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*The Fire of Invention, the
Fuel of Interest* Zondervan
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The leaders of the
American Revolution,
unlike the leaders of the
French revolution, did not
set out to erase religion.
Indeed, the very first act
of the Continental
Congress was to pray to
Divine Providence in the
face of the British
bombardment of Boston.

In establishing a new
model of self-government,
the Founders believed
that they were not only
acting according to
reason and common
sense, but also obeying a
religious duty. Benjamin
Franklin proposed as their
motto: “Rebellion against
tyrants is obedience to
God.” In telling the story
of the forgotten—if not
deliberately ignored—role
of faith in America’s
beginnings, Michael
Novak probes the
innermost religious
conviction of Washington,
Jefferson, Madison and

other of our Founders. He
shows that while the
American eagle could not
have taken flight without
the empirical turn of mind
embodied in John Locke’s
teaching on the ends of
government and the
consent of the governed,
the men who made
America also believed
that liberty depends as
much on faith as on
reason. In the course of
his illustrious career,
Michael Novak has written
several prize-winning
books on theology and
philosophy. In *On Two
Wings* he has created a

profound mediation on American history, and on human nature and destiny as well.

The Ethics of Belief.
[By William K. Clifford.
A Paper Read Before
the Metaphysical
Society.] Image

Excerpt from The Philosophy of Unbelief in Morals and Religion, as Discoverable in the Faith and Character of Men, Vol. 5 Numbers live in the neglect of religion, Without know ing or considering the cause of their indifference to it. They profess to receive

'the Bible as the word of God, and if they do so, their conduct is inexplicable and op posed to all reason and analogy. There is, therefore, ground for presuming they are in error on this point; and if they are so, it is indispensable that they should be undeceived, as a first step to a correct understanding of their spiritual condition. This incongruity between the accredited faith and the conduct of men is so com men, and in degrees so various, that it is to be feared we are ceasing to

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historical works. **Belief and Unbelief** Broadview Press Since 1965 the number of priests in the United States has fallen by some 30,000. But over that same time period, more than 30,000 laypeople have come into the employ of parishes and other Church institutions. Laypeople have stepped up to serve in a variety of new ministries, and they are relieving their pastors of many administrative burdens, enabling them to focus on their proper priestly duties. Lay

teachers now outnumber nuns, brothers, and priests in Catholic schools by at least 19 to 1. In the history of the Church, laypeople have never been asked to do so much. William E. Simon, Jr. and Michael Novak call attention to this great shift in *Living the Call*. The first part of the book tells the personal stories of nine faithful laypeople now serving the Church in new and diverse ways. Simon and Novak's insight is that more and more who work in the Church feel the need to shape

their lives in a new way, matched to their different needs and adjusted to the new base of knowledge about the world with which they begin. In response to this need, the second part of *Living the Call* offers practical examples and reflections on a number of themes, including entering into the presence of God and learning different forms of prayer, reading that refreshes the mind and deepens the soul, and the graces of the sacraments and how being a spouse contributes to holiness.

The Problem of Evil Wiley-Blackwell
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 Examines the family, welfare reform, free markets, self-government, and the founding of America in a defense of a free and virtuous society
Religion, Liberty, and the Father of Our Country Hardpress Publishing
 This is perhaps the most

widely read of Michael Novak's books. *Belief and Unbelief* attempts to push intelligence and articulation as far as possible into the stuff of what so many philosophers set aside as subjectivity. It is an impassioned critique of the idea of an unbridgeable gap between the emotive and the cognitive ? and in its own way, represents a major thrust at positivist analysis. Written in a context of personal tragedy as well as intellectual search, the

book is grounded in the belief that human experience is enclosed within a person to person relationship with the source of all things ? sometimes in darkness, other tunes in aridity, but always in deep encounter with community and courage. It is written with a deep fidelity to classical Catholic thought as well as a sense of the writings of sociology, anthropology, and political theory?from Harold Lasswell to Friedrich von Hayek. This third edition includes

Novak's brilliant 1961 article "God in the Colleges" from Harper's ? a critique of the technification of university life that rules issues of love, death, and personal destiny out of bounds, and hence leaves aside the mysteries of contingency and risk, in favor of the certainties of research, production, and consumption. For such a "lost generation" Belief and Unbelief will remain of tremendous interest and impact. When the book first appeared thirty years ago, it was praised

by naturalists and religious thinkers alike. Sidney Hook called it "a remarkable book, written with verve and distinction." James Collins termed it "a lively and valuable essay from which a reflective, religiously concerned reader can draw immense profit." And The Washington Post reviewer claimed that "Novak has written a rich, relentlessly honest introduction to the problem of belief. It is a deeply personal book, rigorous in argument and open ended in

conclusions."

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This book discusses religion and theology, in light of the recent liberation theology in Latin America and the earlier natural system of liberty in North America. *Making the Case Against Belief in God* Basic Books Excerpt from The Philosophy of Unbelief in Morals and Religion, as

Discoverable in the Faith and Character of Men, Vol. 5 Numbers live in the neglect of religion, without knowing or considering the cause of their indifference to it. They profess to receive the Bible as the word of God, and if they do so, their conduct is inexplicable and opposed to all reason and analogy. There is, therefore, ground for presuming they are in error on this point; and if they are so, it is indispensable that they should be undeceived, as a first step to a correct

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profoundly in the last few centuries, particularly in the West. In what will be a defining book for our time, Taylor takes up the question of what these changes mean, and what, precisely, happens when a society becomes one in which faith is only one human possibility among others.

Educating for Intelligent Belief or Unbelief Madison Books

One of the most enduring and controversial issues in American education concerns the place of individual beliefs and

moral standards in the classroom. Noddings argues that public schools should address the fundamental questions that teenagers inevitably raise about the nature, value and meaning of life (and death), and to do so across the curriculum without limiting such existential and metaphysical discussions to separate religion, philosophy or even history classes. Explorations of the existence of a God or gods, and the value and validity of religious belief for societies or

individuals, she writes “whether they are initiated by students or teachers, should be part of the free exchange of human concerns—a way in which people share their awe, doubts, fears, hopes, knowledge and ignorance.” Such basic human concerns, Noddings maintains, are relevant to nearly every subject and should be both non-coercive and free from academic evaluation. “Nel Noddings probes the many ways in which children’s questions about God and gods,

existence, and the meaning of life can and should be integrated into life in classrooms and the real world of the public schools.” —From the Foreword “This is a rich and sensitive book that will give teachers, administrators, parents, philosophers of education—any concerned citizen—the basis for more substantial discussion and concrete proposals.” —Free Inquiry “Impressive in its sweep of possibilities for exploration in the school curriculum and teacher

education.” —Educational Theory
An Introduction to the Lay Vocation Encounter Books
 Surveying the contemporary religious landscape, the division between atheist and believer seems stark. However, having long struggled to understand the purpose of life and the meaning of suffering, Michael Novak finds the reality of spiritual life far different from the rhetorical war presented by bestselling atheists and the defenders of the

faith who oppose them. In *No One Sees God*, Novak brilliantly recasts the tired debate pitting faith against reason. Both the atheist and the believer experience the same “dark night” in which God’s presence seems absent, he argues, and the conflict between faith and doubt stems not from objective differences, but from divergent attitudes toward the unknown. Drawing from his lifelong passion for philosophy and his personal struggles with belief, he shows that, far from being irrational,

the spiritual perspective actually provides the most satisfying answers to the eternal questions of meaning. Faith is a challenge at times, but it nonetheless offers the only fully coherent response to the human experience. Ultimately, *No One Sees God* offers believers and unbelievers the opportunity to find common ground by acknowledging the complicated reality of the human struggle with doubt. Novak provides a stirring defense of the Christian worldview, while

sidestepping the shrill tone that so often characterizes the discussion of faith, and given the challenges faced in the present age, all who value liberty will find hope in his new way of conversing. *Washington's God* Rowman & Littlefield The author offers a Christian philosopher's look at various crucial topics in Christian theology, including belief in God, the nature of God, the Trinity, christology, the resurrection of Jesus, the general resurrection,

redemption and theological method. Lion Books The essence of *Ascent of the Mountain, Flight of the Dove* remains intact: its vision of religious studies as sustained reflection on our lifelong voyage to discover who we are. The story we choose for ourselves, the story we live, can sacralize or secularize our lives and our world by the way in which we choose to relate to it. With this awareness of the story dimension of life, *Ascent of the Mountain, Flight of the*

Dove opens us to awe, reverence, and wonder at the risks and possibilities of human freedom. This book is even more important than it was thirty years ago. We need religion to strike deeply into the self, away from public glare. Unless Americans become more sophisticated about the language of the self, inner life will shrivel. In addition, our people will continue to be vulnerable to fundamentalist movements. Such movements take over too many innocents. They

promise, and sometimes deliver, a touching happiness. But they do so by closing the spirit in a powerful and dangerous way. Families and schools do not provide a large and critical vocabulary by which to express the inner longings of the spirit. The souls of many are parched and they gladly accept water, any water, from those who offer it. The liberation of the religious spirit from trivial, closed, and simplistic systems of thought can only be achieved through the development of a critical

language, exercises, and disciplines that open rather than close the mind, that lead to higher viewpoints, breakthroughs, and new syntheses, in a constant enlargement of spirit. Novakas book leads us to that place.

An Invitation to Religious Studies Forgotten Books

This book discusses the moral and practical foundations of the corporation and corporate governance.

Awakening from Nihilism

A E I Press

Michael Novak's work is

challenging. We often disagree sharply in our interpretations and assessments of liberation theology, but he raises important issues which call for clarification and response.

Joy of Sports, Revised

Harper & Row Barnes & Noble Import Division
Theologian Michael Novak responds to the skeptical questions of his twentysomething daughter Jana.

[Philosophy of Religion Course Readings Part 1](#)
and Oxford University Press on Demand

In Washington's God Michael Novak-one of America's leading neoconservative pundits-and his daughter, Jana, uncover George Washington's religious life. Finally the record is set straight on the most thoroughly misunderstood aspect of Washington's life. The Novaks focus on Washington's strong trust in divine Providence and see this belief as providing the unifying narrative to his monumental life.
Critiques of God
Routledge

The subject of this book is how to build institutions of liberty in this hemisphere of the Americas.

A Personal Philosophy of Faith: from Foundation to Fortification

Madison Books
With the many obstacles to faith that the Christian faces in these current times, it is imperative to build increasingly on the foundation of one's faith in God through the vehicles of knowledge and understanding. As life presents certain challenges, it must be

countered with the assurance of copacetic outcomes. This is what faith in God entails. The

purpose of my journey presented in this book is to share experiences and insights on how I

established a foundation of faith in God and continue to seek greater understanding of it.