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Patrick's Words of Wisdom

It appears as if we are entering fall already. With the temperature dropping, the days getting shorter, and the risk of frost, the summer is slowly winding down. It is the time of year when the leaves will begin to change colour and trees, animals, and insects will all begin to prepare for the long winter ahead. Yet we in the church would usually just be beginning our programs, studies, fellowship anew after a summer of rest. This is a different year in so many ways and it has started me thinking about what the church is and how we might want to be as a community of faith as we work to move forward. I started to think about our readings this past Sunday and I would like to share with you again on verse.

Romans 13: 8

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

This was the reading that was part of the lectionary readings for Sunday, September 6, 2020 and I think that in many ways it sums up what we are called to do as a community of faith. We have been living through a time of great change. We were forced into isolation in March, with very little notice, then in early summer it seemed as if we, at least in Manitoba, had this well under control and many started to think of the day when things would go back to 'normal.' Then our numbers started to rise again and I think that for many fear set into their lives and their hearts. It is in the midst of this time that I think it is important for us to remember this verse from Paul's letter to the church in Rome. We are called to love one another and when we do this we fulfill all the laws. I believe that it is at times such as these when we need to really become aware of how we exist in

the world. Do we live each day in love? Or do we live each day doing, and being, as the world tells us we to be? It is a question that I think each one of us needs to address and there is really no time like the present. With all that has happened, with the changes that are still coming, do we live our lives in love? Are we reflecting the love of God to the world? As a community of faith, I hope that we can live beyond the stress, the fear, the uncertainty of this time so that we can live into God's love for us and for the world. I would like to leave you with a short prayer this time:

As we rejoice with the gift of your presence amongst us. Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts. Let me today be so captured by the love that I have experienced in you and in this community of faith that that love might fill me up. Let it fill me so that I might, in my imperfectness, may love those others in the world who come into my life each and every day.

As we contemplate coming back together, let us decide what kind of community we want to be. Do we want to live into God's love for us, loving those around us? This is the time what we are called to decide. How will we live our lives both within and outside this community of faith? Let us all live as those who love the world around us.



Rev. Patrick Woodbeck
Minister, Windsor Park United Church

**Join us for Thanksgiving
Sunday Service:
October 11th at 10:30 a.m.**

Explore our Church Website

Laura Steidl

Did you know that there are many ways to find what you are looking for on our website?

www.windsorparkunitedchurch.com takes you to our website home page.

- ★ Notice the picture at the top of the page (Figure 1). That is the first slide of 18! The slides will change on their own every few seconds.
- ★ You can click on the left arrow (Figure 2) or right arrow (Figure 3) that appears on the sides of the pictures.
- ★ You can also click on the white dots that you see below the pictures (Figure 4). This is a place where we can share current information and items of interest to those new to our website.

★ Many of the slides also say “Click here” (Figure 5) and if you do, you will be automatically taken to more information.

★ Some of our current slides include links to: previously recorded services, garden tours, current COVID protocol updates and information on our stained glass windows.

★ And, if you are on our website through a direct link and are visiting a different page (e.g. Notes on the Notes), you can always get back to the home page by clicking on the script at the top left that says “Windsor Park United Church.” (Figure 6)

[Take a look!](#)



Laird and Lady of Glencoe

Dorothy Talman

Dear Subjects:

What do you get for an 85th birthday present?

Why, a gift of “land preservation” for someone who is passionate about green space, of course.

To celebrate *Bob Galston's* birthday in August, his daughter and family purchased a plot of ground - considered an “estate” if you please - located in **Glencoe Wood, Scotland**, which helps to revitalize and preserve the Nature Reserve at Glencoe Wood.

As a result, the Official Titles documentation states that he and his good wife, (me), are now considered *Laird and Lady of Glencoe*.

Our official portrait, shown below, hangs in prominence in our living room.

We plan to visit our estate at the earliest possible convenience.

(Our “estate” consists of one square foot of land!)



Book Reviews inspired by Wednesday Night Bible Study

Doug Waldron

The common theme that ties these books together for me is compassion. The compassion found in the teachings of Jesus seems to be a catalyst used by authors around the world. My compassion for you, the reader, shows by letting others more qualified than me to provide the actual review.

Take care and stay safe.

FIFTEEN DOGS

BY ANDRÉ ALEXIS



“I wonder”, said Hermes, “what it would be like if animals had human intelligence.”

“I’ll wager a year’s servitude, answered Apollo, that animals – any animal you like – would be even more unhappy than humans are, if they were given human intelligence.”

And so it begins: a bet between the gods Hermes and Apollo leads them to grant human consciousness and language to a group of dogs overnighting at a Toronto veterinary clinic. Suddenly capable of more complex thought, the pack is torn between those who resist the new ways of thinking, preferring the old ‘dog’ ways, and those who embrace the change.

The gods watch from above as the dogs venture into their newly unfamiliar world, as they become divided among themselves, as

each struggles with new thoughts and feelings. Wily Benjy moves from home to home, Prince becomes a poet, and Majnoun forges a relationship with a kind couple that stops even the Fates in their tracks.

André Alexis's contemporary take on the apologue offers an utterly compelling and affecting look at the beauty and perils of human consciousness. By turns meditative and devastating, charming and strange, *Fifteen Dogs* shows you can teach an old genre new tricks.

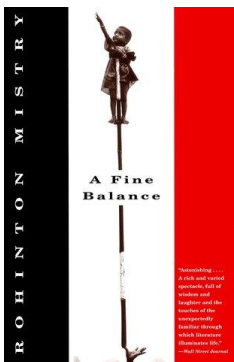
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A FINE BALANCE

BY ROHINTON MISTRY



With a compassionate realism and narrative sweep that recall the work of Charles Dickens, this magnificent novel captures all the cruelty and corruption, dignity and heroism of India.

The time is 1975. The place is an unnamed city by the sea. The government has just declared a State of Emergency, in whose upheavals four strangers--a spirited widow, a young student uprooted from his idyllic hill station, and two tailors who have fled the caste violence of their native village--will be thrust together, forced to share one cramped apartment and an uncertain future.

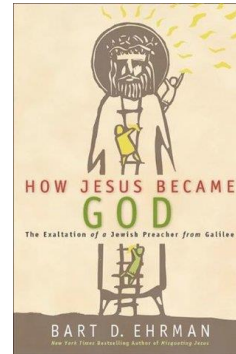
As the characters move from distrust to friendship and from friendship to love, *A Fine Balance* creates an enduring panorama of the human spirit in an inhuman state.

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HOW JESUS BECAME GOD: THE EXALTATION OF A JEWISH PREACHER FROM GALILEE

BY BART D. EHRLMAN



New York Times bestselling author and Bible expert Bart Ehrman reveals how Jesus's divinity became dogma in the first few centuries of the early church.

The claim at the heart of the Christian faith is that Jesus of Nazareth was, and is, God. But this is not what the original disciples believed during Jesus's lifetime—and it is not what Jesus claimed about himself. *How Jesus Became God* tells the story of an idea that shaped Christianity, and of the evolution of a belief that looked very different in the fourth century than it did in the first.

A master explainer of Christian history, texts, and traditions, Ehrman reveals how an apocalyptic prophet from the backwaters of rural Galilee crucified for crimes against the state came to be thought of as equal with the one God Almighty, Creator of all things. But how did he move from being a Jewish prophet to being God? In a book that took eight years to research and write, Ehrman sketches Jesus's transformation from a human prophet to the Son of God exalted to divine status at his resurrection. Only when some of Jesus's

followers had visions of him after his death—alive again—did anyone come to think that he, the prophet from Galilee, had become God. And what they meant by that was not at all what people mean today.

Written for secular historians of religion and believers alike, *How Jesus Became God* will engage anyone interested in the historical developments that led to the affirmation at the heart of Christianity: Jesus was, and is, God.

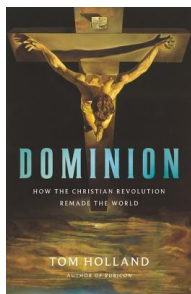
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DOMINION: HOW THE CHRISTIAN REVOLUTION REMADE THE WORLD

BY **TOM HOLLAND**



A "marvelous" (Economist) account of how the Christian Revolution forged the Western imagination

Crucifixion, the Romans believed, was the worst fate imaginable, a punishment reserved for slaves. How astonishing it was, then, that people should have come to believe that one particular victim of crucifixion—an obscure provincial by the name of Jesus—was to be worshipped as a god. *Dominion* explores the implications of this shocking conviction as they have reverberated throughout history. Today, the West remains utterly saturated by Christian assumptions. As Tom Holland demonstrates, our morals and ethics are not universal but are instead the fruits of a very

distinctive civilization. Concepts such as secularism, liberalism, science, and homosexuality are deeply rooted in a Christian seedbed. From Babylon to the Beatles, Saint Michael to #MeToo, *Dominion* tells the story of how Christianity transformed the modern world.

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Pandemic Knitting

Sue Turley

In the last issue of *SouthWinds*, Dolores Maertens shared her memories of her grandmother, Marion Will, teaching her to crochet.

I also had a grandmother, *Annie Gorrell*, who taught me how to knit and crochet. After I retired in 2016 (the first time - I am working implementing the second round), my mother thought I should take up the craft again for something to fill my time.



It took me a little while but eventually out came the knitting needles. For 2018, I started with hats and mittens for the WPUC mitten tree. In 2019, I was a bit more adventuresome with hats, mittens, and neck warmers, with the creations going to Bear Clan, the WPUC mitten tree, and KTR Enterprises for the Christmas Cheer Board hampers that they sponsor.



Since the beginning of January, I have produced four neck warmers, 41 hats, and 56 pairs of mittens.

I have been blessed to a number of generous donations of yarn. I need to acknowledge one in particular. My mom and I were gifted yarn from Wilma and Don Hunnie. Mom was able to produce four full-sized afghans that she donated to WPUC's Blankets for Manitoba and I produced two neck warmers, six hats, and eleven pairs of mittens. The remaining yarn from this donation was just long enough to use for measuring social distancing requirements.



Thank you, Wilma and Don. Your donation has been put to good use.

UCW

Alana Davis



On July 27th, the UCW executive made up fifty plastic baggies of three cookies in each for the coffee breaks at the Habitat for Humanity build on Templeton Avenue.

During this pandemic members of the UCW have reached out by phone or by a note in the mail to see how one another are doing.

Something to Ponder

George Carlin

George Carlin's wife died early in 2008 and George followed her, dying in July 2008. It is ironic George Carlin - comedian of the 70's and 80's - could write something so very eloquent and so very appropriate. **An observation by George Carlin:**

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete.

Remember to spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

And always remember, life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by those moments that take our breath away.

Movie Reviews

Gloria Saindon

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE



This was by far my favourite movie. It tells the story of a young boy, Bart Millard, who lives with his mother and abusive father in Texas. His mother drops him off at a Christian camp where he meets Shannon.

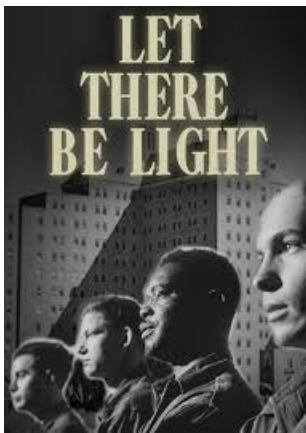
When he arrives home his mother has left and the movers are taking all her belongings. Bart struggles to please his father by playing football, but is injured breaking both ankles and ending his career.

He takes the only elective he can in a music class as the sound technician, but after hearing him sing the director casts him for the lead role in the school musical "Oklahoma". He doesn't tell his father, but the father sees a flyer at a restaurant the opening night, but collapses and finds out he has cancer. He hides this from Bart. Bart's father hits him over the head with a plate that causes him to

bleed and Shannon wants him to open up but he refuses and leaves town to seek his fortune in the city. Bart joins a band as a singer and they strike out as MercyMe. The title of the movie, I Can Only Imagine, is the story of Bart and life to forgive himself and his father. The movie is filled with Christian music and real life stories that tear at your heart strings. This one you need the tissues for sure!



LET THERE BE LIGHT



The story of Sol Hawkins, an outspoken atheist, attends a party after a debate with a Christian leader, heads home in a drunken state and veers off the road and crashes. It shows him entering a carnival like tunnel where he sees his son

David, who died a few years earlier from cancer. His son claims he is alright and that it is not Sol's time. He tells him that he should let God's love fill him, proclaiming "Let there be light". As he comes out of unconsciousness after being declared clinically dead for four minutes his Christian ex-wife Katy is at his side and he tells her he has seen their son. He struggles with the science vs. faith and after speaking with Katy's pastor and hearing the story of the Resurrection, he has an epiphany and is baptized and begins to believe in Christianity. The story continues of his fight back to become a family man again and how his family reaches out to him and supports each other during their newest struggles. "Let there be light", a campaign of world peace that will bolster world unity.

MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN



The true story of the Beam family as they try to figure out how to prolong the life of their daughter from an incurable disease. After countless medical appointments and specialists they were told to take her home to live out the rest of her life. A near death experience while back at home and she is cured of this incurable disease. With the family so enriched by God's love and understanding, Kristy Beam, the mother loses her trust and faith in God and how she comes full circle to tell the remarkable story of her daughter. Have your tissues close by for this one!



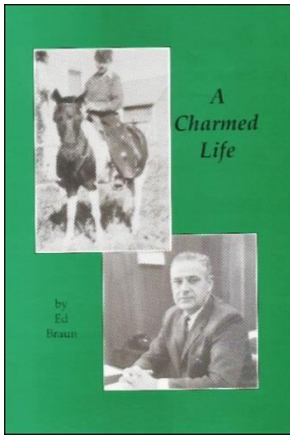
Advice

Mel Braun

I am a great one for giving advice. I advised my husband, Ed, to write down his memories of his life. I suggested that he do that in order to help him fill his days while I was still working at Century 21 Ace Agencies in Abbotsford, B.C.

I told him not to worry about writing his memories in any particular order - just write down a memory and when you are finished, put it in a file folder. The next day, write down another memory and put it in the folder. Soon you will have a folder full of memories which I can then "edit" and put into some sort of order for you.

Well, he did what I suggested and soon, he was writing page after page of memories from his life as a child, as a soldier, as a young

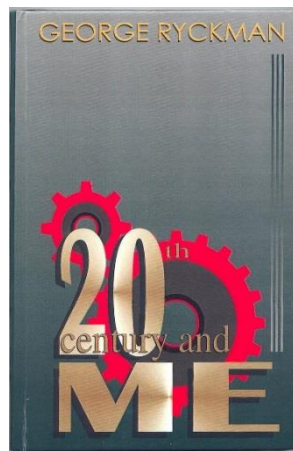


husband, and a father, as well as a life-long co-operator. The result was a book, *A Charmed Life*, which we self-published in 1993.

I then went to work on my father, George, encouraging him to write his memoirs. I gave him the same advice. “Don’t

worry about writing in order; just write any memory that comes to mind and I will edit it for you.”

My father took my advice and wrote his book, but he wrote it in sequence from page one to the end. I did not have to put the memories in order for him. I just had to edit punctuation, spelling, etc., and in 1997, we self-published *20th Century and Me*.



Now, I am going to take my own advice and write down my memories. I have a lot of time on my hands because of the pandemic so this is a good time to start on a project such as this.

I have considered myself to be a good business writer. In my business career, I have written hundreds of news releases, brochures, policy manuals, speeches, information bulletins, newsletters - you name it, I’ve done it.

But I have never written about myself and I don’t think I even know how to do that.

Lately I have written a few paragraphs that I posted on Facebook, and I think, for the most part, they are engaging and interesting. But I may not be a good judge of that.

At any rate, for the information of my family,

and at the urging of my son, Eric, I am now trying to capture some memories of my 83 years of life on this planet.

Because I need a “hook” or structure, I am using my huge collection of photos to jog my memory and form the framework for my story. Photographs really do help to remind us of the various events in our life and I am finding it easy to write a paragraph or two about different times in my life.

I encourage everyone to write down a memory or two for their family. These memories will be cherished in years to come.



Mary-Lynne (Mel) Braun

August 28, 2020

Basement Purging
Gloria Saindon

What else do you do during a pandemic besides read some good books, watch a few movies, fix up the long list of items you have been meaning to get to?

Well a few of us at Windsor Park United did just that this summer. Laura Steidl, Gwen Polak, Carol and Bill Belsham, and myself did just that !

We started on a Friday afternoon and packed up several boxes of "stuff" (art supplies, crayons, markers, paints, etc.) all from the Bible Adventure cupboards. We continued over a couple more afternoons and filled a few more boxes and carloads to go to various community groups throughout the city. What better way for us to give back (and purge our cupboards!) than that. In the end we donated at least four boxes to each of the following organizations: Rossbrook House, Art City, Art Junktion and Splash Daycare.

D & L by Design

Dan Feniuk & Lindsay Carswell-Feniuk

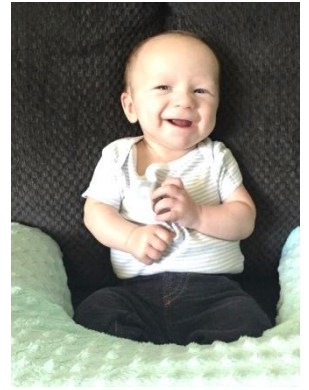


The groups helped us unload our vehicle and were appreciative of the generous supplies we brought. What has sat in our cupboards for awhile, is now being put to great use.

Thank you!



A few things we'd like to tell is about some very happy things that have come to us during the pandemic. First and foremost, the birth of our healthy beautiful baby boy '**Lyric Daniel Lee Carswell-Feniuk**'. He was born on April 25, 2020 weighing in at a healthy 7lbs 6oz. He has brought so much light to our family and joy to us and due to his name "Lyric" we nick named him "our little song!"



Dan was laid off during the pandemic and we also lost our home before and during the time I gave birth to Lyric. We posted on Facebook for prayers to be said for us. Little did we know a girl I went to school with years and years ago just added me to Facebook in January of 2020 and reunited with me. She had this beautiful three acre land with a beautiful house on it for us to rent. We now live not even eight minutes away from the town. My son Rhys made a bunch of beautiful friends with they can still stay connected and he can remain in the same school that I signed him up for starting in the fall.

We absolutely love our house and the land it is on. We have over a dozen apple trees and a little pond. Rhys has a trampoline, rides his bike and can run, run, run his energy off.



With our house, we now have a two car double garage. And with Dan still being laid

off, both he and I have decided to build our own business. We were in the St. Adolphe mini-market on August 23rd and will be there again on September 27, 2020. We are building wooden shelves, signs, wood plaques for names, last names, art/pictures, tables, benches, welcome signs, measurement charts, home signs, pet beds, dog food bowls, etc. We will refurbish furniture and I also make tie fleece blankets.



Our business is called **D & L By Design**. Dan has decided to go on a parental leave to help me with

the children and the baby and to be here for me regarding my mental health and anxieties I do face. So for Dan and I to try and start our business at this time is I guess “a perfect time” despite the circumstances going on in the world today. We are huge believers that all things happen for a reason and if you put your mind in the positive mindset, the positive outcomes will come your way!

Attached are some of our items we have already built for our business. We have business cards and our business page is on Facebook: dnlbydesign@facebook.com and our business email is: dnlbydesign@gmail.com.



This is Dan and I at the St. Adolphe mini-market, selling some of our items for sale that we built and promoting our new business.



(I was wearing my mask faithfully and actually ended up with a face mask tan line.)

During this time, we also adopted a new



puppy that we named “Oakley.” She is an eight week old beagle puppy and she is just a little beauty and we all love her so much!

We hope you can use our story or something from our story that we faced during these difficult and most challenging times. To show those who are going through hard times “that there always is a light at the end of the tunnel!”



*Watch for the
December edition
of Southwinds.
Available late
November.*

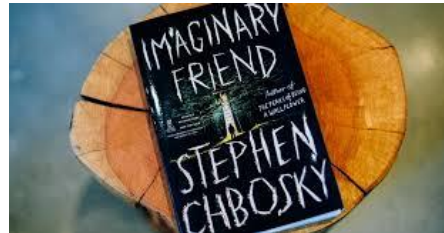
Book Reviews

Gloria Saindon

IMAGINARY FRIEND

BY STEPHEN CHBOSKY

Did you ever have an imaginary friend? One who was always by your side and would help you out whenever you needed? Well this story is just that and then some. A young boy and his mother leave in the middle of the night to start over in another state far away from the men who make his mother's and his life difficult. Try starting over in a new school, with new friends but seeing how all this makes your mom happy. Then suddenly in the middle of the night a voice cries out to and you follow it into the woods and you go missing for six days! You come back remembering nothing that happened yet it changes everything and you have to save everyone you love. This book tells a story that at times keeps you on the edge of your seat, not wanting to put it down as you need to find out what happens next and how does it all relate. It's a long book (705 pages) but short chapters that keep you engaged and wanting more. It's nothing like I have ever read before.



THE BOOK OF LOST NAMES

BY KRISTIN HARMEL

This is a dual story that transitions the reader from 2005 in Florida to France in 1940 where the life of Eva Traube, a young Polish-French girl, changed forever. It was inspired by a true story from WWII, about a young woman, with a talent for forgery, helps hundreds of Jewish children flee the Nazis. It tells her story of resilience and how she, along with others, fought to preserve the real names of the Jewish children. Her fight and her mother's to stay alive in a small village, with the help of many in the village is very compelling as her mother tries to leave several times to find her husband.

If you have read *The Winemaker's Wife*, you will enjoy this one as well.

