

Why the author wrote these books

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It's All About Behavior!

Covenant, is "an agreement that brings about a relationship of commitment between God and people." Relationship, is "the way in which two or more people behave toward each other."

Covenant and Relationship are all about behavior, NOT beliefs! Jesus made the commitment of his whole life to teach and show us how to behave as human beings - this was the mission and ministry of the historic Jesus in Galilee.

As a retired Episcopal priest, I live in a Covenantal relationship with God as a follower of the historic Jesus. I have authored seven books to bring our present knowledge of the universe and this simple invitation of Jesus, "follow me," bringing science and religion together. Scripture speaks of the heavens declaring the wonders of creation and science explains these advantages by certifying these wonders with verifiable facts. When we bring both religion and science together we have a more complete resource for living well. Bringing together the inward and invisible grace of faith with the outward and visible signs of the universe, we can utilize and experience the fullness of the Creation. Each of these seven books, in a variety of ways, share various aspects of this knowledge and understanding to bring unity and solidarity in living well.

Book 1: *Tradition Versus Traditionalism - The Apparent Heresy of Jesus?*

This book opens with a discussion about the value of Tradition versus the eventual problem of Traditionalism, which happens when any tradition lasts too long. Jesus was an itinerate Rabbi in the tradition of the Torah, Law, and Prophets, and the Gospels share their stories of conflicts that Jesus had with the Scribes and Pharisees. Jesus' interpretation was filled with compassion, love, and grace, like the God of Israel, rather than a rigid understanding of control and enforcement of other communities; a Covenantal (a usually formal, solemn, and binding agreement) relationship (harmony of opinion, action, or character) between God and Creation.

Book 2: *Transitioning To New Life - Now And Beyond*

Transitioning, (moving forward in life), is something everyone needs to accomplish during their lives in order to live well. Because life is eternal (energy and matter cannot be created nor destroyed), we make transitions in our lives

one day and one year at a time; especially as we pass from this life. What might it be like and mean when we transition to a life beyond? How and why are these accomplished?

Book 3: *That They All May Be One - Words Often Spoken, Seldom Lived*

This book is an attempt to bring religion and science together, especially after the Enlightenment and the Reformation. Religion and philosophy, the oldest traditions, are comprised of imagination, inspiration, and revelation, all of which are hard to prove. Science is comprised of observation, hypothesis, and theory, based on verifiable facts and truth. Because imagination, inspiration and revelation remain valuable tools, even in these modern times, making progress also must include observation, hypothesis and theory. This book suggests how we may try to meld them together resulting in a better and more efficient life.

Book 4: *The Jesus Movement In The 21st Century*

Jesus, in essence, was not technically the founder of Christianity as the word Christian did not exist in his lifetime. Followers of Jesus, after the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, developed a faith that eventually became a part of Roman government under Constantine (about 300 CE) by establishing creeds and doctrines. From the beginning of the Bible, even in Genesis at creation, God instituted a Covenantal relationship with all creation, especially with people. Jesus was a Torah Jew, an itinerate Rabbi who, following the Prophets, espoused and lived within that Covenant. How did Jesus, an opponent of Roman oppression and disturbed by Roman influence in the Temple, become a "founder" of the Holy Roman Catholic Church in the 4th century? How did the Jesus who was crucified as a defector of Rome become the "savior" of this new religion? How does new evidence of manuscripts in the Qumran Findings, discovered in 1945, along with other older writings, bring us a new and clearer understanding of the historic Jesus and his ministry in First Century Galilee? What is the primary message of The Jesus Movement today?

Book 5: *Today's Renewing F.A.I.T.H.*

This book focuses on keeping ones faith up-to-date. It is the fifth in a series of books written since 2002 that carry a common theme of Faith and Science that is necessary for living well today.

The acronym of F.A.I.T.H., used in this book, emphasizes the importance of **Finding Authenticity In Today's Happenings** for creating one's life with the verifiable facts of science in this 21st century. Because change, diversity, and equality are core values in our universe, we need to constantly and consistently

appreciate these values in order to make positive progress and move forward one day at a time.

For most people, the view of everything is from a Singularity, in the realm of science, or God, in the realm of faith, or both. This book appreciates this common unity between science and faith and shares a love and equal respect for both traditions. Such notable people in faith and science are the prophets, Jesus, Mystics, the desert fathers and mothers, with more modern notables like Buddha, Galileo, Einstein, Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Today, more than ever, as our world grows smaller, with more and more people sharing community, we need a renewing F.A.I.T.H. in love, compassion and grace to become interdependent as friends and neighbors. Sharing and searching together the truths of verifiable facts as we progress in this age of reason, we will find authenticity in today's Faith.

Book 6: *Liberty and Justice for All*

Justice is, “conformity to truth, fact, or reason!” Why do we have so many conflicts, divisions and violence? Perhaps it is because of our plethora of “beliefs?” Beliefs are defined as, “something that is accepted, considered to be true, or held as an opinion.”

With such a variety of so many individual “opinions,” what can bring us together? Our answer is JUSTICE, “conformity to truth, fact, or reason,” bringing Liberty and Justice for All.

- Truth, “a body of real things, events, and facts.”
- Fact, “information presented as having objective reality.”
- Reason, “the power of comprehending, inferring, or thinking in orderly rational ways.”

Without a LOVE for JUSTICE, “conformity to truth, fact, or reason,” there can be no “Liberty and Justice for ALL?”

Do we practice JUSTICE? Do our laws proclaim JUSTICE?

Do our beliefs conform to a love for JUSTICE? Perhaps this lack may be causing our growing angst against one another?

Book 7: *A New Look At The Church -*

C.H.U.R.C.H., An Acronym for an Effective Community in the 21st Century

We learn more about our universe each day and, as time passes, we are acquiring much more. Since the beginning of The Common Era we have witnessed over 20 centuries within the three basic areas of the universe: change, diversity, and equality. Change is the primary principle utilized in maintaining this progress by utilizing the diversity of all its available resources that form the universe along with the principle of equality that ties it all together in balance.

So far in this CE we have a long history of changing styles of human interactions and the formation of civilized societies:

1. Religions, “institutionalized system of religious attitudes, beliefs, and practices”
2. Philosophy, “the most basic beliefs, concepts, and attitudes of an individual or group”
3. Science, “knowledge as distinguished from ignorance or misunderstanding”
4. The Enlightenment: [European intellectual movement of the late 17th and 18th centuries emphasizing reason and individualism rather than tradition.]
5. Population expansion throughout the whole earth

This 21st Century appears to be the beginning of a new Era. With the addition and creation of AI (Artificial Intelligence), there is a growing prowess in our abilities to explore. Plans to inhabit our Moon and Mars in the next few decades show signs of significant changes in the future.

This book lists many ideas and beliefs that can no longer be held as verifiable truth and might be discarded, allowing us to continue moving forward. The chapters in this book will hopefully help to clarify many outdated misconceptions and additions that have been gathered over many years, and enable movement forward with more verifiable truth as we live in this 21st century.