The Works of George MacDonald

Theological Writings

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Unspoken Sermons

These thirty-six sermons are among MacDonald’s greatest works, and, outside of his spoken sermons, the clearest, most comprehensive articulation of his Christian faith. Series I was originally published in 1867 by Alexander Sirahan, London. Series II and III were originally published in 1885 and 1889 by Longmans, Green & Co., London.

Available from Johannesen Printing & Publishing

*Handbound cloth cover edition, comprising Series I, II, and III in one volume, type-copied to preserve the text of the original editions referenced above.*

Available from WisePath Books

*Hardbound Sunrise Centenary Editions and paperback versions; separate books for each of the three series.*

Available from third parties through Amazon

*Numerous inexpensive paperback editions are sold on Amazon, typically containing all three series in one volume; however, quality varies greatly, and readers are encouraged only to purchase editions where they can “Look Inside.” Some editions are missing all of the many italics indicated in the original, which, needless to say, have no small significance. In most cases, you will be able to page forward on the Look Inside to the second page of the first sermon, The Child in the Midst, which contains several italicized words.*

About Unspoken Sermons

**Unspoken Sermons: A Brief Introduction by Onesimus**

*This essay is from Consuming Fire, the devotional version of Unspoken Sermons, and discusses the major themes of MacDonald’s three-volume masterpiece.*

**Spoken: The Foundations of George MacDonald’s Unspoken Sermons by Barbara Amell**

*Discussion of the relationship between the many sermons that MacDonald delivered during his life, and his published Unspoken Sermons.*

**Northwind Archive Articles**

*“The Role of Nature in the Eschatology of George MacDonald’s Unspoken Sermons” by Joshua Wise*
“George MacDonald and the Anthropology of Love”
by Robin Philips

“Theology for the Sake of God’s Children: Observations on George MacDonald’s Theology in his Unspoken Sermons”
by Thomas Gerold

Wingfold Articles

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Unspoken Sermons Vol. I
1867 Review
Summer 2012

Unspoken Sermons Vol. II
1885 Review
Fall 2000

1885 Review
Summer 2011

Other Articles and Books

Why George MacDonald Hated Adoption by Fred Sanders
The Scriptorium Daily, Torrey Honors Institute of Biola University

Consuming Fire: The Inexorable Power of God’s Love, edited by Onesimus
A daily devotional version of Unspoken Sermons
CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2015
The Miracles of Our Lord
Twelve essays on the miracles worked by Christ, originally published in 1870 by Strahan & Co., London.

Available from Johannesen Printing & Publishing
Johannesen has put Miracles of Our Lord together with Hope of the Gospel in one volume. Handbound cloth cover edition, volume, type-copied to preserve the text of the original editions referenced above.

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1870 Review
Summer 2006

Days in Derbyshire
by Barbara Amell
Spring 2015

The Hope of the Gospel
Twelve essays on verses from the New Testament; eight from Matthew, two from Luke, and one each from Mark and Romans. Originally published in 1892 by Ward, Lock, Bowden and Co., London.

from Johannesen Printing & Publishing
Johannesen has put Hope of the Gospel together with Miracles of Our Lord in one volume. Handbound cloth cover edition, volume, type-copied to preserve the text of the original editions referenced above.
General Discussions of MacDonald’s Theology

George MacDonald: Not Necessarily a Universalist
from Notes on the Foothills blogsite

Baptized Imagination: The Theology of George MacDonald
by Kerry Dearborn, Ashgate, 2008

“The imagination has been called, ‘the principal organ for knowing and responding to disclosures of transcendent truth’. This book probes the theological sources of the imagination, which make it a vital tool for knowing and responding to such disclosures. Kerry Dearborn approaches areas of theology and imagination through a focus on the nineteenth century theologian and writer George MacDonald.”

Book Review of Baptized Imagination: The Theology of George MacDonald (by Kerry Dearborn)
by P.H. Brazier

The C.S. Lewis Chronicle Vol. 7, No. 1, Hilary 2010

Articles from the North Wind Archive on MacDonald’s Theology

NB: the North Wind Archive has many articles listed under the topic of Theology which are also listed in other sections of this website; however, for convenience, we have included all articles classified by North Wind as “theology” below.
“The Day of All the Year: MacDonald's Christmas Aesthetic”
by Daniel Gabelman

“Whence Came the Fantasia: The Good Dream in Lilith”
by Rolland Hein

“A Check List of Biblical Allusions in Lilith”
Tim Martin

“A Reading of At the Back of the North Wind”
by Colin Manlove

“A Theologian's Dealings with the Fairies”
by Gwen Watkins

“Bridge over the River Why: The Imagination as a Way to Meaning”
by Kerry Dearborn

“Childhood and Faith in The Princess and the Goblin”
by Rebecca Long

“Children of God and or Justified Sinners: A New Look at MacDonald and the Theology of the Reformers”
by Thomas Gerold

“Crystal City: Sodom-Bulika-Jerusalem”
by Karl Kegler

“George MacDonald's Lilith: Whores in Babyland”
by Jennifer Sattaur

“George MacDonald: A Novelist for All Times”
by Georgette Lormant

“George MacDonald and Spiritual Development”
by John Pridmore
“George MacDonald and the Anthropology of Love”
by Robin Phillips

“George MacDonald and the Homiletics of Religious Imagination”
by Keith Waddle

“George MacDonald as the Forgotten Father”
by Bruce Hindmarsh

“George MacDonald at Blackfriars Chapel”
by David S. Robb

“George MacDonald on Pain and Suffering: An Unpublished Letter”
by Glenn Edward Sadler

“Images of Creation”
by Kathy Triggs

“Knowing God ‘Other-wise’: The Wise Old Woman Archetype”
by Katharine Bubel

“Lilith and Mysticism”
by Charles Beaucham

“Mariana Leaves the Moated Grange: The Social Revolutionary Ethics in Weighed and Wanting”
by Adelheid Kegler

“Outworn Liberal Humanism: MacDonald and ‘The Right Relation to the Whole’”
by Roderick McGillis

“Poor Doubting Christian: MacDonald’s Wingfold Trilogy”
by Miho Yamaguchi

“Preacher and Patriot: George MacDonald as a Scottish Novelist”
by Lorna Fergusson

“Reading Scripture in Crisis: The Victorian Crisis of Faith and MacDonald's Response to Coleridge”
by Gisela Kreglinger

“Riddled with Evil: Fantasy as Theodicy in Phantastes and Lilith”
by Courtney Salvey

“Shadows that Fall: The Immanence of Heaven in the Fiction of C.S. Lewis and George MacDonald”
by David Manley

“Tendering Greatness: George MacDonald's The Lost Princess and the Bible”
by Deborah Holm

“The Phenomenal as a Channel to the Real in MacDonald's Fantasy”
by Adrian Gunther

“The Poverty of Riches: A Victorian Approach Reconsidered”
by Kathy Triggs

“The Princess and the Goblin and The Princess and Curdie”
by Colin Manlove

“The Role of Nature in the Eschatology of George MacDonald’s Unspoken Sermon”
by Joshua Wise

“The Ultimate Rite of Passage: Death and Beyond in ‘The Golden Key’ and At the Back of the North Wind”
by Marilyn Pemberton

“The Wise Woman or The Lost Princess:A Double Story:A Critique of Victorian Parenting”
by Osama Jarrar
“Theology for the Sake of God’s Children: MacDonald’s Theology in his Unspoken Sermons”
by Thomas Gerold

“This is (Not) a Horse: MacDonald’s Theodicy in ‘At the Back of the North Wind’”
by G. St. John Scott

“Thoreau’s Economy and George MacDonald’s Lilith”
by John Pennington

“Two Notions of Hell”
by Gwen Watkins

YouTube Videos

Why George MacDonald “turned with loathing from the god of Jonathan Edwards”
by Ron Dart

Compilations of MacDonald’s Writings by Michael Phillips
The books below can be found on Michael Phillips’ website, Father of the Inklings. Where available from WisePath books in hardcover or in paperback from Amazon, that is noted below.

Discovering the Character of God
Bethany House Publishing, 1989
  From WisePath Books
  From Amazon

Knowing the Heart of God
Bethany House Publishing 1990
  From WisePath Books
  From Amazon

A Time To Grow, Daily Devotional
  From Amazon
A Time To Harvest, Daily Devotional
From Amazon

Wisdom To Live By, Selected Quotes From All MacDonald’s Works
Sunrise Books, 1996
From WisePath Books

Your Life in Christ, Edited Sermons with Commentary by Michael Phillips
Bethany House Publishing, 2005
From WisePath Books
From Amazon

The Truth in Jesus, Edited Sermons with Commentary by Michael Phillips
Bethany House Publishing, 2006
From WisePath Books
From Amazon

Writings and Studies by Michael Phillips on MacDonald and MacDonald-Inspired Theological Topics

Universal Reconciliation, A Compilation of Quotes by MacDonald, F.D. Maurice, & Others
Sunrise Books, 1998
From Amazon

The Garden at the Edge of Beyond, Dedicated to and fictionally featuring George MacDonald
From Amazon

Hell and Beyond, Dedicated to and fictionally featuring George MacDonald
Sunrise Books, 1998
From Amazon
Review from the North Wind Archive
by John Pennington

Leben
A magazine dedicated to the spiritual vision of George MacDonald, 12 issues, 2004-06

The Commands, Devotional readings featuring numerous quotes from George MacDonald
Sunrise Books, 2012
From Amazon

Bold Thinking Christianity, Discovering Intellectually Vigorous Faith
Sunrise Books 2013
From Amazon

George MacDonald and the Late Great Hell Debate
Sunrise Books 2013
From Amazon

Practical Essential Christianity
Sunrise Books 2013
From Amazon

Heaven and Beyond
Sunrise Books 2015
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