

Are there many honest evangelicals alive at this time in history who would not admit they have felt tempted to let their chaotic world “go to hell in a handbasket”? Historian Robert D. Linder (1933-2021) said evangelicals have always had two impulses: proselytize and improve. But now, many are tempted to dissociate or withdraw. “Jesus is the answer,” we say. “But please, God, don’t send us into the line of fire!” I suspect few know how to process the dizzying number of problems and issues paraded before us every day.

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