

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS - May 2010

Brian McLaren - *A NEW KIND OF CHRISTIANITY; TEN QUESTIONS THAT ARE CHANGING FAITH* Harper One NYC 2010

A new reformation is taking place in Christianity. Brian McLaren is one of the leading voices. A very important book.

Alan Jacobs - *ORIGINAL SIN: A CULTURAL HISTORY* Harper One NYC 2009

An expression of what is wrong with all of us.

David A. Katz - *GOD'S LAST WORDS: READING THE ENGLISH BIBLE FROM THE REFORMATION TO FUNDAMENTALISM* Yale University Press New Haven CT 2004

This wide-ranging book is an intellectual history of how informed readers have read their Bibles over the last 400 years.

Philip Jenkins - *JESUS WARS: HOW FOUR PATRIARCHS, THREE QUEENS, AND TWO EMPERORS DECIDED WHAT CHRISTIANS WOULD BELIEVE OVER THE NEXT 1500 YEARS* - Harper Collins, NYC 2010

Jenkins demonstrates how religious ideas can be suppressed but continue to resurface over centuries. Harvey Cox says this book couldn't be more timely.

Stephen R. Haynes and Lori Brandt - *BONHOEFFER FOR ARMCHAIR THEOLOGIANS* Westminster John Knox Press Louisville KY 2009

This is a stellar introduction to Bonhoeffer's theology and beliefs

Mary Oliver - *EVIDENCE - POEMS* Beacon Press Boston, MA 2009

Oliver is a poet of wisdom and generosity whose vision allows us to look intimately at a world of our making. The humbling effect of that perspective is her lasting gift to readers.