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Hey Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the holidays and getting a chance to catch up on some of those books you've set aside this year. I'm not going to take too much of your time today. I have a few nice issues of *Footnotes* coming together, but they need a little more time to bake---so expect them in the new year.

A few of you have asked about getting access to previous issues of *Footnotes*. Good news. You can find those issues [here](#). I'll include a button at the bottom of future issues so you can access them easily.

Thanks for reading. And Merry Christmas!



A Few More Footnotes

1. *Englewood Review of Books*: [Best Theology Books of 2018](#).
2. Fleming Rutledge appeals to men to read more literary fiction, and makes [some recommendations for where to start](#).
3. Rodney Plunket and I have been preaching through Handel's *Messiah* during December. [There's a lot more to the story](#) than just the Hallelujah Chorus.
4. Pew Research Forum ran a piece a few years ago about educational attainment and opportunity [across global religious communities](#). This sort of information is valuable since it is so difficult for any of us to get much perspective on the world outside our very limited experiences, anecdotes, friendships, and exposures. A few takeaways: Among most religious groups, women are closing the gender gap; Non-natives who live in a foreign country by choice tend to outpace the native culture in education; The explanation of Jewish flourishing suggests that Jewish people have higher levels because they mostly inhabit economically-privileged areas like the US and Israel. Maybe. But such an explanation might downplay the role Jewish people have played in *creating* environments where education is valued. See Amy Chua and Jed Rubenfeld's *The Triple Package* for an interesting read on this.
5. Can the GOP count on Evangelicals [in future elections](#)?
6. How Americans define what is meaningful: [some numbers](#).
7. A really nice piece by Andrew Sullivan: [America's New Religions](#).
8. [A professor pushes back](#) against *The Coddling of the American Mind*.
9. Scot McKnight on [Christians and singing](#).
10. [I chatted with Mark Adams](#) about some trends in book publishing.



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