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What Are Some Examples of Books I Might Use?

Ebook Central has a vast array of books on many subjects, but for our purposes at NCBC I will highlight some good options in the subjects of Religion and Christianity.

Because ProQuest is a secular company (very different from *Accordance Bible Study Software*, which is created by Christians for the specific use in Christian ministry and Bible study), the various titles may be written by Christians who are orthodox, traditional, progressive, or authors who are not Christian at all. As such, many titles will be written by various experts in the field of religion who may view the Bible as simply an ancient text or literature, or may come from an atheistic or other religion background. Keep this in mind as you read their academic works. I like to think of them as *useful* and not *inspired*. This simply means that they may be right about some things, and wrong about other things. This is true of any writing apart from the inspired Word of God – but it is especially helpful to know something about the background of the author so that biases and worldviews may be plainly known.

With this in mind, I have done a very brief comb-through of some resources that may be most helpful to you. I tried to find publishers and authors who had a Christian stance, or at very least leaned Christian. I've also organized them by category to help give you some idea of the various subjects available.

- **Some publishers who have Christian backgrounds/leanings**
 - Abingdon Press
 - Eerdmans
 - Lexham Press
 - John Knox Press
 - NavPress Publishing Group
 - InterVarsity Press
 - Tyndale House Publishers
- **Suggested Titles**
 - *Tools and guides for Bible study and ministry*
 - Essential Bible Study Tools for Ministry (David R. Bauer)
 - Participatory Biblical Exegesis: A theology of Biblical Interpretation (Matthew Levering)
 - Commentaries by Charles R. Swindoll
 - Oxford Bible Commentary (not necessarily Christian, but one of the only whole Bible commentaries I could find)
 - Linguistics and Biblical Exegesis: Lexham Methods Series (Douglas Mangum and Josh Westbury)

- Dictionary of the English Bible and Its Origins (Alec Gilmore)
- Encyclopedia of World Religions (Encyclopedia Britannica)
- Historical Roots of the Old Testament (1200-63 BCE): Biblical Encyclopedia Series
- Encyclopedia of Early Christianity (Everett Ferguson, Michael P. McHugh, Frederick W. Norris)
- Encyclopedia of Martin Luther and the Reformation (Mark A. Lamport)
- The Navigators series by NavPress Publishing Group
- Interpreting the Wisdom Books: An exegetical handbook (David M. Howard)
- The Problem of the Old Testament: Hermeneutical, Schematic, and Theological Approaches (Garrett)
- The Apostle Paul: His Life, Thought, and Letters (Stanley E. Porter)
- Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon (Thomas C. Oden)
- Encyclopedia of Christian Education
- Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States (George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport)
- Counseling and Christianity: Five Approaches (Greggo)
- Psychology and Christianity: Five Views (Johnson)
- Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism and Jewish Culture
- *History*
 - Evangelicals and Science in Historical Perspectives: Religion in America Series
 - Religion and American Politics: From the Colonial Period to the Present (Mark A. Noll and Luke E. Harlow)
 - Sing Them Over Again to Me: Hymns and Hymnbooks in America (Religion and American Culture Series)
 - Martin Luther: Confessor of the Faith (Kolb)
 - John Calvin: Selections from His Writings
 - Encyclopedia of Martin Luther and the Reformation
 - Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States
 - A Brief History of Christianity (Lindberg)
 - A Short World History of Christianity (Bruce)
 - Encyclopedia of World Religions
 - Encyclopedia of New Religious Movements
 - Church History for Modern Ministry: Why Our Past Matters for Everything We Do (Hartman)
 - Christian History: An Introduction (Alister E. McGrath)
 - The Life We Claim: the Apostles Creed for Preaching, Teaching and Worship (Howell)
 - Documents of the Christian Church
 - The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Patristics (Parry)
 - A search of "Church Fathers" will bring up writings from the early church fathers

○ Theology and doctrine

- Systematic Theology (Anthony C. Thiselton)
- Learning Theology: Tracking the Spirit of Christian Faith (Amos Yong)
- The Christian Theology Reader (Allister E. McGrath)
- The Rebirth of African Orthodoxy: Return to Foundations (Thomas C. Oden)
- John Calvin: Selections from His Writings
- Encyclopedia of Martin Luther and the Reformation
- Systematic Theology Vol. 1 and 2 (Robert W. Jenson)
- Evil and the Justice of God (Wright)
- Christian Theology: An Introduction (McGrath)
- The Christian Theology Reader (McGrath)
- The Seven Sayings of Jesus on the Cross: Their Circumstances and Meanings (Harris)
- Jewish Bible: a JPS Guide
- Charles Swindoll's "Insights" Bible commentary series
- The Apostles Creed: A Faith To Live By (Cranfield)
- Documents of the Christian Church
- Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology
- Vital Truth: The Convictions of the Christian Community (Wright)
- The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Patristics (Parry)
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- Christian Faith: Dogmatics in Outline (Gerrish)
- A Shorter Guide to the Holy Spirit: Bible, Doctrine, Experience (Thiselton)
- The Holy Spirit in the New Testament (Carroll)
- The Trinity (St. Augustine)
- The Works of Jonathan Edwards Vol. 21: Writings on the Trinity, Grace, and Faith
- The Trinity: An Introduction to Catholic Doctrine on the Triune God (Emery)
- Trinitarian Soundings in Systematic Theology
- Embracing God as Father: Christian Identity in the Family of God (Bush)
- Paul and the Trinity: Persons, Relations, and the Pauline Letters

○ Apologetics

- Mapping Apologetics: Comparing Contemporary Approaches (Brian K. Morley)
- Grand Central Question: Answering the Critical Concerns of the Major Worldviews (Abdu Murray)
- In Defense of the Bible: A Comprehensive Apologetic for the Authority of Scripture (Cowan and Wilder)
- The Dawkins Delusion?: Atheist Fundamentalism and the Denial of the Divine (McGrath)

- Pocket Dictionary of Apologetics and Philosophy of Religion: 300 Terms and Thinkers Clearly and Concisely Defined
- *Holy Spirit/charismatic emphasis*
 - Science and the Spirit: A Pentecostal Engagement with the Sciences (Smith and Yong)
 - Other titles written by Amos Yong
 - Theological Hermeneutics in the Classical Pentecostal Tradition: A Typological Account (Oliverio)
 - Afro-Pentecostalism: Black Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity in History and Culture (Yong and Alexander)
 - Pneumatology and Theology of the Cross in the Preaching of Christoph Friedrich Blumhardt: The Holy Spirit Between Wittenberg and Azusa Street (Zahl)
 - Latino Pentecostal Identity: Evangelical Faith, Self, and Society (Walsh)
 - To the Ends of the Earth: Pentecostalism and the Transformation of World Christianity (Anderson)
 - Pentecostal Hermeneutics: A Reader (Martin)
 - Winds from the North: Canadian Contributions to the Pentecostal Movement (Althouse)