

# Mental Health A Christian Approach

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*A Christian Approach to Overcoming Disability* Elaine Leong Eng 2004 Learn how faith and psychological insight can combine to help Christians overcome physical disabilities! After being diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa, Dr. Elaine Leong Eng, author of "Martha, Martha": How Christians Worry, knew she had to make important life changes. This genetic disease would soon cause her eyesight to fail. Her impending blindness meant that she would no longer be able to practice as an obstetrician/gynecologist. Her family life would never be the same, nor would her self-image. A Christian Approach to Overcoming Disability: A Doctor's Story is the poignant and inspiring story of Dr. Eng's ultimately triumphant struggle with an untreatable illness and a life-changing disability. Once I heard the diagnosis, I knew it was God's way of granting my prayer to be a full-time mom to my babies. God had prepared my heart to accept this news. This so-called "tragedy" in my life was very much for the good. I had the chance to "see" and care for my children during those precious young years. To play with them, sing songs, teach them, feed them, and do all those wonderful mothering things that many take for granted. And now that they are grown, I can see in my mind's eye all those great images and memories. I enjoyed motherhood so much that I would not have changed my life in any way if given the chance. This autobiographical book articulates the challenges faced by the blind and offers faith-based and psychological techniques for coping with disability. It highlights dozens of Scriptural passages that can provide an important foundation for coping, and draws upon Dr. Eng's experience as a psychiatrist to identify important issues and feelings about blindness and its psychological and emotional impact on every aspect of life. In this insightful book, you'll find: firsthand information about the experience of becoming disabled, and about living with, even celebrating, that disability and the new opportunities it presents insight about what family, friends, students, and colleagues go through when someone close to them becomes disabled biblical references that demonstrate the importance of God in meeting physical challenges important scriptural foundations for coping practical techniques for coping with disability--from both religious and psychological perspectives advice on overcoming the feeling of being "damaged goods" and other problems of self-esteem common to the disabled A Christian Approach to Overcoming Disability will inspire you with its message of hope. It offers insights about finding inner peace no matter what hand life has dealt you and making the most of whatever God has planned for your life. Anyone who knows a Christian who has any type of physical disability will benefit from reading this book.

**Millennial Nuns** The Daughters of Saint Paul 2021-07-06 More and more people-- especially millennials-- are turning to religion as a source of comfort and solace in our increasingly chaotic world. Rather than live a cloistered life of seclusion, the Daughters of Saint Paul actively embrace social media to evangelize, collectively calling themselves the #MediaNuns. In this collective memoir, eight of these Sisters share their own discernment journeys, struggles and crises of faith that they have overcome, and episodes from their daily lives. They offer practical takeaways and tips for living a more spiritually-fulfilled life, no matter your religious affiliation. -- adapted from jacket

**Christian Psychotherapy in Context** Joshua J. Knabb 2019 Christian Psychotherapy in Context combines theology with the latest research in clinical psychology to equip mental health practitioners to meet the unique psychological and spiritual needs of Christian clients. Encouraging therapists to operate from within a Christian framework, the authors explore the intersection between a Christian worldview and clients' emotional struggles, drawing from sources including both foundational theological texts and the "common factors" psychotherapy literature. Written collaboratively by two clinical psychologists, an academic psychologist, and a theologian, this book paves the way for psychotherapeutic practice that builds on Christian principles as the foundation, rather than merely adding them to treatment as an afterthought.

**Spiritual Competence For Mental Health Professionals: A Culturally Inclusive Perspective** Jacqueline Wallen 2022-05-25 Spiritual Competence for Mental Health Professionals takes a holistic developmental approach toward spirituality in psychotherapy and counseling. This means that it considers an understanding of spiritual development to be as germane to mental health practice as an understanding of physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development and that it views spirituality as shaped by developmental processes. Common spiritual issues at each stage in the individual and family life course are discussed. Tools for understanding one's own and one's clients' spiritual orientations and goals along with interventions and practices that foster spiritual growth in the client and the practitioner are presented. Reflection and discussion topics are provided at the end of each chapter. Ultimately, this book aims to help mental health practitioners, educators and students to change their approach from "meet the client where they are spiritually" to "meet the client where they are spiritually and help them develop further.'

*Mind On Edge* Tom Hogsed 2019-08-25 "In this book you will discover that the Bible is full of examples of individuals who were fighting against what was happening in their minds. So how can a person of faith confront a mind on edge? We will examine Five Attitudes To Being Mentall Healthy, and give practical action steps to manage your menal health from a faith perspective." -- from back cover.

**Dust in the Blood** Jessica Coblenzt 2022-01-15 Dust in the Blood considers the harrowing realities of life with depression from a Christian theological perspective. In conversation with popular Christian theologies of depression that justify why this suffering exists and prescribe how people ought to relate to it, Coblenzt offers another Christian approach to this condition: she reflects on depression as a wilderness experience. Weaving first-person narratives of depression, contemporary theologies of suffering, and ancient biblical tales of the wilderness, especially the story of Hagar, Coblenzt argues for and contributes to an expansion of Christian ideas about what depression is, how God relates to it, and how Christians should understand and respond to depression in turn.

*Christian Cognitive Behavioral Therapy* Samaria Colbert 2018-05-08 Christian Cognitive Behavioral Therapy is a groundbreaking therapeutic Christ-centered approach to address mental illness. Samaria has been in the counseling field for many years. Through her years of study, she has found that most mental health counseling strategies originated from principles and perspectives found in the Bible. What the secular mental health community has done is taken out Christ and the authority of the Holy Spirit then called counseling strategies by a different name. As a result, we see most mental health approaches helpful but not healing. According to scripture counseling is first and foremost the ministry and mission of Christ Jesus. He came to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and help those who are imprisoned emotionally, mentally and spiritually. Isaiah 61:1 In the book Christian Cognitive Behavior Therapy, Samaria teaches us how to apply scripture to counseling practice so that real healing can take place in the lives of those we serve.

**Mental Health and the Christian** Ian Williams 2020-08-24 Mental Health and the Christian takes a look at the brain, mind, and soul as interchangeable entities and the effects of external and internal stimuli on homeostatic functions. Human beings are consumers. We consume through three gates: eyes, ears, and mouth. How everything we ingest affects what genes are turned on and off in the mind and body is called epigenetics. Achieving homeostasis or balance is the ultimate goal. For Christians, the health, growth, and development of the spirit man calls for a healthy thought process together with a diet beneficial to achieving homeostasis in our lifestyle. This book attempts to broach the subject by removing some of the misconceptions about mental health as it pertains to the lifestyle of Christians, eliminating some of the taboos and erasing the shame. This is nothing more than a rudimentary tool to be used to open dialogue about how we as Christians perceive mental health, thereby equipping us to approach and understand ministering to those among us who may be suffering in secret. The aim is to bring them out of the shadows and into the light, delivering them.

**A Christian Worldview and Mental Health** Carlos Fayard 2011

**Competent to Counsel** Jay E. Adams 2009-07-13 A classic in the field of Christian counseling, *Competent to Counsel* is one of the first works to fully articulate a vision of "nouthetic" counseling—a strictly biblical approach to behavioral counseling and therapy. Dr. Jay Adams defends the idea that the Bible itself, as God's Word, provides all the principles needed for understanding and engaging in holistic counseling. Using biblically directed discussion, nouthetic counseling works by means of the Holy Spirit to bring about change—both immediate and long-term—in the personality and behavior of the counselee. As he points out in his introduction, "I have been engrossed in the project of developing biblical counseling and have uncovered what I consider to be a number of important scriptural principles. . . There have been dramatic results. . . Not only have people's immediate problems been resolved, but there have also been solutions to all sorts of long-term problems as well." *Competent to Counsel* has helped thousands of pastors, students, laypersons, and Christian counselors develop: A general approach to (and theology of) Christian counseling. Specific, practical responses to particular problems useful for teaching, study, and personal application. Since its first publication in 1970, this book has gone through over thirty printings. It establishes the basis for and an introduction to a counseling approach that is being used in pastors' studies, in counseling centers, and across dining room tables throughout the country and around the world.

**Psychology in Christian Perspective** Harold Faw 1995-06-01 This book follows the standard progression of introductory psychology texts and adds a Christian perspective that contributes needed diversity to the study of the mind and behavior. Topics range from ESP to moral development. Each chapter provides an introduction and overview of a given theme, a discussion of issues, an exploration of how psychological and biblical perspectives might be complementary, and a recap with suggested readings.

**I Love Jesus, But I Want to Die** Sarah J. Robinson 2021-05-11 A compassionate, shame-free guide for your darkest days "A one-of-a-kind book . . . to read for yourself or give to a struggling friend or loved one without the fear that depression and suicidal thoughts will be minimized, medicalized or over-spiritualized."—Kay Warren, cofounder of Saddleback Church What happens when loving Jesus doesn't cure you of depression, anxiety, or suicidal thoughts? You might be crushed by shame over your mental illness, only to be told by well-meaning Christians to "choose joy" and "pray more." So you beg God to take away the pain, but nothing eases the ache inside. As darkness lingers and color drains from your world, you're left wondering if God has abandoned you. You just want a way out. But there's hope. In *I Love Jesus, But I Want to Die*, Sarah J. Robinson offers a healthy, practical, and shame-free guide for Christians struggling with mental illness. With unflinching honesty, Sarah shares her story of battling depression and fighting to stay alive despite toxic theology that made her afraid to seek help outside the church. Pairing her own story with scriptural insights, mental health research, and simple practices, Sarah helps you reconnect with the God who is present in our deepest anguish and discover that you are worth everything it takes to get better. Beautifully written and full of hard-won wisdom, *I Love Jesus, But I Want to Die* offers a path toward a rich, hope-filled life in Christ, even when healing doesn't look like what you expect.

**Christianity and Developmental Psychopathology** Kelly S. Flanagan 2014-03-19 Since its origin in the early 1980s, developmental psychopathology has become one of the most significant frameworks for child clinical psychology. This volume of essays explores this framework from an integrative Christian viewpoint, combining theory, empirical research and theology to explore a holistic understanding of children's development.

*The Bible and Mental Health* Christopher C.H. Cook 2020-08-30 Is it possible to develop such a thing as a biblical theology of mental health? How might we develop a helpful and pastoral use of scripture to explore questions of mental health within a Christian framework? This timely and important book integrates the highest levels of biblical scholarship with theological and pastoral concerns to consider how we use scripture when dealing with mental health issues.

**Grace for the Afflicted** Matthew S. Stanford 2012-01-05 Grace for the Afflicted is written to educate Christians about mental illness from both biblical and scientific perspectives.

**Christianity and Psychiatry** John R. Peteet 2021-09-02 This book aims to help readers appreciate the many-faceted relationship between Christianity, one of the world's major faith traditions, and the practice of psychiatry. Chapter authors in this book first consider challenges posed by historical antagonisms, church-based mental health stigma, and controversy over phenomena such as hearing voices. Next, others explore both how Christians often experience conditions such as mood and psychotic disorders, disorders in children and adolescents, moral injury and PTSD, and ways that their faith can serve as a resource in their healing. Twelve Step spirituality, originally informed by Christianity, is the subject of a chapter, as are issues raised for Christians by disability, death and dying. A set of chapters then focuses on the state of integration of Christian beliefs and practices into psychotherapy, treatment delivery, educational programming, clergy/clinician collaboration, and treatment by a non-Christian psychiatrist. Finally, there are chapters by a mental health professional who has been a patient, a Jewish psychiatrist, a Muslim psychiatrist knowledgeable about Christianity and psychiatry in the Muslim majority world, and a Christian psychiatrist. These chapters provide context, diversity and personal perspectives. Christianity and Psychiatry is a valuable resource for mental health professionals seeking to understand and address the particular challenges that arise when caring for Christian patients.

**Troubled Minds** Amy Simpson 2013-04-03 Reflecting on the confusion, shame and grief brought on by her mother's schizophrenia, Amy Simpson provides a bracing look at the social and physical realities of mental illness. Reminding us that people with mental illness are our neighbors and our brothers and sisters in Christ, she explores new possibilities for the church to minister to this stigmatized group.

*Tackling Mental Illness Together* Alan Thomas 2017-11-16 This book offers a biblical framework for understanding mental illness and helping the mentally ill. It synthesises biblical material with scientific understanding of mental illness and equips the reader to deal wisely, intelligently, and compassionately with issues of mental health in churches and the community.

**Darkness Is My Only Companion** Kathryn Greene-McCreight 2015-07-14 Where is God in the suffering of a mentally ill person? What happens to the soul when the mind is ill? How are Christians to respond to mental illness? In this brave and compassionate book, theologian and priest Kathryn Greene-McCreight confronts these difficult questions raised by her own mental illness--bipolar disorder. With brutal honesty, she tackles often avoided topics such as suicide, mental hospitals, and electroconvulsive therapy. Greene-McCreight offers the reader everything from poignant and raw glimpses into the mind of a mentally ill person to practical and forthright advice for their friends, family, and clergy. The first edition has been recognized as one of the finest books on the subject. This thoroughly revised edition incorporates updated research and adds anecdotal and pastoral commentary. It also includes a new foreword by the current Archbishop of Canterbury and a new afterword by the author.

**Gospelbound** Collin Hansen 2021-04-06 A profound exploration of how to hold on to hope when our unchanging faith collides with a changing culture, from two respected Christian storytellers and thought leaders. "Offers neither spin control nor image maintenance for the evangelical tribe, but genuine hope."—Russell Moore, president of ERLC As the pressures of health warnings, economic turmoil, and partisan politics continue to rise, the influence of gospel-focused Christians seems to be waning. In the public square and popular opinion, we are losing our voice right when it's needed most for Christ's glory and the common good. But there's another story unfolding too—if you know where to look. In *Gospelbound*, Collin Hansen and Sarah Eekhoff Zylstra counter these growing fears with a robust message of resolute hope for anyone hungry for good news. Join them in exploring profound stories of Christians who are quietly changing the world in the name of Jesus—from the wild world of digital media to the stories of ancient saints and unsung contemporary activists on the frontiers of justice and mercy. Discover how, in these dark times, the light of Jesus shines even brighter. You haven't heard the whole story. And that's good news.

**Spirituality and Mental Health Care** John Swinton 2001-01-01 In this thoughtful book, Swinton explores the connections between mental health or illness and spirituality and draws on these to provide practical guidance for people working in mental health. He analyses a range of models of care provision that will enable carers to increase their awareness of aspects of spirituality in their caring strategies.

**Family Therapies** Mark A. Yarhouse 2017-08-04 Mark A. Yarhouse and James N. Sells survey the major approaches to family therapy and treat significant psychotherapeutic issues within a Christian framework, offering timely wisdom for therapeutic practice. Fully updated and revised, this second edition is an indispensable resource for those in the mental health professions, including counselors, psychologists, family therapists, social workers, and pastors.

*Mental Health and the Church* Stephen Greevich, MD 2018-02-06 The church across North America has struggled to minister effectively with children, teens, and adults with common mental health conditions and their families. One reason for the lack of ministry is the absence of a widely accepted model for mental health outreach and inclusion. In *Mental Health and the Church: A Ministry Handbook for Including Children and Adults with ADHD, Anxiety, Mood Disorders, and Other Common Mental Health Conditions*, Dr. Stephen Greevich presents a simple and flexible model for mental health inclusion ministry for implementation by churches of all sizes, denominations, and organizational styles. The model is based upon recognition of seven barriers to church attendance and assimilation resulting from mental illness: stigma, anxiety, self-control, differences in social communication and sensory processing, social isolation and past experiences of church. Seven broad inclusion strategies are presented for helping persons of all ages with common mental health conditions and their families to fully participate in all of the ministries offered by the local church. The book is also designed to be a useful resource for parents, grandparents and spouses interested in promoting the spiritual growth of loved ones with mental illness.

**Catholic Christianity and Mental Health** Harold G. Koenig 2017-03-06 This book is for mental health professionals, clergy, researchers, and laypersons interested in the relationship between religion, spirituality and mental health in Catholics. A concise description of Catholic beliefs, practices, and values is followed by a review of research conducted in Catholics, and then by recommendations for practice based on research, clinical experience, and common sense. The author is a physician researcher who has spent over 30 years investigating the relationship between religion and health, and directs Duke University's Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health. He is also a clinician who for decades has treated clients with a wide range of emotional disorders using a faith-based approach. In this well-documented and highly cited volume, he brings together over 100 years of research (from Durkheim onward) that has examined how religious faith impacts the mental health of those who call themselves Catholics, and explains what this means for those who are seeking to provide hope, meaning, and healing to members of this faith tradition.

**Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Christians with Depression** Michelle Pearce 2016-07-25 Does religion belong in psychotherapy? For anyone in the helping profession, whether as mental health professionals or religious leaders, this question is bound to arise. Many mental health professionals feel uncomfortable discussing religion, while many religious leaders feel uncomfortable referring their congregants to professionals who have no knowledge of their faith, nor intent to engage with it. And yet Michelle Pearce, PhD, assistant professor and clinical psychologist at the Center for Integrative Medicine at the University of Maryland, argues that if religion is important to a client, then religion will be a part of psychotherapy, whether it is discussed or not. Clients cannot check their values at the door any more than the professionals who treat them. To Pearce, the question isn't really "does religion belong?" but rather "how can mental health professionals help their religious clients engage with and use their faith as a healing resource in psychotherapy?" Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Christian Clientswith Depression is the answer to that question, as the book's purpose is to educate mental health professionals and pastoral counselors about religion's role in therapy, as well as equip them to discuss religious issues and use evidence-based, religiously-integrated tools with Christian clients experiencing depression. In this book, readers will find the following resources in an easy-to-use format: An overview of the scientific benefits of integrating clients' religious beliefs and practices in psychotherapy An organizing therapeutic approach for doing Christian CBT Seven tools, specific to Christian CBT, to treat depression Suggested dialogue for therapists to introduce concepts and tools Skill-building activity worksheets for clients Clinical examples of Christian CBT and the seven tools in action Practitioners will learn the helpful (and sometimes not so helpful) role a person's Christian faith can play in psychotherapy, and will be equipped to discuss religious issues and use religiously-integrated tools in their work. At the same time, clergy will learn how Christianity can be integrated into an evidence-based secular mental health treatment for depression, which is sure to increase their comfort level for making referrals to mental health practitioners who provide this form of treatment. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Christian Clients with Depression is a practical guide for mental health professionals and pastoral counselors who want to learn how to use Christian-specific CBT tools to treat depression in their Christian clients.

**The Christian Athlete** Brian Smith 2022-04-05 The Christian Athlete is a gospel-centered guide that assists athletes who identify as Christians and are seeking to understand how to practically apply their faith to their sport. Athletes desire—and deserve—a more substantive expression of the Christian faith in the context of sport, but they don't know what it looks like or where to turn to learn more. Author Brian Smith shares his story as an athlete and coach, and his experience working with high-level athletes in the last decade to help readers better understand how to integrate faith and sport by: Assisting those who want a wide-angled understanding of how to live the Christian faith in the context of sports Walking through the many questions Christian athletes ask about winning, losing, injuries, practice, and everything in between Moving Christian athletes from simply having clichéd spiritual sayings decorating their bodies or t-shirts to actually living out their faith through all the opportunities their sport offers them The Christian Athlete will show readers how to live out a biblical perspective on athletics and urge them to engage in the gifts they are given to glorify God whether they are the team MVP or riding the bench.

**Assessment for Counseling in Christian Perspective** Stephen P. Greggo 2019-03-19 Assessment in counseling is an ongoing and dynamic routine to encourage movement in a productive direction toward what is truly best. In this Christian perspective on assessment, Stephen P. Greggo equips counselors to put assessment techniques into practical use, charting a course for care that brings best practices of the profession together with practices of Christian discipleship.

**Faith-Based ACT for Christian Clients** Joshua J. Knabb 2016-03-10 Faith-Based ACT for Christian Clients balances empirical evidence with theology to give clinicians a deep understanding of not just the "why" but also the "how" of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for Christian clients. Chapters include a detailed exploration of the overlap between ACT and the Christian faith, case studies, and techniques that are explicitly designed to be accessible to non-Christian as well as Christian (including evangelical Christian) counselors and therapists. Chapters present the established research on mindfulness and ACT, including a nuanced, non-dichotomous view of complex issues such as medication, and lay a firm theological foundation through the use of engaging biblical stories and metaphors.

**Integrative Psychotherapy** Mark R. McMinn 2017-01-23 Mark McMinn and Clark Campbell present an integrative model of psychotherapy that is grounded in Christian biblical teaching and in a critical and constructive engagement with contemporary psychology. Now in paperback, this foundational work integrates behavioral, cognitive, and interpersonal models of therapy within a Christian-theological framework.

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**Counseling and Christianity** Stephen P. Greggo 2012-08-02 This book provides a forum for five major perspectives on the interface of Christianity and psychology to display their distinctions in a counseling context. Experts in each approach show how to assess, conceptualize, counsel and offer aftercare to a hypothetical client with a variety of complex issues.

*The Pastoral Handbook of Mental Illness* Steve Bloem 2018-06-26 Nothing provided

**Counseling and Psychotherapy** Siang-Yang Tan 2022-04-19 This substantially revised and updated edition of a widely used textbook covers the major approaches to counseling and psychotherapy from a Christian perspective, with hypothetical verbatim transcripts of interventions for each major approach and the latest empirical or research findings on their effectiveness. The second edition covers therapies and techniques that are increasing in use, reduces coverage of techniques that are waning in importance, and includes a discussion of lay counseling. The book presents a Christian approach to counseling and psychotherapy that is Christ-centered, biblically based, and Spirit-filled.

**Religious Beliefs, Evolutionary Psychiatry, and Mental Health in America** Kevin J. Flannely 2017-04-08 This book provides a new perspective on the association between religious beliefs and mental health. The book is divided into five parts, the first of which traces the development of theories of organic evolution in the cultural and religious context before Charles Darwin. Part II describes the major evolutionary theories that Darwin proposed in his three books on evolution, and the religious, sociological, and scientific reactions to his theories. Part III introduces the reader to the concept of evolutionary psychiatry. It discusses how different regions of the brain evolved over time, and explains that certain brain regions evolved to protect us from danger by assessing threats of harm in the environment, including other humans. Specifically, this part describes: how psychiatric symptoms that are commonly experienced by normal individuals during their everyday lives are the product of brain mechanisms that evolved to protect us from harm; the prevalence rate of psychiatric symptoms in the U.S. general population; how religious and other beliefs influence the brain mechanisms that underlie psychiatric symptoms; and the brain regions that are involved in different psychiatric disorders. Part IV presents the findings of U.S. studies demonstrating that positive beliefs about God and life-after-death, and belief in meaning-in-life and divine forgiveness have salutary associations with mental health, whereas negative beliefs about God and life-after-death, belief in the Devil and human evil, and doubts about one's religious beliefs have pernicious associations with mental health. The last part of the book summarizes each section and recommends research on the brain mechanism underlying psychiatric symptoms, and the relationships among these brain mechanisms, religious beliefs, and mental health in the context of ETAS Theory.

**Finding Jesus in the Storm** John Swinton 2020-09-22 People living with mental health challenges are not excluded from God's love or even the fullness of life promised by Jesus. Unfortunately, this hope is often lost amid the well-meaning labels and medical treatments that dominate the mental health field today. In *Finding Jesus in the Storm*, John Swinton makes the case for reclaiming that hope by changing the way we talk about mental health and remembering that, above all, people are people, regardless of how unconventionally they experience life. Finding Jesus in the Storm is a call for the church to be an epicenter of compassion for those experiencing depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and related difficulties. That means breaking free of the assumptions that often accompany these diagnoses, allowing for the possibility that people living within unconventional states of mental health might experience God in unique ways that are real and perhaps even revelatory. In each chapter, Swinton gives voice to those experiencing the mental health challenges in question, so readers can see firsthand what God's healing looks like in a variety of circumstances. The result is a book about people instead of symptoms, description instead of diagnosis, and lifegiving hope for everyone in the midst of the storm.

*I'm Not Supposed to Feel Like this* Chris Williams 2002 Depression is so common that it has been described as 'the common cold of psychiatry'. It is particularly difficult for Christians - there is often a feeling that Christians 'shouldn't' get depressed, and that it and anxiety are the result of a poor or damaged relationship with God. I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO FEEL LIKE THIS is an empowering and practical response to such common feelings. In the style of a workbook, with constant reference to the Bible, and the example of Jesus, it helps the reader to understand why they feel the way they do, and to draw on God's love and grace to find a path through depression and anxiety. The authors are all Christians, and experienced counsellors and psychiatrists.

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**A Catholic Christian Meta-Model of the Person** William J. Nordling 2020-03-09 A Catholic Christian Meta-Model of the Person integrates the insights of three wisdom traditions--the psychological sciences, philosophy, and theology--to provide a framework for understanding the person. The Meta-Model develops a more systematic, integrative, and non-reductionist vision of the person, marriage, family, and society than is found in any of these three disciplines alone. The Meta-Model is a unifying framework for the integration of already-existing personality theories and therapeutic models. In addition, it enhances assessment, diagnosis, case conceptualization, and treatment planning by addressing eleven essential dimensions of the person needed in mental health practice aimed at healing and flourishing. The book also explores how the Meta-Model framework can improve client care. Finally, it demonstrates how the Meta-Model assists mental health professionals to better understand how they can be faithful to their Christian identity as they serve all clients--Christians, persons from other faiths, and non-believers.

**Descriptions and Prescriptions** Michael R. Emlen 2017-09-04 OCD, ADHD, PTSD, Bipolar Disorder . . . these are no longer just technical terms and medical diagnoses, they are part of our common vocabulary and culture. As Christians, we shouldn't isolate ourselves from this discussion or dismiss these important issues. But we also should be careful not to accept the entire secular psychiatric diagnostic and treatment enterprise without question. What we need is a balanced, biblically (and

scientifically) informed approach that neither blindly accepts nor harshly dismisses psychiatric labels, diagnoses, and medicines that are prescribed to help those who are suffering. As both a Biblical counselor and medical doctor, Michael R. Emlet, MD, gives readers a Christ-centered approach to psychiatry and guides both lay and professional helpers through the thicket of mental health labels and treatments with a biblical lens. In a clear and thoughtful way that puts the person experiencing mental health issues at the forefront, Emlet uses Scripture to show how the Bible engages in the discussion of psychiatric labels and the medications that are often recommended based on those labels. The first book in the "Helping the Helper" series, *Descriptions and Prescriptions* will give readers a biblical, gospel-formed

perspective to help them understand and minister to those struggling with mental health issues.

Mark P. Cosgrove 1977 The central elements of a Christian approach to mental health and psychotherapy are examined. These elements include an examination of the nature of man, the sources of mental problems, and the goals for mental health. With this as a basis, five distinctive elements that Christian psychotherapy contributes to the actual counseling process are discussed.

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