

Dangerous Church: Risking Everything to Reach Everyone - 2011 - Zondervan, 2011 - 208 pages - 9780310302315 - John Bishop

Risking Everything. Our American way of life has tended to mold the local church into the local religion store. It offers various programs and activities that keep everyone involved and even maximizing the "ministries" of its members. But it can also simply be a beehive of activity, none or little of which has much to do with the healing of the soul. If you read across Orthodox books that center on the issue of Personhood a common theme becomes visible. Our fall and our brokenness leave us vulnerable, even in our religious efforts, to the development of a "false self" something quite other than the wholeness of true Personhood. Everything. These things are easy to get wrong, and we doubtless fail at many of them most of the time. What is to be done? Dangerous churches are churches that are willing to risk everything--comfort, safety, and the security of the familiar--for the sake of the one thing that matters most: reaching out to people who may spend eternity separated from the God who created them. God wants us to live on the edge of our margins, walking by faith and not simply following scripted methods or programmed patterns. Dangerous Church takes you back to the Book of Acts and reminds church leaders that the heartbeat of the church is not found in agendas or human plans, but in pursuing the mission of God and reaching out to a lost world. Creepy occult books are a favorite accessory in horror films and books. Spell books with ominous covers hold dark secrets - and could possibly unlock a bloody dose of utter chaos. The Necronomicon might be the stuff of fiction, but there are real magical books out there with a creep factor that is off the charts - and they're often even stranger than fiction. Humans are obsessed with the idea of powerful objects, and very curious about things we don't understand. Some may say these occult books are bogus, and others swear they are the key to connecting with spirits from another world. From lea