

Institute for Research on Unlimited Love – Books Produced

From: Stephen G. Post

Re: IRUL Books and Special Issue Journals TOTAL = 88

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Single Author Books by S.G. Post/MT Lee (n = 7)

SGPost, *Is Ultimate Reality Unlimited Love?* With a “Foreword” by Drs. John M. and Josephine Templeton (Philadelphia, PA: Templeton Press, 2014).

Matthew T. Lee, Margaret M. Poloma & S.G. Post, *The Heart of Religion: Experiencing God’s Love, Spiritual Empowerment and Altruism* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013).

S.G. Post, *The Hidden Gifts of Helping: How the Power of Giving, Compassion, and Hope Gets Us Through Hard Times* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, a Wiley imprint, 2011). [*Wall Street Journal Best Seller, May 2011*]

S.G. Post and Jill Neimark. *Its Good to Be Good: How Daily Giving is the Key to Health, Happiness and a Longer Life* (New York: Random House/Doubleday-Broadway Books, 2007). This book took two years to write. It advances the scientific connection between unselfish love, happiness, spirituality and health. It contains new IRUL science, engaging stories, theological ideas, and “how to” exercises. All costs were handled by Dr. Post directly via advance from Broadway Books. A major website/blog domain was created (www.whygoodthingshappen.com) and developed, also out of pocket, by Dr. Post. The book includes a *Foreword* by Pastor Otis Moss, Jr.

As of June 2011, this book has sold a total of 40,200 copies in English. *WGTHGP* was translated and published in Japan, Brazil, Russia, Portugal, India, Sweden, Indonesia and Taiwan.

S.G. Post, *Human Nature and the Freedom of Public Religious Expression* (Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 2003). [Selected as a “2005 Book of Distinction” by publishers in the U.S. and U.K.; “Outstanding University Press Book” by the Public Library Association & American Association of School Librarians, 2004; Book of the Year Award Finalist, Foreword Magazine 2004; Awarded “Editor’s Choice” in *Research News & Opportunities in Science and Theology*, October 2003.]

This book includes *major sections on agape love* as the crucial expression of spirituality and religion in society. Most of this book was completed in 1999 and 2000 with a special small grant from the Templeton Foundation via the Becket Institute at Oxford.

S.G. Post, *Unlimited Love: Altruism, Compassion, and Service* (Philadelphia: Templeton Foundation Press, 2003). [Selected as a “2004 Book of Distinction in Science and Religion,” by publishers in the U.S. and the U.K.] This book was written not so much to be *magnum opus*, but rather to serve widely as an introduction to the work of the Institute. It has served that purpose well, and is often cited.

S.G. Post, *More Lasting Unions: Christianity, the Family, and Society (Series on Religion and the Family Edited by Don S. Browning)* (Grand Rapids, Mi.: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2000). Dr. Post finished this book just as IRUL was being conceived. Throughout, the book focuses on the science and theology of love within the context of the family.

Edited Books by S.G. Post/M.T. Lee (n = 8)

Jeff Levin and S.G. Post, eds., *Divine Love: Perspectives from the World's Religions*. "Foreword" by Seyyed Hossein Nasr (Philadelphia: The Templeton Press, 2010).

Michael A. Edwards and S.G. Post, eds., *The Love That Does Justice* (Cleveland: Unlimited Love Press, 2008). This book was supported by a grant from the Seasons Fund and Ford Foundation, based on a conference. It is available at www.unlimitedloveinstitute/lovejustice.org.

S.G. Post, ed., *Altruism and Health: An Empirical Perspective* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007). This book includes chapters by 23 premier scientists and theologians, breaking completely new ground in connecting the health benefits of giving with group selection theory in evolution, and with *Why Good Things Happen to Good People*, which refers to a number of the major new research studies contained in this Oxford collection.

S.G. Post and Robert H. Binstock, eds., *The Fountain of Youth: Cultural, Scientific, and Ethical Perspectives on a Biomedical Goal* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2004). This was a special project developed in conjunction with Dr. Harper's conference. The book pertains directly to unlimited love because in various chapters, authors argue that with regard to human enhancement, the central thrust must be growth in unlimited love rather than in biotechnological innovations. Love is posited as the only credible form of enhancement.

S.G. Post, Byron R. Johnson, Michael E. McCullough, Jeffrey P. Schloss, eds., *Altruism and Love: An Annotated Bibliography of Major Studies in Psychology, Sociology, Evolutionary Biology, and Theology* (Philadelphia: Templeton Foundation Press, 2003). This book was developed to further fulfill the Harper plan, which called for a major annotated bibliography.

S.G. Post, Lynn G. Underwood, Jeffrey P. Schloss, William B. Hurlbut, eds., *Altruism and Altruistic Love: Science, Philosophy, and Religion in Dialogue* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002). [Selected for "books of Distinction in Science and Religion," 2003.] This book is often cited as one of the better collections of scientific and theological statements on altruistic love. It emerged after a full year of working with selected presenters from the 1999 conference *Empathy, Altruism and Agape*, convened by the Templeton Foundation and the Fetzer Institute. The conference was chaired by Drs. Post and Lynn G. Underwood, with the assistance of Drs. Jeffrey Schloss and William Hurlbut.

John Wall, Don S. Browning, William Doherty, S.G. Post, eds., *Marriage, Health, and the Professions: If Marriage is Good for You, What Does This Mean for Law, Medicine, Ministry, Therapy, and Business* (Grand Rapids, Mi: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2002). This is a book about married love and benevolence, breaking new ground in the epidemiology of more lasting unions. It was supported in part by the Lilly Foundation.

S.G. Post, "Introduction," Pitirim A. Sorokin, *The Ways and Power of Love: Types, Factors, and Techniques of Moral Transformation* (Philadelphia: Templeton Foundation Press, 2002). This key work on love at the interface of science and religion has had immense impact since its republication.

Single Author Books by IRUL Investigators (n = 26)

Christopher Boehm, *Moral Origins: The Evolution of Virtue, Altruism and Shame* (New York: Basic Books, 2012).

Bruce Brander, *Love That Works: The Art and Science of Giving* (Philadelphia: Templeton Press, 2004).

William C. Chittick, *Divine Love: Islamic Literature and the Path to God* (Yale University Press, 2013).

Courtney Cowart, *An American Awakening: From Ground Zero to Katrina – The People We Are Free to Be* (New York: Seabury Press, 2008).

Michele Dillon and Paul Wink, *Over the Course of a Lifetime: Tracing Religious Belief, Practice, and Change* (Berkeley, Ca: University of California Press, 2007)

Thomas Dixon, *The Invention of Altruism: Making Moral Meanings in Victorian Britain* [A British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship Monograph] (London: Oxford University Press, 2008).

Andrew Flescher, *Moral Evil* (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2013).

Andrew Flescher and Daniel Worthen, *The Altruistic Species: Scientific, Philosophical, and Religious Perspectives on Human Benevolence* (Philadelphia: Templeton Press, 2007). These authors won a university course award from IRUL, and attended the awardee's conference at the Claremont School of Theology.

Gregory L. Fricchione, *Compassion and Healing in Medicine and Society: On the Nature and Use of Attachment Solutions to Separation Challenges* (Baltimore, Md: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2011).

Byron R. Johnson, *More God, Less Crime: Why Faith Matters and How It Could Matter More*. "Foreword" by Arthur C. Brooks (Philadelphia: Templeton Press, 2011).

Bill Kramer, *Unexpected Grace: Stories of Faith, Science, and Altruism* (Philadelphia: Templeton Press, 2007). Kramer worked closely with IRUL-funded scientists, including site visits, interviews with PIs and subjects. A nationally distinguished writer and journalist, Bill writing a full volume based on interviews with IRUL-funded researchers, in which he will examine their motives in studying unlimited love as scientists. This is, in effect, an example of IRUL attempting to follow the pattern of *Science and Spiritual Quest*, a Templeton Foundation project in which scientists disclose and reflect on their religious beliefs. Mr. Kramer devoted an entire year to this project, and travel widely to the research locations IRUL was supporting.

Jeffrey Levin, *Upon These Three Things: Jewish Perspectives on Loving God* (Waco, Tx: ISR-Baylor Books, 2014).

Samuel P. Oliner with Piotr Olaf Zylicz, *Altruism, Intergroup Apology, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation* (St. Paul, MN: Paragon House, 2008).

Samuel P. Oliner, *The Nature of Good and Evil: Understanding the Many Acts of Moral and Immoral Behavior* (St. Paul, MN: Paragon House, 2011).

Thomas J. Oord, *The Science of Love* (Philadelphia: Templeton Press, 2004).

Thomas J. Oord, *Defining Love: A Philosophical, Scientific, and Theological Engagement* (Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos, 2010).

Michael E. McCullough, *Beyond Revenge: The Evolution of the Forgiveness Instinct* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2008).

Margaret M. Poloma, *Main Street Mystics: The Toronto Blessing & Reviving Pentecostalism* (New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2003).

Margaret M. Poloma and Ralph W. Hood, Jr., *Blood and Fire: Godly Love in a Pentecostal Emerging Church* (New York: New York University Press, 2008).

Margaret M. Poloma and John C. Green, *The Assemblies of God: Godly Love and the Revitalization of American Pentecostalism* (New York: New York University Press, 2010).

Kevin S. Reimer, *Living L'Arche: Stories of Compassion, Love and Disability* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2009).

Jeffrey P. Schloss, *The Matter of Love: Evolution, Religion, and the Embodiment of Altruism* (in preparation).

Jan Thrope, *Inner Visions: Grassroots Stories of Truth and Hope* (Wilmington, OH: Orange Frazer Press, 2011).

George Vaillant, *Spiritual Evolution: A Scientific Defense of Faith* (New York: Random House-Broadway, 2008).

David Sloan Wilson, *The Neighborhood Project: Using Evolution to Improve My City, One Block at a Time* (New York: Little, Brown & Co., 2011).

Robert Wuthnow, *Saving America? Faith-Based Services and the Future of Civil Society* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2004).

Reference Works (n = 2)

Stephen G. Post, ed., *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, 5 vols. (New York: Macmillan Reference, 2004).

Yuhudit Greenberg, ed., *Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions*, 2 vols. (Santa Barbara, Ca: ABC-CLIO Reference, 2008). Dr. Greenberg, one of the premier religious thinkers on love, came to our Villanova conference in 2002 and we discussed the need for an encyclopedia on this topic. Dr. Post assisted her with navigating the reference publishers, and encouraged this major encyclopedia. She has succeeded, and with one of the major reference publishing houses.

Edited Books by IRUL Investigators (n = 11)

Craig A. Boyd, ed., *Visions of Agape: Nature and Grace* (London: Ashgate Publishing, 2008). This is another outcome of the 2004 Summer Institute at Calvin College. Dr. Boyd was Professor of Integration for Science and Theology at Azusa Pacific University.

Patrick M. Brennan, ed., *The Vocation of the Child* (Grand Rapids, Mi: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2008). This book examines how children can be raised to practice *agape* love. It includes all major theologians and social scientists working on the “best love of the child,” which is to nurture *agape* in that child. This is based at Emory University via an IRUL match with the Center for Religion and Law.

Timothy P. Jackson, ed., *The Morality of Adoption: Social-Psychological, Theological, and Legal Perspectives*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2005. This book emerged from an IRUL-Emory conference/roundtable based on Dr. Post’s contributions to the theology of adoption debate in the mid-1990s. There was also a special working group conference and public panel presentation at Emory.

Timothy P. Jackson, ed., *The Best Love of the Child: Being Loved and Being Taught to Love as the First Human Right* (Grand Rapids, Mi: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2011). This book also emerged from an IRUL-Emory conference/roundtable.

Vincent Jeffries, ed., *The Palgrave Handbook of Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity: Formulating a Field of Study*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

Jacob Neusner and Brice Chilton, eds., *Altruism in the World Religions* (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2005). This book that emerged from the Bard College forums in which scholars from the major religious traditions made in inventory of the place of Unlimited love in scriptures and theologies. Of special interest is that the volume clearly distinguishes “altruism” as bringing negative or neutral benefit to the agent from all religious concepts of love, in which love is a blessing to the agent. This entire project included:

- *a major three-day conference at Bard with contributing scholars open to the public
- *courses on unlimited love across-the-curriculum at Bard College for a full semester
- *the book author stipends

Jacob Neusner and Bruce Chilton, eds., *Religious Tolerance in World Religions* (Philadelphia: Templeton Pres, 2008). This project also included a conference and courses at Bard College.

Jacob Neusner and Bruce Chilton, eds., *The Golden Rule: Analytical Perspectives* (Lanham, Md: University Press of America, 2009). This project included a conference and courses at Bard.

Thomas J. Oord, ed., *The Many Facets of Love: Philosophical Explorations* (Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2007).

Thomas J. Oord, *The Altruism Reader: Selections from Writings on Love, Religion, and Science* (Philadelphia: Templeton Press, 2008). This emerges from the IRUL university level course competition program conference at Claremont School of Theology in March 2005.

Douglas A. Vakoch, ed., *Altruism in Cross-Cultural Perspective* (New York: Springer, 2013). This appears appear in the International and Cultural Psychology Series, based on a conference IRUL sponsored in 2005 with the Society for Cross-Cultural Research.

Special Edited Journals Devoted to “Unlimited Love” (n = 4)

Marc Galanter & SG Post, eds., *Alcohol Treatment Quarterly*, Vol. 13 (2-3), *Special Issue: Alcoholics Anonymous-New Directions in Research on Spirituality and Recovery*, 2014.

Journal of Biblioteca Javier Coy de Estudios Norteamericanos, Vol. 88, 2006. [Reprinted in *Integralism, Altruism and Reconstruction: Essays in Honor of Pitirim A. Sorokin*, ed. by Elvire del Pozo. Valencia, Spain: Universitat de Valencia, 2006.] The editor of this volume of Spain’s most prestigious sociology of religion journal, Elvira del Pozo, was inspired to devote the volume to the work of unlimited love in relation to Sorokin’s book, *The Ways and Power of Love*, which the Templeton Foundation Press reprinted in 2002. The collection of articles/chapters brings together leading experts on love, altruism and Sorokin, including: Jay Weinstein, "Altruism as a Tool for Applied Sociology: Realizing Sorokin's Legacy"; Barry Johnston, "Altruism and Emancipation: Sorokin and the Franfort School"; Vince Jeffries, "Integralism and Love"; Samuel Oliner, "Sorokin's contribution to American Sociology"; Stephen Post, "Sorokin and the Measure of Altruistic Love"; Larry Nichols; Pepe Beltrán; Elvira del Pozo; S.G. Post. ***The book was the basis of a small but major unlimited love conference convened in Spain at the prestigious Universidad de Valencia.***

Journal of Psychology and Theology: Special Issue – Love, Psychology, and Theology, Spring 2006, Vol. 34, No. 1. The volume was edited by Alan Tjeltveit, Professor of Psychology at Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania, who was one of the participants in the IRUL *Works of Love Seminar* convened at Calvin College in the summer of 2004. Dr. Tjeltveit won one of our IRUL article awards for publishing his piece originally presented at the Works of Love conference in Villanova in June 2003. This journal is considered a major venue in Christian evangelical dialogue between science and theology. The emphasis of the special issue is on developing a theologically- and scientifically-informed psychology of love of God and love of neighbor-as-self.

Humboldt Journal of Social Relation: Special Issue – Altruism, Intergroup Apology and Forgiveness as Antidote for a Divided World, Vol. 29, No. 2, 2005. Edited by Samuel Oliner, who was funded for IRUL research, this volume brings together 8 distinguished researchers on unlimited love.

Books (single author and edited) Funded by the Flame of Love/IRUL Project's Competitive Awards Process (n = 10)

Paul Alexander, ed., *Christ at the Checkpoint: Theology in the Service of Justice and Peace* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2012).

Candy Gunther Brown. *Testing Prayer: Science and Healing* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2012).

Candy Gunther Brown, ed., *Global Pentecostal and Charismatic Healing* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011).

Matthew T. Lee, Margaret M. Poloma, and Stephen G. Post. *The Heart of Religion* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012).

Matthew T. Lee and Margaret M. Poloma, *A Sociological Study of the Great Commandment in Pentecostalism: The Practice of Godly Love as Benevolent Service*, "Foreword" by Stephen G. Post (Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press, 2009).

Matthew T. Lee and Amos Yong, eds., *The Science and Theology of Godly Love* (DeKalb, IL: Northern Illinois University Press, 2012).

Matthew T. Lee and Amos Yong, eds., *Godly Love: Impediments and Possibilities* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2012).

Margaret M. Poloma and John C. Green. *The Assemblies of God: Godly Love and the Revitalization of American Pentecostalism* (New York: New York University Press, 2010).

Michael Wilkinson and Peter Althouse, *The Father's Love: Soaking Prayer and Charismatic Renewal* (under review with Oxford University Press).

Amos Yong. *God is Spirit, God is Love: Love as the Gift of the Spirit* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2012).

Books (single author and edited) Funded by the Pursuit of Happiness (Scientific, Theological, and Interdisciplinary Study on the Love of God, neighbor, and Self /IRUL Project's Awards Process (n = 20 est.)

A principal aim of this project was to foster more holistic and realistic public, if not popular, understandings of the meanings of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" in all its varieties. We pursued this aim in part through the production of 19 new books, more than 100 new articles and essays, a series of public lectures, six new courses, and a major international conference on interreligious understandings of happiness.

After a series of 7 roundtable conferences, and 70 public lectures, the project culminated with the "Interfaith Summit on Happiness," held October 16-17, 2010 on the Emory campus. The

conference included a series of public presentations and conversations on happiness and well being in comparative confessional and professional perspective.

Julia Annas, *Intelligent Virtue* (Oxford University Press, 2009).

John Bowlin, *Counting Virtues: The Difference that Transcendence Makes* (Oxford University Press, in press).

Kathleen Ann Brady, *Religious Freedom and the Pursuit of Holiness* (Cambridge University Press, in press).

Don S. Browning and John Witte, Jr., *From Private Order to Public Covenant: What Place for Christian Marriage in Modern Marriage Law?*(Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

Michael J. Broyde, *Innovation in Jewish Law and Religious Life* (Urim Publishing House, 2010).

Sidney Callahan, *Becoming Happy, Becoming Good* (Orbis Books, 2011).

Ellen Charry, *God and the Art of Happiness* (William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2010).

Richard W. Garnett, *The Jurisprudence of Religious Freedom: Religious Organizations and their Place in a Well Ordered Society* (Cambridge University Press, in press).

Vigen Guroian, *Christian Marriage and Family at Bay: An Orthodox Assessment* (Oxford University Press, in press).

Timothy P. Jackson, *Political Agape: A Defense of Prophetic Liberalism* (under consideration at the University of Chicago Press).

Stephen Pope, *Human Evolution and Christian Ethics*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University press, 2011).

Philip L. Reynolds, *Thomas Aquinas and the Ethics of Hope: A Study of Christian Eudaimonism* (forthcoming).