

sion to Christ and while a student at Northwestern University. What impressed me was the fact that a man like Henry Adams should have spent so much of his life attempting to resolve the mystery of what his relationship with God should be. It came as a great encouragement to me to realize that God in His grace had made known Himself to me.

C. T. Studd by Norman Grubb (Christian Literature Crusade). As a young Christian and exposed for the first time to Christian literature, I was impressed by this account of conversion, dedication and commitment by a top athlete to Jesus Christ. I believe this was the first time I realized that conversion to Christ did indeed involve the kind of commitment which Studd demonstrated. Many times since then I have looked back at the man Studd and realized that he was a pioneer in his day and among the people in the society in which he moved.

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit by Reuben Archer Torrey (Zondervan). While attending evening school at Moody Bible Institute I came across this book and was astonished to discover that the Holy Spirit was more than a name in the Trinity. I believe I could honestly say this was my first introduction to the person and work of the Holy Spirit—an exciting introduction but one which did not bear fruit for another 15 years when the Holy Spirit became real to me. Many times I have turned to Torrey's other books on the Holy Spirit and have been particularly pleased when we were able to interview R. A. Torrey III for *Christian Life Magazine*. At that time he confirmed that his grandfather, his father and himself subscribed to the Biblical proposition that the Holy Spirit operates the same today as He did in the first century.

Smith Wigglesworth by Stanley Frodsham (Gospel Publishing). At a time when evangelical Christianity revolved largely around great evangelistic promotions, I was delighted to discover that this stalwart of the faith of another generation had progressed steadily from the Anglican Church to the Plymouth Brethern to the Salvation Army and finally into the reality of the Holy Spirit alive and working

today. Although I had not yet seen the Spirit of God at work as He was in the life of Smith Wigglesworth, this book created a deep desire in my heart to do so.

Great Lion of God by Taylor Caldwell (Doubleday). This recently published book on the life of the Apostle Paul brought into dramatic focus the life and times of the greatest evangelist of all times.

O Jerusalem by Collins and Lapierre (Simon and Schuster). In the light of current developments in the Mid East, this documented account of the emergence of the state of Israel, and the defense of Jerusalem against the Arabs in the early days of its statehood, gave me a deeply appreciated insight into the mind of the Israeli today.

NORMAN GRUBB

Missionary, author of many books, and founder of the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade (WEC), Norman Grubb's home is the world although his address is Ft. Washington, Pennsylvania.

He says: "I want to share with the readers of *Logos Journal* three authors whose books I have found to be fundamental in my understanding of the things of God."

William Law is the author of *Spirit of Prayer and Spirit of Love*, which leads on to and helps explain the greatest "see-er" into the depths of God I have ever read, Jacob Boehme.

Walter Lanyon is apparently largely unknown and his books are out of print. He died about 1910. His book: *Ask* (De Vross Publishers). No man I have ever read has poured as much light into my spirit on the actual Spirit-union in which we live in God through Christ as Lanyon. Everyone I have given a copy to says, "Why have I never seen this before?" I have never read another like him.

Soren Kierkegaard. Matchless to me is the combination of tremendous intellect and rock-bottom insight into our true God-relationship. I know nothing that so nearly approaches greatness on Christian love as his *Fear and Trembling*, nor anything greater on the hidden basis of suffering in our Christian walk than *Concluding Unscientific Postscript*, nor

anyone who tears away the false pretensions of human philosophies more so than he does. Yet I know many foolish evangelical writers who speak of him as a teacher of error. No thank you.

JAMIE BUCKINGHAM

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The Gospel Blimp by Joseph Bayley (Intervarsity Press). Several years ago, when I was caught in the clutches of denominational activism, starting first this program and then that in my church, I stumbled across this little book. Intrigued by its size, title and cover design, I started to read, thinking perhaps I would discover some new program to give my church a shot in the arm. I had read only a few pages when instead of a shot in the arm, I received a lance all the way through my soul. This is an iconoclastic story of a group of men who set out to win the world by buying a blimp to scatter tracts, flash neon signs ("JESUS SAVES") and broadcast sermons from the heavens. Dripping blood on my "Revival Plan Book" and the Forward Program for Church Finance" manual, I staggered back to the Bible to find God's method of evangelism was not blimps, but relationships. My life, and my activities have never been the same since.

One year prior to the baptism in the Holy Spirit, I started opening my life to God's truth through church renewal. Three books helped shape me at that time. One of them was Elizabeth O'Connor's story of Godron Cosby and the Church of the Saviour in Washington, D. C., *Call to Commitment* (Harper & Row). I was deeply impressed by the daring and imaginative concepts of this small group of committed people. A second book was Keith Miller's *Taste of New Wine* (Word). I had always had a problem with personal honesty—with others, with God and with myself. This book pried the lid off my jar and let in air and light, allowing me to live until the Holy Spirit could finally bring God's life. The third book in this trilogy was Elton Trueblood's *The Company of the Committed* (Harper & Row.). This bold re-thinking of the meaning of the ministry, in which Trueblood rightly asserts that all Christians are to be

ministers, still plays a major roll in my understanding of the meaning of the church.

Sadly, none of these three books move into the deeper area of the supernatural. Although scripturally sound, they are still on a human level. However, all three did help lay the foundation for my Spirit-baptism which in turn enabled me to move, with my church, into the deeper things of God.

Face up With A Miracle by Don Basham (Whitaker). This was the first book I read after having received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Basham's simple, honest reporting of his own experiences meant much to me. I still use this book as one of several which I give to those who are earnestly seeking the baptism.

Shout It From the Housetops by Pat Robertson (Logos). I'm going to fudge a little here, and list one of my own books. This book, more than any of the others I have written, helped shape my life. Robertson's trek out of an evangelical background into a walk of

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faith in the Spirit made a tremendous impact on my personal life. In fact, I was unable to complete the book until I began putting some of these principles into practice in my life. I made a lot of mistakes and lost a lot of money needlessly because I was not hearing aright from God, but it was one of the big turning points in my own commitment to put my hand to the plow and not look back. Out of it came a slogan which is now framed and hanging above my desk. "Attempt something so big, that unless God intervenes, it is bound to fail."

Rees Howells, Intercessor by Norman Grubb (CLC). When I graduated from high school, back in 1950, Julia Baldwin, a Christian nurse who had tended my father in an Asheville, N. C. hospital, sent me this book as a graduation present. Unread, it stayed on my shelf for 20 years until one day, searching for a deeper understanding of prayer, I picked it up. Not only has the biography of this simple man (written by a true "giant" of the faith) changed my prayer life, it has re-shaped my entire concept of the walk of faith.

God's Chosen Fast by Arthur Wallis (CLC). A most readable, definitive work on fasting. Two years ago when God called me into my first lengthy fast, this book became my constant companion, answering all my questions and re-shaping my thinking to the extent that fasting has now become a regular part of my disciplined walk in the Spirit.

Manifest Victory by Rufus Mosley (Logos). I struggled through this book 25 years ago and it had absolutely no meaning. Recently it was reprinted by Logos and I picked it up again. This time it came alive in my hands. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, it could only be understood by people who were filled with the Spirit. Mosley's journey from fundamentalism through mysticism through Christian Science into the Spirit-filled life gave me new insight into myself. One statement (which was worth the price of the book) also occupies a place on a plaque above my desk. "He who gives himself and all that he has to be led by the Spirit is headed rightly, no matter how imperceptible his progress may be."

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