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VanZee asserts that “the tradition of women’s oppression and self-liberation is embedded deep in the literature of our American culture” (123).

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Social networking sites can positively affect wellbeing if their designers include “interventions aimed at increasing the beneficial effects” of communication and self-disclosure (Wang 235).

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“I’m convinced that our Creator wants humans to ask hard questions,” states Gehrz as he considers, especially, self-examination in and of the Christian church.

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