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A list of Sound Preacher (Non dodgy) and dodgy ones - posted by deltadom (), on: 2008/1/15 16:26

Working in a christian bookshop it would be smart to compile a list of safe people to buy in your christian bookshop such as Wesleyowen, Eden, St Andrews Bookshop and others. I do not know the American equivalent. A Safe list of preacher s and people that people can buy.
I do not know how long the list would be

Re: A list of Sound Preacher (Non dodgy) and dodgy ones, on: 2008/1/15 17:00

Dodgy? Does that mean they dont drive a Ford?

Krispy

Re: - posted by LiveforGod (), on: 2008/1/15 17:02

jajajajajaja Hilarious.

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2008/1/15 19:57

Sorry I am using London english slang or cockney. What I mean is a list of undesirable preachers and a list of good preachers which people can pick up in the christian bookshop so if anyone walks into the local christian bookshop they would know which books to stay away from such

Good

Andrew Murray
Art Katz
Leonard Ravenhill

Bad

Rob Bell
Rick Warren
Joyce Meyer
Benny Hinn

Re:, on: 2008/1/16 7:05

Hmmm, that seems a good idea. Although some writers probably would need a separate category of those who write mostly good stuff, but you have to use discernment and caution re some things they say.

You would also have to make it clear that you are not necessarily agreeing with everything all on the "good" list say, only that they are sound and spiritually reliable. And the opposite for those on the "bad" list.

Even Balaam prophesied truth, but he wasn't to be trusted!

Making such a list would be a difficult but useful task.

I can't think of any additions to the list so far, but there must be many...

Haven't heard of Rob Bell...

I do hope others will make contributions here. Especially because we all have our own favourite writers, of various styles and emphases, even some novelists. (A classic Christian fiction writer that springs to mind is John Bunyan, but there are other more modern ones in both good and bad categories).

Blessings

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2008/1/16 8:12

I'm certainly not trying to discourage you, I think it's a great idea! I just wonder if, especially in America, a bookstore that only carried the solid teachers would even survive financially. Most Christians today aren't interested in the deeper things of God. I call it "Starbucks Christianity".

Krispy

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2008/1/16 10:07

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Krispy

Survive? they would not even have enough stock to open the doors :-P As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: Hey I like Starbucks Mocha yum! yum!, I am clueless to what "Starbucks Christianity" is though, but hey I am just an old Country boy but I will google it and find out, Partner I have that much sense to know how to do that but I be needing to plow the back 40 first. :-)

Re: - posted by iansmith (), on: 2008/1/16 10:31

I've given up on Christian bookstores... although luckily there is bookfinder.com. At least there I can get my fix of old Moody sermons, Sam Jones, Hudson Taylor and Spurgeon, often early editions in good condition -who'd have thought I'd pay less for the original book than I would for a reprint in a new bookstore.

Re: - posted by SimpleLiving (), on: 2008/1/16 12:18

Krispy wrote:

Quote:
----- I just wonder if, especially in America, a bookstore that only carried the solid teachers would even survive financially.

Only under the direct leading of God to open it to begin with. Can you imagine such a bookstore? They would have all of my business!

Re:, on: 2008/1/16 13:14

Unless the Lord builds the house... if He wants someone to own a bookstore like that He will make it happen.

Krispy

Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2008/1/16 16:13

Hmmm...how about:

Good:

Those who know the Lord and humbly preach the Word of God (purely and without prior consideration of sectarian or doctrinal goals) completely out of a desire for people to truly know, love and fellowship with Him. They desire no self glory, doctrinal recruitment or ulterior gain. Their message is not a farce or misrepresentation. There is no desire to stand in the way of God. There is no "*I know the 'truth' so you better believe what I say or else*" type of attitude. They do not want a reputation, and wouldn't think of robbing God of even a moment of the glory that is due His Name. There is merely a simple, obvious, pure and unquenchable desire to know Him and bring others to know Him too.

Bad:

Anything else.

:-)

By the way, I understand what deltadom really wants to do. I do encourage believers to hear a message from men like Ravenhill, Tozer or Reidhead. In my experience, they will immediately experience a difference from the messages of men like this compared with much of what else is presented in today's world. I remember the first time that I heard such a message (it was *Holy Ground* by David Wilkerson). I wept as those words tore through me like a plow through well-watered soil.

I listened to that message twice in a row in my youth pastor's office. I ordered several more messages (*A Christless Pentecost* by Wilkerson and *Purity and Fire* by Brother Ravenhill). The effect was still the same. These words burned within me and I felt as though I found someone who was as passionate for the Truth as I was. By the time that I turned on the local Christian radio station and TBN, I felt an immediate difference between the words of Ravenhill and the words of the popular preachers (not that I was a "fan" anyway).

I've attended many Sunday "services" that never pricked my heart the way that those messages prick me each and every time I listen. That is why this website is such a blessing! I've been a member for several years; and, before that, I simply enjoyed downloading and listening to the messages! I have always viewed this place as such a TREASURE! In a world where a certain famine exists for hearing such heart provoking messages and where distractions exist at every turn, it is a blessing to find messages from men who cared more about the honor of God than they did about their name, their doctrine, their denomination or their reputation.

:-)

Re: A list of Sound Preacher (Non dodgy) and dodgy ones - posted by Limey153 (), on: 2008/1/17 8:24

Hi there,

Certainly a good idea, personally I hardly bother with christian bookshops now, I simply buy online so that I don't have to filter through all the trash to get to what I want.

A little while ago a preacher said "If Christians today are relying on Jesus to meet their needs and give their lives meaning then why are the Christian bookshops across the country filled with self help books for people living empty and meaningless lives!"

I can't quite remember who said that now but I think it was Leonard Ravenhill. It is certainly true! There is ALOT of carnal teaching filling up the christian bookshops.

Personally I use Sermon Index as a guide to good authors and teachers, I have to say that Greg Gordon has done great job in putting together good wholesome teaching for us and if I were trying to put together a list for a christian bookshop I would probably just use this website.

As far as bad teachers go, seek the Lord regarding this. There are certainly a lot of bad teachers, however, sometimes we can be better to simply encourage good teaching and trust the Lord that once folk find somebody who is preaching truth and life that this will overshadow the corrupt teachers.

God bless you

Kindest Regards

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Darren :-)

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2008/1/17 10:42

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Darren :-)

Thats pretty good.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/1/17 22:00

Quote:

-----Sorry I am using London english slang or cockney.

You mean to tell me English folks have a sense of humor??!! WOW! I thought they (except for a few persons) were stogy, stuffy like their queen.... whew! I learned something new today! :-P

ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2008/1/18 16:44

They do say that the Queen has a very lively sense of humour, especially in private. But of course she can't show it much at solemn public occasions.

Maybe the British sense of humour is too subtle for you Americans ;-)

Jeannette

Re: some more books, on: 2008/1/18 16:46

Here are a few favourites, and otherwise, to add to the book list. I don't necessarily agree with all the "good" ones write, but believe they are basically "sound":

GOOD

Bible/devotional

Alan Redpath
Watchman Nee

Missionary/devotional

Amy Carmichael

Missionary

Isobel Kuhn
Phyllis Thompson

Prayer/spiritual warfare

R.A. Matthews
Ray Borlaise (Intercessors for Britain)

Dave Hunt ("sound", though you may not agree with some of his theology) but a bit repetative)

Children's novels

Patricia St John

Novels

Francine Rivers (care, they recently published, without her consent or knowledge, one of her books written "BC, before s he became a Christian). Her Biblical novels, such as Lineage of Grace are especially good.

Bodie and Brock Thoene

Joel C Rosenberg

Janette Oake (mostly light romances, but strongly Christian theme)

BAD

Rick Warren et al

Cindy Jacobs

Others, can't remembr their names!

PATCHY, good in parts, like the curate's egg (ever heard of the curate's egg?)

Phillip Yancy

Jeff Lucas (???)

Blessings

Jeannette

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/1/18 17:09

More good books:

Books by Corrie ten Boom

A Song for Your Honor by Kay Evans

Children's Books:

Lois Waiford Johnson

Others:

J.I. Packer's: Knowing God

Alvin J. Schmidt: Under the Influence

Bilquis Sheikh: I Dared to Call Him Father

Joseph Wheeler has a a series of compilations of short stories: "Great Stories Remembered", "Christmas in My Heart" (every fall a new one is added to this collection) and other "..in My Heart" series. These are wonderful stories when you w ant to relax and be entertained, encouraged. I have most of these books in my collection.

Philip Yancey co-authored a few books with Dr. Paul Brand: "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made", "In His Image"...am not s

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ure if there are others. These are among the best Yancy wrote...not all he wrote is worthwhile reading.

And there are many others....a body cannot name them all.

Blessings,
ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2008/1/18 18:29

How could I have forgotten Corrie Ten Boom especially, and Paul Brand?!!! And there was another, more recent, missionary doctor (in Nepal I think), whose books I found both readable and challenging. One was called "Don't Let the Goats eat the Loquat Trees!

Under "missionary", Helen Rosevere, who was captuerd and suffered at the hands of the rebels in the Congo Uprising is another. Books such as "Give me this Mountain, and "He gave us a valley".

But maybe we'd best keep mainly to *authors*, or there will be thousands of books on the list!

Blessings

Jeannette

Re: A list of Sound Preacher (Non dodgy) and dodgy ones - posted by narrowpath, on: 2008/1/18 20:39

There is a post from Greg about the question you raised

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=6701&forum=34

Check it out Mate!

Philip

Re: - posted by WithTheWind, on: 2008/1/19 4:33

Extraordinary:

T. Austin-Sparks

Andrew Murray

A.W. Tozer

E.M. Bounds

Jessie Penn-Lewis

Art Katz