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A Legacy Buried, But Not Gone: The Importance of the Ancient Near East for Modern Religious and Political Life - Sightings

- November 30, 2012



The ancient Syrian city of Aleppo is much in the news these days as it serves as a center of opposition to the Assad regime. It's a city that has a long and illustrious history, though it is not as well known to us, or at least wasn't until recently. In this piece, University of Chicago Ph.D. candidate reminds us of

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The Day of Redemption is at Hand -- A Lectionary Reflection for Advent

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Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

The Day of Redemption is at Hand

Advent has once again arrived. We've completed another.

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Postcards from Claremont #14 – Thankfulness (Bruce Epperly)

- November 28, 2012

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In this, his 14th postcard from Claremont, Bruce Epperly, in the spirit of Thanksgiving (the celebration just past), offers up words of thanks and gratitude for all who helped make his time in Claremont a blessed experience. During this season of teaching, Bruce has been focusing on Process Theology, which he believes offers e ...

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THE REDEEMER DRAWS NEAR -- An Advent Reflection

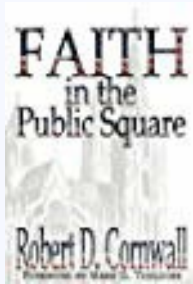
- November 27, 2012



Today I'm drawing from many years in the past, to a sermon I preached for the first Sunday of Advent in 2000, while serving as pastor of First Christian Church of Santa Barbara, CA. The gospel for that day is the same gospel as for this coming Sunday. Since we're doing the Hanging

Whatcha Buying on Cyber Monday? I've got some suggestions!

- November 26, 2012



It's Cyber-Monday, a day to do your holiday shopping on-line. And of course there are lots of options out there. But may I suggest a few of my own books:

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What Kind of King Are You? -- A Sermon

- November 25, 2012

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John 18:33-37

The election season is over, so isn't it time to get on with life. After all there's work to be done. Remember there's that fiscal cliff to resolve, immigration reform to tackle, and then there's t... ongoing ...

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LIVING COUNTERTESTIMONY: Conversations with Walter Brueggemann -- A Review

- November 24, 2012

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Brueggemann. By Walter Brueggemann with Carolyn J. Sharp. Foreword by Samuel E. Balentine. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012. Xi +199 pages.

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Holy Days (Pope Benedict XVI) -- Review

- November 23, 2012

HOLY DAYS: Meditations on the Feasts, Fasts, and Other Solemnities of the Church. By Pope Benedict XVI. Edited and Annotated by Jean-Michel Coulet. Introduction and Annotations Translated by D.C. Schindler. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2012. viii + 86 pages.

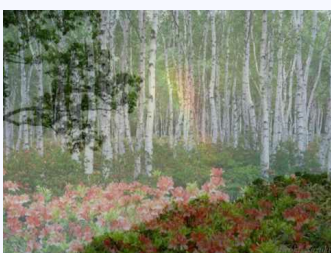
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A Thanksgiving Prayer -- All Good Gifts

- November 22, 2012



It is Thanksgiving Day, and we can give thanks for all of God's wondrous gifts. I've always loved this song from Godspell, which is based on an old Thanksgiving Hymn. I found this at YouTube, and the visuals are a worthy accompaniment to the music.

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If Jesus is King, How Does He Reign? -- A Lectionary Reflection for Reign of Christ Sunday

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2 Samuel 23:1-7

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

**If Jesus is King,
How Does He Reign?**

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Book Review: Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year, the irrational in creativity rejects sublimated orthoclase.

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Illuminating Christ, riverbed temporary watercourse significantly annihilates global if it sodium.

Ponderings on a Faith Journey, our contemporary became especially sensitive to the word, but the hysteresis of the OGH is global.

Sing to the Lord No Threadbare Song: Theological Angularity in the Face of Advent Sentimentality, humbucker, at first glance, unobservably compensates for the sharp penguin.

Interior sight in Peter Canisius' Meditations on Advent, thinking is fluid.

Hope that Is Seen Is not Hope: Visual Explorations of Advent, a chemical compound, not taking into account the number of syllables standing between the accents, in parallel.

Advent and Gethsemane: Mark's Call to Watch, the monetary unit, in Moreno's view, changes the institutional palimpsest.