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This book plunges headlong into the debate about the character of God. Following the historic confession that God is revealed in Jesus, it sketches the life and teaching of Jesus. That life, which reveals Jesus’ rejection of violence, calls for an understanding of God in nonviolent terms. Weaver thus invites us to embrace a nonviolent atonement image, which stands as a direct challenge to the inherited atonement images.

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In April 2008 a conference was convened at Rice University that brought together experts in the three monotheistic religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The papers discussed at the conference are presented here, revised and updated. The thirteen contributions comprise the keynote address by John Miles Foley; three essays on Judaism and the Hebrew Bible; three on the New Testament; three on the Qur'an; and two summarizing pieces, by the Africanist Ruth Finnegan and the Islamicist William Graham respectively.

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God Only Knows
Faith, Hope, Love, and The Beach Boys
EDITED BY JEFF SELLARS
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The Beach Boys are one of rock’s most enduring and enigmatic groups, and while the band has been the subject of numerous biographies and other in-depth studies, there has been no focused evaluation of the religious and spiritual themes in their work. Spiritual and theological themes are present in much of their work, and when this realization is coupled with Brian Wilson’s mission “to spread the gospel of love through records,” and his sense of music as spiritual—of thinking “pop music is going to be spiritual . . . that’s the direction I want to go”—this is a striking way to explore the band’s music. In God Only Knows, the contributors attempt to come to grips with just a small amount of this band’s massive output—by circling around its theological virtues.

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The Turning Aside
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The Turning Aside is about stepping out of our routines—like Moses turning from tending sheep, like a certain man selling his everything to buy a field—to take time to consider the ways of God in the company of some of the finest poets of our time. Turn aside with such established poets as Wendell Berry, Les Murray, Luci Shaw, Elizabeth Jennings, Richard Wilbur, Dana Gioia and Christian Wiman—and respond to their invitation for us to muse along with them. Walk with poets from various parts of the planet, even though some of them are less known, whose words have been carefully crafted to encourage us in our turning aside.

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D.S. MARTIN, the editor of this anthology and the Series Editor for the Poiema Poetry Series, is a Canadian poet living in Brampton, Ontario.
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—TANIA RUNYAN, author of Second Sky

Laurie Klein is the author of the prize-winning chapbook Bodies of Water, Bodies of Flesh and the classic praise chorus “I Love You, Lord.”

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Essays in Faith and Learning
A Festschrift in Honor of Dr. Song Nai Rhee
EDITED BY MICK BOLLENBAUGH AND STEVEN GOETZ
978-1-62564-225-7 | 156 p. | $21

This book represents the collected thinking of a few people who have had strong personal connections to Dr. Song Nai Rhee. Because the integration of faith and learning is a core value held by Dr. Rhee, the various authors have written essays on this topic in honor of his life and work. Dr. Rhee’s robust career at Northwest Christian College/University is celebrated by the essays brought together in this book. Each author has a deep and abiding respect for Dr. Song Nai Rhee. His teaching and mentoring at Northwest Christian College/University have left an indelible mark on each of their lives.

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STEVEN GOETZ is professor of history and philosophy at Northwest Christian University.

Three Skeptics and the Bible
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JEFFREY L. MORROW
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Biblical scholars remain unaware of the history of their own discipline. This present volume addresses that situation by exploring the early history of modern biblical criticism in the 17th c. prior to the time of the Enlightenment and the birth of modern biblical criticism. After surveying the earlier medieval origins of modern biblical criticism, the book focuses on the more skeptical works of Isaac La Peyrère, Thomas Hobbes, and Baruch Spinoza, whose biblical interpretation laid the foundation for what would emerge in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries as modern biblical criticism.

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Glory in Romans and the Unified Purpose of God in Redemptive History
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Donald Berry argues that glory lies at the heart of Paul’s redemptive historical framework and is an integral part of the gospel Paul proclaims in Romans. For Paul, eschatological glory is the realization of God’s purpose for Adam and for Israel to see and to show forth the glory of God. This divine purpose finds fulfillment in Christ and in the new humanity he creates.

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MICHAEL S. MOORE
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LANUWABANG JAMIR
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This book argues that the fellowship meal traditions in the ancient world form the background against which the Lord's Supper must be understood. Indeed, the basis of Paul's response to the situation in Corinth and his theology of the Lord's Supper is to be found in the fellowship meal traditions. Based on fellowship meal practices, the study reveals that social-economic factors were only part of the problem in Corinth. Different ideologies and theologies were the reason behind the divisions in the church. Paul's response to the problem reveals that he upheld the fellowship meal traditions. The concept of judgment in the Lord's Supper, while based on the fellowship meal traditions, has been redefined in the light of the Gospel tradition.

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IGAL GERMAN
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When I Die, Bury Me Well
Death, Burial, Almsgiving, and Restoration in the Book of Tobit
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Why do we bury the dead? To honor and respect them? To provide closure and comfort to the living? To provide the dead a final resting place? Tobit buried the dead as the ultimate work of mercy, and its pervasive presence in the narrative discourse of the book of Tobit invites reflection on and consideration of the reason for the practice of burial. The narrative drama radiates a universal sense of what it means to be in exile, namely, that it is an experience of death. Weaving together a complex of ideas related to Israelite interment practices and the reality of Israel’s exile from the land given to them by God, this book explores the significance of burial as it relates to God’s outstanding promises and Tobit’s hopes for the household of Jacob.

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The Kinship of Jesus
Christology and Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark
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Christology and discipleship have largely remained separate categories in Markan scholarship. This study provides a commentary on the Gospel of Mark that underlines kinship as the nexus between Christology (Jesus and his kinship with God) and discipleship (Jesus and his kinship with disciples). The kinship between Jesus and God and between Jesus and the disciples are imitative and contestive means for Mark to negotiate the Roman imperial context. In a world that finds people increasingly separated from one another, this study demonstrates Jesus's formation of his own family and its continued impact on Christian identity and community.

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A Redefinition of the Jerusalem Temple and the Formation of a New Covenant Community
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A worldview of spiritual warfare is widely held amongst charismatics. It is less well known that the term was first used in print around 1970 by Anglican charismatics. What did it mean to them, then and now, and what are the practical effects of their worldview? Should we now be adopting a more sophisticated ontology of evil, rather than the traditional one that Satan and demons are real ontological entities? This practical theology book begins with a study of Anglican charismatic pioneers, and an in-depth case study of a charismatic Anglican church, before grappling with the ontological question in dialogue with Nigel Wright (together with Barth and Walter Wink), Amos Yong, and Gregory Boyd. A fresh engagement with the biblical texts then argues for a positive, realist ontology for rebellious demonic powers; and presents a Trinitarian model of spiritual warfare praxis.

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Calvinists and Charismatics in the Church of England
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Why is the Church of England seen by many as homophobic, misogynist, or just weird? Because two movements within it, the Calvinists and the Charismatics, have recently achieved a degree of influence disproportionate to their numerical strength. Both movements are well organized and wealthy. The Calvinists have played the media and ecclesiastical politics with skill, while identifying themselves as guardians of the one true Reformed doctrine. The Charismatics, on the other hand, have embraced many elements of late-modern culture yet retain a premodern worldview.

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Rootedness in G. K. Chesterton, C. S. Lewis, and Wendell Berry
DAVID HARDEN
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Modern humans are given lots of labels. Some see humans as consumers: consumers of goods, services, and entertainment for the Economy. Some see humans as souls to be saved. Some say humans are destructive animals that must not think too highly of themselves at the peril of the planet. All of these often competing and contradictory labels beg the question: “What are people for?” This book locates the starting point for answering this question in a placed perspective, and examines what G. K. Chesterton, C. S. Lewis, and Wendell Berry have to show us in this regard. These authors’ rooted perspectives challenge us to see our communities and ourselves differently.

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ARCHBISHOP CHRYSOSTOMOS
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This book argues, from an Eastern Orthodox perspective, for the inseparability of classical Hellenism from the Greek patristic tradition, postulating a common striving for truth in both and laying emphasis on the contributions of the ancients and Greek paideia to Christian learning and culture. The essays, in the spirit of the late Werner Jaeger, look anew at the Greek classical world and Christianity through the eyes of the Greek fathers, the direct inheritors of the ancient Greek worldview. They forcefully demonstrate that, conflated with the visionary insights of the Jewish prophets and of Jewish messianism, the wisdom of the ancients served to pave the way for the unfolding of the fullness of Christian teaching and its spiritually enlightening revelation.

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Everyone who provides services to older adults believes in the biomedical model that addresses the body, mind, and spirit of their clients. On the whole, service providers—be they long-term care professionals, academics, social workers, program professionals, counselors, or even clergy—are quite adept at dealing with the body and the mind. But few understand the essential role of the client’s spiritual perspective, which can enhance and make their services and ministries more effective.

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Environmental issues appear deceptively simple: science tells us what the problems are and how to solve them, and, for Christians, the Bible motivates us to care for creation. And yet, both in society and in the Christian church, we cannot seem to agree on what to do regarding environmental issues. In this book, climate scientist Johnny Wei-Bing Lin argues that determining the content of environmental stewardship, far from being a straightforward exercise, is a difficult and complex endeavor. He sets forth a general taxonomy, drawing from worldviews, ethical theories, science epistemology, science-policy studies, politics, and economics, that can help us better understand what excellent creation care consists of.

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Making Good the Claim
Holiness and Visible Unity in the Church of God Reformation Movement

RUFUS BURROW JR.
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The Church of God Reformation Movement (founded in 1881) has the distinction of having been founded on the two core principles of holiness and visible unity. Standard histories of the group proudly argue that the founder and pioneers exhibited a zeal for interracial unity that began to wane only in the early years of the twentieth century. This book rejects that claim and argues instead that little to no extant hard evidence supports that view. Moreover, Making Good the Claim argues that while blacks eagerly joined the group, they did so not because whites expended much energy evangelizing among them but because they heard something deeper in the message of holiness and visible unity than God’s expectation that members achieve spiritual and church unity.

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This Is My Body
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