

# Essential books

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*The Apotheosis*, anonymous silver print, 1860.

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Mark A. Noll on [religion and the Civil War](#)

George Hunter on [evangelism](#)

Fred Edie on [youth ministry](#)