

LIVING THE QUESTIONS 2.0

An Introduction to Progressive Christianity





Living the Questions 2.0 Curriculum Edition - \$295.00

2.0 is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers and instead strives to create an environment where participants can

Living the Questions

interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity. Comprised

of 21 sessions, *LtQ2* may be offered in sequence or as three independent flights of seven units each. *LtQ2* includes downloadable and printable leader and participant guides with weekly readings and discussion questions. Each session may be conducted in as little as one hour or expanded to include a meal and extended conversation. *LtQ2* has proven effective in a variety of class, retreat, worship, and other creative formats.

LtQ2 features the insights of over twenty-five theologians and teachers at the top of their game, including Nancy Ammerman, John Bell, Marcus Borg, Rita Nakashima Brock, Walter Brueggemann, Diana Butler Bass, Minerva Carcaño, John Cobb, John Dominic Crossan, Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Yvette Flunder, James Forbes, Matthew Fox, Hans Küng, Amy-Jill Levine, Brian McLaren, Robin Meyers, Helen Prejean, Barbara Rossing, Tex Sample, John Shelby Spong, Emilie Townes, Winnie Varghese and Mel White.

Invitation to Journey

- 1. An Invitation to Journey
- 2. Taking the Bible Seriously
- 3. Thinking Theologically
- 4. Stories of Creation
- 5. Lives of Jesus
- 6. A Passion for Christ: Paul
- 7. Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians

Honoring Creation

- 8. Restoring Relationships
- 9. The Prophetic Jesus
- 10. Evil, Suffering & a God of Love
- 11. The Myth of Redemptive Violence

- 12. Practicing Resurrection
- 13. Debunking the Rapture
- 14. Honoring Creation

Call to Covenant

- 15. A Kingdom without Walls
- Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision
- 17. Incarnation: Divinely Human
- 18. Prayer: Intimacy with God
- 19. Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry
- 20. Creative Transformation
- 21. Embracing Mystery

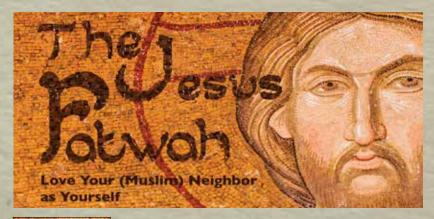


"Living the Questions is the most extraordinary adult education material I have ever used.

Life changing – personally and collectively!

Thank you!"

Rev. John White
 First Congregational UCC,
 Dudley, MA





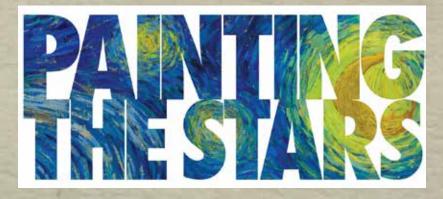
The Jesus Fatwah Curriculum Edition - \$99.00

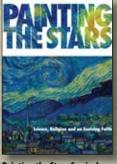
Much of what passes as information about Islam is weed-like disinformation rooted in stereotype and watered by fear. In **The** Jesus Fatwah, Islamic and Christian scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith.

- 1. Islam 101: In Which We Tell You Some of What You Need to **Know About Islam**
- 2. Misconceptions about Islam: In Which We Help You Adjust Your Malarky Filter
- 3. Islam in America: In Which We Introduce You to People Who
- Love America and Pray Towards Mecca
- 4. Making Connections, Part 1: In Which Non-Muslims Make A Case
- 5. Making Connections, Part 2: In Which Muslims Have Their Say

The Jesus Fatwah features seventeen Islamic and Christian scholars, including: Hans Küng, Brian McLaren, Eboo Patel, Stephen Prothero and Feisal Abdul Rauf. Purchase includes five sessions on one DVD disc with downloadable facilitator guide and reader.







Painting the Stars Curriculum Edition - \$140.00

Celebrating the communion of science and faith, *Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith* explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality. Featuring over a dozen leading evolutionary theologians and progressive thinkers, the seven-session program includes a downloadable/printable participant reader (written by evolutionary

theologian Bruce Sanguin) and a facilitator guide with discussion questions. The basic format for each 1-1½ hour session includes conversations around the readings, a 20-minute video presentation and guided discussion.

- 1. Toward Healing the Rift
- 2. A Renaissance of Wonder
- 3. Getting Genesis Wrong
- 4. An Evolving Faith
- 5. Evolutionary Christianity
- 6. Imagining a Future
- 7. An Evolving Spirituality: Mysticism

"This course is a masterpiece.
The content, editing and graphics are beyond first rate.
Congratulations to all."

– John Jacobson, Facilitator, New Smyrna Beach Theology

"It's important to connect with those outside Christian tradition. Painting the Stars builds bridges between thoughtful people of faith and those claiming no faith."

Rev. Tyler Gingrich
 Pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC),
 Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada



HEART | MIND | SOUL | STRENGTH





Dream.Think.Be.Do. - \$250.00

Looking for a springboard to get young adults talking about what Christianity is all about for this generation? *Dream Think Be Do* is an engaging catalyst for conversation among young adults searching for what's next for followers of Jesus. Starting with the foundation of "Love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind" (Luke 10.27), *DTBD* is what Christian educators have been looking for to help college groups and twenty to thirty-somethings build a 21st Century faith.

DREAM (Vol. 1)

- 1. Faith as Journey
- 2. Stories of Creation
- 3. Reconciliation
- 4. Jesus
- 5. Risk

THINK (Vol. 2)

- 1. Thinking Theologically
- 2. Taking the Bible Seriously
- 3. Evil
- 4. Violence
- 5. Rapture & Revelation

BE (Vol. 3)

- 1. A Kingdom without Walls
- 2. God's Vision
- 3. Prayer
- 4. Creativity
- 5. Mystery

DO (Vol. 4)

- 1. Incarnation
- 2. Compassion
- 3. Politics
- 4. Passion (Paul)
- 5. Resurrection

"LtQ is translating the wisdom of the elders for younger generations."

- Matthew Fox



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Saving Jesus Redux Curriculum Edition - \$250.00

Saving Jesus Redux is the completely revised version of LtQ's popular "Saving Jesus" series. The 12-session program includes 12 DVD sessions augmented with new contributors and a new and expanded participant reader with discussion questions, all downloadable from the web. This DVD-based small-

group study not only features leading religious voices of our day, but helps participants find their voice in exploring a credible Jesus for the third millennium. The basic format for each 1-1½ hour session includes conversation around the readings, a 30-minute video segment and guided discussion. Join in dialogue with over two dozen theologians and scholars around the relevance of Jesus for today.

- 1. Introduction: Jesus Through the Ages
- 2. Who was Jesus?
- 3. What Can We Know About Jesus (and How)?
- 4. The World into Which Jesus Was Born
- 5. Jesus' Birth: Incarnation
- 6. Teachings of Jesus: Wisdom Tradition
- 7. Jesus' Program: The Kingdom of God
- 8. Jesus' Ministry of Compassion
- 9. Who Killed Jesus?
- 10. The Atonement
- 11. The Resurrection of Christ
- 12. Why Jesus is Worth Saving

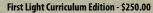
"Saving Jesus has been the most inspiring and thought-provoking adult education series I have ever experienced in my 38 years of ministry."

- Rev. David Wilkinson, Pastor Emeritus, St. Francis in the Foothills UMC, Tucson, AZ











Why were the titles of Caesar Augustus – Divine, Son of God, God from God, Lord, Redeemer, Liberator, and Savior of the World – taken from a Roman emperor

on the Palatine hill and given to a Jewish peasant on the Palestine plain? Was it low lampoon or high treason? Either way, the Romans were not laughing.

What were the priorities of Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom? How was the status quo of Roman imperial theology subverted by this obscure Galilean whose message continues to indict empire today?

First Light is a 12-session DVD and web-based study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with world-renowned New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem

- 1. The Matrix of Jesus
- 2. The Advent of the Messiah
- 3. God's Great Cleanup
- 4. Collaborative Eschaton
- 5. The Lake as the World
- 6. Parables as Lures

- 7. Jesus as Lord
- 8. Substitutionary Atonement?
- 9. Demonstrations in Jerusalem
- 10. The Crowd & the Crucifixion
- 11. Resurrection as Resistance
- 12. America as the New Rome

Participant Reader written by John Dominic Crossan:

"It is all I have to say about Jesus

after half a century of study –

in succinct summary."

ECLIPSING O EMPIRE PAUL, ROME, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD



Eclipsing Empire Curriculum Edition - \$250.00

Accompany Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan on location in Turkey as they trace the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. *Eclipsing Empire* is a 12-session DVD and web-based exploration of Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle's radical relevance for today.

Participant Guide written by John Dominic Crossan. Filmed in High-Definition across Turkey, Greece, and Italy.

- 1. Empire
- 2. Jesus
- 3. Paul's Mission
- 4. Paul's Character
- 5. Paul's Vocation
- 6. Cities

- 7. Paul's Letters
- 8. Paul's Ethics
- 9. Paul's Theology
- 10. Paul's Eschatology
- 11. Icons
- 12. Eclipse

"We just finished Eclipsing Empire and it was fabulous.
This was our third year of using LtQ material for adult education, and people can't get enough of it. We have large crowds, people from the Congregational church next door, and folks now coming from other churches, or who attend no church at all. I've waited thirty years for this kind of material to come out, and I can't thank you enough for presenting and distributing it."

Rev. Jeffrey S. Dugan
 St. James Episcopal Church, Farmington, CT

Of the Bible



Uppity Woman - \$250.00

Uppity Women of the Bible is a four-volume DVD-based series featuring Hebrew Bible professor Dr. Lisa Wolfe. Combining careful scholarship with humor and fresh insights, Dr. Wolfe presents just what your group needs for lively, thoughtful discussion of Ruth, The Song of Songs, Esther and Judith.

The series is comprised of 25 engaging 5-15 minute sessions. Developed for adult study groups meeting in homes or houses of worship, each session ends

with discussion questions so that participants – with or without a trained facilitator – can understand, debate, and explore the issues raised by the stories of these often misunderstood Biblical women.







Matt & Lucy - \$49.95

Little did Pat and Debbie know as they sat back to enjoy their daughter's Christmas pageant that their 4 year old would be introducing them to a whole new way of understanding the Bible. *Matt & Lucy's Version Births* gently introduces parents and kids alike to what clergy and others have known for generations (but haven't shared with people in the pew): that the stories of Jesus' birth are not historical narratives but the creative musings of two well-intentioned evangelists set on

making it clear why Jesus was such a special person.

Matt & Lucy's Version Births can be as simple or elaborate as you decide. There are four speaking parts for youth and seven delightfully sing-able songs for young children (ages 3 and up). The LtQ Equip-kit includes two CDs: a TRAX music CD containing separate instrumental and vocal tracks of the seven musical selections, and a CD-ROM with printable pdf files of the script, production notes and lead sheets (arrangements) of the songs. Written by Rev. Dot Saunders-Perez, with original music by Janet Allyn.

"delightfully subversive..."

"Parents and my senior minister agree that it was the best program the church has ever produced. The script was clever, the kids loved the songs, it was very easy to put together, and the parents were proud as could be.

Thanks for making our holiday program great!"

- Dan Rodriguez Schlorff, Bradford Community Church Unitarian Universalist, Kenosha, WI



JOHN BELL





Singing the Unsung - \$49.95

Singing the Unsung is a DVD resource designed especially for music leaders, worship design teams, and pastors seeking the revitalization of worship for the 21st century. Featuring world-renowned musician and theologian John Bell, Singing the Unsung guides the participants' reflection on the theology of the Church's song and offers practical techniques on how we can sing and pray together with integrity.

With footage from workshops and worship in both the U.S. and Scotland, the two DVD discs include nine 30-minute video segments and introduce 30 songs from around the globe for congregational or choral use. Along with the downloadable discussion guide the sessions may be utilized as individual segments or multi-day to multi-week workshops or classes.





Tex Mix - \$49.95

You've heard of tall tales – Tex definitely has a few of those. But these tales are more on the order of deep and wide. 20 tales (including ten from *LtQ2*) tailored for your teaching, preaching, and devotional use with Tex Sample – the consummate storyteller.

The Summons: Spiritual Jazz



The Summons -\$15.00 - CD \$20.00 - Printable Lead Sheets

The Summons: Spiritual Jazz contains music from Living the Questions. A collection of beautiful and familiar melodies that have withstood the test of time, these Christian hymns have been re-imagined in arrangements that will invite the spirit of Christ into your heart in new and refreshing ways. All music arranged by Barb Catlin – available on CD and as Printable Lead Sheets.

COUNTERING PHARAOH

with Walter Brueggemann



Countering Pharaoh - \$79.95

Ideal for Advent and Lent, flexible in format, *Countering Pharaoh* can be conducted over four or five sessions. The program includes over an hour of video on DVD and a CD-Rom with printable written materials

"It is a journey from slavery to covenant that we keep making over and over again ... [because] Pharaoh has immense power always to draw us back into slavery."

- Walter Brueggemann

PREJEAN QUESTIONING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT



Questioning Capital Punishment -\$79.95

A five-session DVD study featuring Sr. Helen Prejean, one of the world's leading authorities and outspoken critics of statesponsored execution.

A Roman Catholic Sister and leading American advocate for the abolition of the death penalty, Sr. Helen has ministered to numerous inmates on death row, and has authored two books based on those experiences, *Dead*

Man Walking and The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions.
She is the founder of the Death Penalty

Discourse Center in New Orleans.

All proceeds from the sales of **Questioning Capital Punishment** benefit the Death Penalty Discourse Network.



Jesus for the Non-Religious

John Shelby Spong



A perfect companion piece to the bestselling author's book of the same name, the *Jesus for the Non-Religious* DVD is a 68-minute distillation of Bishop Spong's understanding of the God-presence in Christ. In this lecture, Spong explores the meaning of "Christ," images of Messiah, how Christ has been experienced through the ages, and how the divinity of Christ has its ultimate expression in a fulfilled humanity.

Jesus for the Non-Religious - \$19.95

"Jesus calls you to be whole, not religious. Jesus calls you to be real, not religious. Jesus calls you to be loving, not moral and righteous. Jesus calls you to be inclusive, not hating everybody that disagrees with you and claiming your superiority over them."

— John Shelby Spong, from Jesus for the Non-Religious DVD



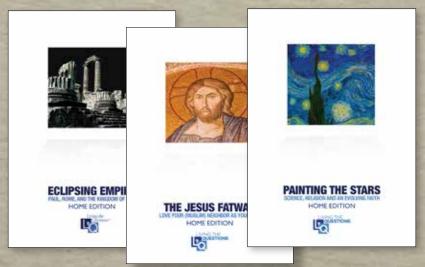


HOME EDITIONS

Living the Questions 2.0, Saving Jesus Redux, First Light, Eclipsing Empire, The Jesus Fatwah, and Painting the Stars are also available in a Home Edition format licensed for private home viewing only – all other rights reserved. Only the public-use/curriculum version includes downloadable participant and leader resources for small-group study.

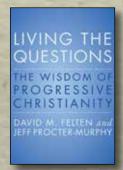


Living the Questions 2.0 Home Edition - \$59.95 Saving Jesus Redux Home Edition - \$49.95 First Light Home Edition - \$49.95



Eclipsing Empire Home Edition - \$49.95 The Jesus Fatwah Home Edition - \$49.95 Painting the Stars Home Edition - \$49.95

LIVING EQUESTIONS BOOK



Ministers David Felten and Jeff Procter-Murphy, along with an all-star cast of Bible scholars and top church teachers, provide a primer to a church movement that encourages every Christian to "live the questions" instead of "forcing the answers." Based on the bestselling DVD course of the same name, *Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive*

Christianity includes commentary from such bestselling authors as Diana Butler Bass, John Shelby Spong, Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Brian McLaren, and others. Tackling issues of faith and controversial subjects such as the church's position on homosexuality, **Living the Questions** is the most comprehensive, indeed the only survey of progressive Christianity in existence today.

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Available wherever books or e-books are sold.

Available in bulk (book bundles of six and 24) at a discount for book study groups at livingthequestions.com

"Among the most dynamic and talented clergy in the world, David Felten and Jeff Procter-Murphy speak with high levels of credibility to the deep and abiding human hunger that yearns for a Christian future."

– John Shelby Spong, author of Re-Claiming the Bible for a Non-Religious World

"A welcome book that is bold and courageous, Felten and Procter-Murphy give voice to a faith that provides a profound alternative to the dominant ideology of 'American Christianity."

Walter Brueggemann, professor emeritus,
 Columbia Theological Seminary

"A rich, wise, helpful and important book – virtually a manifesto of progressive Christianity."

- Marcus Borg, author of The Heart of Christianity





A 3-Year Cycle of Adult Theological Re-education

	Year 1
Advent	First Light (Sessions 1-4) 4 wks
Jan/Feb	First Light (Sessions 5-12) 8 wks
Lent	LtQ2 Vol. 1 Journey 7 wks
Post-Easter	Eclipsing Empire 12 wks
Summer	Amos* 6 wks
Fall	Uppity Women: Judith & Esther 12 wks
Total	49 weeks
	Year 2
Advent	Countering Pharaoh 4 wks
Jan/Feb	LtQ2 Vol. 2 Creation 7 wks
Lent	Questioning Capital Punishment 5 wks
Post-Easter	Saving Jesus Redux 12 wks
Summer	Uppity Women: Ruth 6 wks
Fall	Exodus* 7 wks & Divine Violence?** 8 wks
Total	49 weeks
	Year 3
Advent	LtQ2 Vol. 3 Covenant (Sessions 1-3) 3 wks
Jan/Feb	LtQ2 Vol. 3 Covenant (Sessions 4-7) 4 wks
Lent	Jesus Fatwah 5 wks
Post-Easter	Origins of the Bible 8 wks***
Summer	Romans* 12 wks
Fall	Painting the Stars 7 wks &
	Uppity Women: Songs 6 wks
Total	45 weeks

^{*}Bible Studies by Walter Brueggemann & John Cobb, Jr.

^{**}with John Dominic Crossan to be published '15

^{***}to be published '16

In celebration of Living the Questions' 10th Anniversary,
you may receive a 20% discount on any
adult curriculum order by entering coupon
code LtQB2 at livingthequestions.com.

"LtQ conveys the richness of the Christian tradition in the various personalities, stories and cultures presented. It also succeeds in lifting up the importance of social justice in Christian faith."

- Christian Century

"I've been a Resource Center Director for 17 years, and I can honestly say Living the Questions has generated more excitement than any other resource."

- Mary Rockwell, Endicott, NY

"This is the very best study we have ever done at our church."

- Bonnie Frost, Coral Isles Church, Tavernier, FL

"Facilitating small group discussion using these materials is one of the joys of my ministry!"

- Rev. Sally Iberg, Glenview Community Church, Glenview, IL

"Thank you for taking the risk and helping so many of us work through our journey in the Spirit."

- Susan Voith, St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Carmel, IN

"I can't recommend the Living the Questions material enough. It's a fantastic resource that features some of the best biblical and theological thinkers in the world today – intellectually satisfying with a practical justice orientation."

– Captain Jason Davies-Kildea, Salvation Army, Brunswick, Victoria, Australia

"It (LtQ2) is a gift to all Christians desiring to explore progressive Christian faith and practice. Some of us have been waiting for decades for just such a resource!"

- Rev. Eric Elnes, Ph.D., Countryside Community Church (UCC), Omaha, NE & Co-Founder, CrossWalk America

"Broadened my horizons." "Found the material liberating & challenging." "LtQ challenges the church to be less of an institution & more of a Christ-like Body."

-LtQ Program Participants, Pinetown Methodist, Sarnia, Pinetown, South Africa