Thinking Differently About God: Neurodiversity, Faith & Church

Recommended Reading

**Neurodiversity**

- Basic definitions [https://neurocosmopolitanism.com/neurodiversity-some-basic-terms definitions/](https://neurocosmopolitanism.com/neurodiversity-some-basic-terms-definitions/)
- Beginners’ guide [https://www.learningdisabilitytoday.co.uk/a-beginners-guide-to-neurodiversityfbclid=IwAR2Qpl617756i6wlUoY9S4e330KYAk0oc1EBifxAEXoDJ1wTF2XOV0rMVqs](https://www.learningdisabilitytoday.co.uk/a-beginners-guide-to-neurodiversityfbclid=IwAR2Qpl617756i6wlUoY9S4e330KYAk0oc1EBifxAEXoDJ1wTF2XOV0rMVqs)

- 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.*


- 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)


- 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.*


- 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/](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)
• 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]
• 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)
- 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)

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.
- 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
- www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAM9nh8WC-8

Speakers blogs & websites
- https://annsautism.blogspot.com
- http://www.contemplative-photography.co.uk/home-page
- krysiawally.blogspot.com