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Great New Way To Read The Good Book

(NAPS)—A new version of the Bible, aimed at young people and people new to the Scriptures, is making that guide for life more fulfilling than ever.

The Learning Bible (Contemporary English Version), one of the latest publications of the American Bible Society, offers a comprehensive and extensively annotated Bible, in both print and CD-ROM form, to help people make sense of the issues raised by the renewed interest in religious and spiritual questions. This richly illustrated resource offers users a number of reliable tools for both individual and group learning and stimulates an interest to learn more about the Bible and apply these lessons to daily life. Religious educators, Bible teachers and pastors will find these to be excellent sources for lessons and sermon planning.

The language is easy to read and understand and the pages include color-coded icons, each with a succinct, sound-bite-size paragraph that explains names, places, historical data, cultural information and biblical verses. There are over 100 brief articles and 15 background articles strategically placed in or alongside various books, chapters and verses of the Bible.

An appendix, including a timeline historical chart and mini-atlas of 16 full-page and full-color maps of Bible lands, forms the final section of the book.

The CD-ROM places words, verses and passages at the user's fingertips in a quick and easy way, along with hundreds of contextual



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notes on the geography, history, culture, ideas and people of biblical times. The CD also contains inspirational readings of selected verses and comes with a 32-page user's guide. An accompanying music CD features selected Scripture verses set to such contemporary music as salsa, hip-hop, soft rock and R&B.

The Learning Bible is available in Christian bookstores for \$34.95 (flex cover) or \$39.95 (hardcover). The CD-ROM is \$60. You can also order it online at the American Bible Society website, www.americanbible.org or by calling 1-800-32-BIBLE.

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