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Review of *Blinded by Might: Why the Religious Right Can't Save America*

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source of additional information on the pluralistic attitudes that a Christian faces in our culture. Academic libraries should consider it only as an optional purchase.

Blinded by Might: Why the Religious Right Can't Save America (2nd edition), by Cal Thomas and Ed Dobson. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 2000. 285 pp. \$12.99 ISBN 0-310-23836-6

Reviewed by Lowell A. Walters, Access Services Librarian, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia.

"How does God view nations, and does he favor some over others? Many have taught that he does. Does he? Does God need sinful, fallen humanity to advance his plan for the world and individuals?" These questions are posed to the reader in the preface of this new soft cover edition of the 1999 work of the same title.

On June 12, 1989 Rev. Jerry Falwell stated the following upon the dissolving of the Moral Majority... "When I founded the Moral Majority, my goal was to engage the religious right and, in return, to change the direction of the country on its moral and social dilemmas. Ten years later, we feel that our mission is accomplished." To readers of both the first chapters of this book and current news media, it is evident that the change of direction in the country has certainly not been a turn of 180 degrees.

Former Moral Majority insiders, Cal Thomas and Ed Dobson claim that the nation must be changed from the bottom up. Morality cannot be legislated. Morality can blossom only as local churches and ultimately individual Christians practice Biblical and sincere Christian disciplines. *Blinded by Might* does not call Christians to forsake political responsibilities and aspirations. Instead, the work demonstrates that morality does not stem from a change in legislative representation and influence. Morality grows from a

change in the hearts of individuals.

This book, which includes interviews with national political and religious leaders such as George McGovern, John Ashcroft, Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell, is highly recommended to academic and church libraries as well as public libraries that serve populations interested in political science and/or Christian ministry.

Jesus: An Interactive Journey, by Ray Vander Laan. Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan Publishing House, 1997. CD-ROM. \$48.99. 0-310-67888-9.

Reviewed by Jule L. Kind, Director of Off Campus Library Services, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana.

This CD-ROM provides a fascinating interactive software trip back into the time of Jesus, reliving in full color, voice and history the life and times of Christ. It allows the user to migrate through the software depending on the needs of the user, studying the historical, geographical and cultural background of the Gospel. The "Scroll Room" is the central access point to over 180 different avenues of travel through the life and times of Christ. Each user can identify themselves and bookmark their stopping point as they travel through the world of Jesus. In addition to encyclopedic kinds of information, there is a concordance, study questions and of course scripture from the appropriate Gospel books. This tool is very appropriate for home or school use for in depth audiovisual understanding of the Gospels. Gives detailed, accurate reference information for anyone wanting a better understanding and appreciation of the time of Christ. It is appropriate for ages 8 through adult.

The software is compatible with Windows 3.1 and Windows 95 and higher operating systems. It requires color, audio, 3MB hard drive space, a minimum 2x CD-ROM drive, 8 MB (W 3.1) and 16 MB RAM (W 9x)

Mr. Vander Laan is founder of That

the World May Know Ministries. His organization mission is to enable people to understand the Jewish cultural significance of the Bible in today's culture. He is a high school and seminary teacher and resides in Michigan.*

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