

## SUGGESTED READING

(There are so many more books and websites that could be listed, but of course, that would take forever, and be way too long to be helpful. Hopefully these book references and web links will provide a good starting point for study. I've put an asterisk (\*) by a few of the more practical books a new believer may want to start with.)

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