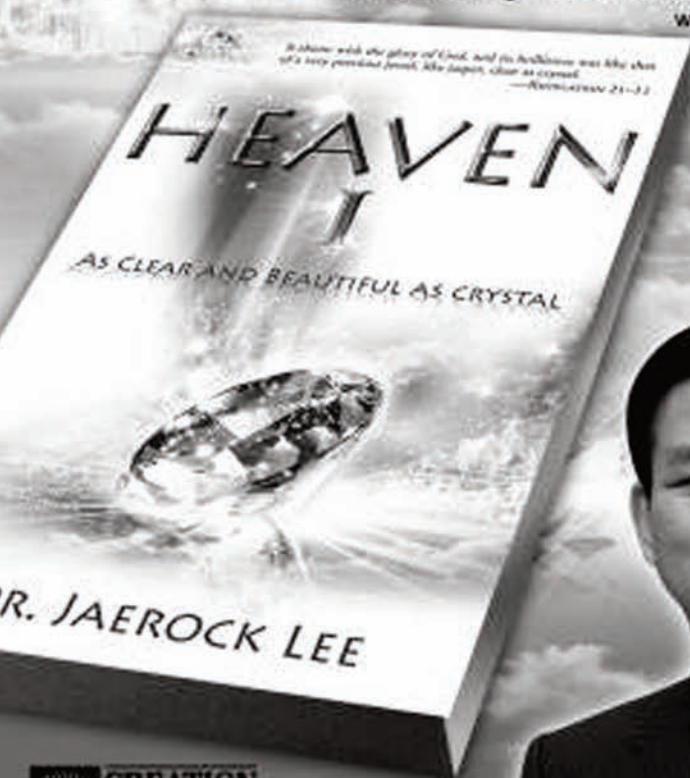


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