

# New Resources March 2021

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BANAJI

Banaji, Mahzarin R. ***Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People***. New York, Delacorte Press, 2013.

**Summary:** I know my own mind. I am able to assess others in a fair and accurate way. These self-perceptions are challenged by leading psychologists Mahzarin R. Banaji and Anthony G. Greenwald as they explore the hidden biases we all carry from a lifetime of exposure to cultural attitudes about age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, social class, sexuality, disability status, and nationality. “Blindspot” is the authors’ metaphor for the portion of the mind that houses hidden biases. Writing with simplicity and verve, Banaji and Greenwald question the extent to which our perceptions of social groups—without our awareness or conscious control—shape our likes and dislikes and our judgments about people’s character, abilities, and potential. In *Blindspot*, the authors reveal hidden biases based on their experience with the Implicit Association Test, a method that has revolutionized the way scientists learn about the human mind and that gives us a glimpse into what lies within the metaphoric blindspot. The title’s “good people” are those of us who strive to align our behavior with our intentions. The aim of *Blindspot* is to explain the science in plain enough language to help well-intentioned people achieve that alignment. By gaining awareness, we can adapt beliefs and behavior and “outsmart the machine” in our heads so we can be fairer to those around us. Venturing into this book is an invitation to understand our own minds. Brilliant, authoritative, and utterly accessible, *Blindspot* is a book that will challenge and change readers for years to come. --Penguin Random House

**Content Notes:**

- Mindbugs -- Shades of truth -- Into the blindspot -- “Not that there's anything wrong with that!” -- Homo categoricus -- The stealth of stereotypes -- Us and them -- Outsmarting the machine.

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STRAWN

Strawn, Brent A. ***Lies My Preacher Told Me: An Honest Look at the Old Testament***.

Louisville, Kentucky, Westminster John Knox Press, 2021.

**Summary:** In this concise volume, Brent Strawn addresses ten common “lies” or mistruths about the Old Testament, from perceptions of God’s personality (the “angry Old Testament God”) to the relevance of the Old Testament for Christians. Discover why stories and laws written thousands of years ago, centuries before Christ, are enriching and indispensable for modern Christians. Written by a leading scholar in Old Testament and designed for easy reading and group discussion, this book will expand your thinking about the Bible’s First (and largest) Testament. --Westminster John Knox Press

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JONES

Jones, Beth Felker. ***Pandemic Prayers: Devotions and Prayers for a Crisis***. Eugene, Oregon, CASCADE Books, 2021.

**Summary:** This short book of devotional reflections and prayers, from Wheaton College theologian Beth Felker Jones, was written in March and April of 2020, in the face of the pandemic crisis. These twenty-five short readings share the love of God

and the hope we have in Jesus Christ as we face a time of fear, anxiety, isolation, and suffering. The devotions include material from Psalms of Lament, Julian of Norwich, and reflection on the meaning of Christ's death and resurrection. These reflections are a companion for anyone walking through suffering and crisis. --Wipf & Stock

ADULTS  
248.4  
HATMAKER Hatmaker, Jen. ***Simple and Free: 7 Experiments Against Excess***. New York, Convergent, 2021.

**Summary:** Simple and Free is the true story of how Jen (along with her husband and five children) identified seven areas of excess--food, clothes, spending, media, possessions, waste, and stress--and made seven simple choices to fight back against the modern-day diseases of greed, materialism, and overindulgence. So, what's the payoff from living a deeply reduced life? It's the discovery of a greatly increased connection with God--a call toward simplicity and generosity that transcends social experiment to become a radically better life. In this new edition, written not just for readers of faith but for everyone who craves a gentler, simpler life, Jen shares how sustainability and generosity still impact and challenge her today. Now annotated throughout with new reflections from the author, Jen offers thoughtful insights as she reflects on the vastly different world of Simple and Free back when it was first published as 7, and considers the dramatically different space she occupies now. Simple and Free is funny, raw, and not a guilt trip in the making. Come along and discover what Jesus' version of rich, blessed, and generous might look like in your life. --Cokesbury

ADULTS  
248.4  
HATMAKER Hatmaker, Jen. ***Simple and Free Guided Journal***. New York, Convergent, 2021.

**Summary:** In Simple and Free, first published as 7, Jen Hatmaker described her reckoning with excess through a social experiment, which turned into a spiritual movement. Now, in Simple and Free: Guided Journal, Hatmaker invites readers to examine their own seven areas of excess--from stress to spending to social media--and identify personal practices toward creating a life of "enough." It's one thing to imagine a better story; it's another thing to live one. This guided journal helps readers simplify the excess in their lives in practice, not just wishful thinking. Simple and Free: Guided Journal is a tool to help readers stay attentive, inspect their tendencies thoughtfully, and combat the modern-day diseases of greed, materialism, and overindulgence. It invites readers to deeply explore seven areas of excess: food, clothes, spending, media, possessions, waste, and stress--and create pathways towards a gentler, simpler life. --Cokesbury

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HATMAKER Hatmaker, Jen. ***Simple and Free Study Guide: Staging Your Own Experiment Against Excess***. New York, Convergent, 2021.

**Summary:** In Simple and Free, first published as 7, Jen Hatmaker gave readers the story of how her reckoning with excess and materialism turned into a social experiment, which soon propelled into a spiritual movement. Now, in Simple and Free: Study Guide, Hatmaker invites readers to delve deeper into solutions and practices for their own seven areas of excess--from stress to spending to social media. This nine-week study guide walks readers through these excesses and equips readers with practical tools with which to create solutions, making this a way of life, not just an experiment. This resource takes the best from Simple and Free and packs these points with Scripture, followed with prompting questions, broken down into focused, thematically organized weeks for readers to explore patterns and

solutions around sustainability and gratitude in greater depth. What's the payoff from living a deeply reduced life? It's the discovery of a greatly increased connection with God--a call toward Christ-like simplicity and generosity that transcends social experiment to become a radically better life. --Cokesbury

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ROOSE

Roose, Barbara L. ***Breakthrough DVD: Finding Freedom in Christ : A Study in***

***Galatians***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Women, 2021.

**Summary:** Let go of feeling like you are not a “good enough” Christian and find freedom in Christ by studying Paul’s letter to the Galatians For some reason, many women feel they must be the perfect wife, the perfect mother, the perfect sister, daughter, employee...the perfect Christian. Why do we feel we must constantly measure up to be good enough for God? In this six-week study of Galatians, Barb Roose shows us that even the believers in the early church struggled to let go of rule-keeping in order to embrace God’s free gift of grace. We’ll learn that the Galatians had the same performance issues as we do. Learn to stop trying to measure up in God’s eyes and instead accept God’s grace, distinguish between lies and truth, and embrace God’s promise of freedom. A Participant Workbook, a Leader Guide, and DVD, each sold separately, complement this six-week study. The DVD contains video sessions with six 25-minute segments (with closed captioning). --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- 1. Untwisting the Truth (22:36) -- 2. Freedom Fighters (19:42) -- 3. Shutting Down Performance-Based Faith (20:44) -- 4. Finding Freedom (14:14) -- 5. Live Free! (16:59) -- 6. Forever Freedom (16:53) -- Promotional Video (0:59)

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ROOSE

Roose, Barbara L. ***Breakthrough Leader Guide: Finding Freedom in Christ : A Study***

***in Galatians***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Women, 2021.

**Summary:** Let go of feeling like you are not a “good enough” Christian and find freedom in Christ by studying Paul’s letter to the Galatians For some reason, many women feel they must be the perfect wife, the perfect mother, the perfect sister, daughter, employee...the perfect Christian. Why do we feel we must constantly measure up to be good enough for God? In this six-week study of Galatians, Barb Roose shows us that even the believers in the early church struggled to let go of rule-keeping in order to embrace God’s free gift of grace. We’ll learn that the Galatians had the same performance issues as we do. Learn to stop trying to measure up in God’s eyes and instead accept God’s grace, distinguish between lies and truth, and embrace God’s promise of freedom. A Participant Workbook, a Leader Guide, and DVD complement this six-week study. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- About the Author -- Introduction -- Leader Helps -- 1. Untwisting the Truth (Galatians 1) -- 2. Freedom Fighters (Galatians 2) -- 3. Shutting Down Performance-Based Faith (Galatians 3) -- 4. Finding Freedom (Galatians 4) -- 5. Live Free! (Galatians 5) -- 6. Forever Freedom (Galatians 6) -- Video Viewer Guide Answer -- Notes.

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Roose, Barbara L. ***Breakthrough Participant Workbook: Finding Freedom in Christ :***

ROOSE

***A Study in Galatians.*** Nashville, TN, Abingdon Women, 2021.

**Summary:** Let go of feeling like you are not a “good enough” Christian and find freedom in Christ by studying Paul’s letter to the Galatians For some reason, many women feel they must be the perfect wife, the perfect mother, the perfect sister, daughter, employee...the perfect Christian. Why do we feel we must constantly measure up to be good enough for God? In this six-week study of Galatians, Barb Roose shows us that even the believers in the early church struggled to let go of rule-keeping in order to embrace God’s free gift of grace. We’ll learn that the Galatians had the same performance issues as we do. Learn to stop trying to measure up in God’s eyes and instead accept God’s grace, distinguish between lies and truth, and embrace God’s promise of freedom. A Participant Workbook, a Leader Guide, and DVD complement this six-week study. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- About the Author -- Introduction -- Biblical Background on Galatians -- 1. Untwisting the Truth (Galatians 1) -- 2. Freedom Fighters (Galatians 2) -- 3. Shutting Down Performance-Based Faith (Galatians 3) -- 4. Finding Freedom (Galatians 4) -- 5. Live Free! (Galatians 5) -- 6. Forever Freedom (Galatians 6) -- Notes -- Video Viewer Guide Answers.

ADULTS  
248.86 LUM

Lum, Doman. ***The Great Coronavirus Pandemic and Messages from the Prophets.***

Eugene, Oregon, RESOURCE Publications, 2021.

**Summary:** As we witness the mounting illness and death toll of the coronavirus, the messages of the Old Testament prophets offer comfort and truth. They call us to repentance and affirm God's faithfulness. Doman Lum crafts twenty-one sermons which preach the good news of God's love. The story of the great pandemic involves the impact of COVID-19, President Donald Trump, the murder and killings of African Americans, and the 2020 presidential election. The Old Testament prophets and contemporary biblical theologians share spiritual insights, faith, and trust. Lum encourages the reader to become involved in the public response, the public health programs, and government responsibility to cope with this health crisis as citizens of the United States. This book features the reading of Scriptures, profound and thoughtful sermons, and pastoral prayers. It is for the individual, family, community, and nation who seek spiritual counsel in the midst of the pandemic. --Wipf & Stock

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264 LIU

Liu, Gerald C. ***A Worship Workbook: A Practical Guide for Extraordinary Liturgy.***

Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2021.

**Summary:** Extraordinary Christian worship is honest and versatile in its expressions of diverse liturgy. Pastors and others who lead Christian worship want to offer worship that is truthful and hopeful. They yearn to create worship that involves and includes everyone in their midst. To develop new approaches to planning, so that their worship can reflect and respond to the realities of the community. To create worship for the church that is becoming. A Worship Workbook introduces crucial and under-examined liturgical and social concepts for students and leaders of worship. Each chapter offers a brief lesson, teaching new skills and inspiring creativity for honest, faithful, and versatile worship leadership. --Cokesbury

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Kemper, Thomas. ***Methodist Mission at 200: Serving Faithfully Amid the Tensions.***

Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2021.

KEMPER

**Summary:** For more than 200 years, millions of Methodists have shared God's love with the world. Baked into the theological purpose of our mission is the compassion and resolve to relieve human suffering by offering healing, hope, and holiness everywhere in the world. Millions of Methodist people on every continent persist in serving faithfully amid the tensions and challenges that cry out for transformation. This book tells the story of these global efforts, beginning with John Stewart's ministry among the Wyandotte Nation in America, and what Methodists have learned about God's mission along the way. This book also describes how United Methodist Global Ministries is living out these lessons of cooperation, humility, relationship, and practicing holistic mission. Together, Methodists pursue and promote personal, social, and cosmic transformation. Together, we work and live amid the tensions that enrich and expand our awareness of Methodist identity in God's diverse world. --Cokesbury

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KALAS

Kalas, David. ***Reunion: A Bible Study for Churches Getting Back Together.***

Columbia, SC, 3x5 Press, 2020.

**Summary:** Never before has there been a time when everyone has stopped going to church. Individual churches close for inclement weather in this town or that region for a Sunday or two, but never before have churches all across the country closed their doors for such an extended period of time. Even in settings of persecution, Christians have still gathered for worship and fellowship. This season has been unique in the history of the church and in the life of each individual congregation. As federal and state governments allow churches to open their doors again, what will happen? Will things go back to normal? What will be the new normal? In this six-week study, David Kalas provides a resource to help pastors, group leaders, and congregations navigate these uncharted waters. "Reunion" will help people come back together, reconnect with one another, rebuild their churches, and move forward into an even better future of serving God together! The volume includes a Leader Guide to assist in making this book an ideal resource for group study and discussion. --Amazon

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ROMERO

Romero, Robert Chao. ***Brown Church: Five Centuries of Latina/o Social Justice, Theology, and Identity.*** Downers Grove, Illinois, IVP, an imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2020.

**Summary:** Interest in and awareness of the demand for social justice as an outworking of the Christian faith is growing. But it is not new. For five hundred years, Latina/o culture and identity have been shaped by their challenges to the religious, socio-economic, and political status quo, whether in opposition to Spanish colonialism, Latin American dictatorships, US imperialism in Central America, the oppression of farmworkers, or the current exploitation of undocumented immigrants. Christianity has played a significant role in that movement at every stage. Robert Chao Romero, the son of a Mexican father and a Chinese immigrant mother, explores the history and theology of what he terms the "Brown Church." Romero considers how this movement has responded to these and other injustices throughout its history by appealing to the belief that God's vision for redemption includes not only heavenly promises but also the transformation of every aspect of our lives and the world. Walking through this history of activism and faith, readers will discover that Latina/o Christians have a heart after God's own. --InterVarsity Press

**Content Notes:**

- Acknowledgments -- Introduction: Brown Church -- 1. El Plan Espiritual de Galilee -- 2. Las Casas, La Virgen de Guadalupe, and the Birth of the

Brown Church -- 3. Multicultural Voices of Colonial Resistance: Garcilaso de la Vega el Inca, Guaman Poma, and Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz -- 4. Padre Antonio José Martínez, the US-Mexico War, and the Birth of "Brown" -- 5. The Spiritual Praxis of César Chávez -- 6. Social Justice Theologies of Latin America: Liberation Theology and Misión Integral -- 7. Liberation Theology in Practice: Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador -- 8. Recent Social Justice Theologies of US Latinos: Latina/o Theology, Mujerista Theology, and Latina/o Practical Theology -- Conclusion: The Brown Church Today and Tenets of a "Brown Christian" Identity -- Bibliography -- Author and Subject -- Index -- Scripture Index.

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CURTICE

Curtice, Kaitlin B. ***Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God***. Grand Rapids, Michigan, Brazos Press, a division of Baker Publishing Group, 2020.

**Summary:** Native is about identity, soul-searching, and the never-ending journey of finding ourselves and finding God. As both a citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and a Christian, Kaitlin Curtice offers a unique perspective on these topics. In this book, she shows how reconnecting with her Potawatomi identity both informs and challenges her faith. Curtice draws on her personal journey, poetry, imagery, and stories of the Potawatomi people to address themes at the forefront of today's discussions of faith and culture in a positive and constructive way. She encourages us to embrace our own origins and to share and listen to each other's stories so we can build a more inclusive and diverse future. Each of our stories matters for the church to be truly whole. As Curtice shares what it means to experience her faith through the lens of her Indigenous heritage, she reveals that a vibrant spirituality has its origins in identity, belonging, and a sense of place. --Brazos Press

**Content Notes:**

- Land and water -- Journeying stories -- Creation stories -- My own beginning -- The problem of whiteness -- Stereotypes and survival -- A heart language -- Gifts of prayer -- Ceremony -- Ancestors -- Self examined -- The pain of church spaces -- Wake-up calls -- When the church gets to work -- Keeping watch -- Fighting invisibility -- Finding one another -- The future of decolonization -- Returning -- A new world for our children.

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WHITELY-  
FIELDS

Whitely-Fields, Josephine. ***Pioneer Black Clergywomen: Stories of Black Clergywomen of the United Methodist Church 1974-2016***. Bloomington, IN, WestBow Press, 2021.

**Summary:** Black clergywomen are pioneers of the United Methodist Church who continue to significantly contribute to making disciples and spreading the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Their stories are inspiring illustrations of the Holy Spirit at work in ordinary people who said yes to ordained ministry. Black clergywomen have endured many challenges and injustices in the predominately White male vocation. However, they have also experienced accomplishments and victories, despite the opposition, that were made possible by the intervening power of God through prayer, hard work, perseverance, and the efforts of other women and men of various races and cultures in the United Methodist Church, other faith persuasions, and members of the greater society. Black clergywomen have been able to facilitate spiritual, numerical, and financial growth in Black and White churches under their

leadership. Black clergywomen have endured many individual, institutional, and systemic acts of racism, sexism, and ageism while being subjected to economic discrimination. They often fight for the equality of others in our society while being denied those same rights in the church. Their continuance exemplifies their commitment to being the embodiment of Christ-love to all people. The United Methodist Church has intensified its commitment to dismantle racism, but the question still remains, "How will the specific dismantling of racism, sexism, ageism, classism, and economic discrimination, against Black clergywomen, be addressed?"  
 STORIES: Bishop Linda Lee, Rev. Dr. Josephine Whitely-Fields, Rev. Dr. Tara Sutton, Bishop Tracy Malone, Rev. Cheryl Bell, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Rev. Edna Morgan, Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, Rev. Ella DeDeaux --Cokesbury

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 EBERHARDT

Eberhardt, Jennifer L. ***Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice that Shapes What***

***We See, Think, and Do.*** New York, Viking, 2019.

**Summary:** From one of the world's leading experts on unconscious racial bias come stories, science, and strategies to address one of the central controversies of our time. How do we talk about bias? How do we address racial disparities and inequities? What role do our institutions play in creating, maintaining, and magnifying those inequities? What role do we play? With a perspective that is at once scientific, investigative, and informed by personal experience, Dr. Jennifer Eberhardt offers us the language and courage we need to face one of the biggest and most troubling issues of our time. She exposes racial bias at all levels of society—in our neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and criminal justice system. Yet she also offers us tools to address it. Eberhardt shows us how we can be vulnerable to bias but not doomed to live under its grip. Racial bias is a problem that we all have a role to play in solving. --Penguin Random House

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 305.800973  
 REYES-  
 CHOW

Reyes-Chow, Bruce. ***But I Don't See You as Asian": Curating Conversations about***

***Race.*** [San Francisco], [BRC Publishing], 2013.

**Summary:** Sitting in the sweet spot between lectures in academia and activism on the streets, Bruce invites readers into a salon-type of atmosphere to talk about race. He directly addresses cringe-inducing words and diversionary tactics, but rather than stopping there, he puts his own joys and struggles on the table for dissection and discovery in the hopes that people will reconsider their assumptions about race. -- Book cover

**Content Notes:**

- Words to begin -- The words we speak -- "But I don't see you as Asian"; -- "No, where are you from?"; -- "If you would just stop talking about race, racism would go away"; -- "Race is only a social construct"; -- "Don't be so sensitive"; -- "Minorities can't be racist"; -- "It's not as bad as it used to be"; -- "And out comes the race card"; -- "We need at least one"; -- "Your English is really good"; -- "You all look the same"; -- "Do you know martial arts?"; -- "I don't mean to be racist, but..."; -- "He's a different kind of black"; -- "It's not easy being white"; -- "What kind of Asian are you?"; -- "But you never show up"; -- "Why do you always sit together?"; -- "Asian is in"; -- "If they can say it, why can't I?"; -- "Those people..."; -- This isn't the last word

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DUNBAR-  
ORTIZ

Dunbar-Ortiz, Roxanne. ***An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States.***

Boston, Beacon Press, 2014.

**Summary:** The first history of the United States told from the perspective of Indigenous peoples. Today in the United States, there are more than five hundred federally recognized Indigenous nations comprising nearly three million people, descendants of the fifteen million Native people who once inhabited this land. The centuries-long genocidal program of the US settler-colonial regimen has largely been omitted from history. Now, for the first time, acclaimed historian and activist Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz offers a history of the United States told from the perspective of Indigenous peoples and reveals how Native Americans, for centuries, actively resisted expansion of the US empire. With growing support for movements such as the campaign to abolish Columbus Day and replace it with Indigenous Peoples' Day and the Dakota Access Pipeline protest led by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* is an essential resource providing historical threads that are crucial for understanding the present. In *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*, Dunbar-Ortiz adroitly challenges the founding myth of the United States and shows how policy against the Indigenous peoples was colonialist and designed to seize the territories of the original inhabitants, displacing or eliminating them. And as Dunbar-Ortiz reveals, this policy was praised in popular culture, through writers like James Fenimore Cooper and Walt Whitman, and in the highest offices of government and the military. Shockingly, as the genocidal policy reached its zenith under President Andrew Jackson, its ruthlessness was best articulated by US Army general Thomas S. Jesup, who, in 1836, wrote of the Seminoles: "The country can be rid of them only by exterminating them." Spanning more than four hundred years, this classic bottom-up peoples' history radically reframes US history and explodes the silences that have haunted our national narrative. --Beacon Press

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CHOI

Choi, Ki Joo. ***Disciplined by Race: Theological Ethics and the Problem of Asian***

***American Identity.*** Eugene, Oregon, Wipf & Stock, 2019.

**Summary:** What does it mean to be Asian American? Should Asian American identity be construed primarily in cultural terms or racial terms? And why should contemporary theology care about such questions? *Disciplined by Race: Theological Ethics and the Problem of Asian American Identity* reveals the critical importance of Asian American experience for contemporary theological debates on race. The book challenges readers to move beyond conventional perceptions of Asian Americans as model minorities and to confront the ways in which Asian Americans are socially restrained by whiteness. Rather than being insulated from the logics of white racism in the modern United States, being Asian American is tragically defined by those logics. Coming to grips with how Asian Americans are disciplined by race reveals the prospects for Asian American self-determination and raises the question of whether resistance to the social demands and allure of whiteness is realistically possible, for Asian Americans and non-Asian Americans alike. --Wipf & Stock

**Content Notes:**

- Identity -- Culture -- Racism -- Agency -- Relationality.