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Books

David F. White, *Practicing Discernment with Youth: A Transformative Youth Ministry Approach* (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2005), 99–100.

White, *Practicing Discernment*, 3.



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Paulo Freire, *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, trans. Myra Bergman Ramos. (New York: Continuum, 1990), 56.
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Journal Article

Bert Roebben, "Light of Day – Scaffolding a Theology of Youth Ministry," *Journal of Youth and Theology* 4, no. 1 (2005): 27.

Roebben, "Light of Day," 31.

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"An Invitation from the Chair," accessed 17 January 2013, <http://www.iasym.net>.

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Journal Article

L. Barrett, "Theology as Grammar: Regulative Principles or Paradigms and Practices?", *Modern Theology* 25.2 (1988), pp. 155–72.



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Book

Colin E. Gunton, *The One, The Three and The Many* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2nd edn, 1993), pp. 56-59.

Chapter/Article in a Collected Volume

J.L. Martyn, 'Have We Found Elijah?', in R. Hamerton-Kelly and R. Scroggs (eds.), *Jews, Greeks and Christians: Cultures in Late Antiquity* (trans. J. Smith; SJLA, 21; Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2nd edn, 1976).

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