



A Harvest of Books

"The love of learning, the sequestered nooks and all the sweet serenity of books" -Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



The number of books published each year in the United States is staggering: 292,000 in 2006! Thankfully, CMF believes that many of these books are worthy of your time and consideration. As we do yearly, we are pleased to recommend the books listed below.

FAITH

- Pope Benedict XVI, a most prolific writer, has produced the first of a two-volume set on **JESUS OF NAZARETH** (Doubleday 2007), which covers Jesus' life from His Baptism to His Transfiguration. So important is Jesus' early life that Pope Benedict plans to return to his Nativity narrative in volume II, which will also treat Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Many other books by Ratzinger/Benedict that will serve for an enhancement of faith and meditation. These include **THE DIALECTIC OF SECULARISM: ON REASON AND RELIGION** by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger and Jurgen Habermas (Ignatius 2006) **MARY: THE CHURCH AT THE SOURCE** (Ignatius 1997) **THE MEANING OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD** (Ignatius 1966) **GOD IS NEAR TO US** (Ignatius 2003) and **GOSPEL CATECHESIS AND CATECHISM** (Ignatius 1995).

Some interesting analysis of his thinking and his approach to Theology are **THE THOUGHT OF BENEDICT XVI** by Aidan Nicholas OP (Burns 7 Oats 1988) and **THE REGENSBURG LECTURE** by James Schall S. J. (Ignatius 2006). **CATECHESIS AND CATECHISM** (Ignatius, 1995). **THE APOSTLES** (Our Sunday Visitor 2007), is his latest book which promises to enhance his lofty position as the "publishing pontiff."

- **ORDINARY WORK, EXTRAORDINARY GRACE: MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN OPUS DEI** by Scott Hahn

(Doubleday Religion 2007). The infamous image of the murderous albino Opus Dei monk from the DaVinci Code remains one of the most prevalent leftovers from the scurrilous **DaVINCI CODE**. Convert Scott Hahn's insider account makes great strides in rehabilitating the damaged image of this much-maligned spiritual arm of the Catholic Church.

- **SAINTS BEHAVING BADLY** by Thomas J. Craughwell (Doubleday 2006) a light-hearted look at a serious subject. Unlike writers who tend to make the canonized so holy that they lose their humanity, Craughwell exposes saints in their basest fallen nature before divine grace intruded. This gives hope to the rest of humanity.

HISTORY

- **EXPOSING THE REAL CHE GUEVARA AND THE USEFUL IDIOTS WHO IDOLIZE HIM** by Humberto Fontova (Sentinel 2007) The author draws upon his experience as the son of one of Castro's political prisoners to reveal the Communist Che as bloodthirsty executioner, coward, hypocrite, bookburner, racist, and the godfather of modern terrorism. After reading this book you will wonder if Che's adoring fans are too ignorant to realize they've been duped or too anti-American to care.
- **THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE COUNTER-FAITH** by Philip Trower (Family Publications 2007) In his sequel

to **TURMOIL & TRUTH**, the English author completes his investigation into the historical roots of the current Christian crisis of “creeping secularization.” He offers a perceptive study of the current post-conciliar crisis of Christianity which is steeped in a cauldron of unbelief and moral relativism.

- **THE GOD THAT DID NOT FAIL: HOW RELIGION BUILT AND SUSTAINS THE WEST** by Robert Royal (Encounter Books 2006). The author counters the erroneous claims that Christianity had little to do with the positive developments of Western culture. By providing a reservoir of ammunition against the erroneous claims that have undermined religious devotion in this country, Royal offers the perfect antidote to a nation that has lost its true sense of purpose and nearly severed its moral and intellectual mooring from its viable past.
- **33 QUESTIONS ABOUT AMERICAN HISTORY: YOU ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO ASK** by Thomas E. Woods Jr. (Crown Forum 2007) Too much of what passes for education is nothing more than secular propaganda, hinged on false assumptions and wrapped in popular myth. Historian Woods takes his readers on an eye-opening journey through 33 select myths that have camouflaged themselves with a mask of popular respectability in American history. His book treats many controversial subjects including the Civil War and slavery, American Indian influence on democracy, the Founding Fathers and unrestricted immigration.

GOVERNMENT

- **THE TYRANNY OF TOLERANCE** by Judge Robert H. Dierker (Crown 2006) This no-holds-barred condemnation of today’s activist judges and their supporters comes from the perspective of a sitting judge on Missouri’s 22nd Judicial Court since 1986. He states that he “can no longer sit idly by and watch the destruction of the U.S. Constitution in our courts.”
- **SACRED CAUSES: THE CLASH OF RELIGION AND POLITICS FROM THE GREAT WAR TO THE WAR ON TERROR** by Michael Burleigh (HarperCollins 2007). In its March 2007 review, the New York Times condemned **The Clash of Religion...** because of its “defense of the

Church, Pope Pius XII, and in particular against the Soviet-inspired black legends.” This in itself would be enough to recommend this absorbing narrative of the European religious response to the incessant godless attacks on Faith.

- **AMERICA ALONE: THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT** by Mark Steyn (Regnery 2006) Syndicated columnist Steyn has assumed the mantle of a prophet for his times. To support his prophecy the author provides hundreds of current anecdotes that betray the West’s propensity for self-destruction, especially with regard to the threat of Islamic terrorism. Americans need to go back to the basics of their family and religious traditions.

CULTURE

- Two recent “Politically InCorrect” books have been published by Regnery, using the P. I. Series’ popular and effective style of reality checks, facts vs myths, scientific evidence, quotes, and recommended reading, all in a humorous and readable format. They are:
- **THE POLITICALLY INCORRECT GUIDE TO GLOBAL WARMING** by Christopher Horner (Regnery 2007) Exposes the anti-American, anti-capitalist, anti-human agenda of today’s environmentalists, global warming, Al Gore, nuclear power, drought, Hollywood, Big Business and much more.
- **THE POLITICALLY INCORRECT GUIDE TO DARWINISM AND INTELLIGENT DESIGN** by Jonathan Wells (Regnery 2007) Reviews the various evolutionary theories vs creation and intelligent design, fossil records, “missing links,” classroom textbooks, DNA, diseases and much, much more.
- **NOW THEY CALL ME INFIDEL** by Nonie Darwish (Sentinel 2007) An Arab woman’s political and personal odyssey from the Muslim culture in her native Egypt to becoming a conservative, Christian American citizen. She has risked her comfort and safety to reveal the shocking hatred taught by Islamic radicalism and the glaring contradictions in everyday Muslim life.

- **INDOCTRINATION U** by David Horowitz (Encounter 2007) Our favorite ex-leftie Horowitz unveils the intellectual corruption of American universities by faculty activists who have little regard for professional standards and foundations of American society, turning classrooms into platforms for their political causes. The author imparts a new meaning for the term academic freedom.
- **WALT DISNEY: THE TRIUMPH OF THE AMERICAN IMAGINATION** by Neil Gabler (Knopf 2006) A masterful biography of a man whose work left an indelible mark on our culture. Disney was a visionary with iron determination and perfectionism which led him to transform animation from a novelty-based movement to an art form, and at the same time found a new way to connect with American history through his live-action films.
- **THE NATURAL FAMILY: A MANIFESTO** by Allan Carlson and Paul Mero (Spence 2007) The Manifesto issues a personal call to men and women to re-discover this fundamental source of life, love, joy and freedom. The authors lament that the family's legal and social privileges have almost been extinguished, but the Manifesto offers a road map for rebuilding a free and healthy culture based on the natural family.
- **A CONSUMER'S GUIDE TO THE APOCALYPSE** by Eduardo Velasquez (ISI Books 2007) In this tour de force of cultural analysis, Washington and Lee University Professor Velasquez addresses the question of the widespread *Angst* that has permeated American society. Dismissing 9/11 and the continual challenge of dogmatic science, his focus is on the 17th century Enlightenment and its avowed religious skepticism as the heart of this uneasy cultural feeling.
- **THE LANGUAGE OF GOD** by Francis S. Collins (Free Press 2006) Dr. Collins, the head of the Human Genome project believes that faith in God and in science can harmoniously coexist. Since Darwin thousands of scientists have effectively stripped their discipline of all religious influence, so within this context, Collins has in a sense re-invented the medieval wheel when science and religion more than co-existed but flourished, often as one body of knowledge. The book also serves as his spiritual journey from the cold world of scientific atheism to that of faith and reason.
- **WHAT EVERY AMERICAN NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT THE QUR'AN: A HISTORY OF ISLAM & THE UNITED STATES** by William J. Federer (Amerisearch 2007). To properly understand the Middle East situation and its bearing on the United States, it is imperative to understand the Qur'an that has launched a thousand wars over the centuries. This fast-paced, objective history traces the origins of the centuries-long cultural conflict between the Muslim world and not only the United States, but also Western Civilization through the teachings and dictates of the Middle East's most important book and brings current events into focus.
- **DANGER ON THE DOORSTEP: ANTI-CATHOLICISM AND AMERICAN PRINT CULTURE IN THE PROGRESSIVE ERA** by Justin Nordstrom (University of Notre Dame Press 2007). This timely book explores the sordid American tradition of denigrating the Catholic Church for its universal teachings of morality and social justice. Professor Nordstrom concentrates on the last century of attacks on the Catholic Church in films, cartoons, and newspapers, and especially from the new materialistic threat of the *American way of life*.



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More on Books

BANNED BOOKS?

Since 1982 the American Library Association and other groups have annually promoted "Banned Books Week," a very deceptive program that casts aspersions upon concerned citizens who object to inappropriate books, suggesting that they are censors. By the A.L.A.'s own admission, no books are really banned, but are included in their "banned" list if a book is merely challenged. "Banned Books Week" in 2007 is September 22-29 and many libraries will have prominent displays. Don't be fooled...the issue is NOT censorship, but the right of ordinary people to object to a book's content, especially for their children.

DO YOU KNOW...

...that a federal law makes it mandatory for all schools to teach about the U.S. Constitution on Constitution Day, September 17? This is an opportunity for all of us to re-acquaint ourselves with this unique and important document. A DVD entitled **A More Perfect Union: America Becomes A Nation**, a professional re-enactment of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, is available from Eagle Forum, PO Box 618, Alton, IL 62002, \$14.95, shipping included.

—ST LUKE 14:11

"For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, he who humbles himself shall be exalted"

Mindszenty Report Reprints

THE POLITICS OF FAITH: LIBERATION THEOLOGY AND LATIN AMERICA—August 2007 Traces the history of Liberation Theology from "enlightened" European thinking and theology to its spread in the 60's and its adaptations in Latin America, already beset with many other menacing cultural problems; the Gospels are politicized to the extent that the poor are offered solutions of conflict and armed revolution, with or without Jesus Christ. Ask for 8/07

BABY STEPS: THE NORTH AMERICAN UNION AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE—Incremental behind-the-scenes steps toward global governance are threatening our national sovereignty; European Union was a stealth campaign, should be a warning for U.S. Yet NAFTA paved the way for even worse outcomes, the North American Union and the North American Highway which will virtually eliminate our borders. Ask for 7/07

GLOBAL WARMING: THE END OF CIVILIZATION?—Provides scientific history of climate change cycles refuting apocalyptic hysteria of some environmentalists. Al Gore is seen as the Green Guru of know-nothing celebrities, and we are cautioned about viewing global warming as a faith-based initiative. Ask for 6/07

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