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Genesis 12–50
A Narrative-Theological Commentary
JAMES CHUKWUMA OKOYE
978-1-5326-7397-9 | 520 p. | $59

This commentary uses narrative criticism to bring out the theological aspects of the biblical story. While basing itself on the Christian belief that Christ is the goal of all Scripture, it nevertheless allows the Hebrew Bible to speak for itself and to show how its inner message may receive completion in Christ. Hence, it adopts what the author calls a “two-stage” hermeneutic. A particular contribution of this commentary is the comparison and confrontation of patristic and early rabbinic exegesis as Christians and Jews struggled over the same texts, using them to support their diverse beliefs. The discussion is geared towards the average educated reader.

“An excellent example of narrative analysis in the service of theological reflection.”
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Old Testament Cosmology and Divine Accommodation
A Relevance Theory Approach
JOHN W. HILBER
978-1-5326-7621-5 | 232 p. | $28

In order to reconcile the discrepancies between ancient and modern cosmology, confessional scholars from every viewpoint on the interpretation of the early chapters of Genesis agree that God accommodated language to finite human understanding. But in the history of interpretation, no consensus has emerged regarding what accommodation entails at the linguistic level. Not only does relevance theory validate interpretative options that are inherently most probable within the primary communication situation, but the application of relevance theory can also help disentangle the complexities of dual authorship inherent in any model of accommodation. The results also make a salutary contribution to the theological reading of Scripture.

JOHN W. HILBER is Professor of Old Testament at Grand Rapids Theological Seminary. His books include Ezekiel (Cascade Books, 2019).
In this book Ronald A. Simkins addresses the current environmental crisis and what the Bible might contribute in response to it. The current environmental crisis appears in loss of biodiversity, degradation of the soil, and especially climate change. If left unchecked, these trends will bring about the collapse of human civilization. These environmental problems are interrelated and share a similar cause: the exploitation of the natural world through an economy structured by capitalist relations of production and powered by the burning of fossil fuels. Through our economic relations, we have depleted natural resources, polluted natural environments, and altered natural processes. These problems are also results of our political economy, which entails not only our politics, ideology, and religion but primarily our economic system. Because the crisis is economic at its core, Simkins first sets the Bible within its own economic context: the biblical ideas of creation—an understanding of relationship to the natural world—arose within the ancient Israelite political economy. Then Simkins places the biblical tradition in conversation with the current environmental crisis. The results of this conversation are both a far richer view of creation in the biblical tradition and a better understanding of what is at stake in the current environmental crisis.

RONALD A. SIMKINS is a Professor of Theology at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He is the author of Creator & Creation (1994) and the founding editor of the Journal of Religion & Society. He has published broadly on creation, political economy, gender, and the environment.

THOMAS MERTON (1915–68) was a seminal figure of twentieth-century American Christianity. Among his many books are his best-selling autobiography The Seven Storey Mountain (1948) and the modern spiritual classic New Seeds of Contemplation (1961).

PATRICK F. O’CONNELL, a founding member of the International Thomas Merton Society (ITMS) is coauthor of The Thomas Merton Encyclopedia (2002).
Constructing Exile
The Emergence of a Biblical Paradigm
JOHN HILL, CSSR
978-1-7252-5499-2 | 152 p. | $21

What happens to a community when it is destroyed by a foreign power? How do survivors face the future? In this book John Hill investigates how the people of ancient Judah survived invasion and destruction at the hands of the Babylonians. Although some of them were deported to Babylon, they created a new identity for themselves, and then, once they were back in Judah, they tried to recreate the past. Hill examines the way that later generations used the experience of the Babylonian invasion to interpret the crises of their own times. He shows how by the time of Jesus exile had become an image Judaism used to understand itself and its story.

"John Hill brings fresh insight, passion, and erudition to Constructing Exile, a superb primer!"
—LOUIS STULMAN

JOHN HILL, CSSR, is a lector emeritus at Yarra Theological Union, and a former Senior Lecturer in the University of Divinity, Melbourne, Australia.

The Life and Witness of David
LARRY R. HELYER
978-1-5326-9132-4 | Forthcoming

The stories about him are among the most beloved and captivating in Scripture. The author distills this amazing story in thirteen chapters and adds a fourteenth to sum up David’s legacy in history, liturgy, and worship.

David transformed the land of Israel from an insignificant federation of tribes into a Middle Eastern power, an extraordinary feat unparalleled in Israel’s history. His importance, however, lies less in his military and political accomplishments than in his spiritual and theological contributions. In his action-packed life and in the book of Psalms, David, the man after God’s own heart, speaks through the Spirit of God to our hearts in all the vicissitudes of life.

At numerous points, the author draws attention to moments in David’s story that reecho in the pages of the NT. David’s story prefigures the story of David’s greater son, Jesus, Son of God. The typological links connecting David and Christ in redemptive history are a key emphasis in this book.

"It is for sure that the narrative of David is a gift that keeps on giving. Larry Helyer has now added to our rich corpus on David a quite accessible study. Two markings of his book merit notice. First, Helyer has an exquisite sense of narrative and so can render each moment of the David narrative in a fresh way. Second, Helyer does not flinch from the theological claim that he finds pervasive in the text, and is able to trace the providential resolve of God through the narrative. This book is of special interest as we watch this agile reader weave together these two accents. The book shows the way in which the David story keeps giving to us."
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The Hebrew prophets of ancient Israel strove to convey God’s point of view to the people and the powers at a time when injustice, deceit, malfeasance, and crushing the poor and the oppressed was prominent—much like today! The prophets spoke courageously and emphatically about God’s profound and unrelenting concern and compassion for human beings.

Much influenced by the theology of prophecy developed by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, this book discusses the nature, meaning, and relevance of ethical prophecy at a time when democracy—in the United States of America and elsewhere—is under vicious assault from the religious and secular right and authoritarian politicians who openly flirt with and support murderous dictators, sexism, homophobia, racial bigotry, anti-Semitism, and hatred of Muslims both in word and practice. An examination of the contributions of eight powerful personalities from the period of American slavery through the post-civil rights era—Angelina Grimké, Ida B. Wells, Abraham J. Heschel, James Baldwin, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr., Óscar Romero, and Alice Walker—offers a recipe for addressing this state of affairs.

“Rufus Burrow has crafted a multivalent profile of the ‘ethical prophet’ through a striking array of leaders who exhibit divergent expressions of political courage, intellectual creativity, and bold faith. Each one inspires. Collectively they expand our imaginations about the ethical contours of individual leadership committed to anti-racism and spirituality.”

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RUFUS BURROW JR. is a Martin Luther King Jr. scholar and Indiana Professor of Christian Thought, Emeritus, at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. In addition to his many publications on King, he has written much on ethical prophecy, including God and Human Responsibility: David Walker and Ethical Prophecy (2002), and coauthored, with Mary Alice Mulligan, Daring to Speak in God’s Name: Ethical Prophecy in Ministry (2002) and Standing in the Margin (2004).
Justice for the Poor?
Social Justice in the Old Testament in Concept and Practice
WALTER J. HOUSTON
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Can the Old Testament help us in keeping the excesses of capitalism in check? How can a book that goes on about “justice and righteousness,” but says “there will always be poor people in the land” and accepts slavery have anything to say to us about social justice? Did kings of Israel draft their subjects—and which subjects—for forced labor? What does it mean when the Psalms say God is coming to judge the world? Is charity justice? — or is justice more than charity? Does Genesis give us the right to use the earth and its creatures as we like? These are some of the questions that Walter Houston asks, and tries to answer, in this book of essays from his work over the last twenty-five years.

“This book is something rich and rare . . . Here is much challenging insight.”
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Liturgy, Lament, and Hope
BRIAN J. WALSH
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Romans
Worship in Hope of the Glory of God
JOHN PAUL HEIL
978-1-5326-9841-5 | 200 p. | $25

This book presents two new proposals regarding Paul’s Letter to the Romans. First, with regard to the structure of the letter, it demonstrates how each of the four main sections of the letter is comprised of a series of microchiastic units arranged in a macrochiastic pattern. The delineation of these structures facilitates the demonstration of the second new proposal, namely, that worship is a key theme of the letter. The theme of worship, both liturgical and ethical, streams through the letter from beginning to end. The letter’s theme of worship is closely associated with its themes of hope and glory. In and through the letter Paul calls on believers, made righteous with God from the faith that engenders an absolutely assured hope, to worship in hope of the glory of God, in hope of attaining the glory of the immortal God for which they were created, the glory of the divine life eternal of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

“Heil’s brief but weighty commentary on Romans represents his crowning work. Applying once again his innovative chiastic approach to the interpretation of yet another work in the New Testament, he demonstrates how this magisterial letter focuses on the theme of worship in hope of God’s glory. Much has been written on this letter, but few works have paid as close attention as Heil’s to its linguistic arrangement and rhetorical purpose. Novices and veterans to Romans will equally benefit from this unique and insightful commentary.”
—PAUL S. JEON

JOHN PAUL HEIL is Professor of New Testament at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. He is the author most recently of Galatians: Worship for Life by Faith in the Crucified and Risen Lord (Cascade, 2019).

Pauline Politics
An Examination of Various Perspectives: Paul and the Uprising of the Dead, Vol. 1
DANIEL OUDSHOORN
978-1-5326-7521-8 | 242 p. | $29

Pauline Politics examines the main positions taken in relation to Paul and politics and then engages in a thorough examination of the underlying arguments used to argue that this-or-that position is more or less plausible. Underlying arguments tend to relate to two things: first, positions on the socioeconomic status of Paul, his coworkers, and other early Jesus loyalists; and second, positions on Pauline eschatology. This volume will comprehensively explore these matters.

DAN OUDSHOORN has spent more than twenty years actively pursuing life and mutually liberating solidarity in the company of the oppressed, abandoned, dispossessed, colonized, and left for dead.
trying to accomplish, it is no longer possible to ignore Graeco-Roman cultural, economic, political, and religious beliefs and practices. Nor can one ignore the ways in which colonized and vanquished peoples adopted, developed, subverted, and resisted these things. In order to properly contextualize the Pauline faction, the traditional background material related to Paul and politics must be developed in the following ways: Pauline eschatology must be examined in light of apocalyptic resistance movements; Pauline eschatology must be understood in light of the realized eschatology of Roman imperialism; and the ideo-theology of Rome must be explored in detail.

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The Framework of the Story of Jesus

Literary Critical Investigations of the Oldest Jesus Tradition
KARL LUDWIG SCHMIDT
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Now available for the first time in English, Karl Ludwig Schmidt’s The Framework of the Story of Jesus (Der Rahmen der Geschichte Jesu) has been a foundation of New Testament studies. Through meticulous analysis, Schmidt demonstrates that the Synoptic Gospels are collections of individual stories that circulated orally and independently in the earliest Christian communities. In their oral forms, most of these traditions existed apart from any sequence or specific temporal or geographic location. The chronology and locations now evident in the Gospels, Schmidt argues, are frameworks that the evangelists applied to the stories while collecting and recording the oral traditions. Across much of the twentieth century and even into the present day, this argument has undergirded Gospel interpretation. But given that The Framework of the Story of Jesus remained untranslated, Schmidt’s ideas have been sometimes ignored and often misunderstood. Synoptic Gospels discussion and study will surely be enriched by engagement with the evidence and argument of this classic.

“Karl Ludwig Schmidt’s revolutionary work helped transform the entire discipline of New Testament studies, but it has never been available to the English-reading public. Byron McCane has performed an enormous service to our field by producing an accessible and highly readable translation that reveals the true genius of this classic text.”
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The Galilean Wonderworker

Reassessing Jesus’ Reputation for Healing and Exorcism
IAN G. WALLIS
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Memories of Jesus
A Journey through Time
HALVOR MOXNES
978-1-5326-8474-6 | Forthcoming

This is a different book about Jesus. It does not study the Gospels as sources for the historical Jesus, but reads them as memories about Jesus, each Gospel with its characteristic picture of Jesus. The book traces the transmission and growth of memories of Jesus in various contexts and in different historical periods. It also introduces readers to the little known counterstories to Christian memories in Jewish sources, as well as to the rival stories in the Quran. A central perspective in the book is the troubling fact that for centuries the memories of Jesus contributed to hate speech against the Jews in Europe. The passion narratives in the Gospels put the blame for the death of Jesus upon Jewish leaders, and these stories were transmitted across the centuries as historical truth. Memories of Jesus have served as identity markers not only for churches but also for societies and countries. The last chapters focus on how the memories of Jesus have played an important role in supporting the identity of oppressed and marginalized groups, in particular in the contemporary United States.

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— JAMES CROSSLEY

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Discovering John
Essays by John Ashton
JOHN ASHTON
EDITED BY CHRISTOPHER ROWLAND AND CATRIN H. WILLIAMS
978-1-5326-3601-1 | 226 p. | $27

This collection of posthumously published essays by John Ashton manifests his ongoing exegetical work at the end of his life. The essays explore themes arising from his groundbreaking study, Understanding the Fourth Gospel, which John Ashton intended to be preceded by an intellectual autobiography contextualizing this study both in the wider context of biblical scholarship and the particularities of his life. This in itself is an unusual contribution and it sheds much light not only on the current state of Johannine studies but also on the situation of those involved with both church and academy in the closing decades of the twentieth century.

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The Conceptual Worlds of the Fourth Gospel

Intertextuality and Early Reception
CHARLES B. PUSKAS AND C. MICHAEL ROBBINS
978-1-5326-8171-4 | Forthcoming

over, under, and through John’s story of Jesus are unforgettable ideas and concepts, profoundly simple and simply profound, for the author’s own audience and beyond. These ideas did not originate in a vacuum. They have recurred and been repeated before and after the writing of the Fourth Gospel. For this reason we will examine the meaning of its words and themes in the context of its Jewish-Greco-Roman milieu. Much of our intertextual understanding will be derived from alleged parallels that involve comparisons of similar vocabulary and phrases, as well as parallel concepts and images from the Old Testament, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Philo, and other relevant writings. Such parallels will help to determine the meaning of a word or expression, the translation of a particular language, determining any direct influences upon the Fourth Gospel, parallel traditions, or the influence of its ideas, as a creative and inspiring work of later antiquity.

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CHARLES B. PUSKAS has extensive experience in university and seminary teaching, academic publishing, and parish ministry.

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Between History and Spirit

The Apostolic Witness of the Book of Acts
CRAIG S. KEENER
978-1-5326-8410-4 | 514 p. | $54

Craig Keener is known for his meticulous work on New Testament backgrounds, but especially his detailed work on the book of Acts. Now, for the first time in book form, Cascade presents his key essays on Acts, with special focus on historical questions and matters related to God’s Spirit.

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Craig Keener is a scholar who refuses the separation of history, theology, and experience. This collected volume of prior essays showcases Keener’s deep investment in each of these realms over the years, and reading through them is, for those who know Keener’s work, like visiting a group of old friends. Come and join the reunion; it is rich indeed.”

—HOLLY BEERS

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Contrary to what we might imagine from its title, the Epistle to the Hebrews is immersed in Hellenistic thought. Its author demonstrates an acquaintance with Greco-Roman rhetoric, and often supports his arguments with the assumptions of Hellenistic philosophy. While he shares the apocalyptic worldview of other Jews in this period, he recasts it with the language of Middle Platonism.

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Teaching and Preaching Second Corinthians

James W. Thompson
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While the commentaries and articles on 2 Corinthians focus on the world behind the text, giving attention to the identity of Paul’s opposition and questions about the letter’s composition, few scholars have bridged the gap between the exegesis of 2 Corinthians and the sermon. The issue of what constitutes legitimate ministry, the focus of 2 Corinthians, is a pressing issue today for churches as they face an identity crisis. Paul confronts opponents who judge him by secular standards of ministry, offering an alternative that is based on the cross. Second Corinthians offers an insight into both the nature of pastoral ministry and the mission of the church. This book draws parallels between Corinth and the contemporary situation of the church. The exegetical insights demonstrate the primary focus of the passage as the basis for the preaching text. This book demonstrates a full awareness of current scholarship on 2 Corinthians and offers hermeneutical and homiletical guidance for addressing these issues today.

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Colossians
A Short Exegetical and Pastoral Commentary
ANTHONY C. THISELTON
978-1-7252-5852-5 | 138 p. | $19

In this clear, practical, and brief commentary, Anthony Thistlethwaite brings to bear his intimate knowledge of Paul's theology, the ancient city of Colossae, and Paul's epistle to the church of that city. The commentary offers a new translation from the Greek, and explorations of an exegetical as well as a pastoral and practical nature on all passages of the book. Each section concludes with questions for further reflection.

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The Apostle Paul Guides the Early Church
NILS A. DAHL
EDITED BY PAUL DONAHUE
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“Master of ‘questions,’ [Dahl] proposed fresh approaches, expecting others to expand his work. Never content with professional excellence, he settled one issue only to open the door to further questions . . . These essays illustrate how a first-class mind works.”

—JEROME H. NEYREY, SJ

“Nils A. Dahl was one of the great New Testament scholars of the twentieth century. These essays reveal Dahl’s main strength as an interpreter of Paul . . . He was before his time on many issues; for instance, his studies of Paul in a Jewish context point towards the present discussions of ‘the New Paul.’ Therefore Dahl’s essays continue to inspire and challenge.”

—HALVOR MOXNES

NILS A. DAHL (1911–2001), a native of Oslo, Norway, was Professor of New Testament at Yale Divinity School. He is also the author of Studies in Ephesians (2000).
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The impact Jesus had on numerous lives during his earthly ministry is obvious from the Gospel records themselves. But what we do not have is personal testimonies by those persons whom Jesus helped, healed, befriended, or recruited as disciples. In this creative exploration of what sort of testimonies those original encounters might have produced, Ben Witherington paints a picture for us of what the well known and the less well known eyewitnesses might have said had they been asked. Drawing on his extensive knowledge of the historical context in which Jesus operated, Witherington brings these men and women out of the shadows and into the light of day.

—TIMOTHY GEORGE

“Ben Witherington leads us through well-known Gospel passages via an imaginative retelling that combines existential alertness with informed historical understanding. The result is a fresh engagement that brings the biblical text to life. This book will be ideal for study groups.”
—WALTER MOBERLY

“Combining the flare of a novelist and the erudition of a trained historian, Witherington and Myers imaginatively fill in the gaps of select biblical stories and thereby deliver both insight into the New Testament passages and a deep sense of familiarity with characters who had various kinds of encounters with Jesus. Readers will feel that they have learned much and have enjoyed themselves immensely in the process.”
—DAVID R. BAUER

BEN WITHERINGTON III is Amos Professor of NT for Doctoral Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary and doctoral faculty at St. Andrews University, and the author of over thirty-five books, including New York Times bestseller The Brother of Jesus.

What does a person do when his life has just taken a complete U-turn? This was the question Paul faced after his conversion on Damascus Road. In the end, he decided to go to Petran Arabia, where he stayed for more than two years. In this exercise in reconstructing what Paul's time in Petra would have been like, Ben Witherington recreates the scene of various interesting possible episodes in Paul's life, about which the New Testament says little, filling in the gaps of “the hidden years.” Who would he have met in Petra? Would he have practiced his leather working trade? Might he have gotten married? What did he do to raise the ire of King Aretas IV, and cause him to be chased all the way back to Damascus and out again? Why did he wait so long to go up to Jerusalem and visit with Peter? This and much more is addressed in this fast-paced novella, with sidebars explaining the context of the events in the story.

“Ben Witherington gives us an imaginative and informed journey into Paul's 'hidden' years and into one of the most colorful yet unfamiliar sites in the orbit of biblical history—Petra—while Jason Myers takes advantage of every opportunity to take us deeper into the realities of the New Testament world. This novel is particularly valuable for the windows it opens into travel, the everyday life of craftspeople, the vicissitudes of family life, and the dangerous realities of scapegoating in the first-century Roman Empire.”
—DAVID A. DESILVA

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JASON A. MYERS is Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at Greensboro College and lecturer in New Testament at Westminster Theological Centre (UK).
How is rage related to hunger? Hunger is a liminal experience, connected to powerlessness, shame, and violence. Hunger does not issue into speech. It cannot therefore be easily found in the biblical texts, written by (and about) people who knew hunger. It hides behind the words in these texts. Rage, conversely, finds expression; and in the texts, can alert readers to hidden experiences of hunger. But rage is not just a response to the lack of food. It is also a transformative force, reaching towards a justice that is not yet real. The experience of hunger and the fear of famine often go hand in hand with anger—a rage that can bring whole populations to their feet.

Luzia Sutter Rehmann develops a biblical hermeneutic that centers on the “fire” in the belly of the hungry, their rage that leads to protests and uprisings. Her reading shows “the poor” or “the many” as those with whom Jesus cooperates and as subjects acting on their own initiative. The book also highlights key socio-historical information on the food situation of ancient Rome and Palestine: on poverty, political dependence and unrest, droughts, and famines.

LUZIA SUTTER REHMANN is professor for New Testament at the University of Basel, Switzerland. She has translated the Gospel of Luke anew from the Greek and has authored nine books. Her research combines historical and social contextualization of the ancient world with a thorough care for the biblical text. The resulting interpretations are strikingly relevant to our contemporary globalized life. Her work is widely respected for its innovative, eye-opening interpretive lens.

"Given its central significance for Christian faith, the absence of any formal doctrine of the atonement set forth in the classic early creeds of the church has always been puzzling. Perhaps its strange omission is expressly inviting our continuing reflection, in every generation, not simply from a theological perspective but also from a missional perspective—how the gospel speaks into our present world. In the concluding volume of his atonement trilogy, Ben Pugh offers a compelling and comprehensive contribution to those reflections. Pictures of Atonement engages with the entire landscape of atonement thought, with each piece of the biblical mosaic finding its place. While its theological contribution is deep, this is no mere theoretical work; the concerns of the gospel share front and center stage. Pictures of Atonement is highly recommended as a work that academics and thinking practitioners alike will find enormously helpful in making sense of this crucial doctrine."

—STEPHEN BURNHOPE

BEN PUGH is the Postgraduate Research Program Lead and lecturer in theology at Cliff College, United Kingdom, and is an Honorary Research Fellow of the University of Manchester.
Paul’s passionate Letter to the Galatians has occasioned various perspectives (old, new, radical new, apocalyptic, etc.) for explaining Paul’s defense of the “truth of the gospel” in it. This book makes an audacious claim that the allegorical passage of 4:21–5:1 is the best vantage point for configuring Paul’s theological vision and logic in the letter. Offering a fresh approach for understanding Paul’s allegorical practice, it demonstrates how both the Abraham narrative and the book of Isaiah function as a formative matrix for Paul’s theology. With an in-depth analysis of these scriptural texts, Paul’s two identifications for believers in Christ—belonging to the “Jerusalem above” and being “children of promise” in the pattern of Isaac—receive new clarity and precision. The investigative journey in this book discusses key concepts and texts from Galatians, and addresses questions concerning the shape of Paul’s retelling of Israel’s story in relation to Jews and Gentiles. The result is a well-grounded interpretation of Paul’s conception of the gospel that made him new and continues to bring about new creation in our world.

“In a genuinely insightful and fresh reading of Paul’s ‘infamous’ Hagar and Sarah ‘allegory,’ Tedder’s location of Paul’s hermeneutical emphases is very much in the right place. Essential reading for anyone interested in the way Scripture shaped Paul’s understanding of what God did in Christ.”

—RIKK WATTS

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The Cross Examen
A Spirituality for Activists
ROGER J. GENCH
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This volume explores the essential relationship between spirituality and activism in conversation with a political theology of the cross. The author contends that contemplative practice and activism bear the same cruciform footprint and are integrally connected, for the cross of Jesus Christ reveals both the brokenness in our lives and the corresponding brokenness in the world; it also discloses the God who is always (and already) bringing resurrection and life out of the death-tending ways of our world. The cross and resurrection expose other crosses, large and small, that litter the landscape of our world and of our personal and corporate lives, as well as places where God’s resurrecting power is at work, bringing life out of death and establishing footholds for the unfolding of the new creation. The volume engages Paul’s Letter to the Galatians and new scholarly readings of it as a rich resource for reflection on these matters and explores the fruit of the Spirit as political virtues that empower communal participation in God’s restorative work in the world. Providing new angles of vision on both the cross and the apostle Paul, the book expands and enlivens reflection on spirituality and activism as profound and generative resources for contemporary faith and practice.

“Roger Gench draws on years of pastoral experience and social involvement in Baltimore and the nation’s capital to weave together elements of spirituality and activism. The result profoundly strengthens both.”

—DOUGLAS F. OTTATI

ROGER J. GENCH served as the Senior Pastor of The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, from 2002–2019. He is currently Theologian in Residence at Second Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia, and an adjunct faculty member at Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, Virginia). He is the author of Theology from the Trenches: Reflections on Urban Ministry (2014).
Among the numerous sets of conferences that Thomas Merton presented to young prospective monks during his decade (1955–65) as novice master at the Cistercian Abbey of Gethsemani is a wide-ranging introduction to biblical studies, made available for the first time in the present volume. Drawing on church tradition, teaching of recent papal documents, and scholarly resources of the time, he reveals the central importance of the Scriptures for the spiritual growth of his listeners. The extensive introduction situates material of these conferences in the context of Merton’s evolving engagement with the Bible from his own days as a student monk through the mature reflections from his final years on the biblical renewal in the wake of the Second Vatican Council. For Merton, at the heart of any meaningful reading of the Scriptures, not only for monks but for all Christians, is the invitation to respond not just intellectually but with the whole self, to recognize the gospel as “good news,” as a saving, liberating, consoling, challenging word, reflecting his fundamental belief that “the Holy Spirit enlightens us, in our reading, to see how our own lives are part of these great mysteries—how we are one with Jesus in them.”

“Merton readers owe renowned Merton scholar Patrick F. O’Connell a debt of gratitude for making available these conferences which Merton gave to his students in the 1950s. O’Connell’s skillful editing and meticulous annotation make this volume an invaluable resource.”

—CHRISTINE M. BOCHEN

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“Combining informed biblical scholarship, pastoral sensitivity, and practical application, this volume shows how ancient texts can and indeed should speak to today’s readers. Highly recommended.”

—AMY-JILL LEVINE

THOMAS MERTON (1915–68) was a seminal figure of twentieth-century American Christianity. Among his many books are his best-selling autobiography The Seven Storey Mountain (1948) and the modern spiritual classic New Seeds of Contemplation (1961).

PATRICK F. O’CONNELL, a founding member of the International Thomas Merton Society (ITMS) is coauthor of The Thomas Merton Encyclopedia (2002).
Fourth Maccabees and the Promotion of the Jewish Philosophy

Rhetoric, Intertexture, and Reception
DAVID A. DESILVA
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Fourth Maccabees is a superbly crafted oration that presents a case for the Jewish way of life couched almost entirely in terms of Greek ethical ideals. Its author delights in the Torah, the Law of Moses, as the divinely given path to becoming our best selves now. In this collection of essays spanning two decades of study, David deSilva examines the formative training that produced such an author, the rhetorical crafting and effect of his work, the author’s creative use of both Jewish and Greek literary resources, and the book’s enduring message and legacy in the Christian church.


Discover the Holy Land

A Travel Guide to Israel and Jordan
MAX MILLER
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This travel guide focuses on places that Holy Land tour groups typically visit and gives major attention to connections between the Bible and the land. The Holy Land is understood to overlap both present-day Israel and Jordan, so places like Gilead, Mount Nebo, Bethany-beyond-the-Jordan, and Petra are included. And while the biblical periods and biblical connections remain in the forefront, these are explored in the context of the Holy Land’s long and fascinating history. Ancient “tells” dating back to the Bronze Age, colonnaded streets and temples from Hellenistic and Roman times, early Christian pilgrimage destinations, Crusader castles, Mamluk and Ottoman fortifications—all illustrated with chronological charts, maps, site plans, and photographs.

MAX MILLER is Professor Emeritus of Emory University and also served ten years as archaeologist for Fernbank Museum of Natural History in Atlanta.
No matter what side you're on or how you look at it, we're living in a world that's filled with "fake news" and with lots of people who believe it. How do Christians fit into this world? In this book, Kenton Sparks argues that certain approaches to biblical authority, which assume that the Bible is a perfect book, make Christians especially susceptible to the deceptions of "fake news" and cause us to embrace false understandings of the Bible and, because of this, about natural science, social science, various academic disciplines, politics, morals, ethics, and loads of other things. The resulting damage to faith and Christian witness is significant. Is there a better way to understand and honor biblical authority? Yes. We must restore God as the final authority over our interpretations of Scripture.

The path forward for this theological agenda was modeled by Jesus Christ in his interpretations of Scripture. Whereas his contemporaries often followed the “letter of the law” or something akin to it, Jesus taught that love for God and neighbor provided the proper foundation and destination for healthy readings and applications of the Bible. If love required more radical, internal commitments to the law, Jesus demanded this of his audience; where love required that we set aside the law’s violent judgments, he pointed his audience in the opposite direction. In modeling this approach to Scripture, Jesus taught “as one with authority” and thus showed us that, when we interpret Scripture through the lens of divine love, we give ourselves the best opportunity to read Scripture under the authority of God.

“Sparks throws down a frank and refreshing reminder that superficial appeals to ‘biblical authority,’ rather than defending God’s authority, create theological systems that are at odds with Scripture’s own leading. Sparks is subtle, learned, concise, and absolutely clear. This book will become a go-to source for understanding the nature of the Bible and what it means to read it well today.”

—PETER ENNS

KENTON L. SPARKS is Professor of Biblical Studies and Provost at Eastern University in Pennsylvania.

"Fake News"
Theology
How and Why We Use Biblical Authority to Dodge God’s Authority
KENTON L. SPARKS
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"Holding up Half the Sky"
A Biblical Case for Women Leading and Teaching in the Church
GRAHAM JOSEPH HILL
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"Every church should make copies of Graham Joseph Hill’s book available, which pulls together a tightly argued case for revitalizing women in their gifts, . . . It is peaceful yet firm, biblical without being ornery, theologically sound without becoming abstractions, pastoral without being condescending, and clear from word one."

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"Graham Joseph Hill can be credited with soundly presenting the case that having women in leadership matters immensely for mission and ministry, not because some radical feminist manifesto said so, but because Scripture and the history of the church proves so. An eminently readable and persuasive case for women to be freed to lead in the local church and in para-church organizations. Books like these often change people's lives!"

—MICHAEL F. BIRD

"I am grateful for friends like Graham Joseph Hill who fight for women’s rightful position in the church. His prophetic voice speaks with distinct truthful clarity about the role of women in the church. Holding up Half the Sky examines the historical context and cultural complexities of the early church and the Pauline writings, later advancing towards revealing poignant theological and biblical affirmations of the female presence and their promised roles in the church. Hill’s message will shape our understandings of the past and guide our actions in the future."

—GRACE JI-SUN KIM

GRAHAM JOSEPH HILL is Research Coordinator of Stirling Theological College (University of Divinity) in Melbourne, Australia.
Why bother with the interpretive categories of biblical faith when in fact our energy and interest are focused on more immediate matters? The answer is simple and obvious. We linger because, in the midst of our immediate preoccupation with our felt jeopardy and our hope for relief, our imagination does indeed range beyond the immediate to larger, deeper wonderments. Our free-ranging imagination is not finally or fully contained in the immediacy of our stress, anxiety, and jeopardy. Beyond these demanding immediacies, we have a deep sense that our life is not fully contained in the cause-and-effect reasoning of the Enlightenment that seeks to explain and control. There is more than that and other than that to our life in God’s world!

“What does a gospel preacher say during and after a pandemic? We preachers have learned that we have no more reliable guide when it comes to preaching scripture than Walter Brueggemann. Walt sees COVID-19 as a summons to strong, prophetic, biblical preaching. Once again, Walt has given us the words to say and the faith to say it! A quite wonderful book.”

—WILL WILLIMON

WALTER BRUEGGEMANN is William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament Emeritus at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia. He has published widely on the Old Testament, including, from Cascade: David and His Theologian, A Pathway of Interpretation, Embracing the Transformation, The Practice of Homefulness, and Truth-Telling as Subversive Obedience.

Paul, Theologian of God’s Apocalypse

This collection of essays argues that Paul’s articulation of Christ and his saving work makes use of the categories and perspectives of ancient Jewish apocalyptic eschatology. Such eschatology is concerned with the expectation that God will finally and irrevocably put an end to the present order of reality (“this age”) and replace it with a new, transformed order of reality (“the age to come”). In Paul’s view, God has initiated this eschatological act of cosmic rectification in the person and work of Christ.

The essays included, two of them previously unpublished, investigate and illuminate various aspects of Paul’s christologically focused appropriation of ancient Jewish apocalyptic eschatology, particularly in his letters to the Galatians and the Romans. The collection begins with the author’s seminal essay on the two tracks of Jewish apocalyptic eschatology (forensic and cosmological) from 1989 and ends with an essay from 2016 containing the author’s retrospective restatement and elaboration of his views.

“Martin de Boer has spent the better part of his career championing the ‘apocalyptic perspective’ on Paul’s gospel—a compelling brand of Pauline interpretation that was advocated fiercely in generations past, yet has only recently catapulted into the limelight thanks in no small measure to Martin’s bold scholarship. This volume, which makes available in one place Martin’s most outstanding essays, will prove to be a wellspring of theological insight that should be read carefully by all students of Paul’s letters.”

—JOHN K. GOODRICH

Reading the Bible Badly

How American Christians Misunderstand and Misuse their Scriptures

KARL ALLEN KUHN

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Reading the Bible Badly exposes how American Christians misunderstand and misuse the Bible, reading Scripture through “lenses” that distort its true character. As Americans, we often read the Bible’s stories and instruction unmindful of their historical and cultural settings, disregarding the testimony of our spiritual ancestors, and finding mostly a mirror image of our own values and selves in Scripture. Some of us insist that the Bible must be the “inerrant word of God,” historically factual in every way and doctrinally infallible, and overlook so much of what makes Scripture beautiful and relevant. Others follow a lectionary that dice and splices Scripture into bite-size morsels for Sunday worship, divorces passages from their biblical settings, strikes verses deemed offensive, and undermines the literary artistry that is the lifeblood of Scripture’s profound revelation. Many of us read the Bible in fear, warping our witness to Jesus and tragically neglecting Scripture’s ever-persistent call to compassion, hospitality, and love. We come to the Bible looking for simple rules that affirm our sense of right and wrong, while missing the point of what Jesus taught about wisdom and true righteousness. Reading the Bible Badly challenges Christians to set aside their misaligned lenses, that they may encounter the Bible more fully and faithfully.

“As Karl Kuhn persuasively demonstrates, everyone interprets when they read the Bible. The question is, ‘How?’ Kuhn very accessibly and effectively exposes the bad readings of Scripture that are so prevalent today; and he shows us how to read the Bible in a way that honors its original cultural contexts, its dynamic nature, and its ‘ever-persistent call to compassion, hospitality, and love.’ Highly recommended for laypersons, congregational study groups, pastors, and religious educators!”

— J. CLINTON MCCANN JR.

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The Archaeology of Daily Life

Ordinary Persons in Late Second Temple Israel

DAVID A. FIENSY

978-1-5326-7307-8 | 388 p. | $49

Have you ever wondered what it was like to live in the past? Did they experience reality in a much different way than we do now with our media, our fast travel, our fast food, and our leisure? Do you especially think about what it might have been like to have lived in Bible times? What would your childhood have been like? How would you have chosen a marriage partner? How would you probably have made a living? What sort of house would you have lived in? What diseases would have threatened your daily existence? How long would you have lived? How would you have practiced your religion? These are a few of the intriguing questions answered by this study. The book takes you on a journey into the past to view daily life through the lenses of not only texts but archaeological finds. The information from the past is also filtered through ethnographic studies of more contemporaneous, yet traditional, societies in the Middle East. The result is a presentation that may surprise you—even shock you—at times, but always will interest you.

“In this engaging book, David Fiensy provides a fascinating glimpse into the daily life of the people of ancient Israel in the time of Jesus, ranging from diet, dress, and dwellings to marriage, family dynamics, and occupations to diseases, mortality, and the disposal of the dead. Fiensy’s balanced and accessible presentation incorporates information from the Bible and other texts as well as archaeological remains.”

— JODI MAGNESS

DAVID A. FIENSY is Emeritus Professor of New Testament at Kentucky Christian University. He has participated in seven archaeological excavations and surveys and has otherwise traveled widely in the Mediterranean area and the Middle East. His publications include Insights from Archaeology (2017), Christian Origins and the Ancient Economy (Cascade, 2014), and Galilee in the Late Second Temple and Mishnaic Periods (coedited with James Riley Strange, 2014).
Theology as Autobiography

The Centrality of Confession, Relationship, and Prayer to the Life of Faith

COLBY DICKINSON

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Autobiographical writings on faith frequently come from the lives of ordinary persons whose struggles with faith are often lived at the margins of the church, academy, and society. Yet these voices have the potential to reshape the ways in which each of these fields function. To find out what it means to stand before God with all of one’s humanity on display is to engage in not only the act of confession, but to demonstrate a bold theological reflection that needs to be more explicitly understood. By turning to spiritual autobiographies as theological source texts, we learn to place our emphasis where it matters most, on the people whose lives of faith move us deeply and cause us to re-examine our own lives in light of their witness. Moving through a range of ancient, early modern, and contemporary spiritual writers in order to demonstrate a profound connection that unites them all, this book portrays how a critical self-examination of one’s most personal, internal fractures (our “poverty” as it were) is the only way to develop a life of faith—the dual meaning of the word “confession,” which expresses both a revealing of one’s sins, or brokenness, and the articulation of what one believes.

“Dickinson describes powerfully how theological meaning needs to be translated from and into modern experiences of brokenness, alienation, hope, and redemption in fresh, relevant, and profound ways. He succeeds admirably with sensitivity and nuance in showing the complexity of how autobiography can vivify theological reflection, inviting a radical generosity toward the ‘other.’”

—BRIAN W. HUGHES

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God Without Violence, Second Edition

A Theology of the God Revealed in Jesus

J. DENNY WEAVER

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The church confesses that God is revealed in Jesus. This book explores the implications of that radical claim. Jesus’ life reveals his rejection of violence and calls for an understanding of God in nonviolent terms. Deriving theology from the narrative of Jesus also leads Weaver into discussions about the very nature of theology, the character of the Bible, the divine violence in the Old Testament (as well as the purported divine violence in the book of Revelation), and a rethinking of historic Christology. Each of these discussions has implications for life today—for economics, forgiveness and restorative justice, violence, gender discrimination, racism, and more. This second, expanded edition of God Without Violence is an introduction to foundational issues of theology and ethics, suitable for church discussion groups and introductory college classes.

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Theology of The Womb
Knowing God through the Body of a Woman
CHRISTY ANGELLE BAUMAN
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Women’s voices have been silenced for a long time as society and the church has quieted their bodies. Will we courageously choose to listen to the sound of our voice, the song of our womb, and speak for the world to hear?

“This book is an invitation to inhabit our feminine bodies as known and loved by a God we reflect. Christy is . . . at once both sister and therapist, friend and professional. In this work, she offers an intimate and profound study of finding the feminine in God. In a word, it is stunning.”

—BETH BRUNO

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The Generations of Heaven and Earth
Adam, the Ancient World, and Biblical Theology
JON GARVEY
978-1-5326-8165-3 | 306 p. | $36

New science has surprised many by showing, contrary to received wisdom, that a real Adam and Eve could have lived amongst other humans in historical times and yet be the ancestors of every living person, as traditional Christianity has always taught. This theory was first published in book form in 2019, but Jon Garvey, familiar with it from its early days, believes it helps confirm the Christian account of reality by giving it a solid foundation in science and history.

In this book he argues that the long existence of other people before and alongside Adam was in all likelihood known to the Bible’s original authors. This conclusion helps build a compelling biblical “big story” of a new kind of created order initially frustrated by Adam’s failure, but finally accomplished in Christ. This “new creation” theme complements that of the “old creation” covered in his first book, God’s Good Earth. The two together contribute to a unified, and fully orthodox, understanding of the overall message of the Bible.

“Derek Kidner’s 1967 suggestion of a pre-Adamic human race, from among whom our historical Adamic lineage began, always seemed credible to me, and no threat to core biblical doctrines. Garvey’s fascinating collation of evidence from the sciences of geology, archaeology, paleontology, and genealogy, alongside his deep and respectful exploration of the inspired text of Scripture, not only renders this view ‘no threat,’ but also offers illuminating perspectives on a fully integrated biblical theology.”

—CHRISTOPHER J. H. WRIGHT

Born in Guildford, England, JON GARVEY studied Medicine at Pembroke College, Cambridge University. Since 2011 his blog, The Hump of the Camel, has explored the theology of creation, attracting an extensive readership across the world, and in January 2019 Cascade published his first book, God’s Good Earth. He lives in southwest England, is married with three adult children and five granddaughters, is a Baptist elder, and plays guitar and saxophone semi-professionally.
Bezalel’s Body
The Death of God and the Birth of Art
KATIE KRESSER
978-1-5326-4564-8 | 228 p. | $28

When God died, art was born. With Christ’s crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, the human imagination began to be remade. In Bezalel’s Body: The Death of God and the Birth of Art, Harvard-trained art historian Katie Kresser locates the historical roots of the thing we call art. She weaves together centuries of art history, philosophy, theology, psychology, and art theory to uncover the deep spiritual foundations of this cultural form. Why do some people pay hundreds of millions of dollars for a single painting? Why are art museums almost like modern temples? The answer lies in Christian theology and the earliest forms of Christian image making.

KATIE KRESSER is Professor of Art History at Seattle Pacific University. She is the author of several critical essays as well as the book The Art and Thought of John La Farge (2013).

The Soul Is a Stranger in This World
Essays on Poets and Poetry
MICAH MATTIX
978-1-5326-6015-3 | 164 p. | $21

This volume is a timely examination of some of the best modern and contemporary poets and a trenchant defense of poetry as a narrative, musical, and theological art. While it is common today to view the poet as a revolutionary, who breaks old forms in the name of freedom, this book begins with the classical view of the poet “as a man speaking to men,” (Wordsworth). Poetry may challenge and shock, but it also consoles, probing the contours of the human soul in a broken world. Mattix traces these concerns in the work of modern masters such as Rilke and Eliot, avant-garde exemplars like André du Bouchet and Basil Bunting, and contemporary writers such as Dana Gioia and Franz Wright.

"Micah Mattix is one of the best critics of poetry now at work.”
—JOHN WILSON

MICAH MATTIX is Chair of English at Regent University and the literary editor of The American Conservative.
Wagner’s Ring is one of the greatest of all artworks of Western civilization, but what is it all about? A clue to the Ring’s greatness lies in its multiple avenues of self-disclosure and the corresponding plethora of interpretations. One possible interpretation, which Richard Bell defends, is the Ring as Christian theology. In this volume, Bell considers, among other things, how the composer’s Christian interests may be detected in the “forging” of his Ring, looking at how he appropriated his sources (whether they be myths and sagas, writers, poets, or philosophers) and considering works composed around the same time, especially his Jesus of Nazareth.

Richard H. Bell is Professor of Theology at the University of Nottingham, UK. He is author of Wagner’s Parsifal (2013).

Wagner’s Ring addresses fundamental concerns that have faced humanity down the centuries, such as power and violence, love and death, freedom and fate. Further, the work seems particularly relevant today, addressing as it does the fresh debates around the created order, politics, gender, and sexuality. In this second of two volumes on the theology of the Ring, Richard Bell argues that Wagner’s approach to these issues may open up new ways forward and offer a fresh perspective on some of the traditional questions of theology, such as sacrifice, redemption, and fundamental questions about God. A linchpin for Bell’s approach is viewing the Ring in the light of the Jesus of Nazareth sketches, which, he argues, confirms that the artwork does indeed address questions of Christian theology, both for those inside and those outside the church.

Richard H. Bell is Professor of Theology at the University of Nottingham.
In Tilt: Finding Christ in Culture, Brian Nixon takes the reader on a voyage of discovery, traveling the currents of God’s presence in culture, summed up in four streams that define a noun: people, places, things, and ideas. In his journey, Nixon touches upon people as diverse as Andy Warhol, Cormac McCarthy, Robert Redford, and Georgia O’Keeffe; places such as Canterbury, England, and Las Vegas, Nevada; things as unique as typewriters, trains, and abstract art; and ideas as fascinating as mathematics and beauty. In these short impressionistic pieces, Nixon, with the curiosity of a journalist, elicits intelligent discussion and poetic articulations, prompting a head tilt from those who join him on a theo-cultural expedition.

“The range of reflections in Tilt opens up a wide conversation about the nature of theology, the arts, poetry, and meaning. From C. S. Lewis to Georgia O’Keeffe to Billy the Kid, from trains to typewriters, from mountains to mathematics, the invitation by Nixon to think creatively and constructively is a welcomed voice in the landscape of theopoetics. Finding depth and richness of language, readers are rewarded with an awareness of Christ in culture throughout the world around us.”
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God at the Improv

Humor and the Holy in Scripture

ANTHONY J. PETROTTA

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Asking if there is humor in any religious text might seem blasphemous to many readers. Religious texts are there to instruct us, not entertain us. Religious texts are serious works, not frivolous. However, if part of being human entails having a sense of humor, then it would be more surprising indeed for Scripture not to have humor. Humor instructs us as much as it entertains us. God at the Improv seeks to show that being religious and being humorous are not opposites, but actually work in tandem to enhance and enliven our faith and practice.

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—JOHN DELHOUSAYE

"Tony's serious scholarly understandings are livened by his sense of humor—a welcome surprise that will keep readers smiling as they learn."

—SHARON GALLAGHER

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Sting and Religion

The Catholic-Shaped Imagination of a Rock Icon

EYVATAR MARIENBERG

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On the back cover of one of his most ground-breaking solo albums, . . . Nothing like the Sun of 1987, Sting (Gordon Matthew Sumner, b. 1951 in Wallsend, UK) somberly stands close to a statue of Mary, the mother of Jesus. The album was released a few months after his own mother, Audrey, died. The picture was taken on the island of Montserrat, where he was recording the album, apparently on the day of her death. "I said goodbye to my mother, as I had a recording date in Montserrat, and she died a week later." When asked by the author if his mother was particularly connected to Mary, and if this was why he chose this image, he replied "No, but I did."

That evocative photograph and Sting’s quick answer encapsulates the two pillars of this book: a microhistory of a specific British Catholic parish in the 1950s–60s, and the impact that growing up there had on Sting’s artistic output. And for those with eyes to see, this book opens a window onto the influence of Catholic education and imagination on millions of less famous people who had similar upbringings.

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Imitation, Knowledge, and the Task of Christology in Maximus the Confessor

LUKE STEVEN
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Maximus was an ascetic, a man in love with Scripture and with Christ. He was also a polemicist, a crafter of dogma, a rhetorician. Luke Steven picks up a spiritual and philosophical strand that binds together these two disparate sides of the man. Steven argues that throughout his oeuvre the Confessor positions imitation as the key to knowledge. This lasting epistemology characterizes his earlier ascetic and spiritual works, and in his later works it prominently defines his dogmatic christological method—that is, the means by which he communicates and persuades and brings people to understand and encounter Jesus Christ.

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“A major and creative contribution.”
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How the Spirit Became God

The Mosaic of Early Christian Pneumatology

KYLE R. HUGHES
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Kyle Hughes tells the often-neglected story of how and why the early church came to recognize that the Holy Spirit was a distinct divine person. Focusing on major pneumatological innovations from Pentecost through the Council of Constantinople in 381, Hughes examines how biblical interpretation and the lived experience of the Spirit contributed to the development of this important, and yet often overlooked, aspect of trinitarian theology.

“Hughes offers a cogent and compelling story of how the church came to recognize the Spirit as God. With a firm grasp on relevant primary and secondary sources, he makes his case for an early high pneumatology. Hughes has opened a new window on early Christianity.”
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The War That Never Was
Evolution and Christian Theology
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One of the prevailing myths of modern intellectual and cultural history is that there has been a long-running war between science and religion, particularly over evolution. This book argues that what is mistaken as a war between science and religion is actually a pair of wars between other belligerents—one between evolutionists and anti-evolutionists and another between atheists and Christians. In neither of those wars can one align science with one side and religion or theology with the other. This book includes a review of the encounter of Christian theology with the pre-Darwinian rise of historical geology, an account of the origins of the warfare myth, and a careful discussion of the salient historical events on which the myth-makers rely—the Huxley-Wilberforce exchange, the Scopes Trial and the larger anti-evolutionist campaign in which it was embedded, and the more recent curriculum wars precipitated by the proponents of Creation Science and of Intelligent-Design Theory.

"The War That Never Was is a highly informative narrative of historical relations between science and religion. Telling a story that will attract both experts and novices, Kenneth Kemp's historical details and persuasive analyses are eye-opening. Kemp shows that there has often been conflict between old ideas and new ideas, and sometimes, between new ideas and new ideas. But he thoroughly refutes the idea that there has been unrelenting conflict between science and religion."
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Wisdom’s Friendly Heart
Augustinian Hope for Skeptics and Conspiracy Theorists
JENNIFER HOCKENBERY
978-1-5326-9084-6 | 198 p. | $25

Sixteen-hundred years ago, Augustine begged his African congregants to think rationally, pay attention to evidence, and listen to their neighbors. He knew this would not be easy. He knew that human error is more common than human knowledge. He himself had been a member of an elitist cult for nearly ten years and then had spent several years as a skeptic resigned to seeking wealth and honors rather than hoping for truth or goodness. He would not be surprised by the rise of white supremacist cults or the nihilistic apathy that have arisen in the "post truth" era. He had seen nativism, elitism, fear, and doubt rise in response to a crisis of hope that truth could be found, a crisis that led to the use of physical force rather than educated disputation, a crisis that ended in the fall of both Rome and Carthage to Vandals and Visigoths.

Augustine’s response was to preach publically the hope that encouraged him in his own personal quest for a happy life. This book examines that hope in Augustine’s context until the current moment.

“What might Augustine’s profound love of truth look like in our contemporary setting—with its postmodern skepticism, post-truth cynicism, elitist power games, and belligerent conspiracy theorists? Jennifer Hockenbery’s book gives us a way to answer this question, aiming to reinvigorate the hope that truth itself actively enters into relationship with us, having a friendly heart that wants to be found.”
—PHILLIP CARY

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Women’s Ordination in the Catholic Church

JOHN O’BRIEN

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Women’s Ordination in the Catholic Church argues that women can be validly ordained to ministerial office. O’Brien shows that claims by Roman dicasteries for an unbroken chain of authoritative tradition on the non-ordinability of women—a novel rather than traditional argument—are not historically supported. In the primitive Church, with the offices of deacon, presbyter, and bishop in process of development, women exercised ministries later understood as pertaining to those offices. The sub-apostolic period downplayed women’s ministry for reasons of cultural adaptation, not because it was thought that fidelity to Christ required it. Furthermore, extensive epigraphical evidence, from a wide geographical area, references women deacons and presbyters during the first millennium. O’Brien shows that the assertion of women’s non-ordinability is a matter of canon law rather than doctrine. As such, that law can be reformed.

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Women and Ordination in the Orthodox Church

EXPLORATIONS IN THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE

EDITED BY GABRIELLE THOMAS AND ELENA NARINSKAYA

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This book—a collaborative, international initiative, involving academic theologians and practitioners—invites the reader into a conversation about the ordination of women in the Orthodox Church. It explores questions relating to the significance of being human, Eve’s curse, sexed bodies, the place of Mary, the nature of priesthood, the role of the deacon, and the task of being a priest in the twenty-first century. The reflections move across three main areas of discussion: issues of theological anthropology, particular questions pertaining to the priesthood and the diaconate, and contemporary practices. Contributors include Kallistos Ware, Andrew Louth, Mary Cunningham, and John Behr.

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The question, “Are we alone in the cosmos?” has been answered. We are not alone.

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Plundering Eden
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G. P. WAGENFUHR
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The world of climate change, soil depletion, and mass species extinction reveals a frightening conclusion—humans act as cosmic parasites. The problem is not with the world—talk of climate change blames the symptoms displayed by the victim—but with human epistemology. Humans are systematically incapable of rightly perceiving reality, and so must socially construct reality. The end of this epistemological problem is necessary ecological devastation by the development of civilization. In Plundering Eden, Wagenfuhr traces ecological problems to their root cause in the broken imagination, and argues that reconciliation with God the Creator through Jesus Christ is the only means to ecological healing through a renewed, kenotic imagination expressed in the creation of an alternate environment that reveals the kingdom of God—the ekklésia.

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RICHARD B. STEELE and HEIDI A. MONROE
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Christian Ethics and Nursing Practice shows how the religious and moral teachings of the Christian Bible compare, contrast, and correlate with the ethical standards of modern nursing, as stated in the Code of Ethics for Nurses. It describes four main strands of moral discourse in the Bible—law, holiness, wisdom, and prophecy—and shows the relevance of those strands for contemporary bedside and advanced practice nursing. The work could serve as a textbook for courses in nursing ethics at Christian colleges and universities or as a guidebook for practicing nurses, who have devoted their lives to caring for the sick, the injured, the elderly, the disabled, and the dying as a way of living out their commitment to Jesus Christ.

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THEOLOGY / ETHICS
Celebrating Nature by Faith

Studies in Reformation
Theology in an Era of Global Emergency

H. PAUL SANTMIRE
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Sometimes it is helpful to take one step backward, in order to take two steps forward. In this insightful volume, H. Paul Santmire draws on his long-standing and widely recognized engagement with ecological theology to propose that the traditions of the Protestant Reformation, rightly read, offer rich resources today for those who are struggling to move forward to respond theologically to the crisis of a planet in peril and thereby to celebrate nature by faith.

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Remorse
A Christian Perspective
ANTHONY BASH
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T hough the Christian church has a well-developed theology of Godward-facing remorse about sin, it has paid little attention to the interpersonal implications of the remorse that people feel when they wrong one another. Since the nineteenth century, important work has been done by psychologists, anthropologists, philosophers, ethicists, scientists, and lawyers that has implications for the way theologians might think about remorse. This book draws on the biblical record in its ancient settings as well as on insights from contemporary scholarship to offer a new and distinctively Christian contribution to an understanding of remorse.

“Drawing on a vast range of intellectual resources, Bash here explores with great care and sensitivity how to think Christianly about remorse as a reflexive emotion directed towards the repair of interpersonal relations. The result is wonderfully fresh, provocative, and fruitful for contemporary Christian ethics.”
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Christ-Centered
The Evangelical Nature of Pentecostal Theology
ROBERT P. MENZIES
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P entecostals are often portrayed as emotional people who are driven largely by experience. In Christ-Centered, Menzies argues that this caricature misses the fact that Pentecostals are fundamentally “people of the book.” Although Pentecostals encourage spiritual experience, they do so with a constant eye to Scripture. The Bible, and particularly the book of Acts, fosters and shapes pentecostal experience. Additionally, Pentecostals are defined by their emphasis on a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. At its heart, the pentecostal movement is not Spirit-centered, but rather Christ-centered. The work of the Spirit, as Pentecostals understand it, centers on exalting and bearing witness to the Lordship of Christ. Menzies develops these themes by examining the origins, biblical foundations, and missional orientation of the modern pentecostal movement. He concludes that, in spite of contradictory messages from some in fundamentalist pews and the pentecostal academy, Pentecostals are and have always been solidly evangelical.

“Menzies rightly reminds us that Pentecostals are people of both word and Spirit, all the more evangelical in mission because we are pentecostal in experience. That is our history and our grassroots identity, from which we are severed only at our own peril. This book’s message is crucial at a time like this, when both some evangelicals and some Pentecostals seem reluctant to embrace our shared heritage and mission.”
—CRAIG S. KEENER

ROBERT P. MENZIES is the Director of the Asian Center for Pentecostal Theology (www.pentecost.asia) and the author of numerous books, including Spirit and Power: Foundations of Pentecostal Experience (2000) and Pentecost: This Story is Our Story (2013).
The Pentecostal Hypothesis

Christ Talks, They Decide
NIMI WARIBOKO
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The Pentecostal Hypothesis is the capacity to resist conventional wisdom in social actions. On a daily basis Pentecostals deploy or enact this capacity through the use of the formula: “It does not make sense, but it makes spirit” in their decision-making processes. This is an alternate way of knowing that is keyed to a particular interpretative understanding of Jesus Christ as constitutive of and normative for the good decisions relevant to human flourishing. The book offers a critical-philosophical analysis of the social-ethical implications of this hypothesis intended for private decisions and social actions. This text is ultimately a critique of Pentecostal reason. In this book Wariboko explores the epistemological dimensions of everyday Pentecostal Christology, their interpretation of Jesus’s character and nature as epistemology. For Pentecostals Jesus did not have an epistemology, but the story of his life as a whole is an epistemology. For them the validity of a truth claim is always (in)formed by the story of Jesus that claims them, the story that gives them the meaning and courage to affirm their decisions without fear of being contradicted by Enlightenment rationalism. What kind of normative sway does this orientation to modernity have over Pentecostals’ pattern of thought? This book configures the response to this question with profound insights into the convergence of epistemology and Christology within the impelling matrix of a provocative social ethics. The epistemological in this book is not about the that of knowing, but the how (the performative dimension) of knowing, which is affective, emotive, and an embodied practice.

“Anyone wishing to comprehend further how contemporary Jesus followers might respond to the words of the living Christ in late modernity also ought to pick up this volume since its hypothesis invites participation in a form of christological knowing that may indeed catalyze discipleship in our ambiguous world!”

—AMOS YONG

NIMI WARIBOKO is the Walter G. Mueller Professor of Social Ethics at Boston University.
Daughters of Rizpah
Nonviolence and the Transformation of Trauma
SHARON A. BUTTRY AND DANIEL L. BUTTRY
978-1-5326-9931-3 | 156 p. | $21

Trauma recovery and healing get a lot of attention these days, but in situations of war and violence trauma is also a social experience set within the larger conflict context. The authors examine an ancient biblical story full of violence and trauma that makes most readers turn the page quickly. The reader is invited instead to sit with the story, listen to the voices of the characters, and feel the full range of their emotions. There is much to be learned through the story that offers insight for trauma healing and reconciliation, and motivation for deep and abiding social change. The biblical story becomes a doorway into a journey of discovery about traumatized people, specifically women, who choose not to remain as victims. Instead, they rise up in transformative nonviolent action. The authors lift up the Rizpah story and contemporary stories of “Daughters of Rizpah” from around the world to inspire hope amid the traumatizing turmoil of the twenty-first century.

“This book arose out of Dan and Sharon Buttry’s small group training—for decades, in forty-five countries, often in interfaith groups, always in the midst of serious social conflicts—using the brief, often overlooked story of Rizpah (2 Sam 21), ancient Hebrew mother, as one among many teaching tools, using experiential education exercises, to illustrate, analyze, and generate new insights on effective nonviolent strategies in the struggle for justice. This book is revelatory.”

—KEN SEHESTED

SHARON A. BUTTRY and DANIEL L. BUTTRY are ordained American Baptist clergy who are retired faith-based global consultants specializing in conflict transformation and social trauma healing. Their trainings have impacted peacemakers in more than fifty countries. They live in Detroit, Michigan, where they are active in community organizing focused on interfaith relationships, environmental justice, and anti-violence issues. Daniel has written nine other books, and Sharon enjoys bringing beauty to urban life through the arts.

God, Freedom, and the Body of Christ
Toward a Theology of the Church
ALEXANDER J. D. IRVING
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A contribution to the end of the Church knowing itself as the body of Christ. Irving articulates a theology of the Church as that which participates in all that Jesus is in his vicarious humanity by the power of the Spirit. This is developed through a dialogical (or covenantal) frame that has its focal point in Christ, in whom the faithful love of God toward creation and the faithful love of creation toward God is actualized. The Church as the body of Christ participates in the mediatorial work of Jesus Christ. Each chapter explores a different element of this participatory ecclesiology.

This book offers a constructive ecclesiology, built from the ground up on the foundation of a dialogical perspective, which has participation in Christ as its controlling center. This foundation provides the basis upon which an exhilarating vision of the Church can be built, to encourage Christians to cherish the Church as the body of Christ which participates in the triune communion through being included into the Son by the power of the Spirit and comes to reflect the triune God in its own structures.

For those looking for an explanation of the Church commensurate to the doctrine of the Trinity, the vicarious humanity of Christ, the indwelling work of the Spirit, and a fully participatory account of human agency, look no further. Irving’s work is lively, timely, articulate, and intriguing. Key insights from mentors such as Thomas F. Torrance and Karl Barth are woven into a rich and capacious understanding of the nature, being, and function of the Church.”

—MYK HABETS

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To Will & To Do
An Introduction to Christian Ethics, Volume I
JACQUES ELLUL
978-1-5326-7614-7 | 282 p. | $31

To Will & To Do presents one of the most significant theological contributions of the dynamic twentieth-century thinker Jacques Ellul. Benefiting from recent scholarship on Ellul and a discovery of a lost manuscript, this new edition renders the full text available in English for the first time, combining a fresh translation of Volume I with a first English translation of Volume II. Together, the two volumes constitute the introductory first part of Ellul’s planned four-part treatment of Christian ethics. Volume I examines the origin of the problem of Good and Evil, outlines the contemporary morality of Western society, and provocatively sketches the paradox of an impossible and yet necessary Christian ethics. Volume II carries this discussion forward, outlining the characteristics and conditions of Christian ethics. It then treats the relationship between ethics and the legal texts of the Bible, the relationship between ethics and dogmatic theology, and concludes by reimagining the theological use of the “analogy of faith” for scriptural interpretation. In constant dialogue with Karl Barth, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Paul Ricoeur, and many other theologians and philosophers, To Will & To Do constitutes a major intervention in twentieth-century theological ethics.

“This is a landmark publication. This would be true if only for the vast improvement on a fifty-year-old translation and new scholarly apparatus. But the real buzz is that this first volume will be followed by a previously unavailable second volume of the work that Ellul himself understood as his theological masterwork. Jake Rollison masterfully explains why this book offers Christians today a wholly new, and genuinely exciting, Jacques Ellul.”

—BRIAN BROCK

JACOB MARQUES ROLLISON is a postdoctoral scholar living in Strasbourg, France. He is coauthor of Jacques Ellul (Cascade Companions), forthcoming from Cascade Books. He is on the board of directors of the International Jacques Ellul Society.

Preventing Unjust War
A Catholic Argument for Selective Conscientious Objection
ROGER BERGMAN
978-1-5326-8665-8 | Forthcoming

Catholic pacifists blame the just war tradition of their Church. That tradition, they say, can be invoked to justify any war, and so it must be jettisoned. This book argues that the problem is not the just war tradition but the unjust war tradition. Ambitious rulers start wars that cannot be justified, and yet warriors continue to fight them. The problem is the belief that warriors do not hold any responsibility for judging the justice of the wars they are ordered to fight. However unjust, a command renders any war “just” for the obedient warrior.

This book argues that selective conscientious objection, the right and duty to refuse to fight unjust wars, is the solution. Strengthening the just war tradition depends on a heightened role for the personal conscience of the warrior. That in turn depends on a heightened role for the Church in forming and supporting consciences and judging the justice of particular wars.

As Saint Augustine wrote, “The wise man will wage just wars. . . For, unless the wars were just, he would not have to wage them, and in such circumstances he would not be involved in war at all.”

“Finally, with Roger Bergman’s nuanced and careful treatment of the problem of unjust war, we have an accessible and academic resource for Catholics and others that integrates a serious account of the just war tradition and a sympathetic appreciation of pacifism and nonviolence. Although not the final word, of course, this book offers an inclusive and constructive way forward for just peacemakers and peacebuilders.”

—TOBIAS WINRIGHT

ROGER BERGMAN is Professor Emeritus of Cultural & Social Studies at Creighton University, where he founded (1995) and directed the Justice & Peace Studies Program until his retirement in 2017. For two decades he taught Christian Ethics of War & Peace and, for senior ROTC cadets, a Morality of War Seminar. He is the author of Catholic Social Learning: Educating the Faith That Does Justice (2011).
This collection of essays on policing and the use of force, while written over the course of the last twenty-five years, remains relevant and timely. Although issues in policing and questions about excessive force and brutality have been addressed by criminologists, sociologists, philosophers, and criminal justice ethicists, only a handful of theological ethicists treat this pressing matter. While the Christian moral tradition has a voluminous record of theological attention to violence and nonviolence, war and peace, there is a dearth of references to policing. And most considerations of criminal justice issues by Christians and their churches concentrate on prison reform, or abolition, and the death penalty, but not policing. These essays, authored by a theological ethicist possessing professional experience in law enforcement, seek to fill this curious gap. They offer a framework for moral reasoning concerning the justification for police use of force and the just application of such force, and they propose just policing as a model that is consonant with promoting a just peace in communities and society. In addition, they explore the implications of such an approach for wider, international questions about just war, terrorism, the responsibility to protect, and post-war justice.

“Winright's longstanding experience and expertise in policing are here brought together in a volume that could not be more timely. His take-down of police 'militarization' in favor of a community policing model will speak to all who have been outraged and alarmed at recent police killings of unarmed Black people, or at threats of military-grade violence against antiracism protesters. This book will bring insight to scholars, while catalyzing lively classroom discussions.”

—LISA SOWLE CAHILLE

TOBIAS WINRIGHT is Associate Professor of Theological Ethics and Associate Professor of Health Care Ethics at Saint Louis University.

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Serve and Protect

Selected Essays on Just Policing

TODD T. W. DALY

Chasing Methuselah

Theology, the Body, and Slow Aging

To make sense of human aging in light of Jesus’ invitation to daily take up our crosses with the promise of the resurrection to come? Is there anything wrong with manipulating our bodies technologically to live longer? If so, how long is too long? Should aging itself be treated as a disease? In Chasing Methuselah, Todd Daly examines the modern biomedical anti-aging project from a Christian perspective, drawing on the ancient wisdom of the Desert Fathers, who believed that the incarnation opened a way for human life to regain the longevity of Adam and the biblical patriarchs through prayer and fasting. Daly balances these insights with the christological anthropology of Karl Barth, discussing the implications for human finitude, fear of death, and the use of anti-aging technology, weaving a path between outright condemnation and uncritical enthusiasm.

“Can science extend the human lifespan? Can we unlock the secrets of the aging process and learn to slow it down? Yes, or so it seems based on today’s technical advances. In this groundbreaking study, Todd Daly offers a first-rate summary of the science of aging. He interrogates Christian attitudes toward aging across the centuries, asking how Christians today should respond to the idea that technology can delay aging. Chasing Methuselah is by far the best theological treatment of a topic sure to command our attention in the future.”

—RON COLE-TURNER

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The United States and many western European nations have grown by immigration. What sort of reception have immigrants been given by Christians? Are Christians today aware of the need of people suffering from war or persecution to immigrate to safe places?

In earlier times immigrants were generally “like us.” Now many immigrants are often Muslims, who not only dress distinctively, but practice a different religious creed as well. Many fear that terrorists will enter our country under the guise of immigrants. Christians, however, belong to another kingdom, the kingdom of Jesus the Messiah. A Christian response to the needs of refugees and immigrants should reflect their commitment to Christ more than their fears or political allegiances.

Through stories of immigrants in the past and present, this book aims to show that not only is it safe to accept them, but our commitment to Christ compels us to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

“Entertaining Angels Unaware is an informative and compassionately written book, which offers a balanced and thoughtful approach to immigration through a theological lens. By using a learned but conversational tone, Dr. Philip Gottschalk helps the reader look beyond themselves to their larger community. As a book which is both pastoral and reflective, Entertaining Angels Unaware will be a necessary part of a more complete spiritual formation for today’s globally engaged Christian.”

—CRISTINA RICHIE

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A theory of human origins that is one-half Charles Darwin and one-half Cain and Abel is bound to entail a lot of rethinking of traditional themes. René Girard’s thesis of original human violence and the Bible’s power to reveal it has been around for more than a generation, but its consequences for Christian theology are still only slowly being unpacked. Anthony Bartlett’s book makes a signal contribution, representing an astonishing leap forward in understanding what a biblical disclosure of founding violence means for Christian thought and life. If human language arose directly out of the primal experience of murder, then semiotics becomes a primary area for theological examination. Tracing the discipline of semiotics through postmodern thinkers, then back through its birth in the Latin era, Bartlett shows how Girard’s thought is itself a semiotic emergence, beyond standard Christian metaphysics. Above all, Girardian theory of human signs demands we see the generative impact of violence in our language and thought, and then, conversely, that the Word of God, crucified without retaliation and risen in the same identity, brings a totally new sign and relation into history, offering a thoroughgoing transformation of actual human life and meaning.

“In his cutting-edge book, *Theology Beyond Metaphysics*, Anthony Bartlett reveals the radical way in which God has intervened to liberate and reconstitute human consciousness, transforming it from the inside out with language-signs of nonviolence. I am grateful for its hopeful vision: that the new beginning inaugurated by Jesus is in our day coming to full clarity, with an urgency that cannot fail to transform human reality.”

—JAMES WARREN

ANTHONY BARTLETT taught preaching at the Vancouver School of Theology in British Columbia, where he holds the Butler Chair in Homiletics and Biblical Hermeneutics. Previously he ran a center for the homeless in London, England, and before that served as a Roman Catholic priest. His time as a priest brought him wide theological exposure, including study in Rome, and he has continued to research, write, and teach theology as impacted by Girardian anthropology.

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Transformative Semiotics of René Girard
ANTHONY BARTLETT
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Northern Lights
Resurrecting Church in the North of England
JASON BYASSEE
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You may have heard that churches in Europe are vanishing. Yet church growth in London has been steady for decades, fueled by such innovations as Alpha and Fresh Expressions. What about outside the capital? Some, both inside and outside the church, say churches “cannot grow.” But here they are—growing churches—in the north of England of all places. This is not only a story about England. It is about growing churches wherever you’ve heard they “can’t” grow. God is always up to something precisely where (we think) God shouldn’t be.

“If you are hoping that your church will thrive but have always found an emphasis on church growth distasteful, then this is the book for you. It is not about slick techniques, but rather messy testimonies. If you are looking to learn the right way for you to grow your church, you will not find it spelled out here. If, however, you are willing to gain insights from a basketful of right ways for others, then read on. This is a sharply observed, narrative-driven account by a wise and good minister-scholar-journalist who has seen up close what is working among the mainliners, evangelicals, liberals, and high church—not to mention a wide range of creative and productive misfits. I came away inspired.”

—TIMOTHY LARSEN

“Jason Byassee has written an excellent account of Christian faith in contemporary England, specifically in areas that we might have thought deeply hostile to faith. The result is an insightful account of churches, parachurch networks, and church planting in a modern secular society, and it is far more relevant to current US conditions than we might initially think. His book is very well-written, and often really entertaining. Heartily recommended!”

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Reasonable Faith for a Post-Secular Age

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Our global community desperately needs an overt awakening to an age of reason and faith. Reasonable Faith for a Post-Secular Age meets this need by interpreting faith not in terms of belief in propositions but in terms of living surrender to having been seized by agape for every Face, including one’s own. Virtually all faith traditions, from Buddhism to Humanism to Wiccan, are rooted in agape and therefore share considerable spiritual and ethical common ground (a truth long veiled). In contrast to ethically feckless secular rationality—over which a devastating, global social Darwinism currently runs roughshod—faith qua living surrender to agape grounds moral realism, awakens us to love for all creatures, and inspires struggles for justice. Inspired by the philosophy of Emmanuel Levinas and Christian spirituality, Greenway engages, on the one hand, intellectuals like Stanley Hauerwas, Richard Rorty, Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, Jeffery Stout, Charles Taylor, and Bernard Williams, and, on the other, contemporary debates over consciousness, free will, evil, and metaethics. He details the character of secular rationality’s devastating scission from moral reality and clarifies the promise of understanding faith and spirituality in terms of agape.

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Dostoevsky’s Incarnational Realism

Paul J. Continino

Finding Christ among the Karamazovs

PAUL J. CONTINO

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This book argues that incarnational realism animates the vision of The Brothers Karamazov, and the decisions and actions of its hero, Alyosha. Paul Continino takes a close look at Alyosha’s mentor, the Elder Zosima, and the way his role as a confessor and his vision of responsibility “to all, for all” develops and influences Alyosha. The remainder of the study, which serves as a kind of reader’s guide to the novel, follows Alyosha as he takes up the mantle of his elder, develops as a “monk in the world,” and, at the end of three days, ascends in his vision of Cana. The study attends also to Alyosha’s brothers and his ministry to them: Mitya’s struggle to become a “new man” and Ivan’s anguished groping toward responsibility. Finally, Continino traces Alyosha’s generative role with the young people he encounters, and his final message of hope.

PAUL J. CONTINO is Professor of Great Books at Seaver College, Pepperdine University.
The command of the risen Christ was to make students of all nations: “On this Rock I will build . . .” But the spread of the Pentecostal gospel disrupted the national values of eternal Rome, with her increasingly international citizenship. Loyalty to the Caesars, obligatory in the Roman world, could not break the Christians’ trust in their Christ. In despair the government gave in to the unimaginable: Galerius tolerated the Christian “alternative communities” and their divergent outlook on life. One must now tolerate living in two incommensurate communities at once. This is at the heart of Late Antiquity. The Rock remains, but masked in the antique ceremonial of “religion.” That late antique compromise has laid the foundation for the interaction of church and state in the modern West.

Successor to Paul and the Conflict of Cultures (2019), this seventh collection of Judge’s historical essays explores the development of Christianity in Roman society from the New Testament era to the time of Constantine and beyond—always with a view to the modern situation.

“Largely the inevitable product of our training, most NT scholars, as it were, engage with the ancient world like tourists on ninety-day visas, taking selfies in front of monuments that vaguely remind us of ourselves. Edwin Judge, who emigrated there long ago, is one of the best tour guides in the business. Sparkling, insightful, and regularly thought-provoking. Tolle lege.”

—RIKK WATTS

E. A. JUDGE is Emeritus Professor of Ancient History at Macquarie University in Sydney. He is a member of the Order of Australia and an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities. Recent publications include The Failure of Augustus: Essays on the Interpretation of a Paradox (2019) and Paul and the Conflict of Cultures: The Legacy of his Thought Today (Cascade, 2019).

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Christian Socialism
The Promise of an Almost Forgotten Tradition
PHILIP TURNER
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Christian Socialism is a movement that arose in England in the mid-nineteenth century and continues into the twenty-first century. This form of socialism was aimed, in the first instance, not at institutional reform or the nationalization of the means of production but at what its proponents viewed as the moral rot that lay at the foundation of first industrial and then digital society. They opposed what we call neoliberalism and what was then known as political economy because supporters of these ideologies believed that moral convictions had no proper place in the operation of markets. This conviction rested upon the false belief that people are essentially selfish, competitive individuals seeking personal happiness. The aim of Christian Socialists was to replace this “rotten” moral foundation with another based on the view that people are social and cooperative by nature rather than competitive. Their goal was nothing less than a new society built not upon selfishness and aggression but upon social virtues such as equality, fellowship, cooperation, service, and justice. They did not deny the presence of selfishness; however, they believed that the social nature of humankind lies deeper than egotism and conflict, and they sought a society built upon this belief.

“This book has all of the characteristics that make a historical theology study significant. It is balanced, precise, thorough, and readable. Hartog skillfully sorts through Calvin’s works and the multitude of secondary sources and brings the study to an insightful conclusion. The twenty-five-page bibliography is itself worth the price of the book. I highly recommend it.”
—LARRY PETTEGREW

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RON CLARK
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Statistics suggest that in America one in four women has experienced physical violence in an intimate relationship. Dating violence, intimate-partner violence, and child abuse rank as some of our nation's largest problems. Men are also being abused by intimate partners, parents, or care providers at increasing rates. The statistic is even more alarming worldwide. Unfortunately, these statistics represent only reported incidents. The rates of verbal, emotional, and spiritual abuse are even higher. In addition, countless women are encouraged by clergy to return to their abusive spouses. The faith community, while called by God to free the oppressed, has been slow to respond to this sin against humanity. Few seminaries offer quality domestic-violence-prevention training for clergy. However, clergy still continue to be sought for help from the community and as advocates for victims of domestic violence. A partnership between the church and community (locally and abroad) is necessary if we wish to transform humans caught in this form of oppression.

"Thank you Dr. Clark for writing such a thoroughly readable work. Your book sounds the clarion call that many of us working in the field of domestic violence have hoped and prayed the church would hear. It clearly states the problem and the need facing our country, our communities, and our churches. More importantly, it provides a message of hope and a way for the church to touch and be touched by their communities . . . This is a rare gem of a Christian work that I can feel comfortable giving to clergy, victims, perpetrators, or anyone wanting to know how to address family violence."

—PATRICIA WARFORD

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Faith Seeking Conviviality
Reflections on Ivan Illich, Christian Mission, and the Promise of Life Together
SAMUEL E. EWELL III
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Faith Seeking Conviviality traces the journey of a U.S. missionary into Brazil (and beyond), seeking to be faithfully present while also questioning the default settings of “good intentions.” Taking Ivan Illich as the primary theological guide on that journey, Faith Seeking Conviviality narrates the discovery of a renewed imagination for Christian mission that arises as a response to two persistent questions. First, given the colonial history of Christian missionary expansion, on what basis do we go on fulfilling the “Great Commission” (Matt 28:16–20) as Christ’s disciples? A second question, intimately related to the first, is: What makes it possible to embody a distinctively Christian presence that is missionary without being manipulative?

In doing theology with and after Ivan Illich, Faith Seeking Conviviality does not offer a pull-off-the-shelf model for mission, but rather a framework for embodying the incarnational logic of mission that entails a “convivial turn”—delinking missionary discipleship from the lure of techniques and institutional dependence in order to receive and to share the peace of Christ relationally.

"Far from appropriating the experience and theologizing of others, Ewell proposes immersion and friendship as core Christian practices, and offers an inspiring understanding of theology and discipleship that is full of celebration and verve."

—HELEN STANTON

SAMUEL E. EWELL III is a co-director of EAT MAKE PLAY, a neighborhood-based community co-op focused on regenerating a circular economy that is citizen-led and place-based. He also works with Companions for Hope, a Christian community based in the Summerville parish, where he combines prison and community engagement, urban permaculture, and theological facilitation as a way of cultivating abundant community at the edges of inner-city Birmingham (UK).
Rationality, Humility, and Spirituality in Christian Life
DENNIS HIEBERT
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As Euro-American culture turns resolutely away from religiosity toward spirituality and becomes increasingly post-Christian, the ordinary, everyday practice of Christian life is ever more questioned and in need of scrutiny. In this interdisciplinary analysis, Christians are first called to comprehend the excessive rationality that modernity has built into both the cognitive and organizational structure of contemporary Christian life. They are then summoned to personify an authentic attitude of humility, and in particular, the virtue of intellectual humility that is most challenged and tested by religious convictions. Going forward, Christians are subsequently invited to live their faith more as an internally differentiated and open spirituality, rather than an externally determined and regulated religiosity. When we exhaust our rationality and are confronted with its limitations, we are humbled by our finitude and animated by our spirituality.

“It is for those of us whose capacity for religious faith has been corroded by seemingly irrefutable materialist epistemologies that this superb little book has been written. The author offers an incisive analysis of and antidote to this peculiarly Western religious malaise in three extended essays, each elegantly written, persuasively argued, and profoundly relevant.”
—JONATHAN BONK

“Dennis Hiebert offers a thought-provoking analysis of post-Christendom that invites Christians to consider new ways of experiencing and expressing their faith personally and collectively.”
—MICHAEL WILKINSON

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Creative in the Image of God
KATHERINE M. DOUGLASS
978-1-5326-8453-1 | 154 p. | $21

The declining religious participation among young adults, or “Rise of the Nones,” has signaled alarms across American Christianity. A closer look into the faith lives of thirty young adults who are, or were at one time, connected with a church, however, shows an articulate and aesthetically embodied faith life that seeks out connection with others, expression of their identity, and an openness to encountering God. Young adults see themselves, and all people in this pluralistic world, as bearing the image of God. They see creativity, in their own lives and in the lives of others, as evidence of this identity. This book is not an appeal to put more art into congregations, but rather an invitation to attend to aesthetic, embodied ways of knowing that exist among all people.

“Douglass opens up new horizons for religious formation by demonstrating how creativity shapes young adult faith. In this crisply written book, Douglass explores how the arts help young adults explore and encounter God. For churches stymied over ‘nones’ and ‘dones,’ this book is an eye-opening guide to ways in which imagination, mystery, bodies, and materiality unleash holy curiosity and create new possibilities for ministry with, by, and for young adults.”
—KENDA CREASY DEAN

“Some years ago I quoted a theologian who speculated that artists and musicians have become the true theologians of our time. Creative in the Image of God puts flesh on that speculation. With evidence from first-hand research as well as thorough grounding in theological literature, it makes a strong argument that the future of American Christianity rests on rediscovering the aesthetic and embodied dimensions of religious practice.”
—ROBERT WUTHNOW

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What should Christians think about Donald Trump? His policies, his style, his personal life?

Thirty evangelical Christians wrestle with these tough questions. They are Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. They don’t all agree, but they seek to let Christ be the Lord of their political views. They seek to apply biblical standards to difficult debates about our current political situation.

Vast numbers of white evangelicals enthusiastically support Donald Trump. Do biblical standards on truth, justice, life, freedom, and personal integrity warrant or challenge that support? How does that support of President Trump affect the image of Christianity in the larger culture? Around the world? Many younger evangelicals today are rejecting evangelical Christianity, even Christianity itself. To what extent is that because of widespread evangelical support for Donald Trump?

Don’t read this book to find support for your views. Read it to be challenged—with facts, reason, and biblical principles.

“The dominant narrative in the public square is that the evangelical Protestant church provides unwavering support for Donald J. Trump. While this may be true, I am thankful for the witness of the editors and contributors of The Spiritual Danger of Donald Trump that this claim is far from universally true of all evangelicals and also for their crucial warning that continued support will lead to the deepening erosion of the church’s witness to the world. My hope and prayer is that all Christians, whatever their present political leanings, will be open to the case made in this book.”

—TREMPER LONGMAN III

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Imagine receiving a shocking email from a church member stating that you, the pastor, have mishandled church funds and that you should resign for the good of the congregation. Soon you discover that the church member sent the email to many other church members. Additional lies will follow until the fateful day comes when the members vote to fire you, or the bishop dismisses you, or you resign for sheer survival. You are experiencing church abuse of clergy, which is the topic of this book.

Clergy will gain an entirely new understanding of church abuse of clergy that afflicts many pastors and their loved ones by reading this book. The view of church abuse of clergy being presented is a new paradigm that challenges older explanations of the church abuse.

This book shows that clergy must begin collaborating in order to discover effective solutions to the church abuse of clergy problem. Clergy must become empowered to confront the church at all levels and support one another in the face of church abuse of clergy. A very toxic ministry situation exists throughout the United States and internationally, which must be challenged!

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—ROBERT C. DYKSTRA

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THEOLOGY / PRACTICAL & MINISTRY
Over the space of a generation, Christianity in the Western world has gone from occupying a central place in the wider society to being eyed with increasing suspicion and, in some places, outright hostility. Although the church has always been a minority group, in the past decade or so it has become reawakened to that reality—and to the similarities it shares with the first followers of Jesus for whom the New Testament was written.

In this book, Tim MacBride shows how New Testament texts functioned as rhetoric for the marginalized minority groups they addressed, encouraging hearers to resist the pressure to conform to the majority culture, yet in a way that remained attractively different to outsiders. He offers suggestions for how Christians today—and preachers in particular—can use and apply the New Testament’s minority-group rhetoric to speak into our own increasingly marginalized experience. Such preaching needs to guard against either being shaped by culture or isolating preacher and hearers against culture. It must instead champion the call of New Testament authors to a middle way—a call for communities of “aliens and exiles” to engage with culture by living out an attractive difference.

“Tim MacBride gives us a penetrating analysis of the situations of Christians in the first and twenty-first centuries and shows how the identity-sculpting, group-sustaining, and mission-shaping strategies of first-century Christian leaders provide important guidance for the work and preaching of their modern counterparts. Highly recommended for pastors and other Christian leaders!”

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TIM MACBRIDE is an ordained Baptist pastor and Senior Lecturer in New Testament and Preaching at Morling College in Sydney, Australia. He is the author of Catching the Wave (2016).

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—TERESA DELGADO

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Useful Wisdom
Letters to Young (and Not-So-Young) Ministers
ANTHONY B. ROBINSON
978-1-5326-8343-5 | 132 p. | $16

"We’ve got a list of questions, issues, stuff we’re dealing with. We want your input, your thoughts on this stuff." Such were the origins of this little book. Two young clergy, early in their first call, imagined that I might have some useful wisdom to pass on based on my own years in ministry. Something like this was once standard preparation. Young people learned a profession like law, ministry, or medicine by apprenticing themselves to one seasoned in the practice. Not only has that way of learning largely vanished but we now live in times of increasing segregation and suspicion between different generations. Still, these two millennials bucked the trends. They thought they might have something to learn from an old boomer. The result is this collection of letters: personal, wry, direct, and honest. Full of both hope and realism about the church and ministry. This collection will be a welcome companion for young, and for many not so young, clergy trying to get a handle on ministry in the midst of a time that is full of change and challenge.

"Into this lovely, affectionate book, pastor and master church coach Tony Robinson pours a lifetime of insights on the joys and the challenges of pastoral ministry. Tony’s steadfast but also critical and experienced love for the vocation of church leadership shines through on every page. Offered as testimony to his daughter who is beginning ministry, Tony gives Paul-to-Timothy guidance that will be strong, realistic, faithful encouragement to anyone in ministry today."
—WILL WILLIMON

ANTHONY B. ROBINSON has a ministry and writings that have spoken wisely and helpfully to thousands of clergy and hundreds of congregations. He is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, who has served four congregations, consulted with scores of congregations and their leaders, and taught in several different seminaries. He is the author of a dozen books including the best-seller Transforming Congregational Culture and the award-winning What’s Theology Got To Do with It?
Let Us Prey, Revised Edition
The Plague of Narcissist Pastors and What We Can Do About It
DARRELL PULS
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Jesus warned of wolves carefully disguised as shepherds coming into local churches as pastors. It is the perfect disguise for a predator to access and devour the flock one lamb at a time while proclaiming himself as their protector and guardian. The result is spiritual devastation, broken congregations, and even destroyed churches. Darrell Puls attests from experience that the enemy has infiltrated the North American church through pastors with dangerously high levels of narcissism. These pastors hide under layers of the sacred, but it is always an illusion of smoke and mirrors.

Puls has experienced this reality from the inside as a staff pastor under a narcissist, and from the outside as a church consultant. He carefully unpacks toxic narcissism in everyday terms, and lets the victims tell their own stories. Let Us Prey, Revised Edition is as real as it gets.

“Jesus warned of wolves that would attack the church. Let Us Prey, Revised Edition is a much-needed book at a time when narcissist pastors in the church are on the rise. Puls provides an in-depth look at the devastating impact these ‘wolves in sheep’s clothing’ inflict upon their congregations. This book provides powerful stories, practical guidance, and a hopeful way forward. A must read for those in the church.”

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**The Headship of Men and the Abuse of Women**

Are They Related In Any Way?

KEVIN GILES

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In recent years the issue of domestic abuse and violence has gained a lot of attention as the extent of it has become known. Domestic abuse and violence is now of high concern to most churches because it is evident that domestic abuse figures are much the same in our churches, and possibly higher in evangelical churches where the headship of men and the submission of women is made the God-given ideal. In this book, Kevin Giles surveys competently the scientific information on this matter now available and notes that the consensus is that the most sure indicator of higher incidences of abuse are found in communities where men are privileged and expected to be in charge and women are subordinated. This, he argues, should make complementarians consider afresh if in fact the subordination of women is the God-given ideal, established in creation before the fall.

“Those of us who have worked long in this field know how difficult it is to bring the evidence to a wider Christian public. Yet it has to be done. Here it is done with care, biblical acumen, and compassion. I hope the book will become a seminary text, for the next generation of pastors, lay leaders, and counselors who must be given the biblical tools to help to turn the tide.”

—ELAINE STORKEY

KEVIN GILES was in parish ministry for forty years in Australia. He has published widely and traveled extensively. He is married to Lynley, a marriage educator and counselor. They have four married children and eleven grandchildren. Both of them have had for many years a concern to see women in the church and the home given the dignity, affirmation, and opportunities to use their God-given gifts that they should be given.

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—DANIEL J. TREIER

HAROLD MYRA started writing imaginative fiction in the early 1960s—before *Star Trek* and *Star Wars*—with his space novel *No Man in Eden*. Years later he published his fantasy trilogy, *Children in the Night*. As CEO of CTI for thirty-two years, he grew the publishing company from one magazine to thirteen plus a thriving internet ministry. He has written hundreds of magazine articles and more than two dozen fiction, non-fiction, and children’s books.
Whatever life gives you and wherever life takes you, there is always a story. Life and relationships all begin and are sustained in the context of a story. This is not a how-to-do-it-right book as much as it is a book of stories—personal stories from the author, biblical stories, and stories of ordinary grandparents and grandchildren who have been willing to share their own stories with which you may be able to identify and be encouraged in your own adventures of grandparenting. This is a book for everyone that either has biological grandchildren or has the potential to influence the lives of non-biological youth and children in the role of grandparenting. This is also a book for churches to consider while planning for ministry to bring generations together in meaningful interactions, and in doing so, to create space for generations to share their stories and share in God’s overarching Story of reconciling the world... one story at a time.

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—ROBBIE F. CASTLEMAN

TREVECCA OKHOLM began professional life as children and family pastor for twenty-five years before moving into academics. She teaches practical theology at Azusa Pacific University. After partnering with her husband of forty-seven years to raise two children, they have moved into the delightful role of grandparenting.

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Finding Home

JULIE K. AAGESON
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Finding home is complicated. Home always is characterized by joy and sorrow, grief and gladness, the realities of complicated lives. What is it like to flee the horrors of war as a refugee in search of home? When daily life is unbearable, what exactly does home mean? How do we learn to be at home in our bodies, at home with ourselves?

So many images swim just below the surface of my memory, all the houses where I came to know home. But home, of course, is much more than houses. These reflections invite readers to explore identity, the importance of rootedness, discovering home away from home, what it means to be home for one another.

“Finding Home offers luminous, grounded wisdom from a luminous, grounded writer. Read with pen in hand, this book will open the reader to undiscovered corners of their own soul.”
—BISHOP LAURIE LARSON CAESAR

JULIE K. AAGESON has served as a resource specialist and writer for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Protestant Spiritual Traditions, Volume Two

EDITED BY FRANK C. SENN
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There is no single Protestant spirituality but rather Protestant spiritual traditions usually embedded in denominational families that share some basic Protestant principles. These two volumes of *Protestant Spiritual Traditions* offer essays on twelve traditions written by scholars within those traditions plus a concluding essay that gathers a number of Protestant contributions to Christian spirituality and Western culture under the category of “the body.” These thirteen essays discuss the contributions of significant spiritual figures from Martin Luther to Martin Luther King Jr. and offer insights on a range of topics from the theology of the cross to physical fitness.

“Protestant Spiritual Traditions, Volume Two is a contemporary, experienced view from the Pacific Rim of five distinctive expressions of faith responding to the call of the Spirit. History is balanced with current practice and the use and influence of technology is noted. Whether worship begins in silence or communal prayers aloud, we are drawn into their experience by the Spirit of God. The concluding essays on ‘the body’ reveal the influence of Christian spirituality on culture.”
—DEBORAH COCHRAN

FRANK C. SENN is a retired Lutheran pastor and an affiliate professor of liturgy at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.
Jesus is calling his church to be a multiethnic and missional people who listen and learn from the many voices of world Christianity. Graham Joseph Hill issues a moving call for churches to be missional by being conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. Hill does this by exploring the thinking of twenty-five Asian, African, Latin American, Indigenous, African American, diaspora, Caribbean, Oceanian, Eastern European, and Middle Eastern pastors and theologians. These are as diverse as Melba Padilla Maggay, Emmanuel Katongole, Lamin Sanneh, Oscar Muriu, Ruth Padilla DeBorst, Pope Francis, Richard Twiss, Lisa Sharon Harper, Willie James Jennings, Ada María Isasi-Díaz, Soong-Chan Rah, and Mitri Raheb.

These voices show us the future of missional churches in world Christianity. When churches are conformed to Christ they make disciples, heal a broken world, and witness to Jesus and his gospel. Jesus forms us in his image and moves us to be a people of shalom, humility, character, justice, peace, wisdom, prayer, beauty, and witness. The church has had a Reformation but now it needs a Conformation. Hill explores biblical themes and the voices of world Christianity to show that a missional church is conformed to the image of the incarnate, crucified, resurrected, and glorified Christ. Conformity to Christ is the heart of missional ecclesiology and discipleship.

“Graham Joseph Hill is for me one of the leading voices of global Christianity and his approach is to bring diverse voices to the table for a conversation. Many talk diversity but their diversity becomes colonizing of the diverse voices into a single noise, but Hill has a capacity to bring these alternative voices to the table and let them speak their theology in their language. Having listened and listened, Hill then offers salient insights into the kind of unity and ‘conformity’ that God is accomplishing in our world.”

—SCOT McKNIGHT

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Reconciling Places
How to Bridge the Chasms in our Communities
PAUL A. HOFFMAN
978-1-5326-5122-9 | 168 p. | $20

Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers”—but in our increasingly polarized communities and nation, where can a person of faith begin? In Reconciling Places, pastor and scholar Paul Hoffman introduces laypeople and ministry leaders to a “theology of reconciliation” that equips Christians to act as reconcilers and bridge builders, wherever they are and whatever issues divide their communities.

“By the time you finish Reconciling Places, many pages will be dog-eared for future reference. Hoffman is not an armchair theologian pontificating ideas that work in theory alone; he’s a tested, bridge-building disciple who has embodied reconciliation with his life and ministry.”

—MATTHEW D. KIM

PAUL A. HOFFMAN has served as the Senior Pastor of Evangelical Friends Church of Newport since 2007. He has authored chapters in two books, has ministered in over thirty countries, and is a member of the Oversight Board for the Evangelical Friends Church & Eastern Region. Paul has been married to his lovely wife, Autumn, for over twenty years and has two wonderful sons, Landon and Kelan.

Apocalypse When?
A Guide to Interpreting and Preaching Apocalyptic Texts
LEAH D. SCADE AND JERRY L. SUMNEY
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Apocalyptic texts are often seen as either frightening or irrelevant, a tool for fearmongering and manipulation or for the lucrative doomsday industry. But Apocalypse When?: Interpreting and Preaching Apocalyptic Texts equips readers to understand these texts as sources of encouragement and strength for the church. As the world faces threats of war, poverty, climate and environmental crises, and political upheaval, churches can draw on the wisdom and courage of our biblical ancestors who faced their own calamities and persecutions. Their struggles against powerful economic, militaristic, cultural, and social forces drew them closer to God. We have much to learn from their faith, ethical integrity, and dedication to the promises of God that engender hope in the midst of turmoil and terror. With solid historical exegesis, thought-provoking ideas for preaching, and examples of sermons that creatively and compellingly proclaim God’s word, this book provides much-needed guidance for the church in tumultuous times.

“Apocalypse When? teaches us to preach the ‘end of the world as we know it’ as a biblical message of hope, not doom. Drawing on popular music, film, literature, and biblical imagery from Daniel, the Gospels, Pauline epistles, and Revelation, the authors explore how God’s future manifests itself in the present ecological moment. Schade and Sumney show us God’s ‘generous surprise’ that brings us into a new world, the way of love. I highly recommend this wonderful book!”

—BARBARA ROSSING

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JERRY L. SUMNEY is Professor of Biblical Studies at Lexington Theological Seminary.
Rabbi Gordon Fuller and Dr. Christian van Gorder are committed to helping people of both faith traditions gain, as far as is possible, a participant’s appreciation of those from the other community. This means addressing misconceptions and misrepresentations as well as challenging widely held assumptions. Fuller and van Gorder ask us to acknowledge the marred history of Christianity and anti-Semitism, so that we can explore healthy Jewish-Christian dialogue and gain a shared and constructive mutual respect.

“This is a really important book for any time, but especially for our own era of cultural isolation, misunderstanding, and even hatred.”

—Elliott N. Dorff

A. Christian Van Gorder is Associate Professor of Islamic Studies and World Religions at Baylor University. Gordon Fuller is an independent rabbi online.

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“David Hesselgrave shaped evangelical missiology in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. During the last months of his life, he penned We Evangelicals and Our Mission, a postscript that traces the history of evangelical missions in order to identify a modern crisis of doctrine and duty. The ‘Dean of Evangelical Missiology’ delivers one final lecture instructing evangelicals how to resolve this impending crisis by reviving historic doctrine and reengaging world evangelization.”

—Matt Queen

David J. Hesselgrave (1924–2018) was Professor of Mission, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois, and cofounder (with Donald A. McGavran) of the Evangelical Missiological Society. An ordained minister in the Evangelical Free Church of America, he served as a missionary in Japan for twelve years. He is the author of numerous publications on mission and missiology.
Love at Its Best
When Church is a Mess

Meditations from
1 Corinthians 13

PATRICK ALLEN

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Love at Its Best
When Church is a Mess is a collection of fifteen meditations, drawn from 1 Corinthians 13, perhaps the most well-known passage about love in Holy Scripture, and certainly one of the most beloved passages found anywhere in the English language. It is the centerpiece of many marriage ceremonies, but as it turns out, the Apostle Paul was not writing to young couples in love. In fact, he was writing to a church in a mess, a big mess, and what he told them has relevance for Christians today. Most of us will face a mess at one time or another in church. Why? Because church life is messy. If you don't find a mess, a mess will find you.

Each chapter contains personal stories, a meditation, and an examination of an aspect of love drawn from 1 Corinthians 13, the wisdom of Scripture, some spiritual formation “next steps,” and questions for reflection and discussion. Suited for personal devotions or small discipleship groups, Love at Its Best When Church Is a Mess invites all of us to an adventure of grace, healing, and spiritual growth. Clearly, faith sends us on a spiritual journey, hope keeps us going, but it is love at its best that bids us home.

“Love at Its Best When Church is a Mess is a book that is needed for the messy times that the church finds itself in today. Through conceptual analysis, warm stories, scriptural references, and personal questions, Patrick Allen leads the reader through a discovery of oneself. First Corinthians 13 is used as a mirror to see more clearly and practice more faithfully the gracious gift of God’s love.”

—STEPHEN GREEN

A Luminous Life
A Journey Into Classic Christian Spirituality

BROCK BINGAMAN

978-1-4982-7927-7 | Forthcoming

In a culture intrigued by various forms of “spirituality,” this study invites readers to explore the deep, historically rooted resources of the Christian spiritual classics. It is an invitation to seek the transformative presence of God—the kingdom of God within our hearts—through the spiritual classics. These classics, formed in the matrix of meditation on Scripture, are like road maps that provide invaluable wisdom and guidance for the spiritual journey.

Illustrating the importance of theologically grounded spirituality, A Luminous Life draws from Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant classics that stem from rich trinitarian and christological reflection. This book explores key themes in the spiritual classics, including biblical images and historical models of spiritual development, prayer, fasting, solitude and community, the cross and suffering, the desert, spiritual direction, and contemplation and action.

This study seeks to bridge the academic and ecclesial, demonstrating that the life of the mind and life in the Spirit are unified, that theological reflection and spiritual formation go together. Considering exemplary writings from diverse traditions, such as the Desert Fathers, Maximus the Confessor, Teresa of Avila, and John Calvin, A Luminous Life draws readers into worshipful reflection on God and formation in Christ. The book concludes with the encouragement to ongoing, prayerful study of the spiritual classics: as fuel for the luminous life.

“Recent attention has been given to classical Christian doctrine and pastoral care, but few have written so clearly and comprehensively on classical spirituality as Brock Bingaman. Highly recommended!”

—BRADLEY NASSIF

BROCK BINGAMAN is the founding director of All Saints Center for Theology, Spirituality, and Leadership at Our Lord’s Community Church in Oklahoma City, where he also serves as lead pastor. Formerly, Brock served as Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia.
The Dark Side of Discipleship

Why and How the New Testament Encourages Christians to Deal with the Devil

GARY TYRA

978-1-5326-9121-8 | 330 p. | $33

There’s a dark side to Christian discipleship church members ignore to their peril. The New Testament has much to say about why and how Christ’s followers must deal with the devil. Learning to take the evil one seriously without obsessing over him is crucial to the spiritual endurance training we all need if we are to someday hear Jesus say to us: “Well done, good and faithful servant!”

Specifically, pastor/theologian Gary Tyra argues in this work that key to overcoming Satan is a balanced, Spirit-powered engagement in what he refers to as the four cardinal components of Christian discipleship. Understanding the various ways the devil attempts to derail our experiences of worship, nurture, community, and mission can serve to motivate us with respect to them!

With the help of the Holy Spirit, church members can cultivate a “lifestyle spirituality” that enables them to don the “full armor of God” and engage in several critical “close-quarters combat tactics” the New Testament encourages. In the end, The Dark Side of Discipleship is a no-nonsense yet inspirational New Testament theology of spiritual warfare that can serve Christ’s church as a powerful aid to the spiritual, moral, and ministry formation of contemporary Christians.

“From Dante to Eliot to now, Benjamin Myers guides his pilgrim readers through the best of what has been said and thought. As a poet, he shares his love of beautiful verse, and as a thinker, he unveils the theology behind writers’ use of image, form, and metaphor. . . . Myers provides us more tools for cultivating a poetic imagination, so we may better hear the voice of God.”
—JESSICA HOOTEN WILSON

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Benjamin Paul Myers is a former poet laureate of Oklahoma and is the author of three books of poetry. His poems and essays have appeared in Image, The Yale Review, First Things, and many other journals. He teaches at Oklahoma Baptist University, where he is the Crouch-Mathis Professor of Literature.

A Poetics of Orthodoxy

Christian Truth as Aesthetic Foundation

BENJAMIN PAUL MYERS

978-1-5326-9546-9 | Forthcoming

What makes one poem better than another? Do Christians have an obligation to strive for excellence in the arts? While orthodox Christians are generally quick to affirm the existence of absolute truth and absolute goodness, even many within the church fall prey to the postmodern delusion that “beauty is in the eye of the beholder.” This book argues that Christian doctrine in fact gives us a solid basis on which to make aesthetic judgments about poetry in particular and about the arts more generally. The faith once and for all delivered unto the saints is remarkable in its combined emphasis on embodied particularity and meaningful transcendence. This unique combination makes it the perfect starting place for art that speaks to who we are as creatures made for eternity.

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Why Black Lives Matter
African American Thriving for the Twenty-First Century
EDITED BY ANTHONY B. BRADLEY
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Beginning with a conversation prompted by African American scholars like Dr. Alvin Pous-saint of Harvard Medical School in 2007, to the current Black Lives Matter movement, there has been much debate about what led to the deaths of Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown, among others, as well as other systemic challenges that undermine black thriving. Anthony Bradley has assembled a team of scholars and religious leaders to provide a distinctly Christian perspective on what is needed for black communities to thrive from within. In addition to the social and structural issues that must be addressed, within black communities there are opportunities for social change based on God’s vision for human flourishing.

Covering topics like the black family, hip-hop, mental health, mentoring women, masculinity, and the church, this book will open your eyes to fresh ways to participate in solutions that will truly set black America free. Although the Black Lives Matter movement keeps the church on the margins, the authors in this volume believe that enduring change cannot happen unless God speaks directly to these issues in light of the gospel.

“Dr. Bradley has assembled a diverse group of black scholars, pastors, and practitioners to affirm the dignity of black lives. They boldly analyze and critique racist, systemic challenges and self-inflicted obstacles facing black lives today. These contributors also offer clear next steps. They place the Black Church at the center of the conversation. They affirm the truth that black lives indeed matter because God created us in his image.”

—JARVIS J. WILLIAMS

ANTHONY B. BRADLEY is Professor and Chair of Religious and Theological Studies at The King’s College (New York, New York) and a Research Fellow at The Acton Institute. He is the author of Ending Overcriminalization and Mass Incarceration (2018).

The #BlackLivesMatter Movement
Toward an Intersectional Theology
EDWARD DONALSON III
978-1-7252-7183-8 | Forthcoming

This work focuses on the implicit theological aspects of the #BlackLivesMatter movement. It examines, in conversation with theologians, the movement’s early published tenets in order to determine their implicit God claims. The study, conducted by a Pentecostal bishop, puts Black Liberation, Womanist, and Queer Liberation theologies in conversation with the praxis of the movement. An ecumenical group of Black pastors from across the United States met in an effort to determine the viability of the God claims of the movement in the life of the Black Church. As the research progressed, a new theological expression emerged as the real praxis of the movement; i.e., intersectional theology. This study project concludes with an exposition of the main points of this intersectional theology.

EDWARD DONALSON III currently serves as Senior Pastor of Kingdom Family Worship Center Int’l and is the Presiding Prelate of Freedom Assemblies Worldwide, and the Director of the Doctor of Ministry at the School of Theology and Ministry of Seattle University. He is the current President of the United Ecumenical College of Bishops. Dr. Donalson is also the Bishop of Operations for the P.U.R.E. Ministries International Fellowship Churches and serves both on the King County Juvenile Justice Steering Committee and the City of Kent Community Police Race Relations Taskforce.
undertaken by means of speaking, utterances philosophers refer to as speech acts. In the case of promises this is clear: they constitute firm commitments to act in certain ways under appropriate conditions. This book considers biblical examples of divine promise, from both Old and New Testaments. All speech acts depend upon institutional facts, and Thiselton argues that in the biblical writings Divine promises are based on the prior institution of God’s covenant.

That same covenant forms the institutional context of prayer. Thiselton shows how different kinds of prayer—blessing, thanksgiving and praise, petition and intercession—count as speech acts in different ways and to different degrees.

“This short study shines new light on two of the most familiar forms of biblical discourse, precisely by presenting them together. Both divine promise and human prayer are deeply interpersonal speech acts related to the ‘institutional fact’ of God’s covenant. In asking what promises and prayers do, Thiselton once again shows his ability to integrate exegesis, theology, and philosophy in illuminating new ways. And it comes with a bonus appendix: a magisterial survey of the use of speech act theory in biblical studies in general.”

—KEVIN J. VANHOOZER

ANTHONY C. THISELTON is Emeritus Professor of Christian Theology in the Universities of Nottingham and Chester. He is also Emeritus Canon Theologian of Leicester and Southwell & Nottingham. He is author of some thirty-five books.

ANTHONY C. THISELTON

Promise and Prayer
The Biblical Writings in the Light of Speech-Act Theory

ANNE R. T. MILLER

Gateways to the Divine
Transformative Practices of Prayer from the Holy City of Jerusalem

ANDREW D. MAYES has served as spirituality adviser to the Diocese of Chichester and to the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. He has lived several years in Jerusalem, firstly as a theological researcher and later as director of courses of St George’s College, of which he is an associate professor.
What makes for powerful preaching? Careful exegesis, logical structure, interesting illustrations, and clear speech can all help. But truly transformative preaching depends on divine power, not human skill alone.

Those who would reduce preaching to simple systems or surefire strategies for success will find little of interest here. Instead, this book appeals to those (pastors and academics alike) who find themselves confounded by the occasional futility of their best preaching and the unexpected success of their worst. It invites readers to enter more deeply into the uncontrollable mystery that attends all efforts to speak in the name of Christ, above all on the topic of resurrection. Although the gospel always turns our attention to the crucified and risen Lord, preaching about resurrection calls us to trust that the same God who raised Jesus from death will likewise grant life to us as preachers, to our sermons, and to our hearers alike. Drawing on resources as diverse as Luther’s understanding of the Christian gospel, Speech Act theory, and Bhabha’s concept of “Third Space,” Third Voice: Preaching Resurrection argues that the true key to effective preaching is not rhetoric, but spirituality.

“Having been well-instructed by Michael Knowles in his previous books (like We Preach Not Ourselves), I expected that Third Voice would be a feast. I was not disappointed. Knowles is a master at working from biblical texts, particularly Paul’s letters, weaving in theological insights, bringing in a wide array of conversation partners, and thereby giving preachers a robust, theological rationale for our preaching. There’s not much wrong with contemporary preaching that can’t be cured by Knowles’ energetic invitation to preach as if God matters. He is so right: the ‘third voice’ in preaching is the voice that makes all the difference.”

—WILL WILLIMON

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Advanced Missiology
How to Study Missions in Credible and Useful Ways
KENNETH NEHRBASS
978-1-7252-7222-4 | Forthcoming

Advanced Missiology draws the connections between the theory and practice of missions. Using the metaphor of a river, the book shows how theories “upstream” such as theology, education, anthropology, community development, and history have exerted an influence on missiology (and missiology, in turn, has gone back upstream to influence those disciplines). What causes these disciplines to converge in missiology is the goal of making disciples across cultures. Whereas missiologists are not always explicit about how their abstract theories actually relate to the task of making disciples across cultures, each chapter in Advanced Missiology shows how numerous theories, sub-fields, models, and strategies of missiology ultimately facilitate the Great Commission. The book argues that by using interdisciplinarity for this fundamental purpose, missiological studies will be more credible and useful.

KENNETH NEHRBASS is an associate professor of Intercultural Studies at Biola University. He has authored more than fifty academic publications including books, articles, reviews, and a multi-language dictionary. He also serves with Summer Institute of Linguistics and the Seed Company as a translation consultant and an anthropology consultant. Ken and his wife Mandy lived in Vanuatu for ten years with their four children, where they advised a translation of the New Testament.
When times of threat and uncertainty come, it can be challenging to know what to do or how to help. *Through Dangerous Terrain* provides a guide and map for how to understand the human threat-response system, how we connect in times of safety, and how to provide wise and informed leadership during and after threat or trauma events. Though it is written in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic and offers some reflections particular to the viral pandemic, it can be applied to any experience of personal or societal threat. When we can more fully understand how human physiology detects threats and seeks safety, we can mobilize the gifts of our religious and spiritual traditions and communities to offer the community care that is essential for health and outside the purview of traditional therapeutic contexts. This book offers key insights from leading trauma care models (Internal Family Systems, Somatic Experiencing, and Polyvagal Theory), neuroscience, and pastoral care to help religious and spiritual community leaders offer informed care, hope, and support in the face of threat and trauma.

“Jennifer Baldwin lays out a timely and valuable plan for us to work with the traumas we’re all facing these days. She artfully combines somatic and neurophysiological understanding and techniques with parts work to lead us toward resilience.”

—Richard Schwartz

Jennifer Baldwin is the Founder of The Center for Trauma-Sensitive Faith Leadership and a clinician in private practice specializing in trauma care. She is the author of *Trauma-Sensitive Theology* (2018).

**Through Dangerous Terrain**

A Guide for Trauma-Sensitive Pastoral Leadership in Times of Threat

Jennifer Baldwin

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Human existence is a bodily existence. A first principle of historic Christianity has been that Jesus assumed our humanity and everything essential to it in order that God may redeem all of our existence. Christ is the revelation of God and the revelation of true humanity. As we seek to understand our embodied experiences of the world and one another we do so in light of the embodied life of Jesus Christ. Jesus’s humanity shows us what it means to live an embodied human life rightly and how we, as embodied human beings, can relate to the world around us.

In this book we invite readers to explore with us why the humanity of Jesus is central to the Christian understanding of community, society, salvation, and life with God. Over the span of these ten chapters this book draws from biblical, historic, and cultural discussions as it enters into the breadth of the significance of the humanity of Jesus and explores how the reality of the Incarnation challenges and redeems our broken social structures, racial and ethnic divisions, economic systems, and sexuality.

“Too easily, even believers become almost agnostic about God. We prefer to keep things amorphous, universal, esoterically spiritual—because we fear the fleshly love that meets us on the cross. The deeply moving and inspiring essays in this volume invite us to see and touch and hear Jesus Christ again.”

—Matthew Levering

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**Who Do You Say I Am?**

On the Humanity of Jesus

Edited by George Kalantzis, David B. Capes, and Ty Kieser

978-1-7252-6292-8 | 204 p. | $25
Baur published Die christliche Gnosis in 1835. It was his first great religio-historical study and the most important book on Gnosticism published in the nineteenth century. It is now recognized as having a pivotal status in Baur studies. In it Baur offers a unique thesis about a link between ancient and modern religious philosophy. Gnosis is a type of religious philosophy that contains ideas about the relationship between God, world, and human beings, as expressed in concrete religious traditions and practices. As such, it makes an important contribution to Christian theology. In the first part, Baur develops a concept of gnosis in dialogue with his predecessors and contemporaries. He classifies the gnostic systems in terms of how they conceive the relationship of Christianity to Judaism and paganism, and then describes them in detail (Valentinus, Ophites, Bardesanes, Saturninus, Basilides, Marcion, Pseudo-Clementines). Following transitional sections on the criticism of and reaction to gnosis in church history, the book ends with modern religious philosophy (Boehme, Schelling, Schleiermacher, and Hegel—Baur’s first discussion of these major thinkers).

“In this beautiful annotated translation, Peter Hodgson and Robert Brown make this important work accessible to the anglophone world at last, enabling a new generation of readers to wrestle with Baur’s provocative synthesis of a perennial theme.”

—DAVID LINCICUM

FERDINAND CHRISTIAN BAUR (1792–1860) was Professor of Theology at the University of Tübingen and the greatest historical theologian of the nineteenth century, writing seminal studies in the history of religions, New Testament, church history, and history of doctrine.

PETER C. HODGSON is Charles G. Finney Professor of Theology Emeritus at the Divinity School of Vanderbilt University.

ROBERT F. BROWN is Professor of Philosophy Emeritus at the University of Delaware.

Outgrowing God?

A Beginner’s Guide to Richard Dawkins and the God Debate

PETER S. WILLIAMS

978-1-5326-9346-5 | 300 p. | $36


“Imagine an educator’s utopia: a small group of students from very different perspectives, Christian and non-Christian, calmly and insightfully discussing as controversial and influential a series of claims as Richard Dawkins makes in his book, Outgrowing God. The students can quickly navigate their phones and tablets to all the right sites to come up with key, relevant quotations of major theologians and philosophers, and they even seem to care for each other and respect each other but still ask all the hard but important questions. That is precisely the scenario Peter Williams imagines and creates in this delightful dialogue/critique of one influential atheist’s philosophy, with ample footnotes and bibliographies to all the relevant sources. If only I knew where the café was that this group keeps meeting at, I’d join their conversation in a heartbeat! At least I can eavesdrop thanks to Williams’s expertise.”

—CRAIG L. BLOMBERG

PETER S. WILLIAMS is an English philosopher, author, and Assistant Professor in Communication and Worldviews at NLA University College at Gimlekol kon Kristiansand, Norway.
Faith Thinking provides a stimulating introduction to some vital questions of method in Christian theology. The book argues that faith commitments are necessary not in theology alone but in all serious acts of our knowing anything at all as human beings. Knowledge, in other words, is always bound to be the outcome of some process of “faith seeking understanding.” Fresh consideration is given too in this book to relationships obtaining between the authoritative canon of scripture, tradition, and “reason” in the theological task. Finally, in this new edition an important reevaluation is undertaken of the potentially explosive impact of “truth claims” in a post-truth world.

TREVOR HART is Rector of Saint Andrew’s Episcopal Church in St Andrews and Canon Theologian of Perth Cathedral. He was formerly Professor of Divinity and Director of the Institute for Theology, Imagination and the Arts in the University of St Andrews.

“Mark Ellingsen’s provocative book documents the way that mainline religious traditions have embraced Feuerbach’s materialistic assessment of life and the future. Against that accommodation, Ellingsen believes that other religious options still very much alive (Karl Barth, African American, some careful evangelicals) effectively promote views of God as transcendent and humans as real sinners capable of real redemption. Ellingsen, who has many times shown how forcefully a historical Lutheran perspective can speak to contemporary issues, has done it again with this timely and important book.”

—MARK NOLL

MARK ELLINGSSEN is a professor of church history on the faculty of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta.
An Amos Yong Reader
The Pentecostal Spirit
AMOS YONG
EDITED BY CHRISTOPHER A. STEPHENSON
978-1-7252-5089-5 | 334 p. | $39

Amos Yong is the most prolific pentecostal theologian to date, and his published works are so many that it is difficult to find an amiable entry point into his thought. An Amos Yong Reader is the first introduction to Yong’s theology in his own words. It brings into one volume representative samples of the broad range of Yong’s scholarship, including theology of religions, religion and science, theology and disability, political theology, Luke-Acts, and theological method. Christopher A. Stephenson, perhaps Yong’s most insightful interpreter, provides an introductory essay that both orients readers to Yong’s extensive theological program and identifies the most important key to understanding Yong’s theology as his most neglected work, Spirit-Word-Community, a book with implications far beyond the boundaries of Pentecostalism. An Amos Yong Reader provides an overview of Yong’s thought and a starting point for more thorough study in any of the major themes in his expansive corpus.

“In the days when mainstream theologians treated Pentecostalism with disdain, Yong’s scholarship gave birth to twins—systematized pentecostal theology and sophistication. In this scholarship pentecostal thinkers find their most intimate voice, and the global academy witnesses a splendid realization of the potentials of pentecostal theology. This book is a concrete evidence of all these.”
—NIMI WARIBOKO

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Faith and Modern Thought
The Modern Philosophers for Understanding Modern Theology
TIMOTHY HULL
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Get the full picture! Understand the whole story! Faith and Modern Thought is a jargon-busting and engaging introduction providing an imaginative and creative way into the great minds that have forged the modern world, especially Kant and Hegel and the revolutionary philosophies of existentialism and Marxism they inspired. Tim Hull provides the wider intellectual picture, the fuller philosophical story in which modern theology was forged. After an engaging introduction to the European Enlightenment and the cultural crisis it triggered, the stage is set to understand the essence of modern theology. From that essential background the radical faith of many of the most influential of modern theologians and philosophers of religion is explored, exposing a deep-rooted indebtedness to the Enlightenment tradition.

“I wish I had had this book as a student—it is so much more helpful and interesting than anything else on the subject. Tim Hull offers an engaging, clear, and utterly unpretentious introduction to modern thought and modern philosophy for theologians, while at the same time giving a sophisticated and fresh reading of the history of thought. A great achievement.”
—KAREN KILBY

“Dr. Hull is a gifted teacher who has produced a convincing case for understanding theology within the bigger context of philosophy. He produces masterly studies of Kant, Hegel, Barth, Pannenberg, and others, each from a fresh angle. The book abounds in homely illustrative anecdotes and short readable sections. The incarnation and Trinity receive a rightful place. Reading the book to the end will be amply rewarded.”
—ANTHONY C. THISELTON

TIMOTHY HULL has taught theology for many years primarily at St John’s College Nottingham and currently at the Queen’s Foundation Birmingham. He is also Director and Editor of the internationally popular timeline video project.

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“Many Christians instinctively recoil from "washed in the blood" theology, but they hesitate to discuss the subject. This book is useful in showing how the "purchased by the blood" idea is out of step with Jesus, who taught that God reaches the pure in heart without any sacrificial payment. The sacrificial metaphors used by the Apostle Paul have been taken far too literally and turned into an imagined "mechanics" of salvation in which God is "paid off." This manipulative idea has been the source of mischief, from the anti-Semitic superstitions of the Middle Ages, to the pedagogy of shame taught in fundamentalist churches today. Our understanding of Christ will be enhanced if we can recover the original Christology, which was based on Christ as Creator and life-giver.

"Stephen Finlan offers a lucid and thorough critique of the view that 'Christ died for our sins' is a central tenet of Christianity. He shows that neither Jesus himself, nor much of the New Testament, nor the Greek patristic tradition thought so. Sacrificial metaphors, used in diverse ways by the apostle Paul, had an afterlife in Christian theology, abetted by psychological and social needs. This will be a provocative and illuminating read for pastors and lay Christians alike."

—HAROLD W. ATTRIDGE

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Could God Fail?
The Fate of the Universe and the Faith of Christians
NED WISNEFSKE
978-1-5326-4652-2 | Forthcoming

Suppose the universe expands and becomes a void, as most scientists think. Would that mean God failed? If that is the fate of the universe, then some of our beliefs concerning God and our place in nature, as well as our beliefs concerning how we should live in the world, will not be borne out. From the biblical perspective, it looks as though the formless void and deep darkness opposing God from the beginning prevailed in the end. Today, when we consider the fate of the universe, as well as the possible destruction of life on Earth, it looks as though a deep darkness surrounds us.

That is the idea this book considers. When we explore it, we find that we refocus our understanding of faith, hope, and love, and revitalize our view of how we should live. In brief, faith in a God who challenged the formless void and deep darkness in order to create life and sustain it charges us to do the same: oppose lifelessness and be good stewards of life. Faith in an insurgent God restores authentic hope for our future and realizes its true end: not in heaven, but on Earth, and perhaps beyond it.

“What is theology to make of the prevailing scientific view that the expanding universe is headed for utter destruction, with nothing left standing? What if this means that God set out in creating the world to bring order to chaos, but God ultimately fails? What does that mean for God? For our faith in God? What does it mean for love? My hat is off to Ned Wisnefske for exploring these questions with a boldness that is rarely found in theology.”

—JOHN D. CAPUTO

NED WISNEFSKE is Schumann Professor of Lutheran Theology at Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia. He is the author of Preparing to Hear the Gospel: A Proposal for Natural Theology (1998), God Hides: A Critique of Religion and a Primer for Faith (2010), and The Ought, by Prof. Wiz (2014).

Living Resurrected Lives
What it Means and Why it Matters
VERONICA MARY ROLF and EVA NATANYA
978-1-7252-5324-7 | 260 p. | $31

Christ’s bodily resurrection is the foundation of Christian faith; at least, it is supposed to be. But how often do we really consider what that means? Living Resurrected Lives explores what it would take for Christians to understand and believe so clearly in resurrection—both Christ’s glorification and the promise of our own—that our lives would be radically transformed by that faith right now. We take a daringly integrated approach, balancing careful consideration of sacred Scripture with attention to history, theology, and personal contemplative practice. We offer arguments to re-establish a firm bedrock for belief in the Gospel accounts, suggest a new theological perspective that integrates scientific insights into quantum uncertainty with reflections on the malleable nature of identity, and provide heart-stirring guided meditations for daily practice. We elucidate St. Paul’s teachings on the transformation of the body and grapple with age-old conundrums about decaying corpses and the continuity of personal identity: What dies? What lives on? We revisit early Christian intuitions about the sublime qualities of the glorified body and explore how we might cultivate such qualities through our own individual practice. Thus we propose an embodied resurrection mysticism that can permeate every moment of our lives.

“The case for the bodily resurrection of Jesus, and the bodily resurrection of those who live by faith in him, is presented with clarity and conviction. What it means to believe in the resurrection of the body in the twenty-first century, and to live as those who believe it, is unfolded with gentle erudition, heart-tugging passion, and practical wisdom.”

—JOHN SAXBEE


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Memoirs of a Joyous Exile and a Worldly Christian
JAMES M. HOUSTON
978-1-5326-8004-5 | 154 p. | $21

This book traces personal memoirs to encourage others in their personal sense of insecurity to be freed by God’s grace, to become bold “in Christ.” It binds memoirs of the inner self, with one’s opportunities of public service. Two highlights are recorded: how three Soviet leaders as Christians negotiated with three American Christian leaders, to prevent a nuclear holocaust; and how crowds saying the Lord’s Prayer, as they marched into Romanian towns, overcame the dictatorship. The Western press has never recorded both of these events.

“What a delightful and inspiring life’s journey Jim Houston has captured for the benefit of those who believe (and those who don’t). It is replete with deep insights and moving testimony. I feel richer for having read it, and you will too.”

—DOUGLAS M. JOHNSTON JR.

JAMES M. HOUSTON is professor emeritus of spiritual theology and the founding principal of Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia.

The Idea of Tradition in the Late Modern World
An Ecumenical and Interreligious Conversation
EDITED BY THOMAS ALBERT HOWARD
978-1-5326-7889-9 | 176 p. | $23

“Many thanks to Tal Howard for this thought-provoking book on the nature, significance, and prospects for perpetuating religious traditions—and traditionary religion—in the late modern world. Its contributors are insightful representatives of some of the best-known Abrahamic faiths. And their reflections on the challenges of transmitting tradition in our globalizing, pluralistic, and forward-thinking era will spark useful conversations and pedagogical strategies among both religious and secular culture shapers for years to come.”

—DOUGLAS A. SWEENEY

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Christian Martyrdom
A Brief History with Reflections for Today
EDWARD L. SMITHER
978-1-7252-5381-0 | 98 p. | $16

The story of global Christianity—from Christ, the early church, right up to the present day—has been shaped by suffering and even martyrdom. In this short book Edward Smither explores martyrdom both biblically and historically. He defends three claims: in martyrdom we verbally bear witness to Christ, we raise a prophetic voice, and we worship.

“Combining expertise in church history with missiology, Smither offers a history of Christian persecution, then reminds us why it matters today.”
—BRYAN LITFIN

“A simple and short, but comprehensive, clear, and balanced overview of the nature and history of Christian martyrdom.”
—PAUL MARSHALL

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Herbert McCabe
Recollecting a Fragmented Legacy
FRANCO MANNI
978-1-7252-5330-8 | 300 p. | $36

Herbert McCabe’s philosophical inquiries on God and the Human Being have yet to be properly understood, not because they were abstruse (clarity was McCabe’s inexorable sword!) but because of their dizzying depth. This is the first comprehensive study of McCabe, a person who preferred speaking to writing and left only the short texts of his lectures and sermons. But in this book, to use David Burrell’s words, Manni has “managed to get inside McCabe’s mind” and assemble together for the first time the *disiecta membra* of a powerful system of thought.

“It would be difficult to find another exposition of McCabe’s philosophical wit as competent as Manni’s—a Herculean task.”
—DAVID B. BURRELL

“A guide to McCabe’s thought of a kind that no one else has written.”
—ALASDAIR MACINTYRE

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The Media Creates Us in Its Image and Other Essays on Technology and Culture
RICHARD STIVERS
978-1-5326-9725-8 | 218 p. | $27

More sources than Roth can acknowledge have informed his encounters with the Holocaust. But particular persons—among them Elie Wiesel, Raul Hilberg, Primo Levi, and Albert Camus—loom especially large. Revisiting Roth’s sources of Holocaust insight, this book does so not only to pay tribute to them but also to show how the ethical, philosophical, and religious reverberations of the Holocaust confer and encourage responsibility for human well-being in the twenty-first century. Seeing differently, seeing better—sound learning and teaching about the Holocaust aim for what may be the most important Holocaust insight of all: Take nothing good for granted.

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"Richard Stivers has created a rich feast for thought in The Media Creates Us in Its Image. . . . Few have written as powerfully as Stivers on the technological threat to true education. . . . While the thinking and research are always deep, the clarity of Stivers’ writing, as well as the universal importance of technology in our lives, invites a wide audience to benefit from this book."
—DAVID W. GILL

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In 1997 and 1998, the American secular philosopher Richard Rorty published a set of predictions about the twenty-first century ranging from the years 2014–95. He predicted, for instance, the election of a “strong man” in the 2016 presidential race and the proliferation of gun violence starting in 2014. He labels the years from 2014–44 the darkest years of American history, politics, and society. From 2045–95, Rorty thinks his own vision for “social hope” will be implemented within American society—a vision that includes charity (in the Pauline sense), solidarity, and sympathy. Rorty considers himself a leftist, liberal, and a philosopher of hope. So why would a philosopher of hope predict such darkness and despair? In *The Dark Years? Philosophy, Politics, and the Problem of Predictions* philosopher and political theorist Jacob L. Goodson explains the fullness of Rorty’s predictions, the problem of making predictions within the social sciences, and the reasons why even Rorty’s vision for life after the “dark years” fails us on the standards of hope. Goodson argues that we ought to challenge the monopoly that American politics has as our object of hope. Goodson makes the case for a melancholic yet redemptive hope.

“As a prophetic voice among leftists, Richard Rorty foresaw how the ‘culture wars’ polarized and paralyzed democratic politics. Jacob Goodson offers a sympathetic account of Rorty’s sincere regrets over the ‘academic Left’ and its focus on identity politics rather than capitalism’s victims. During the 1990s, Rorty predicted America’s descent into tribalism, a ‘strongman’ president, mass violence, a second Great Depression, and capitalism’s disbanding of democracy. This book must be read by anyone hoping that philosophy can re-awaken to its responsibility for our collective welfare.”

—John Shook

**Jacob L. Goodson** is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. This book serves as a sequel to *Strength of Mind: Courage, Hope, Freedom, Knowledge* (Cascade, 2018).

Ours is an age of offense, a time of reactionary shock—always received, never given. Ours is an age that has forgone cultural narratives, a time of individualism—wherein personal identities trump the collective spirit. Ours is an age of falling earth, a time of ecological collapse—yet the consumption of global capitalism continues to run amok.

But don’t fear. You have the correct worldview, the best solutions.

It’s not your fault these things are happening. It’s the president’s, the immigrant’s, and the Islamicist’s.

Or perhaps it’s the socialist’s, the tree hugger’s, and the baby killer’s.

But it’s not your fault. Never yours. For the world exists as you see it—in an echo chamber lined with golden pixels.

Do I still have your attention?

Then join me.

Within the covers of *Narrativizing Theories*, I dive into ambiguity and aesthetics to depict how clashing worldviews exist side by side yet remain mutually incompatible. I examine how cultures distinguish between acceptable and unacceptable beliefs, embodiments, and identities. And I outline an aesthetic theory of ambiguity that highlights—through the twists and turns of literature—the provisionality of knowledge and the narrativization of reality.

“Following in the footsteps of Pierce and Eco, Peters takes an unflinching look at the problem of human conflict. His unconventional book weaves together the technical precision of philosophy and the creative insights of narrative to articulate a theory of ambiguity that points us toward a world where we no longer feel the need to demonize, denigrate, and defame each other simply because we tell different stories. In an age of ideology and outrage, Peters suggests there is still the chance for civil discourse. Now wouldn’t that be nice?”

—D. Andrew Yost

**Benjamin John Peters** is the author of *Through All the Plain* (Wipf & Stock, 2014) and *Sigurd’s Lament* (Cascade, 2017). He works as a writer, teaches at a local university, and lives with his wife and three children. You can find him at benjaminjohnpeters.com.

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What’s with Free Will?
Ethics and Religion after Neuroscience
EDITED BY
PHILIP CLAYTON AND JAMES W. WALTERS
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Are humans free, or are we determined by our genes and the world around us? The question of freedom is one of the most fundamental questions of human existence. It's particularly pressing in societies like ours, where our core institutions of law, ethics, and religion are built around the belief in individual freedom. Can one still affirm human freedom in an age of science? And if free will doesn’t exist, does it make sense to act as though it does?

These are the issues that are presented, probed, and debated in the following chapters. A dozen specialists in medicine, psychology, ethics, theology, and philosophy grapple with the multiple and often profound challenges presented by today's brain science.

PHILIP CLAYTON holds the Ingraham Chair at Claremont School of Theology and has served as his school’s dean.

JAMES W. WALTERS is Professor of Religion and Bioethics at Loma Linda University.

Sharing in the Divine Nature
A Personalist Metaphysics
KEITH WARD
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A defense of the New Testament view that all things are to be united in Christ, which entails that the ultimate destiny of the universe, and of all that is in it, is to be united in God. Keith Ward argues that this conflicts with classical ideas of God as simple, impassible, and changeless—ideas that many modern theologians espouse, and which Ward subjects to careful and critical scrutiny. He defends the claim that the cosmos contributes something substantial to—and in that way changes—the divine nature, and the cosmos is destined to manifest and express the essential creativity and relationality of a God of beatific, agapic, redemptive, and unitive love.

“Ward’s new book offers the most convincing exposition of personal idealism I have ever read.”
—PHILIP CLAYTON

KEITH WARD has been Dean of Trinity Hall, Cambridge and Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Oxford. He is now Professor of Religion at Roehampton University, UK.
COUNTLESS academic books have been written about how to interpret literary texts. From reader response criticism to Marxist hermeneutics and beyond, the scholarship on interpretive methods is vast. Yet all these books fail to address a more fundamental question: Why should we read in the first place? Or, to put it another way, why is reading an important thing to do? In order to answer these questions, Thomas J. Millay turns to the wisdom of Danish philosopher-theologian Søren Kierkegaard. In this first book to be written on Kierkegaard’s philosophy of reading, Millay finds that reading does have a specific purpose: it is supposed to change your life. With lucid, nontechnical prose, Millay both establishes the definitive interpretation of Kierkegaard’s philosophy of reading and explores the various concrete practices Kierkegaard recommended for its implementation.

“Rarely do we pause and consider how we ought to read. With laser focus on this question, Thomas Millay makes the paradoxically compelling case that reflection on this question ought to move us away from reflection toward action, specifically the works of neighbor love. How one reads matters, then, since the very transformation of our hearts, minds, and wills is at stake.”

—MARK A. TIEJEN

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Christianity and “the World”
Secularization Narratives through the Lens of English Poetry 800 AD to the Present
DAVID MARTIN
978-1-5326-6049-8 | 224 p. | $27

David Martin was one of the world’s leading commentators on secularization theory. He was also a committed and lifelong reader of English poetry. The present book develops Martin’s argument against simplistic secularization narratives with reference to the history of poetry, a topic with which few social theorists have been concerned. Martin shows the enduring but ever-changing centrality of Christian thought and practice, in its many different forms, to English poetry. Always mindful that the most important aspects of poetry’s history can be captured only by attending to the minutest particulars of individual poems and poets, Martin’s study sheds unexpected light on a wide range of English poets, from Spenser and Shakespeare to T.S. Eliot and Geoffrey Hill. The result is a study at once informed by an authoritative sociological perspective on secularization and richly colored by the singular intensity of Martin’s own reading life.

“This is a genuinely unique book. David Martin—probably the greatest British sociologist of religion in recent decades—maps out the basic tensions between Christianity’s innate urge to construct an alternative reality, and its accommodations to that world. . . . A treasury for intellect and imagination alike.”
—ROWAN WILLIAMS

DAVID MARTIN was born in 1929. He was a sociologist and theologian, Emeritus Professor of Sociology at the London School of Economics, Fellow of the British Academy, and an ordained priest in the Church of England. His research concerned problems of secularization, religion and violence, the growth of global Pentecostalism, and the interface of sociology and theology. He published over twenty books and several volumes of sermons.

Communion, Covenant, and Creativity
An Approach to the Communion of Saints through the Arts
BRIAN HAYMES
and RICHARD L. KIDD
EDITED BY
PAUL S. FIDDES
978-1-5326-6863-0 | 210 p. | $26

This book is a follow-up to a previous volume by the same three authors, Baptists and the Communion of Saints: A Theology of Covenanted Disciples, though it does not require familiarity with the first study. The present book offers new perspectives on belief in the “communion of saints” by interpreting it through the idea of “covenant,” with its two dimensions of relations with God and with each other. Giving attention to the creative arts of painting, music, poetry, and story writing, the authors explore “indications” of a hidden “communion of saints” through embodiment, memory, and connectivity. Included are studies of the work of visual artists Paul Nash and Mark Rothko; musicians John Tavener, Elgar, and Brahms; and writers Thomas Hardy, T. S. Eliot, and James Joyce. Theological reflection on these hints of communion offers a vision of an ongoing communion of prayer with the saints, alive and dead, which does not depend on a dualistic idea of a disembodied soul existing after death but which affirms the Christian tradition of the resurrection of the body. Communion, covenant, and creativity are thus linked to develop a Christian aesthetics based on a mutual indwelling between the triune God and the world.

“The best way to revel in the glory of the doctrine of the communion of the saints is by having it modeled by co-authors working in harmony. Paul S. Fiddles, Brian Haymes, and Richard L. Kidd are a three-fold cord of profound theological strength. They combine Baptist covenant ecclesiology with the capacity of the arts to explore mystery in a way that becomes a sumptuous gift for the whole church.”
—TIMOTHY LARSEN

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Rekindling Democracy
A Professional’s Guide to Working in Citizen Space
CORMAC RUSSELL
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Finally, a book that offers a practical yet well-researched guide for practitioners seeking to hone the way they show up in citizen space.

At a time when public trust in institutions is at its lowest, expectations of those institutions to make people well, knowledgeable, and secure are rapidly increasing. These expectations are unrealistic, causing disenchantment and disengagement among citizens and increasing levels of burnout among many professionals. *Rekindling Democracy* is not just a practical guide; it goes further in setting out a manifesto for a more equitable social contract to address these issues.

*Rekindling Democracy* argues convincingly that industrialized countries are suffering through a democratic inversion, where the doctor is assumed to be the primary producer of health, the teacher of education, the police officer of safety, and the politician of democracy. Through just the right blend of storytelling, research, and original ideas, Russell argues instead that in a functioning democracy the role of the professionals ought to be defined as that which happens after the important work of citizens is done. The primary role of the twenty-first-century practitioner therefore is not a deliverer of top-down services, but a precipitator of more active citizenship and community building.

“In this book, we have the privilege to walk alongside Cormac whose phenomenal experience leads us to a pathway where every neighbor can become a Fire Soul. What good fortune that you have found this book for it will light and lighten your life.”

—JOHN L. MCKNIGHT

CORMAC RUSSELL is a much sought-after international keynote speaker and Managing Director of Nurture Development, the leading Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) organization in Europe. He is faculty member of the ABCD Institute at DePaul University, Chicago. He works with communities, NGOs, and governments on four continents. Russell served on the UK Government’s Expert Reference Group on Community Organising and Communities First. He is the author of *Asset Based Community Development: Looking Back to Look Forward* (2015).

The New Possible
Visions of Our World beyond Crisis
EDITED BY PHILIP CLAYTON, KELLI M. ARCHIE, JONAH SACHS, AND EVAN STEINER
978-1-7252-8583-5 | 298 p. | $27

2020 upended every aspect of our lives. But where is our world heading next? Will pandemic, economic instability, and social distance lead to deeper inequalities, more nationalism, and further erosion of democracies around the world? Or are we moving toward a global re-awakening to the importance of community, mutual support, and the natural world? In our lifetimes, the future has never been so up for grabs.

*The New Possible* offers twenty-eight unique visions of what can be, if instead of choosing to go back to normal, we choose to go forward to something far better. Assembled from global leaders on six continents, these essays are not simply speculation. They are an inspiration and a roadmap for action.

“Some of the finest minds on our planet, coming together to offer a vision of how we might actually get through the difficult decades ahead—and get through them in style!”

—BILL MCKIBBEN
Author of *Falter: Has the Human Game Begun to Play Itself Out?*

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EVAN STEINER works to address global issues at their roots, focusing on structural issues within economics, finance, and business that are causing harm to people and the planet. His current role is supporting partnerships and strategy for One Project, a social venture working to create new forms of governance and economics that are equitable, ecological, and effective.
Before COVID-19 reshaped the way we looked at the world and life’s big questions, the Western church was already being pushed from the center to the margins of society. We are entering a time which the experts call “after Christendom.” New and emerging churches are appearing and many traditional congregations are struggling. How can we all do that Jesus wants us to do as we follow him?

Jesus was baptized and shared bread and wine with his disciples—as the church does today. Most Christians believe baptism and the bread-and-wine moment are sacraments. What does that mean? There are many other Christians who believe that anointing, confirmation, marriage, ordaining Christian leaders, and penance (or reconciliation) are also sacraments. Are they? Why should we believe that? Who tells us that we should?

This book takes a dynamic approach, calling for a new way in thinking about, discussing, and sharing the sacraments. How do our past practices measure up to the mission of God today? What is the Holy Spirit saying? What are you going to do? This book sets the agenda!

“Sacraments are to be experienced, not just talked about. This excellent book is not about the nature or number of the sacraments; it deals with the ‘why?’ and ‘how best?’ of lively sacramental practice. Christians find their identity and their community through engaging in sacramental practices which reveal who we are, and to whom we belong. The purpose of Francis and Sutton is to enable readers to grapple with these questions and to chart new sacramental ways.”

—ELEANOR KREIDER
Mennonite author and lecturer on worship, Goshen, Indiana

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Second Clement
An Introductory Commentary
WILLIAM VARNER
APOSTOLIC FATHERS COMMENTARY SERIES
978-1-5326-6146-4 | 202 p. | $25

The document called Second Clement was not a letter, nor was it written by Clement. It originated as an address to a congregation and is preserved among the group of writings known as the Apostolic Fathers. Unlike First Clement, it is one of the least known of these writings, yet preserves a fascinating window into the life of early believers. Its overall message is that Christians should render a payback to God for his grace shown to them in Christ. Second Clement offers a fascinating window into the life of the early church.

“If the Apostolic Fathers are regularly neglected by New Testament scholars, then 2 Clement must be one of the most neglected of them. This short but multi-faceted second-century document provides a host of interesting insights into an early Christian congregation. Will Varner has provided a very useful and handy introduction to this book and its interpretive issues. He offers a clear and useful translation, a series of helpful introductory essays, and a concise commentary on its twenty chapters. I highly recommend this volume as a great beginning point for study of 2 Clement.”

—STANLEY E. PORTER

“William Varner’s focus on theological, grammatical, and intertextual issues provides a solid basis for examining this valuable second-century writing. Whether you are new to Second Clement or a seasoned scholar, Varner’s introduction and commentary will be a helpful companion as you navigate the text of this early Christian writing.”

—RICK BRANNAN

“Varner has done an excellent job discussing the genre, unity, and structure of 2 Clement. The comparison to patron-client relations is absolutely correct. It makes sense of what is going on in the text.”

—ROBERT KNAPP

WILLIAM VARNER is Professor of Bible and Greek at The Master’s University in Santa Clarita, California.
Over the years, Philippians has maintained its place as one of the most fascinating books of the Bible and an energetic place for academic discussion. For ages the concentration remained on theoretical and theological questions pertaining to the godhead, especially the nature and divinity of Christ. But we have seen a growing fascination with the world around and of the Philippian church. In the middle of the twentieth century, the focus was largely on this church’s relationship to (and especially conflict with) Jews and Judaism. In more recent years, it has expanded to the Roman world at large and social relationships on various levels (gender, economics, politics, etc.).

NIJAY K. GUPTA is associate professor of New Testament at Portland Seminary. He has written or edited six books and has published dozens of academic articles. He is an award-winning researcher and a member of the Society of New Testament Studies.

This book is meant to be a companion and guide through what many deem to be the most perplexing book of the New Testament. As such, it introduces the reader to the kind of literature Revelation is, how to interpret its pervasive symbolism, and sees it as a response to the unique circumstances of seven historical churches in first-century Asia Minor living under the shadow of the Roman Empire. This companion pays special attention to the literary context and flow of argument of John’s unique book, while also giving attention to the effect the visions would have had on the first churches. It also pays attention to the more perplexing details of the text. Revelation was primarily a book that called the churches to maintain their faithful witness in the face of a hostile environment. It also continues to speak to the church today, though perhaps not in the way we often think.

“David Mathewson provides a solid and straightforward guide to reading Revelation as if John’s churches mattered, asking how they would have understood the book’s message and challenges. He helps us think about the landscape that those early Christians inhabited and how Revelation casts a new and piercing light upon it and upon living out a distinctively Christian witness in that landscape. . . . This is a very helpful first companion to reading a challenging book.”

—DAVID A. DESILVA

Athanasius of Alexandria
An Introduction to his Writings and Theology
LOIS FARAG
CASCADE COMPANIONS
978-1-4982-8256-7 | 188 p. | $24

Athanasius of Alexandria, a famous theologian and political figure, is quoted by many but known by few. His famous dictum, “For he became human that we might be made god (theopoiithmen)” is explained within the context of his theology and spirituality. The Introduction familiarizes the reader with Athanasius’s writings and the historical context of his theology. The reader will engage with the Athanian language and thought that shaped the Christian understanding of the Trinity. The reader also takes a journey through Athanasius’s understanding of the human person, created in the image of God and living the life of renewal.

“Few could author such an authoritative, searching, and engaging account of the development of Lutheran theology as Paul Hinlicky has done in this concise Cascade Companion. As dense with learning as it is alive with provocation, Hinlicky’s fine study tells the tale of Lutheran theology in such a way that no faithful reader will be able to fall back into reductive and overly simple views of what it has meant across the centuries—and so yet means—to think theologically as a Lutheran.”
—PHILIP G. ZIEGLER

“Reading this important introduction to the foundations and evolutions of the Lutheran theological tradition will put any reader in an excellent place to do the faithful creative work in theology that Hinlicky rightly asserts needs to be done today.”
—JENNIFER HOCKENBERY DRAGSETH


Lutheran Theology
A Critical Introduction
PAUL R. HINLICKY
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In this book Lutheran theologian Paul Hinlicky makes the deeply conflicted origins of Lutheran theology fruitful for the future. Exploring this intellectual and spiritual tradition of thought through its major historical chapters, Hinlicky rejects essentialist projects, exposing the debilitating binaries such programs engender and perpetuate, to establish an authentic Luther-theology or Lutheran theology. Hinlicky excavates the ways that throughout a five-hundred-year tradition the legacy of Luther texts has been appropriated, retooled, subverted, or developed. Readers of this introduction will thus be critically equipped to make intellectually honest appropriations of the Luther legacy in the plurality of contemporary contexts in which this iteration of Christian theology will continue.

“Lois Farag has written a succinct yet insightful ‘companion’ to the life, writings, and theology of Athanasius informed by the latest scholarship. Her introduction is very accessible, focusing on Athanasius as a theologian and spiritual mentor above all. She walks the reader through Athanasius’s own writings, highlighting the main themes of his thought and explaining these in a clear, straightforward manner. One comes away from this fine introduction with a good sense of who Athanasius was as a theologian and spiritual mentor and ready to read the writings of the great saint himself.”
—MARK DELCOGLIANO

PAUL R. HINLICKY is Tise Professor at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia. He is author of numerous articles and books, including Luther for Evangelicals (2018), Lutheran and the Beloved Community (2010), and a systematic theology, Beloved Community (2015).
They bring three charges against us: atheism, Thyestean banquets, and Oedipean unions." So a late second-century Christian Apologist wrote with reference to his critics. Against these and other charges the Apologists rallied. Not so, they maintained. It was not the Christians but their critics who were the atheists and the Christians were the true theists. They were atheists only insofar as they denied the fabricated gods of the cults and the immoral deities of theaters. That, they explained, was why Christians absented themselves, whatever the cost, from the imperial cult, theaters, and amphitheaters. They were not cannibals, as Thyestes was when he ate the flesh of his children. To suggest otherwise was to misunderstand Christians consuming Christ’s flesh and blood at the Eucharist. Nor were they imitators of Oedipus, who entered into sexual relations with Jocasta, his Queen and, though he knew it not, also his mother. Christians did exchange the kiss of peace. They did love one another. They were not, however, incestuous. Any promiscuous love on their part extended only to a very practical love of every needy soul.

This book explores these arguments, especially noting the Apologists’ commitment to God’s oneness, to Christians not worshipping anything made, and to humans properly caring for fellow creatures.

“How is a book that offers both a thoroughly clear exposition of the writers who’ve been called the first Christian philosophers, and a guide to how their thoughts might relate to the challenge of making good intellectual sense of Christianity today. It is a learned, accessible, insightful survey of one of the great formative periods in the history of the Christian mind.”

—ROWAN WILLIAMS

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Jacques Ellul

Jacques Ellul (1912–1994) was Professor of the History and Sociology of Institutions at the University of Bordeaux. A sociologist, historian, and Protestant lay theologian, Ellul is primarily known for his writings on technology, propaganda, and Christian anarchism. He influenced a wide array of thinkers including Ivan Illich, William Stringfellow, Thomas Merton, Paul Virilio, and Neil Postman. In this book, Jacob Van Vleet and Jacob Marques Rollison guide readers through Ellul’s most influential theological and sociological writings. By understanding Ellul’s primary works, readers will be able to clearly grasp his social theory and theological ethics, profiting from his deep insight and prophetic wisdom.

“This book is a triumph of beautifully sensitive synthetic analysis on one of the most important thinkers of the twentieth century. Highly recommended.”

—PAUL TYSON

“For the first time, Ellul’s sociological and theological writings are covered in a single volume. A significant achievement, and highly recommended.”

—JEFFREY SHAW

“This little book is an excellent digest, which accurately summarizes the thought of Jacques Ellul and offers it to every reader. It presents the theological and the sociological sides of his work with equilibrium, and above all points exactly to the dialectical relationship between them. Thanks to it, we can appropriate the main ideas of Jacques Ellul, and understand the global coherence of a thought which is so pertinent for our time.”

—FREDÉRIC ROGNON

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In Embracing Prodigals, John Sanders considers two basic parenting approaches—the nurturant and the authoritative. He shows how these styles of parenting shape children differently and argues, through close attention to the parable of the Prodigal Son and other Scripture, that Jesus models a grace-based, grace-filled way of life congruent with the nurturant approach. All this he applies in illuminating ways to our divisive national politics, church life, and individual discipleship.

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 CASCADE Companion to Evil
CHARLES C. TALIAFERRO
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A guide to evil from a Christian point of view. In this wide-ranging and concise study, philosopher Charles Taliaferro explores:

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CHARLES TALIAFERRO, Overby Distinguished Chair and Professor of Philosophy, St. Olaf College and Editor-in-Chief of Open Theology.
Healing Haunted Histories tackles the oldest and deepest injustices on the North American continent. Violations which inhabit every intersection of settler and Indigenous worlds, past and present. Wounds inextricably woven into the fabric of our personal and political lives. And it argues we can heal those wounds through the inward and outward journey of decolonization.

The authors write as, and for, settlers on this journey, exploring the places, peoples, and spirits that have formed (and deformed) us. They look at issues of Indigenous justice and settler “response-ability” through the lens of Elaine’s Mennonite family narrative, tracing Landlines, Bloodlines, and Songlines like a braided river. From Ukrainian steppes to Canadian prairies to California chaparral, they examine her forebears’ immigrant travails and trauma; settler unknowing and complicity; and traditions of resilience and conscience. And they invite readers to do the same.

Part memoir, part social, historical, and theological analysis, and part practical workbook, this process invites settler Christians (and other people of faith) into a discipleship of decolonization.

"Healing Haunted Histories is a powerful testimony, a prophetic witness, and a humble gesture toward ‘saving the soul of America’ through deep engagement with our own family stories."

—ROSE MARIE BERGER

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CHED MYERS is an activist theologian working in peace and justice. With degrees in philosophy and New Testament, he facilitates popular education animating scripture and building literacy and engagement in historic and current social change movements.
This book combines New Testament studies and cultural theory, and analyzes Acts of the Apostles as a product of imperial discourse. In five chapters, Christina Petterson engages Acts with ideology, gender, class, and empire with different emphases. All of these analyses argue that Christianity can never be set outside discourses of exploitation, discrimination, and hierarchies, but must always be set within them.

"While studies of 'the politics of Luke-Acts' are now routine features of the landscape, Christina Petterson's intervention is a breath of fresh air. She teases out how regularly assumptions of 'Christian exceptionalism' subtly distance Luke-Acts from the culture and ideology of Roman imperialism and instead understands the writing straightforwardly as an artifact of that culture and ideology. Her perspective deserves the attention of scholars of Luke-Acts and early Christianity generally."

—NEIL ELLIOTT

"Petterson adroitly uses her 'theoretical musings' to unmask the layers of systemic and symbolic workings of empire in the Acts of the Apostles. Far more than setting the narrative in the context of the Roman Empire, this critically informed analysis unflinchingly demonstrates how Acts itself is deeply implicated in the perpetuation of imperial ideology."

—COLLEEN CONWAY

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GENE L. GREEN is the Dean of Trinity International University–Florida and Professor Emeritus of New Testament at Wheaton College and the Wheaton College Graduate School.
This book is the next volume in Levering's Engaging Doctrine series. The prior volume of the series examined the doctrine of creation. The present volume examines the purpose of creation: the marriage of God and humans. God created the cosmos for the purpose of the marriage of God and his people—and through his people, the marriage of God and the entire creation. Given that the central meaning or “prime analogate” of marriage is the marriage of God and humankind, the study of human marriage needs to be shaped by this eschatological goal and foregrounded as a dogmatic theme. After a first chapter defending and explaining the biblical witness to the marriage of God and his people, the book explores various themes: marriage as an image of God, original sin as the fall of the primordial marriage, the cross of Jesus Christ and marital self-sacrificial love, the procreative and unitive ends of marriage, marriage as a sacrament, and marriage’s importance for social justice and for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God. Along the way, the book provides an introduction to the key biblical, patristic, medieval, modern, and contemporary thinkers and controversies regarding the doctrine of marriage.

“This book, animated by a spirit of warmth, offers a vision of sacramental marriage that is both traditional and creative. Levering allows the beauty of the sacramental way of life to shine through the technical distinctions that have sometimes seemed to obscure it. This is a learned and inspiring book.”

—JOHN CAVADINI

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The Radical Jesus
DOUGLAS E. OAKMAN

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The Radical Jesus offers a companion to the author’s previous article collection Jesus and the Peasants. Even more than in Jesus and the Peasants, these eleven chapters sharpen the focus on the political-economic meaning of Jesus then and the deeper values embodied in him that perhaps are still pertinent for now. Part One considers his activities and aims within the political economy of first-century Galilee. Part Two offers perspectives on the critical hermeneutical task of linking the values of Jesus and the Bible to a world that has undergone what Karl Polanyi called the Great Transformation. Polanyi argued suavely in his 1944 book that economy in the pre-industrial age was embedded in social relations and served necessary social purposes, while society after the Great Transformation became embedded within market capitalist economy to the detriment of social relations. This book finds in sustained critical dialog with the Radical Jesus another transforming force and a guiding light toward a more humane economy and society that will serve human need rather than selfish greed.

DOUGLAS E. OAKMAN is Professor of New Testament at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA. He is author of Palestine in the Time of Jesus (with K. C. Hanson, 2008), Jesus and the Peasants (2008), The Political Aims of Jesus(2012), and Jesus, Debt, and the Lord’s Prayer (2014). Oakman was a founding member of The Context Group and has been Chair of Religion and Dean of Humanities. He is an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Into a Reluctant Sunrise
A Memoir
ANDREA L. LINGLE

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She sat on the driveway, asphalt cold and rough under her fingers, watching the sun come up. What happens after the unthinkable happens? The sun comes up. Again and again and again. Stillbirth is a numbing reality for thousands of families each year, and when Andrea L. Lingle’s fourth child stopped moving one October day, she found herself living through just such a reality. Grief is a thoroughgoing despoiler. Nothing, from faith to family, is untouched by the immensity of grief. This is the story of a mother’s journey into stillbirth, into grief, into a reluctant sunrise.

ANDREA L. LINGLE is a writer, lay theologian, and editor. She lives on a cul-de-sac in North Carolina with her family and neighbors. She is a mother, reader, gardener, and writer. She is the author of Credulous (Cascade, 2018).
Jarvis Williams's commentary on Galatians is a commentary of one of Paul's most rhetorically charged and polemically sharp letters. Williams writes a commentary of the letter, not a commentary of commentaries. He grounds the letter in grammatical-historical exegesis, seeking to help readers understand Paul's Greco-Roman and Second Temple Jewish context of the letter. Additionally, the book seeks to move from exegesis to application. The strength of the commentary is that it offers a lucid and concise exegesis grounded in Paul's first century context and applicable for twenty-first century readers.

Jarvis J. Williams is an Associate Professor of New Testament Interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He's published numerous academic monographs and scholarly articles and essays on Paul's soteriology (broadly defined) in Romans and Galatians in its Second Temple Jewish context.

Many young idealists, after a few failures, burn out and return to status quo lives. Not so with the seven radicals in this book, who met in an interracial house church and intentional community on Chicago’s West Side during the civil rights era. Here you will make the acquaintance of a Church of the Brethren pastoral couple who tried to bring communal life to the black ghetto; a fashionable socialite who trashed her curlers and joined the simple life; an elite Stanford graduate who cast his lot with a bus full of black teens on an epic ride to Washington, DC, to hear MLK’s “I Have a Dream” speech; two ethnic-Mennonite women who became community leaders and elders during a male-dominated era; and a painfully shy “geek” awakened to the traumas of racism by five days in the Albany, Georgia, jail. Now, in their seventies, eighties, and nineties, these veterans of community witness to the possibility of radical life conversions, engagement with the hard, slow work of racial reconciliation that learns from mistakes and does not quit. This book concludes with the invitation to the joyful path of becoming who God made us to be—saints.

“Wisdom is never abstract but always embodied in particular and often peculiar human lives. In pursuit of God’s kingdom of justice and peace, these seven idealistic young people persevered through disillusionment, personal failure, and fatigue to become exemplars of spiritual wisdom. David Janzen, himself a radical elder and beneficiary of their wisdom, artfully renders the contours of their cruciform lives for a new generation. May the Spirit work through these stories to empower and equip them!”

—Alden Bass

David Janzen is a member of Reba Place Fellowship in Evanston, Illinois. He has worked as a teacher, affordable housing developer, refugee asylum program manager, and nurturer of the latest generation of intentional Christian communities.
In this volume, Ralph Korner argues that John’s extensive social identification with Judaism(s), Jewishness, and Jewish institutions does not reflect a literary program of replacing Israel with the Ekklēsia (“churches”/“assemblies”), that is the Jewish and non-Jewish followers of Jesus as Israel’s Messiah. Rather, John is emplacing his Christ-followers further within Israel, without thereby superseding Israel as a national identity for ethnic Jews who do not follow Jesus as the Christos.

There are three primary roads travelled in this investigative journey. First, Korner explores ways in which a Jewish heritage is intrinsic to the literary structure, genre, eschatology, symbolism, and theological motifs of the Apocalypse. Second, he challenges the linear chronology of (generally) supersessionist dispensational readings of Revelation’s visionary content by arguing for a reiterative/repetitive structure based on certain literary devices that also provide structure for visions within Jewish apocalypses and Hebrew prophecies. Third, he incorporates the most recent research on Ekklēsia usage, especially in Asia Minor, to assess how John’s Ekklēsia associations might have been (non-supersessionally) perceived, especially by Jews in Roman Asia.

“Ralph Korner sets forth an impressive response to a vexing problem: does the book of Revelation promote a theology that displaces Judaism? Thankfully, Korner refuses to dodge the complexity of the problem. His careful examination of Revelation at multiple dimensions reveals an Apocalypse that promotes a thoroughly Jewish vision for following Jesus. Korner shows that Revelation’s two references to the ‘synagogue of Satan’ need not be understood as a condemnation of Jews who do not worship Jesus.”

—GREG CAREY

RALPH J. KORNER is Associate Professor of Biblical Studies and Academic Dean at Taylor Seminary (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada).

“Within the bewildering paradox of suffering and beauty, we often miss the Invisible One. Never quite what you’d imagine, the nudge of his Presence can be mind-bending. More often, the Almighty gives no more than a slender warble. This collection is about finding the presence of God in spite of and because of the trappings that make us most human.

“A rich chorus of paradox, Susan Cowger’s Slender Warble harmonizes the weather of fear, faith, and flight. By bee, hawk, gull, and the wide wings of the Spirit; by the alarm of accident, groan of grief, ‘caesura / between worlds,’ or full-throated song of glory, we soar on these poems, hover, plummet, rise to soar again.”

—MARJORIE MADDOX

“All of the poems in Slender Warble by Susan Cowger are fully engaged in the search for God: attempting to know the unknowable, trying to grasp the intangible in our always-failing human hands. We teeter between the daily paradox of suffering and beauty, all too often unable to see or sense God in the struggles of our quotidian lives. . . . Highly recommended.”

—BARBARA CROOKER

“In Susan Cowger’s deeply satisfying poems, spirit infuses the flesh of things to renew our love for the ardency of the given world. Even in simple actions, like peeling and eating fruit, everything is always at stake, at once present and ultimate. . . . A back becomes a landscape, then the shape of breath, and finally the shape of a promise—these poems enact the transfigurations of imagination and celebrate the distinctness and shared life of our experience.”

—D. S. BUTTERWORTH

SUSAN COWGER is a poet and artist whose lens to the world is image. Her poems have appeared most recently in In A Strange Land: Introducing Ten Kingdom Poets (Cascade, 2019), Ekphrastic Review, Windhover, Perspectives, Crux, McGaffin, and Presence. Publication also includes the chapbook Scarab Hiding. Susan is founder and past editor of the journal Rock & Sling. Connect with her on Facebook and at www.rockwoodwire@blogspot.com.
What does it mean to say yes—to God, to the Spirit, to art, to love, to motherhood, to the dazzling & tangible world? Mary’s response to the angel, saying “Let it be to me as you have said,” is an essential moment in the life of a disciple, a woman, and an artist. In Madonna, Complex, Mary’s “yes” is a moment of opening, of allowing her very body to become a co-creator with God and a conduit for the coming of grace into the world. However, womanhood in all its fullness—sexuality, marriage, infertility, childbirth, nursing—inevitably complicates traditional Christian imagery of Mary. Madonna, Complex chronicles a feminine faith journey alongside saints like Joan of Arc and Saint Kateri, images of motherhood in visual art, through holy days of the Christian calendar—Ash Wednesday, Holy Saturday, All Saints Day—and sites of pilgrimage, cathedrals, wilderness, and other places holiness can be found. These poems explore the complexities of the messages we receive about what it means to say yes to God, or to something larger than ourselves that demands our attention and energy, whether it’s bearing a child or participating in a political protest.

“Jen Stewart Fueston’s poems embody the audacious kind of sainthood we need right now—muddied, carnal, ecstatic: possessed with an astonishment to stay awake.”

—Dave Harrity

JEN STEWART FUESTON is the author of two chapbooks, Visitations (2015) and Latch (2019). Her poetry has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize and Best of the Net and has appeared widely in publications such as Ruminate, Mom Egg Review, and The Christian Century. She has taught writing at the University of Colorado, Boulder, as well as internationally in Hungary, Turkey, and Lithuania. She lives in Longmont, Colorado with her husband and two young sons.

Jack Stewart’s No Reason explores the relationship between faith, art, and the everyday, identifying the holy in both the imagined and the common. The poems about paintings as diverse as El Greco’s Holy Family and Mary Magdalene, Sisley’s Snow at Veneux, and Turner’s Burning of the House of Lords meditate upon the lives outside of the canvases. For Stewart, narratives do not end at the frame’s edge. Other poems reimagine biblical narratives, as Stewart sees Adam, Eve, Lot’s wife, and Job still among us. In No Reason, Jesus is most fully divine when he is fully human. Interspersed with these poems are ones from Stewart’s own life, his unwillingness to believe that this world is all there is (his angels not only pity Adam and Eve, but get tangled in the branches of elm trees or are embarrassed when caught humming just after the air conditioner quits) and his conviction that, at its most accessible, grace grows out of doubt: “You lift your face / When you can’t go on.”

“Thanks to Jack Stewart and Cascade Books, here is a whole volume of finely crafted, fully realized poems steeped in the saving grace of the imagination. Throughout No Reason, Stewart breaks through the numbing, stultifying voice of our mass culture to uncover a deeper circuitry that links, as he writes, ‘one heart to another.’ In doing so, he reminds us again that poetry creates a sacred language, one whose intent is to change life not through embellishment but through consecration. No question, these are marvelous poems, an absolute joy to read.”

—Robert Hedin

Jack Stewart was educated at the University of Alabama and Emory University. He was a Brittain Fellow at the Georgia Institute of Technology. His work has appeared widely in journals and anthologies, and he has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize nine times. He has taught at schools in Georgia, Alabama, Texas, and Arizona. He currently teaches in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at Pine Crest School where he is co-coordinator of the Talented Writers Program.
Abundance
New and Selected Poems
ANDREW LANSDOWN
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Andrew Lansdown’s latest poetry collection, Abundance, contains poems from eleven of his earlier collections and poems that are previously uncollected. These poems gain power from the poet’s mastery of poetic form and technique. They range widely in theme, tone, style, and subject—from an aboriginal man playing the digeridoo in prison to a widow addressing a prophet in Phoenicia; from kangaroos crossing a firebreak to a man asleep in a library; from the emptiness of black bamboo to the fullness of a father’s heart; from a pregnant mother dying for the faith in shogunal Japan to the poet’s mother joining an American-style sacred-harp choir in heaven. This collection offer readers an abundance.

ANDREW LANSDOWN is the author of fifteen poetry collections, two short story collections, and three novels. His poetry has been widely published in journals, newspapers, and anthologies in Australia, and has won a number of prestigious awards.

The Christian Faith
Ecumenical Dogmatics
CARL E. BRAATEN
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This single volume of dogmatics is an introduction to the Christian faith as such, written from an intentionally ecumenical perspective. Although this book is written by a Lutheran, its aim is to draw from the deep wells of the Christian tradition, its creeds and confessions, common to all denominations. Denominational dogmatics tends to define and defend the teachings of the Christian faith from the perspective of a particular church, in distinction from others. Ecumenical dogmatics is a relatively new attempt to focus on the beliefs and teachings fundamental to all communities that call themselves Christian. Such a project aims to be more irenic than polemical, intent on seeking and serving reconciliation and unity in Christ.

The trinitarian and christological confessions of the first five centuries are foundational for all Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Protestant Reformation churches and, despite all their subsequent differences and divisions, are quintessential in their journey toward reconciliation and reunion. These ancient creeds also suggest the appropriate outline for the organization of the contents of dogmatics even today, following the works of the triune God—creation, redemption, and sanctification.

“In this volume, renowned Lutheran theologian Carl Braaten sifts through two millennia of Christian wisdom, all the while in conversation with contemporary challenges to faith, in order to offer a compelling restatement of fundamental Christian truths. Passionate for both the gospel and the church, he offers a compelling ecumenical engagement readable for clergy and laity alike. If you are not already an ‘Evangelical Catholic,’ Braaten will persuade you to become one.”

—MARK C. MATTES

CARL E. BRAATEN is professor emeritus of systematic theology at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, where he taught for thirty years. He lives with his wife, Beryl, in Sun City West, Arizona, where he continues to enjoy life to the hilt, spending many sweaty hours every week on the tennis courts, indulging the passion of his life next only to theology in the service of the gospel of Christ and his church.
This volume differs from many quincentennial discussions of the Protestant Reformation—and ecumenical scholarship more generally—in that it shifts the focus from Europe and the West to the global South, where ecumenism’s promises and challenges are quite different. In postcolonial and post-missionary Africa, the churches continue to expand, competition among denominations is lively, and Christian rivalry with Islam is often a reality. In Latin America, Protestants have severely eroded the Catholic Church’s hegemony, originally forged in the zeal of the Counter-Reformation to combat the perceived errors of Luther and Calvin. In India, the Christian churches are a tiny, beleaguered minority facing an increasingly militant Hindu nationalism. These essays pay close attention to the different contexts of intra-Christian relationships worldwide—the actual situation on the ground. If ecumenism will succeed, it cannot be simply a matter of experts at a conference attempting to agree about doctrines abstracted from the contexts in which they were forged, the contexts in which doctrinal disagreements caused ecclesial ruptures, or the contexts in which Christians continue to live out our divided existence. This volume attempts to be sensitive to the lived experience of divided Christians in whatever part of the world they find themselves.

“These critically informed reflections, from Catholics and Protestants, provide a unique synoptic vision of the struggles informing ecclesial diversity around the world. . . . Provocative and illuminating, this is contemporary ecumenical writing at its best, and because of that, it lays out the terms of future study with a fresh hope. Highly recommended for scholars and students alike.”

—EPHRAIM RADNER

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A devout Catholic politician assassinated by a capricious dictator. A Cardinal standing up for his people in the face of political repression. A priest leading his nation’s constitutional revision. The “Mother Teresa of Uganda” transforming the lives of thousands of abandoned children. Two missionaries who founded the best community radio station in Africa. A peace activist who has amplified the voices of grassroots women in the midst of a brutal civil war.

Such are the powerful stories in For God and My Country, a book that explores how seven inspiring leaders in Uganda's largest religious community have shaped the social and political life of their country. Drawing on extensive oral research, J. J. Carney analyzes how personal faith, theological vision, and Catholic social teaching have propelled these leaders to embody Vatican II’s call for the Church to be a sign of communion and unity in the world. Readers will gain rich insight into Uganda's postcolonial politics and the history of one of Africa's most important Catholic communities. Each chapter closes with leadership lessons and reflection questions, making this an ideal text for classroom and parish adoption.

“The unsung Romeros and Mother Teresas of Uganda are here deservedly celebrated and brilliantly showcased. More widely, this politically astute and ecclesiastically challenging book shows why Catholic social tradition cannot be captured in theory, concepts, or principles. Its heart and soul are ‘performance’—in the cultures and crises that adapt it, correct it, and make it live. This work is a landmark intervention in Catholic theology and politics, both faithful and highly original.”

—LISA SOWLE CAHILL

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The Business of War
Theological and Ethical Reflections on the Military-Industrial Complex
EDITED BY JAMES MCCARTY, MATTHEW TAPIE, AND JUSTIN BRONSON BARRINGER
THE BUSINESS OF MODERN LIFE SERIES

The Business of War incisively interrogates the development and contemporary implications of the military-industrial complex. It exposes the moral dangers of life in neoliberal economies dependent upon war-making for their growth and brings the Christian tradition’s abundance of resources into conversation with this phenomenon. In doing so, the authors invite us to rethink the moral possibilities of Christian life in the present day with an eye toward faithful resistance to “the business of war” and its influence in every aspect of our lives. In combining biblical, historical, theological, and ethical analyses of “the business of war,” the authors invite us to better understand it as a new moral problem that demands a new, faithful response.

“The Business of War is full of theologically critical, morally challenging, and epistemologically innovative voices! The superb collection of well-argued and researched essays disrupts the conventional wisdom about the necessity of the military for peace by revealing that war has been always a lucrative profit-making business. Retrieving Christianity’s long history of resistance to war, the book presents the possibilities of peace, embodied by audacious and compassionate peace activists since the birth of Christianity.”
—KEUN-JOO CHRISTINE PAE

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Against Empire
Ekklesial Resistance and the Politics of Radical Democracy

MATTHEW T. EGGEIMEIER
THEOPOLITICAL VISIONS

Against Empire analyzes the relationship between Christian theology and radical democracy by exploring how black prophetic thought, feminist theology, Latin American liberation theology, and peaceable theology offer plural forms of ekklesial resistance to empire: the black church (Cornel West), the ekklesia of wo/men (Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza), the church of the poor (Igición Ellacuría, Jon Sobrino), and the peaceable church (Stanley Hauerwas). These approaches to Christian political engagement differ in their specific focus but share common resistance to neoliberalism, nationalism, and militarism as networks of power that intersect with racism, sexism, and neo-colonialism to form what they refer to as empire. In diverse ways, West, Schüssler Fiorenza, Ellacuría and Sobrino, and Hauerwas reimagine Christian witness as a form of radical democratic resistance to empire in the face of political formations that not only block the expansion of democracy (neoliberal-neoconservative hegemony) but also attempt to retrench its achievements (authoritarian populism).

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Subordinated Ethics
Natural Law and Moral Miscellany in Aquinas and Dostoevsky
CAITLIN SMITH GILSON
VERITAS
978-1-5326-8639-9 | 398 p. | $46

With Dostoevsky’s Idiot and Aquinas’ Dumb Ox as guides, this book seeks to recover the elemental mystery of the natural law, a law revealed only in wonder. If ethics is to guide us along the way, it must recover its subordination; description must precede prescription. If ethics is to invite us along the way, it cannot lead, either as politburo, or even as public orthodoxy. It cannot be smugly symbolic but must be by way of signage, of directionality, of the open realization that ethical meaning is en route, pointing the way because it is within the way, as only sign, not symbol, can point to the sacramental terminus. The courtesies of dogma and tradition are the road signs and guideposts along the longior via, not themselves the termini. We seek the dialogic heart of the natural law through two seemingly contradictory voices and approaches: St. Thomas Aquinas and his famous five ways, and Fyodor Dostoevsky’s holy idiot, Prince Myshkin. It is precisely the apparent miscellany of these selected voices that provide us with a connatural invitation into the natural law as subordinated, as descriptive guide, not as prescriptive leader.

“Subordinated Ethics is yet another testament to the ever-surprising mind of its author, characterized equally by an alpine clarity of thought and a sublimely poetic sensibility. Smith Gilson interprets Aquinas’ Five Ways and Dostoevsky’s Idiot together with such deftness, urgency, and joyful effulgence that neither can be read the same way again. The book is an astonishing paean to polyphony, play, contingency, wonder, beauty, virtue, and love in the purity and mystery of its givenness.”
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Hide and Seek
The Sacred Art of Indirect Communication
BENSON P. FRASER
VERITAS
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As bearers of the divine image, all of us are storytellers and artists. However, few people today believe in truth that is not empirically knowable or verifiable, the sort of truth often trafficked through direct forms of communication. Drawing on the works of Søren Kierkegaard, Benson P. Fraser challenges this penchant for direct forms of knowledge by introducing the indirect approach, which he argues conveys more than mere knowledge, but the capability to live out what one takes to be true.

Dr. Fraser suggests that stories aimed at the heart are powerful instruments for personal and social change because they are not focused directly on the individual listener; rather, they give the individual room or distance to reconsider old meanings or ways of understanding. Indirect communication fosters human transformation by awaking an individual to attend to images or words that carry deep symbolic force and that modify or replace one’s present ways of knowing, and ultimately make one capable of embodying what he or she believes. Through an examination of the indirect approach in Kierkegaard, Jesus, C. S. Lewis, and Flannery O’Connor, Fraser makes a strong case for the recovery of indirect strategies for communicating truth in our time.

“Hide and Seek takes us to some strangely familiar, but forgotten, places, reminding us of that old proverb that it is ‘the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings to search them out.’”
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What should Christian discourse look like after philosophical modernity? In one manner or another the essays in this volume seek to confront and intellectually exorcise the prevailing elements of philosophical modernity, which are inherently transgressive disfigurations of the Christian story of creation, sin, and redemption. To enact these various forms and styles of Christian intellectual exorcism the essays in this volume make appeal to, and converse with, the magisterial corpus of Cyril O’Regan. The themes of the essays center around the gnostic return in modernity, apocalyptic theology, and the question of the bounds and borders of Christian orthodoxy.

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Studies in Literacy and Textualization in the Ancient Near East and in the Hebrew Scriptures: Essays in Honour of Professor Alan R. Millard
EDITED BY DANIEL I. BLOCK, DAVID C. DEUEL, C. JOHN COLLINS, AND PAUL J. N. LAWRENCE
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Contributors

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Though many scholars have interpreted 1 Thessalonians in light of a thematic perspective, mirror reading, and epistolary approach, the author asserts that Paul employs elements of epideictic funerary oratory to persuade his audience. Encountering the growing persecution, sufferings, and even death of members, the believers of Thessalonica needed encouragement. As a rhetorical strategist, Paul needed effective methods to answer these problems, which he did so with Greco-Roman funeral orations.

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Christian faith depends upon the resurrection of Jesus, but the claim about Jesus’ resurrection is, nevertheless, disputed. This book, written by a New Testament scholar and a systematic theologian in conjunction, develops the conditions for the claim. It carefully analyzes the relevant texts and their possible interpretations and engages with New Testament scholarship in order to show nuances and different trajectories in the material.

“Henriksen and Sandnes collaborate again to produce an outstanding, interdisciplinary investigation into the heart of Christian faith.”
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Transcendence and Understanding
Gadamer and Modern Orthodox Hermeneutics in Dialogue
ZDENKO Š. ŠIRKA
978-1-5326-7007-3 | 236 p. | $29

This book brings into conversation Western and Orthodox hermeneutical schools: one represented by Hans-Georg Gadamer and his followers, while the other school is less focused around one person and yet displays common distinct features. The strengths and weaknesses of both positions are presented, and it is shown how these two hermeneutical approaches can enrich each other. The book argues that preserving both positions, and indicating how they complement each other, helps show the limits of encountering the transcendent reality that can be testified to by human language without being reduced to it as such.

“Tracking encounters between Western and Eastern Christian methodologies and spiritual wisdom, the book opens exciting new possibilities for conversation.”
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Orthodoxy and Orthopraxis
Essays in Tribute to Paul Livermore
EDITED BY DOUGLAS R. CULLUM AND J. RICHARD MIDDLETON
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These essays—on matters biblical, theological, historical, and beyond—pay tribute to the multidisciplinary impact of Paul Livermore, founding faculty member and Professor Emeritus of Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan College.

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Liturgie and Sacrament, Mystagogy and Martyrdom
Essays in Theological Exegesis
JEFFREY L. MORROW
978-1-5326-9380-9 | 174 p. | $22

For far too long the Bible has been studied as just one among many historical and cultural documents from ancient history. That it is a foundational text for Western civilization is clear. What is too often forgotten or ignored in academic discussions, however, is that the Bible has also inspired the lives of countless saints throughout history; men and women who sought to love God and love neighbor to the point of offering heroic sacrifices, sometimes giving up their very lives.

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1 Enoch as Christian Scripture
A Study in the Reception and Appropriation of 1 Enoch in Jude and the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Canon
BRUK AYELE ASALE
978-1-5326-9115-7 | 170 p. | $22

Taking the quotation of 1 Enoch in Jude 14 as its point of departure, the present study explores the significance of Enochic tradition within the context of Christian tradition in the Horn of Africa, where it continues to play a vital role in shaping the diverse yet interrelated self-understanding of Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant churches.

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Jacques Ellul and the Bible
Towards a Hermeneutic of Freedom
EDITED BY
JACOB MARQUES ROLLISON
978-1-7252-9785-5 | 256 p. | $31

With a breadth of contributors ranging from established biblical scholars and theologians to pastoral practitioners, from top Ellul scholars to emerging voices—and including six first-time English translations of Ellul’s own articles—this volume not only provides a detailed overview of Ellul’s biblical approach but also constitutes a crucial moment in Ellul’s theological reception. This book counts as a clear demonstration that the full potential of Ellul’s theological interpretation of Scripture to rejuvenate and reconfigure contemporary biblical hermeneutics has yet to be seen.

“I highly recommend this book for all those interested in the relationship between Scripture and Christian ethics.”
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We live in a culture of collective fear over climate change and mass migration, and we experience increasing intense personal anxiety and despair. How might the Bible’s themes of homecoming and homemaking address our physical, emotional, and spiritual displacement? This collection of essays honors the academic and community work of Brian J. Walsh upon his retirement as Campus Minister at the University of Toronto Christian Reformed Campus Ministry.

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Leaning Both Ways at Once
Methodist Evangelistic Mission at the Intersection of Church and World
JEFFREY A. CONKLIN-MILLER
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In this book, Conklin-Miller suggests faithful (United) Methodist evangelism requires living in the tension between the church and the world, ”leaning both ways at once,” emphasizing the holiness of the church as a particular people, but at the same time, being a people sent to intercede in the world as servants, advocates, and witnesses.

“Conklin-Miller probes what it means to be ‘the church’ in the post-Christendom setting of the twenty-first century, with an eye toward identifying distinctive evangelistic church practices appropriate to this setting. A thoughtful and helpful discussion!” —Randy L. Maddox

JEFFREY A. CONKLIN-MILLER is the Professor of the Practice of Evangelism and Christian Formation at Duke Divinity School.

Post-Christendom Studies: Volume 4
EDITED BY STEVEN M. STUDEBAKER, LEE BEACH, AND GORDON L. HEATH
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Post-Christendom Studies publishes research on the nature of Christian identity and mission in the contexts of post-Christendom. Post-Christendom refers to places, both now and in the past, where Christianity was once a significant cultural presence, though not necessarily the dominant religion. Sometimes ”Christendom” refers to the official link between church and state. The term ”post-Christendom” is often associated with the rise of secularization, religious pluralism, and multiculturalism in western countries over the past sixty years. Our use of the term is broader than that however.

Preaching in/and the Borderlands
EDITED BY J. DWAYNE HOWELL AND CHARLES L. AARON JR.
978-1-5326-6465-6 | 188 p. | $24

The essays in this book address issues for churches to consider as they seek to better understand how to respond to immigration. The book examines biblical, ethical, theological, and homiletical areas of the topic and includes contributions from pastors, theologians, legal experts, and activists.

“We have needed this book for a long time. All of these essays are thoughtful and inspiring, helping religious leaders and preachers become creative interpreters of biblical texts, genuinely hospitable church leaders, informed educators of those who need to think more wisely and justly, and engaged witnesses against intertwined systems of injustice.” —John S. Mcclure

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And We Shall Learn through the Dance
Post-Christendom Studies
KATHLEEN TURNER
978-1-5326-1949-6 | Forthcoming

Liturgical dance is a way to present, reflect, instruct, learn, study, and share religious beliefs with one’s self, within one’s worship community, and with one’s God. Such a belief is confirmed and witnessed within a variety of religious settings throughout the world from the beginning of time to this present age.

“The book is a rich resource for seminary classes and gives congregations a theological understanding of the transformative role dance can play in education and worship.”

—Thomas H. Troeger

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Spiritual formation through spiritual direction has the potential to transform the way we lead organizations in secular and religious settings. Drawing on the wisdom and experience of leaders and spiritual directors, this book, first, broadens our understanding of how spiritual direction can be a resource for leadership and organizational development; second, supports spiritual directors in developing their corporate practice and their understanding of the relevance of spiritual direction for a wider community.

BERNADETTE MILES is an Honorary Post-Graduate Researcher with Stirling Theological College at the University of Divinity, Melbourne Australia. She is co-director and co-founder of Kardia Formation P/L, who provide spiritual formation for spiritual directors, leaders, and all who seek to strengthen the spiritual self.

Most approaches to liturgical theology are anthropocentric: the study of liturgy is primarily focused on what we, the worshipers, do. Thomas F. Torrance and James B. Torrance offer a trinitarian and christocentric approach. This informs not only the “why” of worship and not simply the “what” or “how” of worship, but centers on the One whom we worship.

“Too much Christian worship showcases our own feelings and performance rather than Christ, the perfect Worship Leader. Pastor and musician Kevin Navarro finds a vibrant counterpoint in T. F. and J. B. Torrance’s theology of worship. An informative, judicious, and ultimately worship-inspiring study!”

—JEROME VAN KUIKEN


Why do you believe in God? Why do you believe in the Bible? Why do you believe in miracles? These are questions that Christians are often asked by sceptics. The field of apologetics attempts to provide rational answers to these and other questions. Unfortunately, apologetical answers to these questions are often abstract and philosophical. However, the Christian apologist/evangelist has a much more powerful argument in their arsenal: the argument from miracles. Miracles are the original Christian apologetic. It was through the witnessing of miracles that Christianity was originally spread.

CHRISTOPHER J. WILSON is a professor of theology and apologetics. His interests include theology, apologetics, philosophy of religion, and philosophy of science. This present text is hopefully the first in a series of upcoming texts which will fully develop the area of Christian apologetics from a Renewal perspective, emphasizing the works of the Holy Spirit. In addition to his academic work, he enjoys spending time with his family, reading, playing chess, and watching sports.

In this groundbreaking new work, Dillard makes a powerful case for bringing contemporary Christian theology into critical dialogue with Martin Heidegger’s Contributions to Philosophy (Of the Event).

“Dillard’s book offers a critical engagement with Heidegger’s Beiträge zur Philosophie, mining its theological insights in order to develop a non-metaphysical Streit theology with a distinctive christological emphasis. This captivating book will, no doubt, be of significant interest to Continental philosophers of religion and Christian theologians who continue to wrestle with Heidegger’s difficult yet rewarding philosophy.”

—CYNTHIA NIELSEN

PETER S. DILLARD is an independent scholar living in Tucson, Arizona.
Depths As Yet Unspoken
Whiteheadian Excursions in Mysticism, Multiplicity, and Divinity
ROLAND FABER
EDITED BY ANDREW M. DAVIS
978-1-7252-5260-8 | 318 p. | $37

Although Whitehead's mystical inclinations may not be obvious at first, they in fact constitute the apophatic backdrop to his entire philosophical corpus. Through Faber's work, Whitehead's philosophy is revealed to be nothing short of a remarkable endeavor to speak to the unfathomable depth of things.

“If you only read this book's 'Prologue,' you will enjoy the gift of a synoptic view of Whitehead's thought: his multiplicity of stages and theastics, historical imbrications and future implications, come into luminous interplay with present uncertainty.”
—CATHERINE KELLER

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ANDREW M. DAVIS holds a PhD in religion and process philosophy from Claremont School of Theology.

Baptist Sacramentalism 3
ANTHONY R. CROSS AND PHILIP E. THOMPSON
978-1-7252-8608-5 | 374 p. | $43

The first two volumes of Baptist Sacramentalism helped give momentum to a renewal of sacramental theology among Baptists. In the years since, this conversation has come to include a more diverse range of voices and explore a broader range of topics. Baptist Sacramentalism 3 both reveals and shares in these trends, contributing to the continued expansion of Baptist sacramental theology.

“Can Baptists be sacramentalists? That contested question is explored vigorously in this remarkable collection of essays. These essays deserve wide reading by Protestants and Roman Catholics alike, and especially by all who are concerned with Baptist theology and practice in the life of local churches.”
—DON E. SALIERS

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A Semiotic Christology
CYRIL ORJI
978-1-7252-6917-0 | Forthcoming

This book details how semiotics furthers an understanding of the science of Christology. In the light of the trend towards evolutionary worldview, the book goes beyond description and critically engages the sign system of C. S. Peirce, which it sees as a conceptual tool and method for a better understanding of some of the basic issues in Christology.

“A thoroughly researched, down-to-earth explication of ordinarily difficult theological concepts; without a doubt, Orji’s seminal approach breaks new ground towards explication of christological controversies and advances a semiotic approach to theology. A Semiotic Christology weaves together contemporary theological thoughts on the divine relations and establishes theology as a science in a whole new way, a must-read for scholars and students.”
—JOSEPH OGBONNAYA

CYRIL ORJI is a professor of systematic theology at the University of Dayton, Ohio.

The Light That Binds
A Study in Thomas Aquinas’s Metaphysics of Natural Law
STEPHEN L. BROCK
978-1-5326-4729-1 | 294 p. | $35

If there is any one author in the history of moral thought who has come to be associated with the idea of natural law, it is Saint Thomas Aquinas. Many things have been written about Aquinas’s natural law teaching, and from many different perspectives. The aim of this book is to help see it from his own perspective.

“When the living scholar who knows best the works of Thomas Aquinas says that his own earlier thought in a certain regard has evolved, academics especially, but also others, must take notice. That scholar is Fr. Stephen Brock; this book is where he explains—with great clarity and subtlety—that development in his understanding of Aquinas’s teaching on the relationship between the natural law and God’s eternal law.”
—KEVIN L. FLANNERY, SJ

STEPHEN L. BROCK is Ordinary Professor of Medieval Philosophy at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome.
The Interpreting Spirit
Spirit, Scripture, and Interpretation in the Renewal Tradition
HANNAH R. K. MATHER
978-1-7252-7318-4 | 292 p. | $31

The Interpreting Spirit is the first comprehensive analysis of the conversation surrounding pneumatic interpretation that has been taking place, particularly among renewal scholars, since 1970. It seeks to answer the notoriously difficult question, “What does the Spirit do in the process of biblical interpretation?”

“How can we begin to describe what the Holy Spirit’s doing when we read the Bible? How does the Spirit help us engage, understand, and obey? Mather takes on ‘mission impossible’ and achieves a truly impressive analysis. Along the way, she celebrates fifty years of renewal scholarship in this field. A remarkable volume! Now it’s your turn: read on.”

—WILLIAM ATKINSON

HANNAH R. K. MATHER had a career in business and people development before moving into theology. She is an adjunct professor at London School of Theology.

The Suffering of God in the Eternal Decree
A Critical Study of Karl Barth on Election
NIXON DE VERA
978-1-7252-6415-1 | 258 p. | $31

This book seeks to unpack the evolution of Barth’s understanding of God’s suffering in Jesus Christ in the light of election. The interconnectedness of election, crucifixion, and (im)passibility is explored, in order to ask whether the suffering of Christ is also a statement about the Trinity.

“This is an excellent study of Karl Barth’s ‘theology of the cross’ in his doctrine of election and his Christology. The author digs deeply in Barth’s early period of the Calvin-Lectures and his Göttinger dogmatics through to Barth’s mature christological insights in the doctrine of reconciliation (IV/1 and IV/2). I fear the author is right with his conclusion: ‘Barth’s God is impassible yet at the same time passible.’”

—JÜRGEN MOLTMANN

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Evangelical Review of Theology, Volume 44, Number 3, August 2020

EDITED BY THOMAS SCHIRRMACHER
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ERT publishes quality articles and book reviews from around the world (both original and reprinted) from an evangelical perspective, reflecting global evangelical scholarship for the purpose of discerning the obedience of faith, and of relevance and importance to its international readership of theologians, educators, church leaders, missionaries, administrators and students.

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Fictions of God
FRANK ENGLAND
978-1-5326-9674-9 | 150 p. | $20

Fiction and theology share an attempt to articulate what it means to be human. They both include narrative accounts of virtue and vice, moral worth and moral failure. Through the themes of courtesy, brutality, silence, sound, and divine absence, the sacred nature and character of being human is explored in novels by Anita Brookner, Chuck Palahniuk, Anne Michaels, Richard Powers, and Iris Murdoch.

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—ANNE ROWE

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The Hope and Despair of Human Bioenhancement
A Virtual Dialogue between the Oxford Transhumanists and Joseph Ratzinger
PASCHAL M. CORBY
978-1-5326-5394-0 | 340 p. | $39

The Hope and Despair of Human Bioenhancement is a virtual dialogue between Transhumanists of the “Oxford School” and the thought of Joseph Ratzinger. Set in the key of hope and despair, it considers whether or not the transhumanist interpretation of human limitations is correct, and whether their confidence in the methods of human enhancement, especially through biotechnology, corresponds to genuine hope. To this end, it investigates the philosophical foundations of transhumanism in modernity’s rejection of metaphysics, the triumph of positivism, and the universalism of the theory of evolution, which when applied to anthroplogy becomes the materialist reduction of the human person.

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Learning from MacIntyre
EDITED BY RON BEADLE AND GEOFF MOORE
978-1-5326-8522-4 | Forthcoming

Alasdair MacIntyre is one of the major philosophers of the late twentieth and early twenty-first century. After Virtue, first published in 1981, remains the book for which he is best known but, as this volume testifies, his phenomenal output extends over a period of seven decades. As MacIntyre enters his tenth decade, this book pays tribute not just to his work, but to the way in which it has been influential across disciplines outside of philosophy.

“The volume will not only be useful for teachers and students of the humanities. It will provide its readers with indispensable intellectual apparatus to understand, and to cope with, present-day societal transformations.”
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TodD Ohara
978-1-7252-6433-5 | 264 p. | $32

This book exhibits the sophistication of Plotinian and Dionysian apophatic theologies by explicating their internal “logics.” It articulates the unique metaphysical status and explanatory role that the One and God, respectively, play in Plotinus’s and Dionysius’s reflections, showing the way apophasis is generated and sustained by lines of thought in which the One (Plotinus) and God (Dionysius) function as the unconditioned source of everything else. In the context of explanation, negation conveys the incomparable reality of the One/God as beyond being. However, the metaphysical and explanatory lines of thought are themselves situated within the broader context of the soul’s ascent to mystical union with the One or with God. From this perspective, the negation constitutes the basis of preparing the soul for mystical union.

“Engaging, lucid, and insightful.”
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Called to Teach
Excellence, Commitment, and Community in Christian Higher Education
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978-1-5326-8318-3 | 236 p. $29

This wide-ranging collection offers insight, encouragement, and a challenge to teachers in all areas of Christian higher education. Building upon the legacy of thoughtful teaching at Baylor University while looking toward the future of higher education, this collection is framed for Christians who teach in higher education but who are also committed to research and graduate training.

“This book stays refreshingly close to the ground, offering a winsome walking tour through the classrooms of master teachers.”
—DAVID I. SMITH

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Tri-level Identity Crisis
Children of First-Generation Immigrants
EDITED BY TAPIWA N. MUCHERERA, CHRIS KIESLING, AND ANNE KIOME GATOBU
978-1-62564-552-4 | 186 p. $24

This text captures the profound unacknowledged crisis that is unique to children of first-generation immigrants, by virtue of their being caught in a world of their parents’ culture of origin and their social experience in the United States.

“This is an excellent book on non-white immigrants and their children in the West.”
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Literature and Religion
A Dialogue between China and the West
D. JASPER AND OU GUANG-AN
978-1-5328-5218-9 | 188 p. $24

How does one culture "read" another? This book is a series of conversations between a scholar from China and from the west, each reading texts from the other’s culture. Does literature and religion offer the possibility of mutual understanding—or merely illustrate our differences?

“David Jasper’s fascinating dialogue with Ou Guang-an vividly materializes the dialogic space between literature and religion, East and West. It would be difficult to find one who has contributed more to stimulate the interdisciplinary studies of theology and literature.”
—YANG HUILIN

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Communion Ecclesiology and Social Transformation in African Catholicism
Between Vatican Council II and African Synod II
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AFRICAN CHRISTIAN STUDIES SERIES
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In this book, Ida Otu, one of the new theological voices from Africa, rethinks ecclesiology in the changing context of a wounded and broken world. What does the Catholic Church in Africa look like post-Vatican II? This book creatively illuminates the intrinsic connections between ecclesial communion and social mission in the changing face of the church in Africa.

“This work by Ida Otu is based on a systematic, biblical, and historical study of Catholic theology. Its possibilities for Christian theology are enormous. Anyone interested in the convergence and influence of three momentous events (Vatican II, the First African Synod, and the Second African Synod) on African ecclesial life will appreciate this well-researched work.”
—CYRIL ORJI

Jesus Christ as Logos Incarnate and Resurrected Nana (Ancestor)

An African Perspective on Conversion and Christology

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AFRICAN CHRISTIAN STUDIES SERIES

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This book seeks to demonstrate the significance of Ancestor Christology in African Christianity for christological developments in World Christianity. Ancestor Christology has developed in the process of an African conversion story of appropriating the mystery of Christ (Eph 3:4) in the category of ancestors.

“First-class scholarship, cogent analysis, and lucid articulations of the emergence, development, and impact of African Pentecostalism in the shaping of World Christianity. This collection of essays is illuminating and instructive on Christianity on the continent as a whole. An indispensable resource and a fitting tribute to Professor Asamoah-Gyadu.”

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Strangers in a Familiar Land

A Phenomenological Study on Marginal Christian Identity

JAMES A. BLUMENSTOCK

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This book presents a deep exploration of the phenomenon of marginalization as experienced by Thai Christian converts. In it, readers will follow participants through the heights of transformative religious experience, the lows of severe social displacement, the tensions of managing two disparate lifeworlds and two conflicting selves, and the comfort and joy of finding a new place to call home.

“With a widely international scope in theoretical reflection and with localized Thai application in great qualitative depth, this study deserves warm appreciation in that context as much as in global missiological circles.”

—CHRISTO LOMBAARD

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Toward a New, Praxis-Oriented Missiology

Rediscovering Paulo Freire’s Concept of Conscientizao and Enhancing Christian Mission as Prophetic Dialogue

ROSALIA MEZA

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Christian mission today is searching for new directions to approach the postmodern, postcolonial, and ecumenical paradigms. This book argues that mission is the process of embodying the content and praxis of the gospel, not the transmission of knowledge that keeps an established structure and culture alive.

“In Gaudium Evangelii, Pope Francis insisted that preachers change their ways to present the joyful message of Christianity to the world. Meza’s exhaustive research responds to that challenge by exploring the pedagogy of Paulo Freire and the prophetic dialogue espoused by Stephen Bevans that together involve a missiology of contextual theology.”

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Americans are often baffled by France’s general indifference to religion and laws forbidding religious symbols in public schools, full-face veils in public places, and even the interdiction of burkinis on French beaches. An understanding of laïcité provides insight for understanding France and its people.

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JAMES MICHAEL NAGLE teaches theology at Xavier High School in New York City.

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The Story of Amy Oxley Wilkinson and Her Visionary Work Among the Blind in China
LINDA BANKS and ROBERT BANKS
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Amy’s story highlights the significance of contributions by women missionaries to the development of early modern China, and is a challenge to anyone committed to making their life count for others.

LINDA BANKS has worked as a teacher, university chaplain, pastor, and writer. ROBERT BANKS has taught theology and history at universities and seminaries in various countries, and has written several award-winning books. They are members of the International Association of Mission Studies, and the Yale-Edinburgh Group on World Christianity. Together they have authored two books on Australian women missionaries in China, View from the Faraway Pagoda (2013) and Through the Valley of the Shadow (Pickwick Publications, 2019).

Ecclesiology at the Beginning of the Third Millennium
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THEOLOGY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE THIRD MILLENNIUM
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Born from the side of Jesus, pierced on the cross, the church is the living body of Christ. Like Jesus himself, it is both eternal and temporal, spiritual and material, spotless and wounded. Constituted as an integrated, living body, the church is the sacrament of Christ; that is, it reveals Christ to the world and makes him present in the world. It exists in order to evangelize and does this most effectively when its diverse members are united in love.

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As a result of the historic catastrophe in which Titus of Rome destroyed Jerusalem and Israel was exiled from its land, I was born in one of the cities of the Exile,” S. Y. Agnon declared at the 1966 Nobel Prize ceremony. “But always I regarded myself as one who was born in Jerusalem.” Agnon’s act of literary imagination fueled his creative endeavor and is explored in these pages. Jerusalem and the Holy Land (to say nothing of the later State of Israel) are often two-faced in Agnon’s Hebrew writing. Depending on which side of the lens one views Eretz Yisrael through, the vision of what can be achieved there appears clearer or more distorted.

JEFFREY SAKS is the founding director of ATID (the Academy for Torah Initiatives and Directions in Jewish Education) in Jerusalem.

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Patriarchy, Feminism, and the Role of Women in Selected World Religions
LOREEN MASENO and ELIA SHABANI MLIGO
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Women are the majority in almost every cultural or social group. However, their roles vary in various cultures, religions, and traditions. In some cultures and religions, they are highly honored, while in others they are neglected, oppressed, and segregated. This book examines women’s role in a few selected world religions, namely Christianity, Islam, African Traditional Religion, Hinduism, and Buddhism.

“This is a helpful introduction to the study of women in major world religions! An African perspective provides a unique focus to the presentation. A concluding chapter on ecofeminism is a very timely contribution in the present climate.”
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Towards the Day after Tomorrow
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