



Thinking Differently About God: Neurodiversity, Faith & Church Recommended Reading

Neurodiversity

- Basic definitions <https://neurocosmopolitanism.com/neurodiversity-some-basic-terms-definitions/>
- Beginners' guide <https://www.learningdisabilitytoday.co.uk/a-beginners-guide-to-neurodiversityfbclid=IwAR2Qpl617756i6wIUoY9S4e330KYAk0oc1EBifxAEXoDJ1wTf2XOV0rMVqs>
- Delivered from Distraction – John Rattay & Edward Hallowell (Ballantine Books, 2005) *ADHD insight and tools*
- The Smart but Scattered Guide to Success – Peg Dawson (Guilford Press, 2016) *A useful guide for adults with ADHD to surviving life and work. The same authors also produce guides for children and teens.*
- Autism and Asperger Syndrome in Adults (Overcoming Common Problems)- Dr Luke Beardon (Sheldon Press, 2016) *A social model approach to autism, and looks at autism myths and stereotypes, diagnosis, ways autism impacts an individual, sensory issues, friendship, and the transition into adulthood. Useful for autistic adults/young people as well as those who want to better include them.*
- Spectrum Women: Walking to the Beat of Autism - ed. Barb Cook & Michelle Garnett (Jessica Kingsley, 2018) *16 autistic women come together to describe how autism affects them. Topics include identity, diversity, parenting, independence and self-care.*
- Women and Girls with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Understanding Life Experiences from Early Childhood to Old Age - Sarah Hendrickx (Jessica Kingsley 2015) *Science and lived experience combine to give a broad account of the uniqueness of women's experiences.*
- The Asperkid's (Secret) Book of Social Rules – Jennifer Cook O'Toole (Jessica Kingsley, 2013)
- Nerdy, Shy and Socially Inappropriate: A User Guide to an Asperger Life - Cynthia Kim (Jessica Kingsley, 2014) *Excellent book by the writer of the Musings of an Aspie blog.*
- Asperger's Syndrome And Communication - Alis Rowe (Lonely Mind Books, 2017) *An accessible book that uses pictures and simple words. Good for*

children and people who want to include them better, but also a useful beginner's guide to understanding how autistic adults may communicate.

- A Mismatch of Salience – Damian Milton (Pavilion, 2017)
- Autistic communication
<http://www.autscape.org/2013/programme/handouts/Double%20empathy%20problem.pdf>
- Living with Dyspraxia: A Guide for Adults with Developmental Dyspraxia - Mary Colley (Jessica Kingsley, 2006) *A very good practical guide to the topic. Useful for dyspraxic people and those who want to include them better in their communities*
- Musings of an Aspie *A blog by a woman with Asperger's Syndrome, this is a really useful resource on life on the autistic spectrum, covering everything from motherhood, marriage and late diagnosis, to self-acceptance and living with Asperger's* <https://musingsofanaspie.com/>
- Autistic Flappy Hour – podcast hosted by and for autistic people. *Fun and interesting* <https://flappyhourcast.wordpress.com/>
- The Electricity of Every Living Thing: A Woman's Walk in the Wild to Find Her Way Home - Katherine May (Trapeze, 2018) *'a life-affirming exploration of wild landscapes, what it means to be different and, above all, how we can all learn to make peace within our own unquiet minds.'*

Neurodiversity and faith

- Fearfully and Wonderfully Made: My Christian Journey with ADHD - David Michael Carrillo (Lulu, 2006)
- The Other Side of Dyslexia: God's Faithfulness to Redeem, Restore and Heal the Wounded Heart – Hope S Beale (Xulon Press, 2019)
- Twitch and Shout, Hallelujah, Amen: Poems of Love, Forgiveness and Living with Tourette's syndrome – Gregory John Nashif (Resource Publications, 2019)
- Of Different Minds: Seeing Your ADHD Child Through the Eyes of God – Maren Angelotti (Regal, 2009)

Neurodiversity & Church

- Autism and the Church: Bible, Theology and Community – Grant Macaskill (Baylor University Press, 1 November 2019)
<https://annsautism.blogspot.com/2019/06/the-churches-safeguarding-autism-and.html>
- Welcoming and including autistic people in our churches and communities. Diocese of Oxford, used as main guidelines for Church of England
<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Autism-Guidelines-2019.pdf>
- A Welcoming Place: Autistic Young People in Church
<https://www.throughtheroof.org/shop>
- Grove Booklet - Worship and Disability: A Kingdom for All – K Tupling and A de Lang (<https://grovebooks.co.uk>)

Disability Theology

- Disability – Inclusive Church Resource (DLT 2014)
- Mental Health – Inclusive Church Resource (DLT 2014)
- The Disabled God – Nancy Eisland (Abingdon Press, 1994)

- Spirit and the Politics of Disablement – Sharon V Bletcher (Fortress Press, 2007)
- In the Beginning There Was Darkness: A blind person's conversations with the Bible – John Hull (SPCK 2001)
- Deaf Liberation Theology - Hannah Lewis (Ashgate, 2007). Equally relevant to disabled people as Deaf people, but focuses on the latter.
- Towards the Prophetic Church – John Hull (SCM, 2014)

Wired for Justice?

- BBC Faith in the World week 2019 (transcript)
<https://krysiawally.blogspot.com/2019/07/faith-in-world-week-act-of-resistance.html>
- Greta Thurnberg article:
<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/sep/26/greta-thunberg-teenager-on-a-global-mission-to-make-a-difference>

Contemplative Photography

- God is at Eye Level: Photography as a Healing Art - Jan Phillips (Quest, 2000)
- Eyes of the heart: Photography as a Christian Contemplative Practice - Christine Paintner (Ave Maria Press, 2013)
- The Tao of Photography – Seeing Beyond Seeing - Philippe L. Gross & S.I. Shapiro (Ten Speed Press, 2001)
- Breathe in the Beauty - Jeffrey Ringer & Jennifer Bailey (CreateSpace Independent Publishing, 2013)
- The Little Book of Contemplative Photography - Howard Zehr (Good Books, 2005)
- Tao of Photography - Tom Ang (Mitchell Beazley, 2000)
- The Asian Journal of Thomas Merton (New Directions, revised 1975)
- A Hidden Wholeness – The Visual World of Thomas Merton - John Griffin (Jossey Base, 2009)

Thinking Differently About the Bible

- Christology from the Margins - Thomas Bohache (SCM 2008) *A really helpful overview of readings of Jesus within various oppressed groups of people.*
- Lion's Honey: The Myth of Samson - David Grossman (Canongate Books Ltd 2007) *A Jewish literary scholar undertakes a detailed psychological exploration of the character of Samson from the Book of Judges.*
- Sinners Welcome - Mary Karr (Harper 2006) *A poet who uses her own experiences as a woman and as a mother to read and represent various biblical themes and stories.*

Potential for Community Change

- Creative Ideas for Worship with All Abilities: In association with L'Arche – Hazel Bradley, Jim Cargin (Canterbury Press, 2019) Churches, autism and safeguarding
- www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAM9nh8WC-8
- Engage Disability toolkit – *this is from India, full of information and practical ideas*
<http://engagedisability.com/wp->

[content/uploads/engage_disability_toolkit_2019.pdf](#)

Speakers blogs & websites

- <https://annsautism.blogspot.com>
- <http://www.contemplative-photography.co.uk/home-page>
- krysiawally.blogspot.com