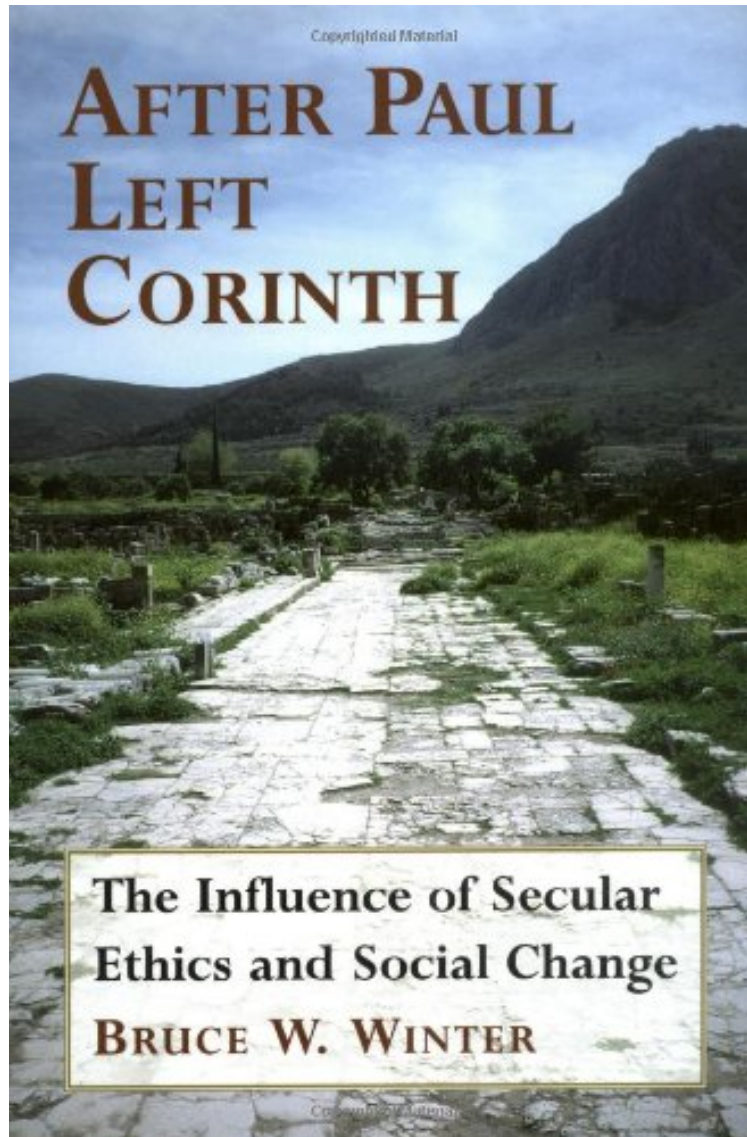


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By L. Murphey "After Paul Left Corinth" is great book when read with a level of skepticism appropriate for material at the leading edge of scholarship. I appreciate Winter's writing style which includes a summary of the chapter at the beginning which helps frame the discussion beforehand. Unfortunately, the book has some mistakes that I'm surprised made it to production. Many are simple formatting mistakes like missing section numbers/letters (for example, page 199 has sub-section "b." but there is no sub-section titled "a."). There are other mistakes that are a bit more substantive though none affect the analysis or conclusions. Here are some that I found: * Page 205: oikodokeo ("house thinking"?, not listed in BDAG or Liddell and Scott) ought to be oikodomeo (mu instead of a kappa) * Page 211: when discussing the difference between oikia and oikos, he cites 1 Timothy 5:3-6 as using both terms. However, oikia does not show up until verse 13 so the correct reference is 1 Timothy 5:3-13 (which does support the distinction between the terms that Winter was illustrating) * Page 258: kairos and kronos are mixed up (should be season and time respectively)
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By John K. Joachim
Dr. Winter's arguments are, dare I say it, *too* convincing, and seldom gives leverage for other opinions (despite the fact that throughout, his tone suggests that he wants his own opinions not to be the final word). He gives compelling evidence (by that word I mean "data," not "truth" or "facts") as to which excerpts of Paul's letter are subject to changes in cultural milieu, and which are not; although even here, I had expected his notion that Paul's letter as a snapshot (i.e., events occurred beforehand leading up to what is reported in the letter, other events occurred afterward but obliquely anticipated by Paul). Granted, producing a text that would have satisfied my expectations would have certainly doubled the length of this book. I also appreciated how he didn't get bogged down on interpreting the theology of the culture, thus producing potential filler to his evidence (although peculiarly, I would have imagined Dr. Winter is certainly equipped to posit such opinions). But Winter's text is a very good first step, as it introduces evidence otherwise neglected. And the presentation reflects half a life's labor of research. I could never discourage this book, but neither could I ever propose it to be the final word, either (as I'm sure Dr. Winter would concur).

After Paul Left Corinth gathers for the first time all the relevant extant material from literary, nonliterary, and archaeological sources on what life was like in the first-century Roman colony of Corinth. Using this evidence, Bruce Winter not only opens a fascinating vista on day-to-day living in the Graeco-Roman world but, more importantly, helps us understand what happened to the Christian community after Paul left Corinth. As Winter shows, the origin of many of the problems Paul dealt with in 1 Corinthians can be traced to culturally determined responses to aspects of life in Corinth. The significance of the role that culture played in the life of the Corinthian Christians has either been ignored or underestimated in explaining the reasons for their difficulties after Paul left. Winter first examines the extent to which Paul communicated alternative ways of behaving while he was in Corinth. Winter then explores the social changes that occurred in Corinth after Paul left. Severe grain shortages, the relocation of the Isthmian Games, the introduction of a new federal imperial cult, the withdrawal of kosher meat from the official market—all of these cultural events had a substantial impact on the life of the emerging Christian community. Accentuated with photos of relevant archaeological artifacts, this volume provides a significant new perspective from which to read Paul's Corinthian correspondence.