

Intro

- Reclaiming Christianity, Episode 2.0: Season 2 Intro
- The only Christian podcast where the host, until recently, didn't wear pants.
- I'm John Weldy and I'm just a guy (I am no one of consequence)
- With me is my cohost Jennifer Neyhart. Whatcha reading this week, Jennifer?
- Join our community: FB - Reclaiming Christianity, Theology Book Club;
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This Episode

- (Reviews since last episode (NONE))
(<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/reclaiming-christianity/id1274327304?mt=2>)
- Host Interviews
 - What's your story? How'd you get from there to here?
 - What kind of Christian are you?
 - Why do you want to do a show called Reclaiming Christianity? What does that mean to you?
 - What kind of reader are you? What are some of your favorite books?
 - What other hobbies do you have?
- Our Philosophy (John's Facebook Posts)
 - I believe that one day people will talk of violence, wealth inequity and racism like we talk about slavery and genocide today.
 - If you read the Bible literally, you see a God who is less moral than you. The problem isn't God, it's your interpretation.
 - If your God is an exclusionist, you will pick men to lead who are exclusionists.
 - Few things feel better than throwing off the chains of religious moralism. Recovery takes time, but living without guilt and shame is so freeing!
 - Hey Christians, can we please stop saying stuff like "apply the blood of Jesus to your mind". Umm...gross!
 - Facts have a notoriously liberal slant.
 - Evangelicals taught me that I must follow God even when the whole world is against me.

They don't like it now that I don't agree with them anymore.
 - Today I attended a meeting of the local chapter of Democratic Socialists of America. At the start of the meeting, they asked us each to tell our name and the reason we were there. I said, "As I started to take my faith

seriously, I realized I could no longer align myself with Evangelical Christianity.”

Mine was the only answer met with applause.

If you can no longer be “that kind of Christian” and you feel all alone, please understand that you are not.

There are millions of us.

And we are growing.

- There are now 2,208 billionaires in the world.

The poorest billionaire, by definition, has a net worth of \$1,000,000,000.

The median American household has a net worth of \$97,300.

Therefore, the poorest billionaire has as much money as 10,277 median American households.

Put another way, when the poorest billionaire buys a \$100,000 Tesla he is exhibiting about the same purchasing power than when a median American household pays its \$8.99 basic monthly Netflix bill.

When that same billionaire buys a \$10 million mansion, it’s the same as when a median American household pays the \$973 rent on their 2-bedroom urban apartment.

Are you starting to understand just how much more these people have?

Why does anyone need that much?

- If you are against abortion but believe in a God who eternally tortures people, you are not pro-life.

- Structure

- 2 eps/mo
- 1 book/2 mo
- 3 eps, then feedback
- Upcoming Books
 - Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, Marcus Borg
 - If Grace is True, Phillip Gulley
 - Healing Spiritual Wounds, Carol Merritt
 - A People’s History of Christianity, Diana Butler Bass
 - Illusions: Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah, Richard Bach

Closing

- What can people find you?
 - Jennifer
 - Jenniferneyhart.com
 - Twitter: @JenniferNeyhart
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 - John
 - Facebook: John Weldy
 - Podcasts: Chris & Dad Play Games, Drum Corps AF
- Facebook groups: Reclaiming Christianity, Progressive Theology Book Club
- Find us on Our Bible App, a Bible study app and community for progressive Christians. Check it out at OurBibleApp.com
- Leave us a review on iTunes!
- Next Episode: Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time
- The most beautiful thing you can ever be is you.
 - Do what you love, love what you do.

A new beginning. John & Jennifer introduce themselves and talk about what the podcast will look like in season 2.

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Show Notes

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/403347550080451/>

Tonight about 8:30pm EST I will be recording episode 38 of my podcast Reclaiming Christianity with panelists Nat Fitzgerald and Shan Edgington. Our topic is ***encouraging dialogue between those who left religion and those who stayed***. The conversation is shaped by the book "Why I Left, Why I Stayed" by humanist Bart Campolo and his father, evangelist Tony Campolo.

To join the discussion, like this page. When we go live a link will appear that will let you listen in and join in a chat channel.

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Episode 35: Evolution of the Word, part 1

Panelists: Jennifer Neyhart, Jason Arnold

- The New Testament in the order it was written
- BOOKS
- other

Show Notes:

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- (Hey John, Whatcha Readin'?)

This Episode

- Premise
 - This episode we are talking about The Shack, but that's just a jumping off point. What we're really talking about is different conceptions of God.
 - Brief review - The Shack - different conception of God
- Guests
 - Muzaffar Ahmad, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community
 - Introduce yourself, tell a little about your community
 - Tamrha Gatti Richardson, Novices of the Old Ways
 - Introduce yourself, tell a little about your community
 - What is your view on Interfaith initiatives? Why do you participate? What have you received from being involved?
 - If you really want to dive deep into your religious tradition, spend time learning and experiencing other traditions.
 - What is a common misconception that Christians have about your tradition?
 - Who or what is God in your tradition? To you personally?
 - What are your thoughts on the typical Christian view of God?
 - What parts resonate with you, what parts do not?
- The Shack
 - What did you see in depiction of God in The Shack that was different from what you have understood of the Christian view?
 - How does this view relate to the view of God of your tradition? You personally? What parts resonate with you, what parts do not?
 - The Divine Feminine

News

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The lenses through which we see God. John welcomes Muzaffar Ahmad, a Muslim, and Tamrha Gatti Richardson, a Pagan, to discuss different views of God. We talk about our individual and collective views through the lens of The Shack, the 2008 novel by Christian author William Paul Young that has some crying heresy and others connecting with God in new ways.

More information on the Ahmadiyaa Muslim community can be found at www.trueislam.com

More information on the Novices of the Old Ways Indianapolis can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/262760450501221/>

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Future episodes

Universalism, part 2:

- Quaker Universalist Reader #2: Universalism & Religions
 - Pp 9-18: Quaker Universalism in a World Religious Setting
 - Pp 32-33: What Universalism is Not
 - Pp 79-83: Universal Salvation?
 - What is “being saved”?
 - Pp138-141: Universalism and Interfaith

Past Notes

- Nonliteralism in John’s Gospel
 - NO PARABLES
 - 1:1-5 Birth
 - 1:32-33 Baptism
 - 1:51 Jacob’s ladder, melding of heaven and earth
 - 2:13-25 Cleansing of Temple
 - Couldn’t have been at START of Jesus’ ministry!
 - 3:3-8 Born again
 - 4:7-14 Living water
 - 4:31-34 Food
 - 6:25-58 Bread of life
 - Disciples 6:60-66
 - 11:11-14 Lazarus
 - Lazarus didn’t exist in the other gospels!
 - Parable: Rich man & Lazarus
 - 16:16-19 Disciples still don’t understand
 - 16:25 THE KEY!
 - 16:29-30 Response
 - 20:24-26 Thomas
 - 21:21-23 John’s immortality