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Flickering Pixels - How Technology Shapes Your Faith

Flickering pixels are the tiny dots of light that make up the screens of life—from TVs to cell phones. They are nearly invisible, but they change us. In this provocative book, author Shane Hipps takes readers beneath the surface of things to see how the technologies we use end up using us. Not all is dire, however, as Hipps shows us that hidden things have far less power to shape us when they aren’t hidden anymore. We are only puppets of our technology if we remain asleep. Flickering Pixels will wake us up—and nothing will look the same again.

Selling Water by the River - A Book about the Life Jesus Promised and the Religion That Gets in the Way

Work, sex, ice cream, religion—they all promise fulfillment. But what they deliver is fleeting. Jesus knew about this quest. He came to show us that peace is possible in this life, not just the next one. Yet Christianity, the very religion that claims Jesus as its own, has often built the biggest barriers to him and the life he promised. Celebrated speaker and pastor Shane Hipps revives the faith with a fresh and persuasive understanding of the message of Jesus. The shocking truth is that Jesus proclaimed "eternal life" as a present reality that dwells within each of us. A transformative breakthrough, this book goes beyond "religion" or "spirituality" and cuts to the heart of our humanity and existence. It’s about realizing that we already possess what we are searching for, and that the Heaven we long for isn't just a gift when we die, but a gift while we live.

Cats Don't Bark - A Guide to Knowing Who You Are, Accepting Who You Are Not, and Living Your Unique Purpose

At some point in life everyone is compelled to ask the primordial question--Why am I here? How we answer that question determines whether or not we will discover our true calling in life and harness our full professional, personal, and spiritual potential. Many counterfeit voices will offer an answer, but the one true voice whispers from the inside. CATS DON’T BARK provides powerful techniques to help the reader listen for the "One Voice" and find the courage to follow it. This is a book about discovering who we are, accepting who we are not, and cultivating the habits we need to discover and embrace who we were meant to be.

Follow You, Follow Me - Why Social Networking is Essential to Ministry

Learn some words of wisdom for the space of social networking. We don’t often associate social networking with good things. The conventional wisdom, as it were, is that Twitter, Facebook and the like are engaging and fun, maybe dangerous, and definitely a big, shallow
waste of time. When it comes to faith, is there any value? Some point to horror stories of illicit behavior simplified by the connections it creates. Others point to its effectiveness as a tool for networking Christians with prayer chains and referrals. But what is really going on here? By now we can acknowledge that social networking is not going away. Maybe you have resisted all social networking, you consider tweeting a frivolous fad and your Facebook account is dusty. Maybe you post several times a day. In either case, do you understand the power and depth of this new medium—in community building, spiritual formation, and yes, even evangelism?

**The Hidden Power of Electronic Culture - How Media Shapes Faith, the Gospel, and Church**

The Hidden Power of Electronic Culture helps the church navigate its challenges and opportunities in the context of our electronic culture. Shane Hipps interprets and explains this culture and the implications for our faith and the church. This book invites us to engage new cultural realities while staying connected to our spiritual heritage.

**Human Rites - The Power of Rituals, Habits, and Sacraments**

What are we doing when we gather around the sacraments—or when we make the same breakfast every morning? Embodying rituals, says Dru Johnson. And until we understand what we’re doing and why, we won’t know how these rituals work, what they mean, or how we might adapt them. In Human Rites Johnson considers the concept of ritual as seen in Scripture and its role in shaping our thinking. He colorfully illustrates both the mundane and the sacred rituals that penetrate all of life, offering not only a helpful introduction to rituals but also a framework for understanding them. As he unpacks how rituals pervade every area of our lives, Johnson suggests biblical ways to focus our use of rituals, habits, and sacraments so that we can see the world more truly through them.

**iGods - How Technology Shapes Our Spiritual and Social Lives**

Today the world is literally at our fingertips. We can call, text, email, or post our status to friends and family on the go. We can carry countless games, music, and apps in our pocket. Yet it's easy to feel overwhelmed by access to so much information and exhausted from managing our online relationships and selves. Craig Detweiler, a nationally known writer and speaker on media issues, provides needed Christian perspective on navigating today's social media culture. He interacts with major symbols, or "iGods," of our distracted age--Google, Facebook, Amazon, Apple, Pixar, YouTube, and Twitter--to investigate the impact of the technologies and cultural phenomena that drive us. Detweiler offers a historic look at where we've been and a prophetic look at where we're headed, helping us sort out the immediate from the eternal, the digital from the divine.

**The Medium and the Light - Reflections on Religion and Media**

Say the name Marshall McLuhan and you think of the great discover's explorations of the
media. But throughout his life, McLuhan never stopped reflecting profoundly on the nature of
God and worship, and on the traditions of the Church. Often other intellectuals and artists would
ask him incredulously, Are you really a Catholic? He would answer, Yes, I am a Catholic, the
worst kind -- a convert, leaving them more baffled than before. Here, like a golden thread lining
his public utterances on the media, are McLuhan's brilliant probes into the nature of conversion,
the church's understanding of media, the shape of tomorrow's church, religion and youth, and
the God-making machines of the modern world. This fascinating collection, gathered from his
many and scattered remarks, essays, and other writings, shows the deeply Christian side of a
man widely considered the most important thinker of our time, a man whose insights into media
and culture have revolutionized the field of media study and the way we see the world.

**Flickering Pixels - How Technology Shapes Your Faith**

“The methods change, but the message stays the same.” This saying is the guiding light for
faithful Christians in a changing world. But author Shane Hipps reveals the error in this thinking.
Instead he demonstrates how changing the methods always changes the message. He shows
us the hidden power of technology to shape our faith in unexpected ways.

**Prophetically Incorrect - A Christian Introduction to Media Criticism**

The Bible includes prophetic speech and at times the church and its representatives are called
to speak prophetically. But in our media-saturated age when many claim to speak for God, how
can we evaluate the avalanche of supposedly prophetic speech? What does it mean to truly be
prophetic? And when Christians should speak prophetically, how can they do so in a biblical
and effective way? Using vivid examples, this book offers clear guidelines for creating,
critiquing, and consuming popular media, as well as practical suggestions for faithful
communication. It also helps readers think critically about communication technology. The book
includes a foreword by Quentin Schultze and a preface by Clifford Christians.