

The most popular network posts of the year

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Here are this year's most popular bloggers and posts from the [CCblogs network](#). Thanks to all CCbloggers for blogging and to everyone for reading.

1. [Inerrancy of the Bible and Sarah Palin](#), by **James F. McGrath**: "Where in the Bible are Christians called to defend the Bible's reputation? Where do we find any evidence within the Bible itself of authors concerned to reconcile every contradiction or avoid any appearance of historical inaccuracy?"
2. [Denominations](#), by **David Lewicki**: "Maybe you consider yourself a 'branded' Christian--Presbyterian, Baptist, Catholic. Maybe not. Either way, you've wondered whether denominations matter for religious life today."
3. [Why we should celebrate Reformation Sunday](#), by **Scott Alan**: "It's Reformation Sunday this week in Protestant circles, which for us Lutherans means we're into the season of questioning the benefit of the thing."
4. [The Advent we hope for](#), by **Debra Dean Murphy**: "Why is it so hard for most non-Catholics to really embrace this season fully? We give it a wink and a nod, observing a kind of pseudo-Advent, even as our Christmas celebrations are in full swing."
5. [The social network](#), by **Dennis Sanders**: "Churches are of course made up of humans, so they are social communities. The problem isn't that churches are social communities; the problem is

when that's all they are."

6. **Bill Hybels, Willow Creek and the homosexuality debate, by Robert McDowell:** "The issue isn't about gay people being welcomed into Hybels's church for worship services. The issue is that Willow Creek has a history of seeking to change gay people."
7. **How to read a book (and not miss the point), by David Warkentin:** "John G. Stackhouse Jr. offers these helpful tips for reading nonfiction. Note how actually reading a book's main content is step five."
8. **The turning over of traditional tables, by Thom Turner:** "The ancient-future worship movement is not a simple reversal of a century's worth of low-church Protestantism. It's a return to the center, a journey back home."
9. **The myth about pastors, by Rachel Hackenberg:** "The myth about pastors is that we are helpers; that ours is a helping profession, counted alongside doctors and nurses and emergency responders and teachers and social workers."
10. **Physics and faith, by Nancy Janisch:** "One of the things people say about Christianity is that Christians believe odd, impossible things. And well, they're right. That's why I find quantum mechanics so comforting."