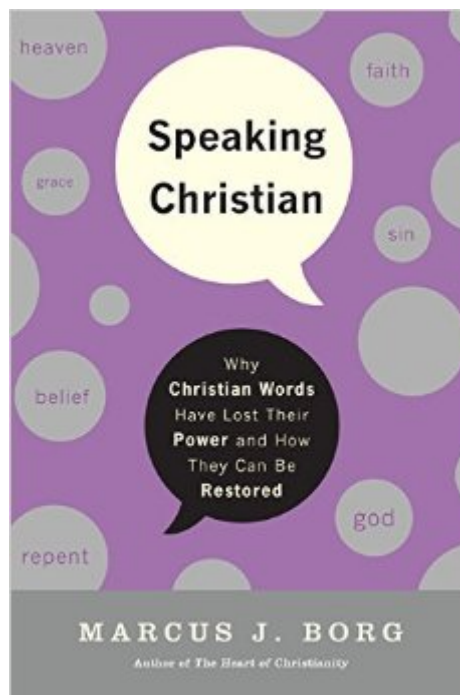


The book was found

# Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning And Powerâ€”And How They Can Be Restored



## Synopsis

In *Speaking Christian*, acclaimed Bible scholar Marcus Borg, author of *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, argues that the very language Christians use has become dangerously distilled, distorted, and disconnected from the beliefs which once underpinned it. Stating a case that will resonate with readers of N. T. Wright's *Simply Christian*, Borg calls for a radical change to the language we use to invoke our beliefs—the only remedy that will allow the Church's words to once again ring with truth, power, and hope.

## Book Information

Paperback: 256 pages

Publisher: HarperOne; Reprint edition (September 30, 2014)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 006197658X

ISBN-13: 978-0061976582

Product Dimensions: 5.3 x 0.6 x 8 inches

Shipping Weight: 6.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (176 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #242,956 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #66 in [Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Bible Study & Reference > Meditations > New Testament](#) #778 in [Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Worship & Devotion > Meditations](#) #1791 in [Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Bible Study & Reference > New Testament](#)

## Customer Reviews

"This book could start a revolution. Borg cracks open the encrusted words of faith and pops them into fresh language that people can understand..." Anne S. Howard

There is no doubt that the revolution was already started in 1963, by former Anglican bishop of Woolwich, John Robinson, who was a major force in shaping Borg's liberal and progressive Christianity. His controversial million-copy bestseller, "Honest to God" was not so much an attempt to reshape Christianity, but a trial of concepts and modern language that conformed Christianity to a modern pro-scientific world view. There can be little question that Robinson wished to reduce Christianity's dependence on belief in legendary accounts and on the supernatural. Some conservative Christians were, and others are still terrified by the same 'Jesus Seminar' attitude. They see in this approach an appeal for a secularized Christianity or even worse, an appeal for secular humanism.

Acclaimed Bible scholar Marcus Borg, revisits same issues again after a half century. He argues that contemporary

Christian language has become non inclusive, disconnected from and not representing the beliefs which once substantiated it. Defending his case with allusion to N. T. Wright's "Simply Christian," Borg calls for a radical change to the language Christians use to express their beliefs. For Borg, as was for Robinson, it is the primary remedy that will permit the Church's words to once again communicate Biblical truth, faith, and hope. Borg is addressing what he wrote earlier in, "Reading the Bible Again for the First Time." By taking the Bible Seriously, But Not Literally he shares Robinson's main perspective.

\*\*\*\*\*"A historical approach is greatly illuminating. Language comes alive in its context. ... Thus a historical approach makes Christian language relative and not absolute." Marcus Borg, Speaking Christian

The early Church Fathers followed primarily one of two methods of interpretation: Allegorical (spiritual) or literal. Going beyond literalism, Origen advanced allegorical Bible exegesis, early in the third century, claiming that it hides the truth from those blinded by sin and pride, while revealing it to the renewed eyes of believers. Up to the Reformation, the Bible was not usually interpreted in a strictly literal way. Marcus Borg, who pursued the search for the real historical Jesus, with the Jesus Seminar for the first decade of its work, now expounds an alternative understanding by restoring authentic biblical meanings. Dr. Borg believes Christian language needs to be set free from its contemporary literalism. He wrote some of the most thought provoking books of which Speaking Christian is the most recent. His vision, as he stated, "I think we're living in a time of transition within Christianity that's been going on for half a century... where what I call the common Christianity that most Christians ...took for granted is no longer persuasive and compelling." Some Biblical historians believe that Biblical literalism came about with Sola Scriptura, at the rise of Protestantism. So, Dr. Borg coaches the reader, with the book conclusion, asking if literal interpretation was part of the foundation he would like to shake, in the words of Paul Tillich, one of the century's most influential Christian thinkers. The author now persuades you into a discussion, helping you recover true belief.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power – And How They Can Be Restored From Zero to Sixty on Hedge Funds and Private Equity  
3.0: What They Do, How They Do It, and Why They Do The Mysterious Things They Do  
The Gospel of Thomas: Lost Sermons of Jesus Restored: A New Translation for Today's World  
Words Their Way: Word Study for Phonics, Vocabulary, and Spelling Instruction (6th Edition) (Words Their Way Series)  
Words Their Way with English Learners: Word Study for Phonics, Vocabulary, and Spelling (2nd Edition)

(Words Their Way Series) Beginning Power BI with Excel 2013: Self-Service Business Intelligence Using Power Pivot, Power View, Power Query, and Power Map Power Pivot and Power BI: The Excel User's Guide to DAX, Power Query, Power BI & Power Pivot in Excel 2010-2016 Speaking Up & Speaking Out: Working for Environmental Justice Through Parks, Recreation, & Leisure Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do When Germs Travel: Six Major Epidemics That Have Invaded America and the Fears They Have Unleashed Biblical Words and Their Meaning: An Introduction to Lexical Semantics Food and the City: New York's Professional Chefs, Restaurateurs, Line Cooks, Street Vendors, and Purveyors Talk About What They Do and Why They Do It The Tree: A Natural History of What Trees Are, How They Live, and Why They Matter The Economist Guide to Financial Markets (6th Ed): Why they exist and how they work (Economist Books) Angels: Who They Are, What They Do, and Why It Matters Creature Features: Twenty-Five Animals Explain Why They Look the Way They Do Understanding Jehovah's Witnesses: Why They Read the Bible the Way They Do The Chief Financial Officer: What CFOs Do, the Influence they Have, and Why it Matters (Economist Books) Contemplation in a World of Action: Second Edition, Restored and Corrected (GETHSEMANI STUDIES P) A World Restored: Metternich, Castlereagh and the Problems of Peace, 1812-22

[Dmca](#)