Stevens' "Aging matters: Finding your calling for the rest of your life" (Book Review)

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of infographic flare to some of the illustrations. Overall, this is a beautiful design of God’s word and is a colorful read. The golden flecks on the front cover create an eye-catching first impression making it quite irresistible to touch.

**Reviewer**
Cynorra Jackson, Friends University

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Dr. Stevens offers readers a new perspective on aging which offers hope as well as spiritual and practical guidance from a Christian point of view. His approach is to view aging as a calling or vocation, reframing it as a positive experience, a privilege, a victory, not a defeat as our society often frames old age. Vocational discernment takes on even more, not less, significance in later life. The author delves into matters of calling, spirituality, and legacy in retirement to show that continuing to discern our vocation as we age facilitates remaining meaningfully engaged for the rest of our lives. Stevens’ understanding of aging as a calling provides an inspiring foundation for generous reflection on a vision of final years lived generously and purposefully. This well researched book contains citations which are footnoted, avoiding flipping back and forth in the book, an index, and a bibliography for further reading. The writing is engaging and there are insightful, thought provoking discussion questions following each chapter which are tied to pertinent scriptural readings. The discussions can be used by a single reader or in a book discussion group. R. Paul Stevens is professor emeritus at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

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Ronny Vollandt offers his readers an in-depth study on the multitude of Arabic versions and translations of the Pentateuch that have arisen throughout history. The aim of this, his re-worked PhD dissertation, is to, “reintegrate the Arabic versions of the Pentateuch into the academic discourse and demonstrate how different disciplines may benefit from a basic scholarly investigation of these texts.” To accomplish his aim, the book is divided into two parts covering the history of Arabic manuscripts.