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Review

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----Mark Galli, Senior Managing Editor, Christianity Today

"Matthew Lee Anderson...is a serious student of God's Word and God's world, and in this book he patiently and insightfully explores a theology of the body from numerous angles...I suspect that many of us will think differently--and more biblically--about the body as a result of this very fine work."

---Justin Taylor, ESV Study Bible

"On nearly every page you can find two virtues rarely combined: surprising new insights and good old common sense. Here is good counsel (solid, soulful, scriptural) about how to be humans, in bodies, under the gospel."

---Fred Sanders, Torrey Honors Institute, Biola University

"This book is for the church who is in the world. It is a truth-balm for a broken culture addicted to body image. Be challenged to forsake your "quasi-gnosticism" and embrace the divine dignity of your body so that you can worship well."

---Darrin Patrick, Lead Pastor at The Journey and author of Church Planter

"Matthew Lee Anderson makes an important contribution to the evangelical dialogue about the role of the human body that is both scholarly and accessible...Christians will learn from this book that the body is important, but that we are not just computers made out of meat."

--- John Mark Reynolds (Ph.D.), Torrey Honors Institute

About the Author

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