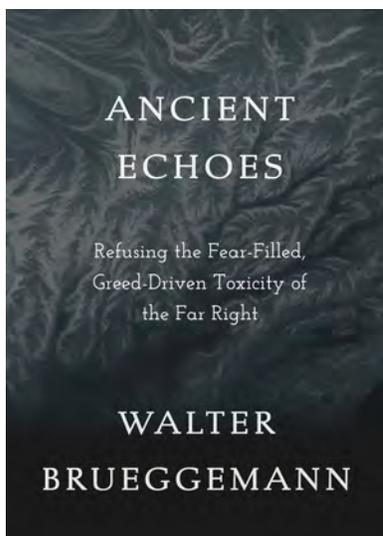




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Ancient Echoes

Refusing the Fear-Filled, Greed-Driven Toxicity of the Far Right

Walter Brueggemann

Summary

Esteemed scholar Walter Brueggemann responds to the radical right

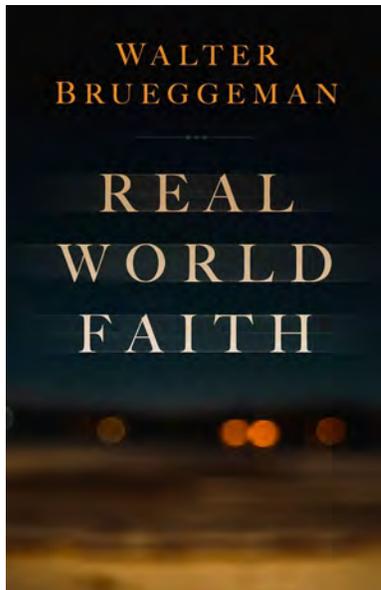
In *Ancient Echoes*, Walter Brueggemann -- one of our most influential biblical scholars -- responds to eight "truth claims" made by the radical right in US politics.

In his book *Evil Geniuses: The Unmaking of America: A Recent History* (Random House 2020), Kurt Andersen enunciates eight "truth claims" made by the political right that champion aggressive self-sufficiency and self-security at the expense of the community. In the process, any hint of "the common good" among neighbors disappears from the scene.

Brueggemann responds to each of these mistaken "truth claims" through the witness of scripture and an insistence upon a common good -- a neighborly practice of generosity, hospitality, forgiveness, justice, compassion, and mercy. The echoes of biblical faith reveal that these right wing "truth claims" contradict our long-running legacy of biblical faith.

Contributor Bio

Walter Brueggemann is William Marcellus McPheeters Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary. An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, he is regarded as the premier Old Testament interpreter and biblical theologian. Among his many publications are *Prophetic Imagination* and *Old Testament Theology*.



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Real World Faith

Walter Brueggemann

Key Selling Points:

- Walter Brueggemann is the preeminent scholar of the Old Testament.
- His prolific writings have sold millions of copies.
- This new work comes toward the end of a long and respected life of public theology.

Summary

A real faith for the realities of the world from one of our preeminent biblical scholars.

Real World Faith articulates a faith that is effectively linked to our real world, the world of our bodies and of the body politic. The real world of our bodies causes us to be largely preoccupied with our health, security, dignity, and sexuality, and causes concern for food and shelter for ourselves and for our neighbors. The real world of the body politic puts us in inescapable touch with issues of money, power, weapons, policies, treaties, taxes, and trade agreements. These are the matters that occupy us most of the time on most of our days. They are the proper agenda of our faith, because our faith consists in trust in the One who governs our bodily life in the world. Our interpretive work is to try to articulate the ways--albeit hidden ways--in which the agency and character of God make effective contact with our world. This is real-life faith.

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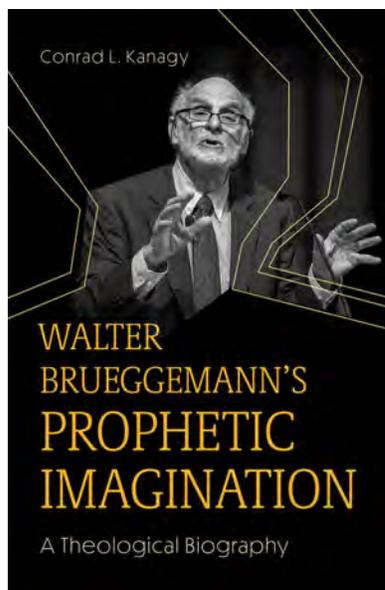
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Walter Brueggemann's Prophetic Imagination

A Theological Biography

Conrad L. Kanagy

Key Selling Points:

- A theological biography of one of our most respected biblical scholars
- Author has secured multiple panels at the influential AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in November 2023 in San Antonio, Texas
- Books by the subject have sold millions of copies

Summary

The story behind Walter Brueggemann's theological imagination.

In this theological biography of the most prolific Old Testament student of the twenty-first century, Conrad Kanagy portrays Walter Brueggemann within the historical and cultural landscape of his formation.

Kanagy follows Walter from his childhood home in Blackburn, Missouri, to Elmhurst College, Eden Theological Seminary, and Union Theological Seminary. Kanagy introduces us to the teachers who most influenced Brueggemann's personal and theological development. We observe Walter Brueggemann's unflappable energy as he moves toward the publication of *The Prophetic Imagination*, which will land him on the theological map of biblical studies and the American church. This breakthrough will define the rest of Brueggemann's life as he pivots among the biblical text, classroom, church, and world.

The book addresses the riddle of *The Prophetic Imagination's* surprising emergence and enduring resilience, peering deeply into the theologian's interior life, about which little has been understood by even those closest to him. If all "theology is biography," we have missed much about Brueggemann's understanding of God by knowing so little of his person. The book's integration of his work and life wi...

Contributor Bio

Conrad L. Kanagy is professor of sociology at Elizabethtown College, Pennsylvania. He holds an undergraduate degree from Wheaton College (Illinois) and a PhD from Penn State. He is the author of eight books and numerous scholarly articles. His primary area of expertise is American and global Christianity. He blogs at www.centerforpropheticimagination.org and hosts the podcast *A Church Dismantled--A Kingdom Restored*.

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Injustice and the Care of Souls, Second Edition (2nd Edition)

Taking Oppression Seriously in Pastoral Care

Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook, Karen B. Montagno

Summary

Liberative models for pastoral care with marginalized and oppressed people

The practice of pastoral care cannot escape the realities of injustices and oppression that often operate in the context where caregiving happens. In response, Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook and Karen B. Montagno present a compilation of essays that reach beyond individualistic, white, Western, middle-class models of caregiving that can mimic systems of injustice. Instead, the resulting volume offers constructive approaches to caregiving that more effectively meet the needs of those who routinely experience marginalization and oppression.

Kujawa-Holbrook and Montagno argue that the fundamental work of religious traditions, including caregiving, is about human freedom and wholeness. As such, *Injustice and the Care of Souls* helps chaplains, pastoral counselors, social service workers, and other caregivers to better situate their work within the contexts of those seeking care. The book also helps caregivers to reflect on ways their social locations affect their work.

Since its first publication nearly fifteen years ago, this book uniquely offered content that situated contexts such as substructures in urban neighborhoods, religious liturgical practices, and the impact of public policies as t...

Contributor Bio

Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook is an Episcopal priest, scholar, theological educator, and professor of practical theology and religious education at Claremont School of Theology and professor of Anglican Studies at Bloy House, the Episcopal Theological School at Los Angeles. A certified Episcopal chaplain, she is the author of numerous books, articles, and reviews on racism and white supremacy in pastoral care, education, and congregational life. Kujawa-Holbrook was co-editor of the first edition of *Injustice and the Care of Souls*.

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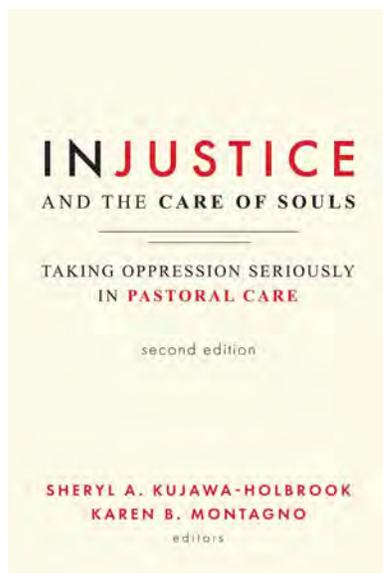
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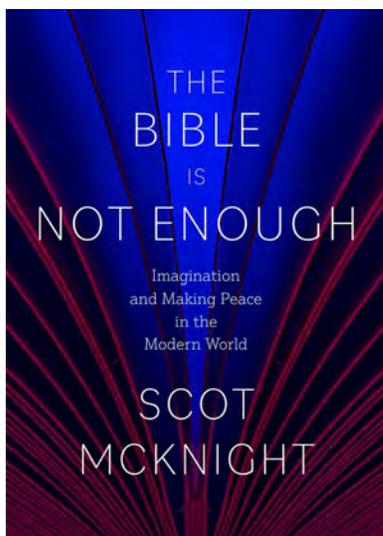
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The Bible Is Not Enough

Imagination and Making Peace in the Modern World

Scot McKnight

Key Selling Points:

- Author is well-known writer and scholar with a large online following
- His work appeals to a broad range of Christians who identify across the spectrum of conservative to progressive
- Provocative writing challenges readers and will create a buzz among thought leaders

Summary

Why peacemaking needs imagination and improvisation

The Bible offers a beginning. But the Bible itself has become another tool of the "humane." The audaciousness of the Bible has been tamed--tamed and then co-opted. All too often the Bible is weighed against itself, allowing extreme to mitigate extreme. But that is not how the Bible works. The Bible takes a stand by pressing for one end of the extreme, sometimes even pushing the other end off stage. The Bible did so in the past because the times called for it. And that is exactly what the Bible does today, regarding peace. The Bible imagines a peaceful world and then insists upon improvisation to realize that peace.

Contributor Bio

Scot McKnight is an American New Testament scholar, historian of early Christianity, theologian, and author who has written widely on the historical Jesus, early Christianity, and Christian living. He is the author of the best-selling books *The Blue Parakeet* and *The Jesus Creed*. He is currently professor of New Testament at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lisle, Illinois.

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Saving Faith

How American Christianity Can Reclaim Its Prophetic Voice

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- Timely topic with insights from a well-respected and well-known scholar
- Connects Christianity's current cultural crisis with its history
- Will appeal to readers outside of academic and ministry settings

Summary

Any attempt to arrest the decline of Christianity in America must first reckon with its past, especially America's "original sin" of racism.

Survey data and anecdotal evidence agree that Christianity is losing its hold on American life. The Roman Catholic hierarchy struggles to regain its credibility following the pedophilia scandals, mainline Protestantism wrestles with issues of sexual identity and attrition, and white evangelicalism has merged with the far-right precincts of the Republican Party. Moral authority, it seems, is hard to come by, with all three of the major Christian traditions--Roman Catholicism, mainline Protestantism, and white evangelicalism--facing a crisis of credibility.

Finger-pointing abounds. Many people of faith blame the rampant secularization of society in recent decades, while critics contend that Christians themselves, or at least their leaders, are blind to their own shortcomings. Some of the proposed remedies--an appeal to nostalgia, an attempt to undermine the separation of church and state, trying to throttle religious diversity, and asserting the supposed "Christian" origins of the nation--are historically misguided and would only deepen the crisis facing Christianity.

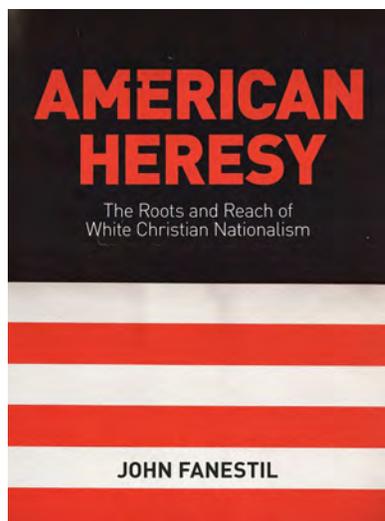
Saving Faith argues that any attempt to arrest the decline of Christianity in America must first reckon with the past, ...

Contributor Bio

Randall Balmer is the John Phillips Professor in Religion at Dartmouth College. He is the author of more than a dozen books, including ; *Redeemer: The Life of Jimmy Carter*; and *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory: A Journey into the Evangelical Subculture in America*, which is now in its fifth edition and has been made into an award-winning three-part series for PBS.

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American Heresy

The Roots and Reach of White Christian Nationalism

John Fanestil

Key Selling Points:

- Accessibly written history on the most alarming cultural crisis of today: white Christian nationalism
- Timely and ongoing topic from a well-respected historian
- Grappling with this history is vital to the United States' ability to move forward as a strong democracy

Summary

The colonial origins of white Christian nationalism and its implications for today

American Heresy uncovers the complex legacy of America's founding principles, demonstrating how the very same values have produced both good fruit and the bitter harvest of white Christian nationalism. Fanestil adeptly traces an early American story that reaches into our present with alarming immediacy.

Using cogent examples from the earliest days of colonial settlement through the Revolutionary War era, Fanestil helps us understand how many of the principles we view as paradigmatic expressions of American identity have had contested histories from the start. Virtue has brought both self-sacrifice and extremism; progress, both cultural pride and white racism. The very same principles that underpin the United States' proudest moments also forged the white Christian nationalism that fruited so dangerously in the Capitol insurrection of January 6, 2021.

The implications of Fanestil's complex history are highly pertinent--and alarming. Far from a fringe movement embraced by a violent few, white Christian nationalism is a spiritual inheritance shared by all white American Christians. Grappling with this history is vital if the United States is ever to move beyond its tragic legacy as a wh...

Contributor Bio

John Fanestil holds a PhD in American history from the University of Southern California and studied as a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford. Fanestil's previous books include *Mrs. Hunter's Happy Death* (Doubleday, 2006) and *One Life to Give* (Fortress, 2021). An ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, Fanestil serves as executive director of Via International, a nonprofit serving border communities in San Diego and Tijuana.

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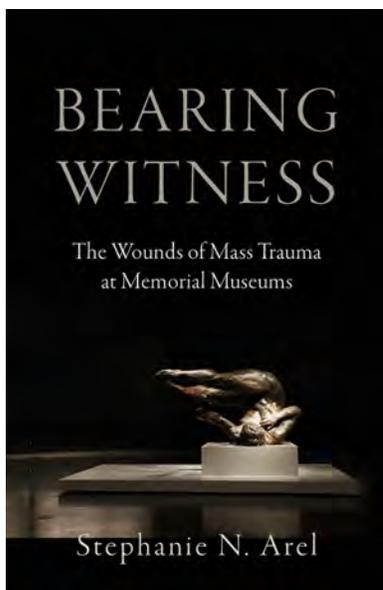
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Bearing Witness

The Wounds of Mass Trauma at Memorial Museums

Stephanie N. Arel

Key Selling Points:

- Unique work that shares--for the first time--the testimony of people who have borne witness to and memorialized mass trauma
- Author is a well-respected scholar
- Extensive research and interviews with people who work at various museums and memorials

Summary

Recognizes the psychological, spiritual, and physical costs that come from responding to mass trauma and participating in communal recovery.

Museum memorialization has long been about politics, design implications, and visitor experience--rarely focused upon the people mired in commemorating the dead. Profound challenges confront those who memorialize mass trauma at memorial museums. Listening to the voices of those called to do this work enables insight into the critical role they play in preserving and disseminating history's most painful narratives, expanding views of recovery from mass trauma, and revealing the value in the profession.

As an Andrew W. Mellon Fellow at the National September 11 Memorial Museum, Dr. Stephanie Arel recognized costs--psychological, spiritual, and physical--aligned with responding to mass trauma and participating in communal recovery. The impact of bearing witness at memorial museums emerged in the lives of workers. To explore the phenomenon, she visited Auschwitz, interviewing those who remember the Holocaust's horrors while resisting its infiltration in their personal lives. The immensity of honoring the dead for others inspired additional sojourns in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cambodia, Israel, South Africa, and the United States. She discovered dimensions of pride and care evident in those w...

Contributor Bio

Dr. Stephanie Arel is a lecturer in the Department of Theology at Fordham University in New York City.

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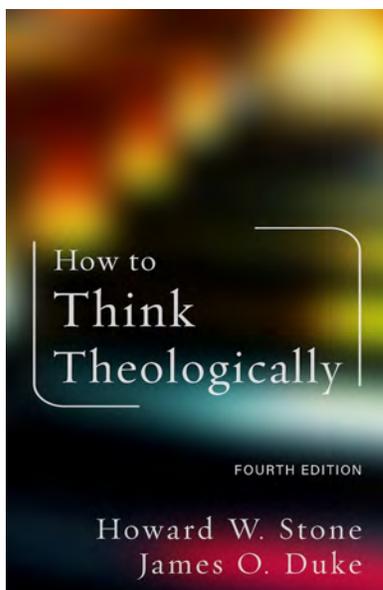
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Fourth Edition

Howard W. Stone, James O. Duke

Summary

New and revised edition of this indispensable guide to helping students of theology realize their call to be theologians.

Decades of use and refinement have solidified the place of *How to Think Theologically* as the indispensable guide to helping students of theology realize their call to be theologians. By focusing not on thinkers or thoughts, but on thinking, Stone and Duke induct readers into those habits of mind that lead to understanding all things--social, cultural, and personal--in relation to God.

The new edition includes:

- Expansions of existing chapters
- An annotated bibliography of recommended reading
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- An expanded glossary
- Key points highlighted in call-outs throughout
- Updated case studies

Discussion questions

Both experienced teachers and beginning students will benefit from Stone and Duke's latest revision of their classic text.

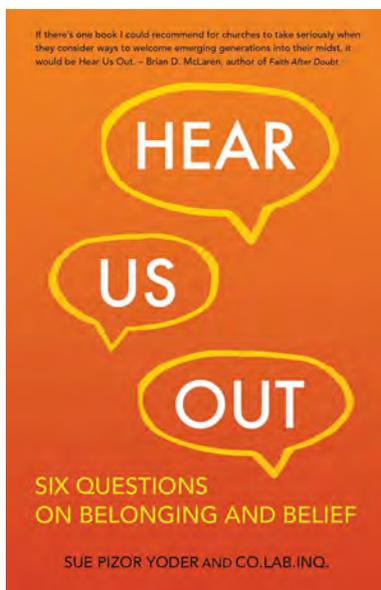
Contributor Bio

Howard W. Stone is professor emeritus of psychology and pastoral counseling at Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University. He is the author of many influential books, including *Depression and Hope*, and editor of *Strategies for Brief Pastoral Counseling*.

James O. Duke is professor of history of Christianity and history of Christian thought at Brite Divinity School. His analytical and translation work has ranged over European and American religion.

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Hear Us Out

Six Questions on Belonging and Belief

Sue Pizor Yoder, Bonnie Bates, Brandon M. Heavner, Joanne P. Marchetto, Jill Peters, Stephen Simmons, Janet Stahl, James Stahl

Summary

Insightful stories in emerging generations' own voices

How are emerging generations making meaning in their lives? This team of eight scholars and ministry leaders from across the denominational spectrum formed Co.lab.inq, a collective learning laboratory focused on open-ended inquiry, to explore this question. Together they interviewed over 200 people under 40 in search of the lessons they might teach us about belonging, adversity, legacy - and faith.

Through collaborative storytelling conversations focused on truth-seeking and meaning-making, Sue Pizor Yoder and her co-authors illustrate the complex and varied ways Millennials and Gen Z are navigating life and crafting their stories. What do younger Americans have to say about belonging? Where do they find meaning? What challenges are they facing--and how do they confront them? How do they envision their legacies?

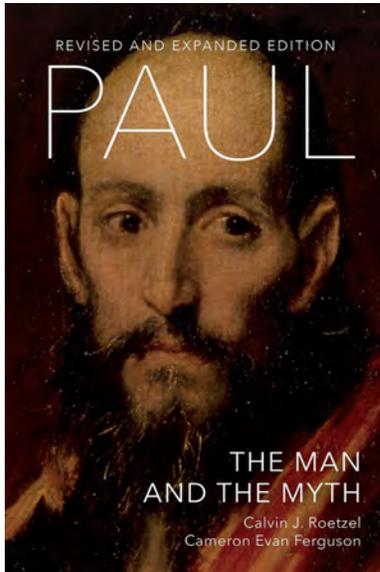
Pizor Yoder and her colleagues were surprised to find that in addition to these questions, their conversation partners also wanted to talk about faith--even when they didn't identify with any religious tradition. The narratives these authors uncover offer both critique and blessing for society and the church.

Contributor Bio

Rev. Dr. Sue Pizor Yoder is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and has served in congregational ministry for forty years. Her coauthors, all of whom hail from the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania, are Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, Rev. Brandon M. Heavner, Rev. Dr. Joanne P. Marchetto, Dr. Jill Peters, Dr. Stephen Simmons, Janet Stahl, and James Stahl. Together they have formed Co.lab.inq, a collective learning laboratory focused on open-ended inquiry.

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Paul

The Man and the Myth, Revised and Expanded Edition

Calvin J. Roetzel, Cameron Evan Ferguson

Summary

Updated and expanded of an award-winning classic

Paul: The Man and the Myth opens a window into the humanity of the most influential apostle of the early Christian church and, in doing so, offers a fresh view of this important historical figure. In examining the apostle and his theology, Calvin J. Roetzel vividly depicts Paul's world--the land where he grew up, the language he spoke, the Scriptures he studied, and the lessons he learned in letter-writing and rhetoric. Roetzel presents an evangelist anxious about the welfare of his churches, a theologian facing fierce opposition, a missionary at the mercy of the elements, and a man suffering physical assault, slander, and imprisonment. In contrast to the powerful hero described in Acts and the Apocryphal Acts, Roetzel's portrayal presents a physically weak, even sickly theologian, a letter-writer, and a preacher unskilled in speech. Questioning the historicity of widely held beliefs about the apostle--including his Roman citizenship--Roetzel suggests that Paul never abandoned ties to his native Judaism or to the Hellenistic culture of his childhood. Roetzel underscores that no matter how Paul's image has changed through history, he remains forever tied to support for the weak and ...

Contributor Bio

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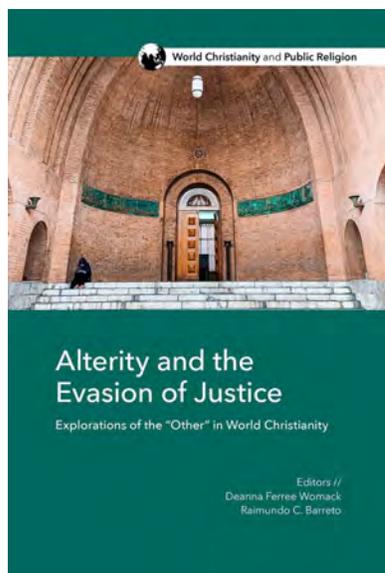
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Alterity and the Evasion of Justice

Explorations of the "Other" in World Christianity

Deanna Ferree Womack, Raimundo C. Barreto, James Elisha Taneti, Moses O. Biney, Fulata Lusungu Moyo, Sun Yong Lee, Jay-Paul Hinds, Teresa Delgado, Chammah J. Kaunda, Mutale Kaunda, Eve Parker

Summary

Race, gender, sexuality, and alterity in World Christianity.

As a contribution to the Fortress series on World Christianity as Public Religion, this volume delves into questions of religious alterity and justice in World Christianity. This volume asks what histories, practices, or identities have been left invisible in the field of World Christianity, and emphasizes liberationist concerns to consider what the field has overlooked or misrepresented. It recognizes that World Christianity scholarship has elevated voices of marginalized Christians from the Global South and challenged Eurocentric modes in the study of religion, but scholars of World Christianity must also attend to the margins of the field itself. Attention to the overlooked "other" within World Christianity scholarship reveals communities that have been excluded and questions of justice within the Global South that have been neglected. This volume points to gender, sexuality, and race as intersectional themes ripe for exploration within the field, while also identifying areas of study that have fallen outside the dominant World Christianity narrative, such as the Middle East and the theological expression of indigenous and aboriginal communities in the aftermath of European colon...

Contributor Bio

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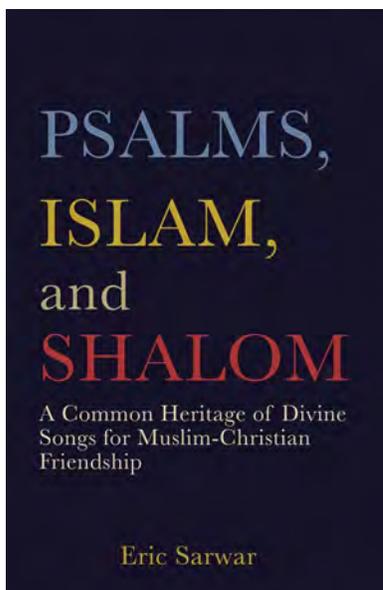
Moses O. Biney is assistant professor of religion and society at New York Theological Seminary and author of *From Africa to America: Religion and Adaptation among Ghanaian Immigrants in New York* (New York University Press).

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Psalms, Islam, and Shalom

A Common Heritage of Divine Songs for Muslim-Christian Friendship

Eric Sarwar

Summary

Uncovering the valuable and mostly untapped role of the biblical Psalms to foster peaceful friendship between Christians and Muslims.

For fourteen centuries, a gap of mutual suspicion and hostility has existed between Christians and Muslims, despite attempts to engage theologically, apologetically, polemically, and militarily (such as the Crusades). During the past four decades, increased Islamization in Pakistan has led to blasphemy laws, nationalization of Christian institutions, a state policy of religious and political profiling, and discrimination against followers of Jesus. Historic animosity has resulted in widespread violence and persecution. Amid such an environment, past efforts at reaching Muslims with the gospel have proved ineffective or even detrimental, highlighting a need for a different approach to engaging with Islamic culture.

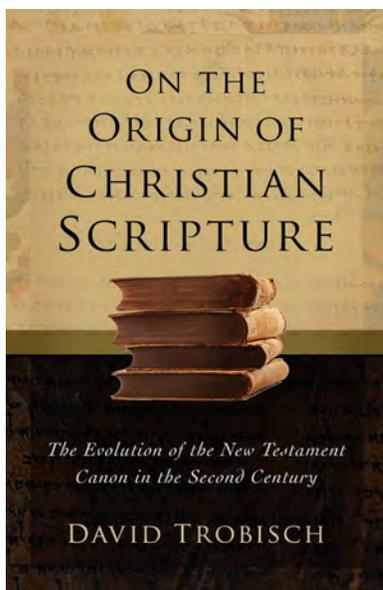
Eric Sarwar's research, experience, and practice have uncovered the valuable and mostly untapped role of the biblical Psalms in fostering peaceful friendship with Muslims. The book of Psalms, called Zabor in Arabic, is a common heritage of divine song that can be used as a point of connection for public witness between Muslims and Christians. Especially in the Pakistani context, Psalms carries vast potential, in terms of both text and musical expression, as a bridge to pea...

Contributor Bio

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The Evolution of the New Testament Canon in the Second Century

David Trobisch

Summary

How, Where, Who, Why--The Canonical Edition of the New Testament

The New Testament claims to be a collection of writings from eight authors. The manuscript tradition and the first provenance narratives place its publication in the middle of the second century, when many other books on Jesus and his first followers were circulating.

Competing publications on Jesus communicate knowledge secretly passed on from generation to generation, transcending time and geographical boundaries. Like the Canonical Edition of the New Testament, they use first-century voices to address second-century concerns, such as whether the Creator of the world was the Father of Jesus, the role of women in congregations, the culture of producing and distributing books, and the authority of Jewish Scripture for Christians. The shared meta-narrative is the story of a divine messenger sent to earth to deliver the promise of eternal life to those who believe his message.

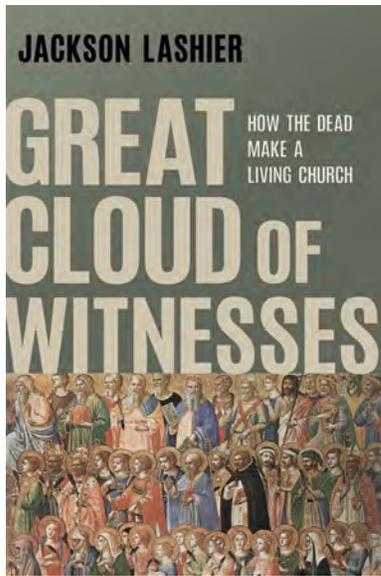
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Contributor Bio

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How the Dead Make a Living Church

Jackson Lashier

Summary

Even Protestants should venerate the saints.

Protestant Christians should venerate the saints. This shocking claim lies at the heart of *Great Cloud of Witnesses*. In it, Jackson Lashier presents the practice's biblical foundations and highlights the Christian belief in the resurrection of the dead: those who have died in Christ are still living in hope of final resurrection, and in that state, they serve as witnesses (Hebrews 12:1), actively supporting modern Christians as they seek to live faithful lives of discipleship.

Each chapter tells the story of a different saint--six men and six women from varying places, times, and traditions--both to connect them to readers as spiritual companions and to relate more practical lessons from the saints' lives. Readers will encounter different and more creative ways of reading Scripture, learn how important doctrines (e.g., the Trinity) developed from Scripture, and experience ways of living like a monk, even while having a job and a family. The stories are told chronologically, giving Protestant readers the added benefit of a greater knowledge of church history.

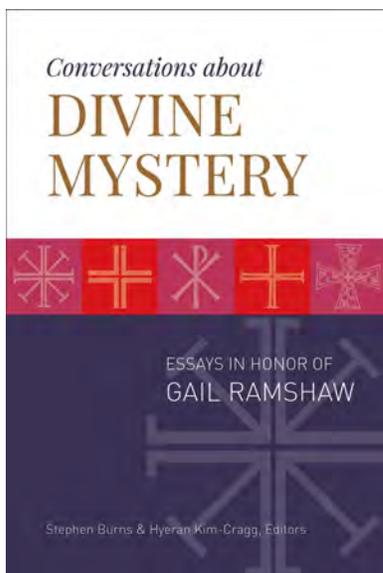
Because Protestants are often skeptical of saint veneration, the book addresses common objections: Are the saints divine? Does ...

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Essays in Honor of Gail Ramshaw

Stephen Burns, HyeRan Kim-Cragg

Summary

Honoring the life and work of Dr. Gail Ramshaw

For decades, Gail Ramshaw has lent her liturgical and theological creativity to the church's life in worship. Her past-presidency of the North American Academy of Liturgy is a signal of her gravitas in the academy, not to mention the more than two dozen books she has produced. For the churches--and not only her own Evangelical Lutheran Church in America--she has, internationally and ecumenically, and in part through active involvement in the World Council of Churches (WCC), had her work included in the ritual books of many traditions around the world.

Here, in a fitting recognition of a life of scholarship and reflection, is an esteemed collection of writing by liturgical and homiletical scholars honoring and engaging with Gail Ramshaw's work and extending it further to new questions, contexts, and concerns.

The volume is organized around the key themes of Ramshaw's work: lectionary patterns, prayer forms, and theological horizons.

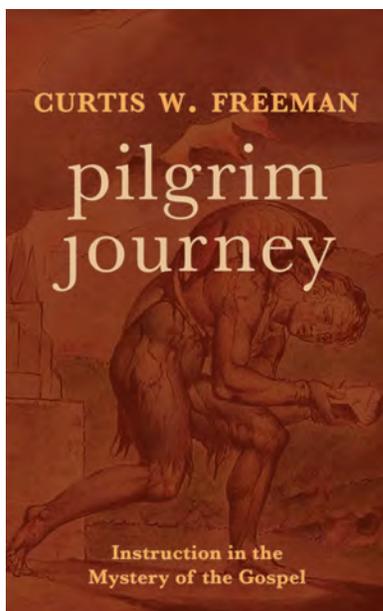
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Instruction in the Mystery of the Gospel

Curtis W. Freeman

Summary

Basic instruction in the mysteries of the Christian faith.

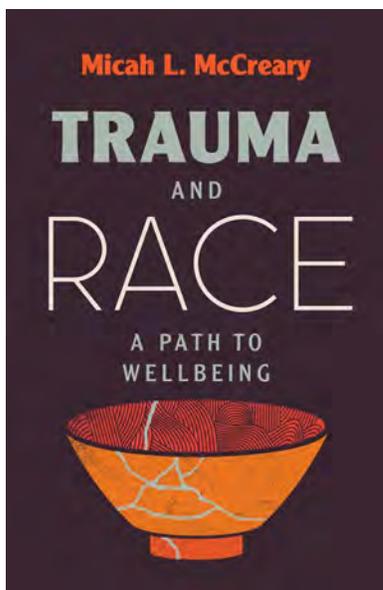
Pilgrim Journey guides newly baptized Christians to discern the mysteries of the gospel. It is a sequel and companion volume to *Pilgrim Letters* (Fortress, 2020). Like its predecessor volume, *Pilgrim Journey* is a series of letters written by Interpreter, the teacher, to Pilgrim, the newly baptized Christian. The theological and ecclesial scope of the letters is evangelical-catholic, free church-ecumenical, and ancient-future. Each letter is shaped by the prophetic imagination of the biblical illustrations of William Blake and informed by the narrative spirituality of *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. *Pilgrim Journey* begins with an introduction into the mystery of redemption hidden through the ages and revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The program of instruction contains the exposition of seven mysteries, each of which displays the central mystery of the gospel: (1) God speaks one true word in Jesus Christ; (2) the two Testaments form the one canon of Christian Scripture; (3) the one true God is made known in the three persons of the Holy Trinity; (4) true knowledge of God is discerned through reading the sacred Scripture literally and spiritually, e...

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A Path to Wellbeing

Micah L. McCreary

Summary

Lives at the intersection of trauma, race, and counseling.

This book is about trauma-informed counseling with racially traumatized African (Black), Latino/a/x, Asian, and Native (Indigenous) Americans (ALANAs). ALANAs face the difficulties of systemic racism and experiences of trauma. Any attempt by trauma-informed professionals to help or heal must consider the intersection of race and trauma. Counselors working with race and trauma must use a trauma-informed blueprint to address trauma issues. Comprehending the components and intersectionality of trauma and race is critical to healing and strengthening hurting people, particularly ALANAs. The book explores the matters of race and trauma through discussions of sociological issues; the intersectionality of race, gender, and class; and benign neglect of ALANAs.

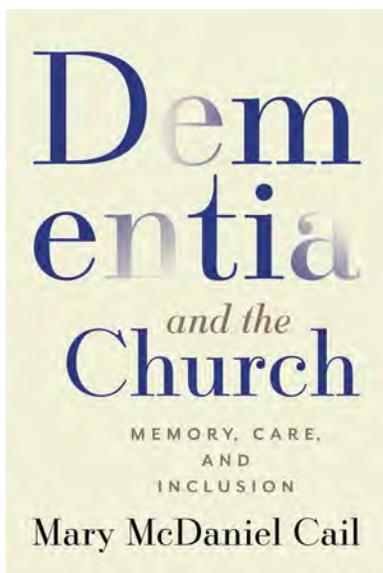
This book makes an important contribution to the conversation on race and trauma because its purpose is to equip healers with the tools necessary to assist individuals, families, groups, and communities to heal from abuse, discrimination, and maltreatment.

Contributor Bio

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Dementia and the Church

Memory, Care, and Inclusion

Mary McDaniel Cail

Summary

Offers insight, context, and concrete guidance for congregations and leaders seeking to better serve the growing percentage of the population that is experiencing life with dementia.

Mary McDaniel Cail calls upon extensive personal and professional experience to offer insight, context, and concrete guidance for congregations and leaders seeking to better serve the growing percentage of the population that is experiencing life with dementia. Churches have vital roles to play, Cail explains, in showing those living with the difficulties of dementia the "soul-quieting God" who promises we are engraved, never to be forgotten, on the palms of God's hands. By recognizing and supporting the full humanity of all people, congregations and leaders can help both patients and caregivers live more fulfilling lives.

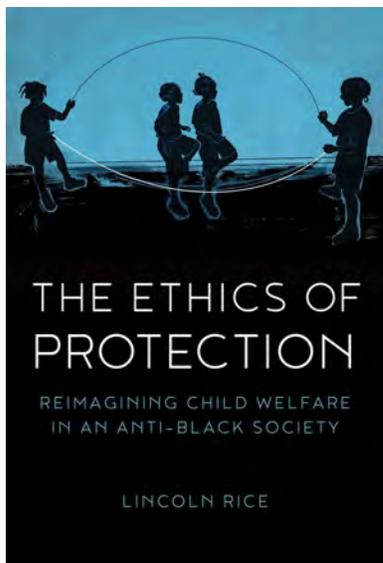
Cail pairs poignant stories with practical advice for developing holistic "memory ministry." *Dementia and the Church* includes lesson plans, advice on programming, and a rich trove of resources in addition to pragmatic information about dementia in all its forms. A gifted storyteller, Cail crafts her prose with care and intention. Readers will develop "informed compassion," learning how to accept, pray with, relieve, and comfort all who cope with these increasingly common challenges - including themselves.

Contributor Bio

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The Ethics of Protection

Reimagining Child Welfare in an Anti-Black Society

Lincoln Rice

Summary

A society's moral measure is its treatment of the vulnerable.

Gandhi famously argued that society's moral measure was its treatment of the vulnerable. Few members of society experience vulnerability more than children. When families fail their children, government and civil society have a moral and legal charge to intervene. But the road to hell is paved with good intentions. In the United States, there exists a fraught intersection between child welfare and anti-Black racism that has its roots in chattel slavery and the Black Codes that restricted African American freedoms following the Civil War. Today, Black children are twice as likely to be deemed victims of child maltreatment compared to white children, and even more likely to be removed from their parents and adopted out to strangers.

The Ethics of Protection responds to these dire realities with a liberationist approach to child welfare ethics. This approach differs from traditional ethics in two ways: It moves the "social location" of ethics from governing bodies, boardrooms, and institutions to the perspective of society's most vulnerable. And it critiques neoliberal politics and economics for their role in this injustice. Drawing on historical analysis, Catholic social teaching, Scr...

Contributor Bio

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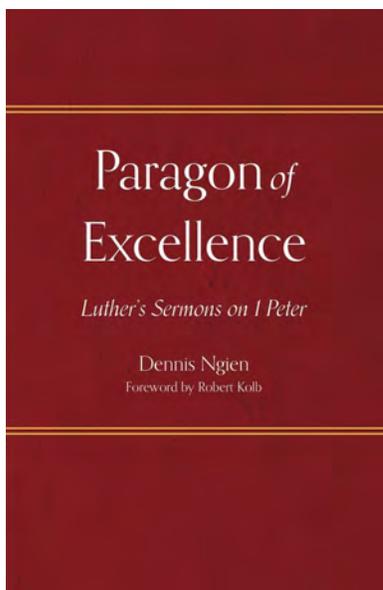
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Paragon of Excellence

Luther's Sermons on 1 Peter

Dennis Ngien, Robert Kolb

Summary

Recover Luther's regard for 1 Peter as "the genuine and pure gospel."

Scholars routinely describe how Martin Luther prioritized the books of the New Testament that he believed most truly represented the gospel, the Living Word of Jesus Christ. Luther adored the Gospel of John and the Pauline epistles. Less well known is the admiration he had for the pastoral epistle of 1 Peter. Dennis Ngien's careful explication brings 1 Peter into the light of Lutheran biblical scholarship, demonstrating its standing for Luther alongside the Gospel of John and the Pauline epistles as the "true kernel and marrow of all books."

Ngien rejects caricatured portrayals of Peter disappearing halfway through the book of Acts. Instead, Ngien demonstrates that, for Luther, Peter stands alongside John and Paul as a master of the majestic doctrine of justification. Luther variously describes 1 Peter as "the paragon of excellence" and "the genuine and pure gospel." Ngien uses the epistle's five chapters as thematic frames for describing the depth and breadth of regard Luther had for Peter.

Indeed, for Ngien the sermons on 1 Peter present the most comprehensive early expression of Luther's mature thought and reflect the reformer's vocational maturation as "care-taker of the soul." P...

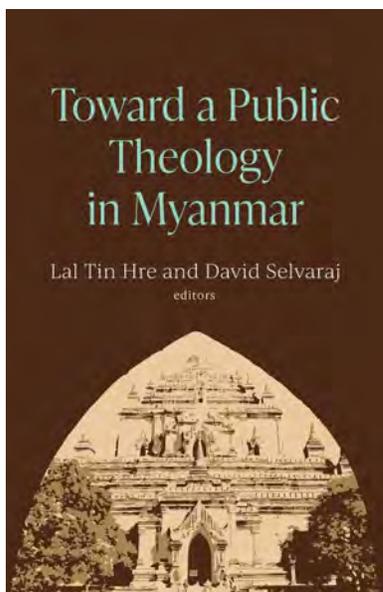
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Summary

Reflects the journey of a missional team from Myanmar and India listening to and learning from each other.

The essays in this volume reflect the journey of a team from Myanmar and India listening and learning from each other. The intention is for theologians, pastors, and public intellectuals from Southeast Asia, starting from the Association of Theological Education in South East Asia (ATESEA), to initiate or strengthen discussions on the theme of Public Witness. In situations where the discussion has begun, we hope this contribution will add to the process. At a fundamental level, this volume will trigger a rethinking of Mission in Myanmar in the context of re-imposed military rule.

The volume is divided into three parts. The first offers an introduction, leading up to the book and to the Association of Theological Education in Myanmar (ATEM), the second a section on theology of Public Witness and broad theoretical formulations concluding with a wide array of the contemporary issues on the ground. The articles come out of the five workshops, for professional theologians from seminaries, social activists from a Christian faith background and pastors.

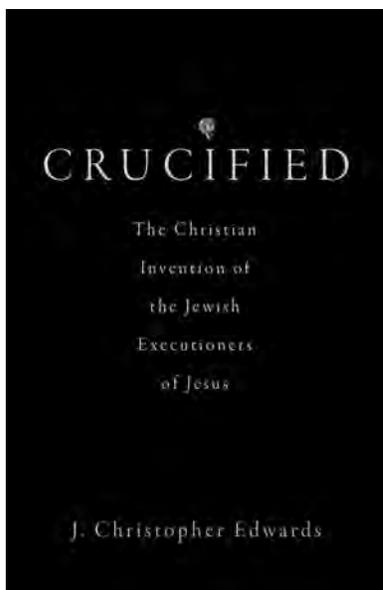
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Crucified

The Christian Invention of the Jewish Executioners of Jesus

J. Christopher Edwards

Summary

Early Christians sought to rewrite their history and shift the blame for Jesus's crucifixion away from Pilate and his soldiers and onto Jews, which--at least on an unconscious level--may still influence Christians' understanding of Jews and Judaism.

Historians of early Christianity unanimously agree that Jesus was executed by Roman soldiers. This consensus extends to members of the general population who have seen a Jesus movie or an Easter play and remember Roman soldiers hammering the nails. However, for early Christians, the detail that Jesus was crucified by Roman soldiers under the direction of a Roman governor threatened their desire for a stable existence in the Roman world. Beginning with the writings found in the New Testament, early Christians sought to rewrite their history and shift the blame for Jesus's crucifixion away from Pilate and his soldiers and onto Jews. During the second century, a narrative of the crucifixion with Jewish executioners predominated. During the fourth century, this narrative functioned to encourage anti-Judaism within the newly established Christian empire. Yet, in the modern world, there exists a significant degree of ignorance regarding the pervasiveness--or sometimes even the existence!--of the claim among ancient Christians that Jesus was executed by Jews. This ignorance is deeply problematic, because it leaves a gaping hole in our understanding of what for so long was the direct under...

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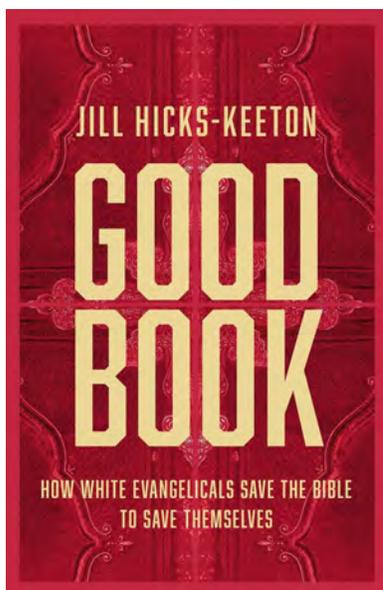
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Good Book

How White Evangelicals Save the Bible to Save Themselves

Jill Hicks-Keeton

Summary

As social norms change, evangelicals confront interpretive challenges as they attempt to render the Bible ever benevolent.

Good Book? interrogates how white evangelical Christians in the US make the Bible the "Good Book." An inanimate object with a contested table of contents ripe for multiple meanings and uses, the Bible cannot be a moral agent on its own. People must make it so, as indeed they have. As prevailing social norms change, evangelical Christians confront intellectual and interpretive challenges as they quest to make an ancient book newly relevant and ever benevolent, especially for historically oppressed populations. While histories show us that white Christians in the US have frequently appealed to their Bibles in support of issues now judged to be on the wrong side of history, including racism, sexism, and colonialism, contemporary white evangelical figures have in recent years worked steadfastly to defend the Bible against charges of complicity in harm. This is especially the case when it comes to patriarchy and the place of women, as evangelicals conscript the Bible into arguments for and against patriarchal normativity in response to changing conceptions of what is good.

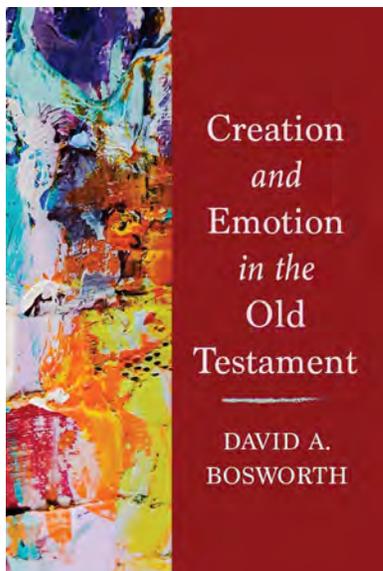
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Creation and Emotion in the Old Testament

David A. Bosworth

Summary

From awe to fear, exploring the Bible's language of creation.

Creation conjures emotion and thereby shapes how we think and act. People fear snakes and enclosed spaces, and delight in well-watered landscapes. Language about nature evokes these emotional meanings and their consequences. We may construe nature as a mother to enhance love of creation and motivate care for our common home. Mother nature becomes a caregiving source of life rather than an inert resource. Alternatively, we may focus on the dangers or uselessness of a swamp so that we may drain it and plant crops. Creation and the ways we speak about it reflect and shape emotion and influence behavior.

Every reference to the natural world in biblical literature involves some emotional resonance. Any animal might have intruded into the paradise of Eden, but the biblical narrative gives this role to a snake. The serpent elicits ominous foreboding because snakes evoke fear and fascination. Isaiah amplifies the joy of Israel's restoration by depicting deserts transforming into fertile fields and creation itself rejoicing. Biblical authors draw on human emotional responsiveness to creation to express and elicit emotions.

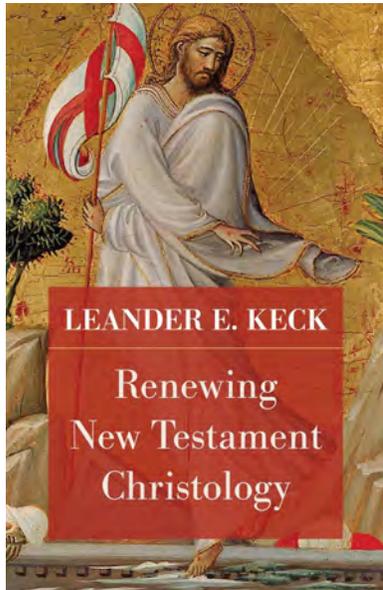
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Renewing New Testament Christology

Leander E. Keck, David Keck, Richard B. Hays

Summary

A master interpreter on the Bible's most important subject: Christology.

Advocating New Testament Christology as a historically informed theological enterprise readily suggests the book's two-part structure: the treatment of the four Christologies in Part Two is warranted by the arguments in Part One, whose first chapter neither surveys nor summarizes the history of research but instead presents a historically informed argument about the impact of "history" on Christology. The second chapter provides a crisp formal statement of Christology's task as the clue to its nature. Christology's logic--its reasoning--is especially important, for it accounts for the way Jesus's religious significance is grounded in his relation to God.

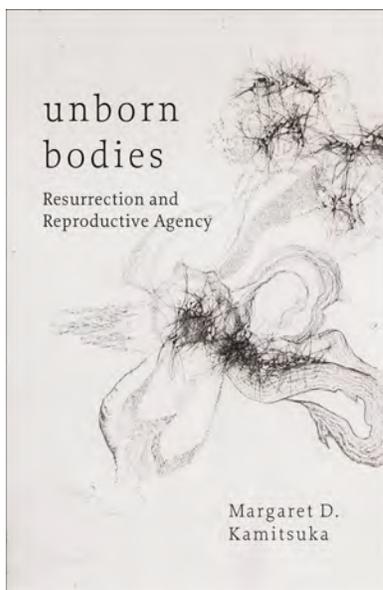
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Contributor Bio

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Unborn Bodies

Resurrection and Reproductive Agency

Margaret D. Kamitsuka

Summary

How resurrection gives life to the unborn

The afterlife continues to influence Christian faith and is a concern during fragile moments of reproductive loss. However, a doctrine of resurrection that speaks to death in the womb has yet to be considered.

Ignoring fetal death began early in Christian history. The church has struggled for settled meaning regarding issues of personhood in the womb and whether unbaptized infants are saved. Believers today deserve to know the basis for a Christian hope of heaven. They deserve a nontoxic eschatology that sustains an embodied sense of self, which is fractured by the experience of reproductive loss. They deserve to know whether assenting to the resurrection of the body--including unborn bodies--requires them to sacrifice their reproductive self-determination.

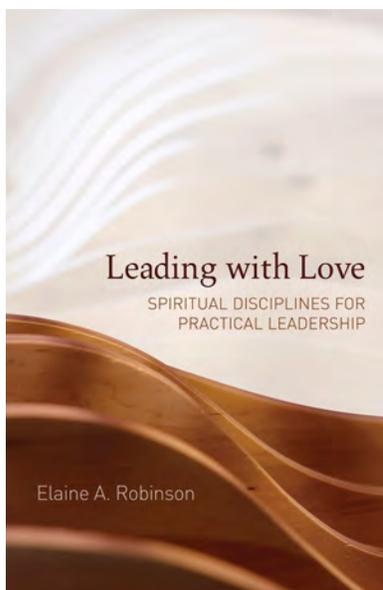
The dominant Christian narrative of postmortem survival hinges on the concept of an immaterial soul that continues after death. However, the soul's apparently contented communing with God during its interim existence makes a final bodily resurrection superfluous. A soul-based approach to postmortem survival may save souls, but it does not resurrect bodies. If one can secure the plausibility of the resurrection of unborn bodies who...

Contributor Bio

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Leading with Love

Spiritual Disciplines for Practical Leadership

Elaine A. Robinson

Summary

Holistic advice for leading with love in challenging times

The first principle of ministry leadership is love--love that emerges from life rooted in God. We might have decent skills for leading a human institution or getting people involved in church, but truly transformative ministry calls us to lead God's people into the depths of spiritual life, those places where love is activated fully. Before we can help others, though, we must first cultivate this love in ourselves.

In *Leading with Love*, Elaine Robinson helps ministry professionals recognize that healthy leadership requires a deeper spirituality that enlivens us to move beyond rigid, dualistic frameworks. Only through life in Christ can we cope with and creatively address the challenges of ministry in an era characterized by a lack of trust in institutions and the anxieties of global pandemic, political division, and uncertainty about the future.

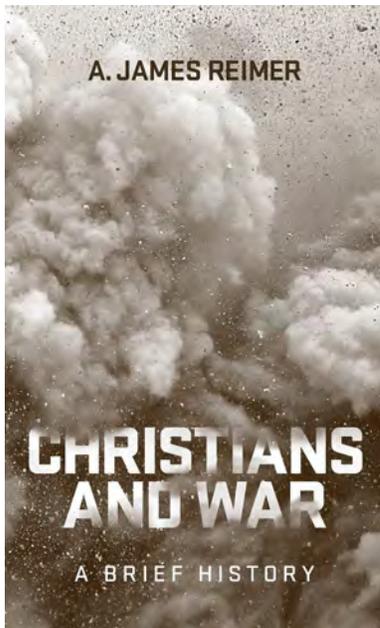
Robinson provides practical tools for cultivating spiritual practices that lead ministers into the world as agents of faith, hope, love, and justice. With its thematically targeted chapters and questions for reflection, readers will finish Robinson's book feeling refreshed and equipped for the good work of love that lies ahead.

Contributor Bio

Elaine A. Robinson teaches theology, leadership, and denominational studies at Saint Paul School of Theology and serves as co-pastor of The Village, a multiethnic congregation in Oklahoma City. She is the author or coeditor of several books addressing contemporary concerns for people of faith.

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Christians and War

A Brief History

A. James Reimer

Summary

This thoughtful survey of Christian teachings and practices on issues of war takes readers from classical Greco-Roman times to postmodernity.

Religion, and specifically Christianity, has often been blatantly invoked to support or oppose war and violence of all kinds. Christians are deeply divided over whether and when such violence is justifiable.

James Reimer offers a fair presentation of these controversial standpoints, including the classical Christian attitudes toward war: crusading or holy war, just war, and pacifism. His thoughtful survey of Christian teachings and practices on issues of war, violence, and the state takes readers from classical Greco-Roman times to postmodernity. Arguing that the church's responses to war can only be understood through the church's changing relationship to culture, Reimer concludes with an analysis of the contemporary debate and proposes criteria for legitimate and illegitimate use of force by nation-states.

Through confronting the Christian church's history, which is complex and sometimes difficult to endure, Reimer encourages readers to think critically and come to hold their own position that promotes both peace and justice.

Contributor Bio

James Reimer was professor of religious studies at Conrad Grebel College, University of Waterloo, and also professor of historical theology at Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto. His research centered on critical theory and historical theology, and recent publications include *The Dogmatic Imagination: The Dynamics of Christian Belief* (Herald Press, 2003) and *Paul Tillich: Theologian of Nature, Culture, and Politics* (2004).

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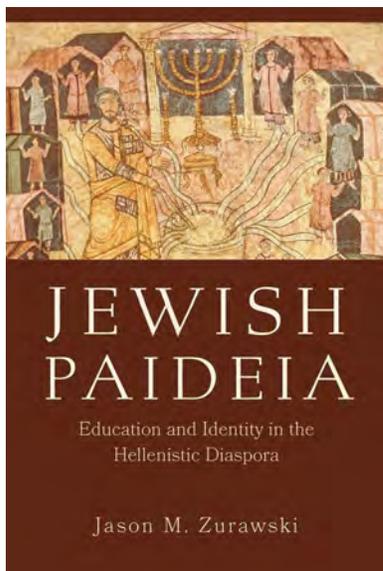
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Jason M. Zurawski

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Summary

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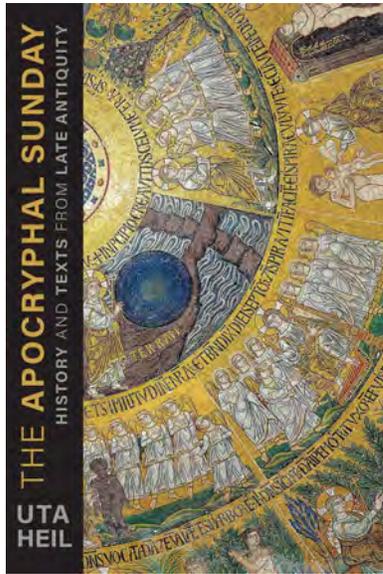
Jewish Paideia investigates diverse self-reflections on what it meant to be Jewish in Hellenistic and early Roman Diaspora communities by examining depictions of ideal Jewish education, or paideia, in the literature of the period. Education offers a unique and unexplored vantage point for understanding the internal constructing of Jewish identity in progress, as it provides key insight into the most determinative constituents of Jewish ethics and culture and into how questions of "Jewishness" were reimagined under dynamic and varied cultural and political circumstances. Within the elite intellectual circles of the ancient Mediterranean world, individual and communal identity, not unlike today, was inextricably bound to education. Depictions of ideal Jewish education become for us windows into a discourse of identity as it happened. By exploring how Jewish writers utilized *paideia* as a means of forming, reshaping, and deploying unique portraits of Jewish identity, this volume fills a significant lacuna in the study of ancient Judaism and the Jewish people. It also provides meaningful comparanda for Classicists and necessary background for later developments of Late Antique Jewish an...

Contributor Bio

Jason M. Zurawski (Ph.D., University of Michigan) is a historian of early Jewish and Christian intellectual culture. He previously served as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Qumran Institute at the University of Groningen (Netherlands). He is the editor of several volumes on the history and literature of early Judaism, including *Second Temple Jewish "Paideia" in Context* (De Gruyter, 2017), and currently is preparing the commentary on the Wisdom of Solomon for *Handbuch zum Alten Testament*.

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History and Texts from Late Antiquity

Uta Heil

Summary

The Cultural History of Sunday

A range of apocryphal and pseudepigraphic texts from Late Antiquity points to the importance of Sunday as a holiday for baptized Christians. First and foremost is the so-called Letter from Heaven, which has experienced a broad and long-lasting reception up to modern times, although it was also criticized as a forgery from its beginning. Unfortunately, these texts have not received sufficient attention so far.

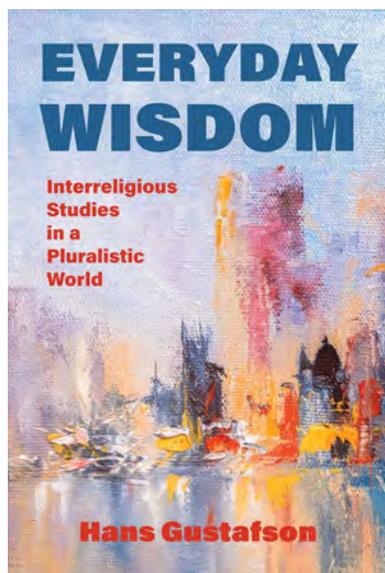
This volume presents various versions of the Letter from Heaven, as well as other texts (the pseudepigraphic Acts of the Synod of Caesarea; pseudepigraphic sermons of Eusebius of Alexandria, John Chrysostom, and Basil of Caesarea; passages from the Didascalia or Diataxis of Jesus Christ; the Second Apocryphal Apocalypse of John; the Visio Pauli; a sermon of Sophronius of Jerusalem; and the Apocalypse of Anastasia), together with a translation and commentary. An introduction tells the story of this letter and integrates it and the other texts into the cultural history of Sunday. It becomes clear that Sunday as a day of rest and a feast day was not in the foreground of the development of an ecclesiastical festival calendar for a long time, although Emperor Constantine enacted a l...

Contributor Bio

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Interreligious Studies in a Pluralistic World

Hans Gustafson

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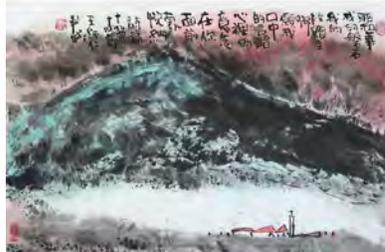
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Volume 2: Independent and Indigenous

Chloë Starr

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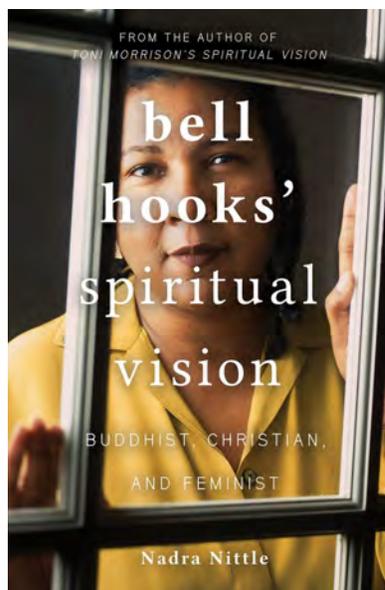
This volume presents a selection of new studies on "house church" theologians and theologies. These begin in the early twentieth century with studies of the Spiritual Gifts movement in Shandong and the nature of Pentecostalism in Hong Kong, and arrive in the present with essays on the chang...

Contributor Bio

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Nadra Nittle

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- Author's first book, *Toni Morrison's Spiritual Vision*, sold well, and this next examination of a cultural thought leader is part of a three-part series
- Speaks to both bell hooks's longtime followers and to readers new to her work

Summary

Tracing the spiritual influences of bell hooks' radical love

When Black feminist and scholar bell hooks died in 2021, she was widely remembered for writing more than three dozen books across genres including memoir, poetry, theory, and criticism. However, it was her book *Ain't I a Woman*, in which hooks examines how Black American women have historically faced gender, class, and racial oppression, that catapulted her to prominence as a leading feminist thinker.

Nadra Nittle makes it clear that hooks identified not only as a feminist but also as a Buddhist Christian. In *bell hooks' Spiritual Vision*, Nittle recounts how hooks kept her spiritual practice private for years, fearing there was no room to discuss her faith in the feminist movement or in the academy. Ultimately, hooks decided to talk and write about her faith to give hope to students curious about her source of strength in a society she deemed an ""imperialist white supremacist capitalist patriarchy.""

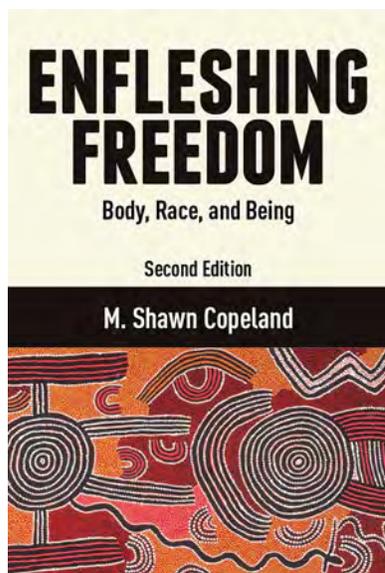
Nittle traces the influences of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh as hooks developed a spiritual practice centered on love as a force for social change. Although hooks opened up about her spiritual philosophy in the last decades of her life, Nittle argues ...

Contributor Bio

Nadra Nittle is an award-winning Los Angeles-based journalist. She has most recently been a staff reporter for The 19th News, which focuses on the intersection of gender and policy. Her writing has appeared in a variety of outlets, including *The Guardian*, NBC News, BBC News, and *The Atlantic*. Nadra is the author of *Toni Morrison's Spiritual Vision*, which is part of a three-book series to examine the spiritual vision of three African American luminaries. Her forthcoming book, *James Baldwin's Spiritual Vision*, is expected in 2024.

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Summary

Black women's experience and what it means to be human.

The achievement of our humanity comes about only through immersion in concrete, visceral, embodied relational experience, yet for many human beings, that achievement is stamped by the struggle against oppression in history, society, and religion.

In this incisive and important work, distinguished theologian M. Shawn Copeland demonstrates with rare insight and conviction how Black women's historical experience and oppression cast a completely different light on our theological ideas about being human. Copeland argues that race, embodiment, and relations of power reframe not only theological anthropology but also our notions of discipleship, church, Eucharist, and Christ. *Enfleshing Freedom* is a work of deep moral seriousness, rigorous speculative skill, and sharp theological reasoning. This new edition incorporates recent theological, philosophical, historical, political, and sociological scholarship; engages with current social movements like #BlackLivesMatter and #MeToo; and presents a new chapter on the body.

Contributor Bio

M. Shawn Copeland is professor emerita of systematic theology at Boston College. She has been president of the Catholic Theological Society of America. She has taught at Marquette University, Yale University Divinity School, and the Institute for Black Catholic Studies, Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans.

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A Christian Grammar

Paul J. Griffiths

Summary

Israel properly includes both Christians and Jews.

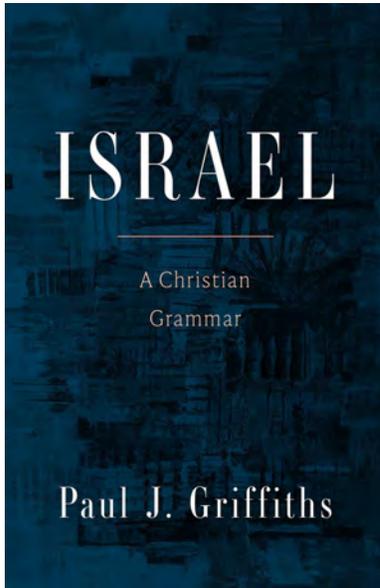
Israel: A Christian Grammar proposes an understanding of Israel for Christians. The book's central claim is that Israel properly includes both the synagogue and the church, which is the same as to say that Israel properly includes both Christians and Jews. This, the book proposes, makes better sense of twentieth- and twenty-first-century developments in Christian doctrine about the Jewish people than other, rival construals of the same matter: if Christians and Jews share a lineage, worship the same God, have the same purpose, and are each given an irrevocable promise by that God of the continuation of their condition as God's beloved community--then they share a form of life, and that form of life is Israel. Such an understanding requires addressing what separates church and synagogue (theologically, liturgically, halakhically), how the differences between them came about, and the condition and meaning of those differences now. That address is provided. Central to it is a depiction of the correct way for Christians to understand the nature of the separation between themselves and Jews, and of the part the church has played in bringing it about. Central to that, in turn, is a detail...

Contributor Bio

Paul J. Griffiths is an author and theologian. His most recent books are *Regret: A Theology* and *Why Read Pascal?*

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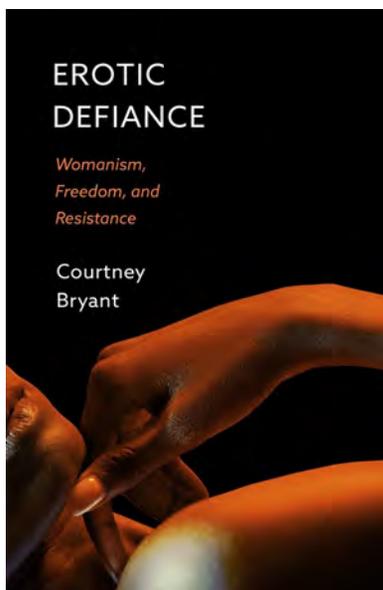
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Erotic Defiance

Womanism, Freedom, and Resistance

Courtney Bryant

Summary

Considers the ethical and theological dimensions of Black womanhood and how divine energy manifests love.

The West fears desire. It fears ecstasy. It fears flesh. It copes with its fears by deploying its intellectual, political, and religious instruments to regulate, discipline, and punish. Western fear of the erotic has led to its regimes of racial and gender hierarchies, institutions of repression, and dehumanization of large portions of the human family. In the face of anti-erotic hegemony, Black women have too often yielded to Western Christianity's anti-erotic culture, its misnaming of the erotic as evil, and its denial of the erotic's relationship to the divine. But they have also resisted. They have also defied. This book is rooted in that tradition of defiance.

Erotic Defiance considers the sacred and transformative power of the flesh through investigating the ethical and theological dimensions of the erotic experiences of Black women and performances of Black womanhood. Drawing on womanist and feminist analyses, Courtney Bryant approaches the erotic as a divine energy that manifests love in and through the flesh.

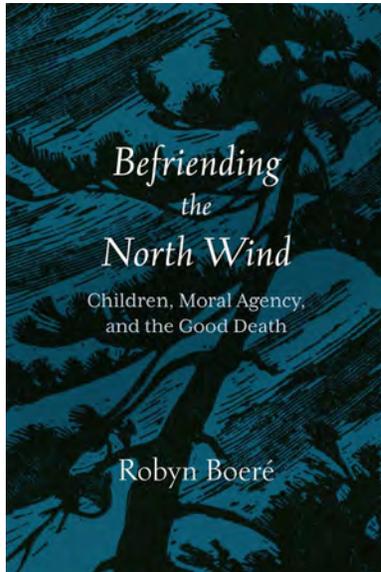
Such love takes many forms. It extends beyond the sexual to include passion, spirituality, community, and self-love. By positing love's manifestations as sacred work th...

Contributor Bio

Courtney Bryant is a womanist ethicist, a preacher, and assistant professor of religious studies at Manhattan College. Her work focuses on the erotic's role in shaping the social imagination, its impact on ethics, and attempts to construct liberating strategies for the social and spiritual progress of all communities by sharing how Black women's erotic practices can facilitate personal and social transformation.

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Children, Moral Agency, and the Good Death

Robyn Boéré

Summary

Discusses the moral lives of children and their agency in decisions about death. Children can and should have a voice in their end-of-life care.

The death of a child horrifies. We recoil at its mention. Images of dead or dying children impose themselves on our attention in ways that challenge us to change. Yet the topic of dying children is studiously avoided. When we do take notice, we paint children as victims, innocent of both blame and agency, passive in the face of suffering. Children die secluded in homes and hospitals, allowing society to carry on as though it were not happening.

Befriending the North Wind is about the moral lives of children and their agency in decisions about death. Our failure to be honest and open about the death of children hinders us from addressing their needs and confronting the sources of their suffering. This failure only adds to their suffering. Dying children often feel ignored, overlooked, and unable to exercise their agency to ameliorate their situation.

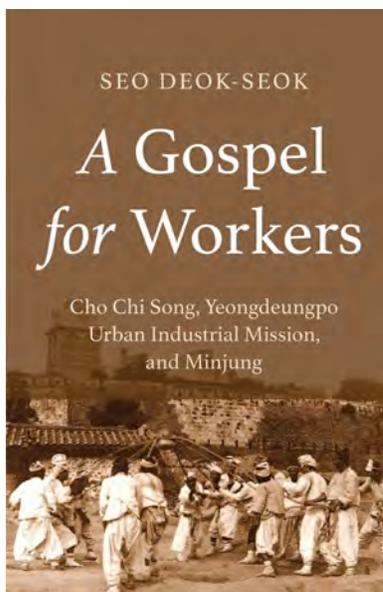
Befriending the North Wind presents a reconstruction of our understanding of human nature in light of the dimensions of human meaning that children reveal and the new horizons they open to us. It asserts that children can die a good death and that they can and should have a voice in their end-of-life care. This agency is grounded in their...

Contributor Bio

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Cho Chi Song, Yeongdeungpo Urban Industrial Mission, and Minjung

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Summary

The real-life biographies of the people who inspired Minjung Theology, which is still best known within Korea.

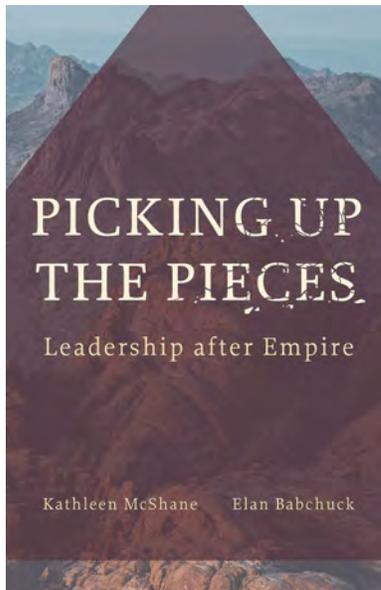
This book tells three overlapping stories: first, the life story of Rev. Cho Chi Song, a pioneer of urban and industrial missions, which served Korean society's working population; second, the Urban Industrial Mission (UIM) in Korea, which Cho Chi Song pioneered; and third, the story of how UIM provided the roots for Korean Minjung Theology. Owing to Cho Chi Song, UIM became the birthplace of missions for the working population and an enduring haven of a worker's right to life and dignity. Cho shared both tears and laughter with workers. At times moved by righteous anger, he worked to bring "healing to a sick society." Cho stands out in the history of industrial missions in that he trained and empowered a handful of ordained clergy as well as some dispossessed people to be agents of transformation. He helped working women take ownership of the Urban Industrial Mission and act as the very agents whose struggles for justice brought conviction to greedy business owners. They became potent catalysts for change in the unjust working conditions that were previously marked by very low wages and long working hours. A disciplined leader, Cho Chi Song was a constant friend to workers. Those ...

Contributor Bio

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Leadership after Empire

Kathleen McShane, Elan Babchuck

Summary

Moving from power-hungry to power-sharing models of religious leadership

While the exodus dates back thousands of years, religious organizations continue to operate in the shadows of the pyramids--the symbol of empire--that the Israelites once toiled to build. The reason is understandable, given that pyramids are remarkably stable structures. Pyramids lend an orderliness to organizational relationships in our churches and synagogues.

However, Kathleen McShane and Elan Babchuck argue that such leadership models reflect syncretic cultural traditions more than our theological convictions. These patterns elevate the structure of the pyramid above the people. They reward the consolidation of power at the top at the expense of the freedom of those below. They constrain creativity and elevate efficiency at the cost of human dignity.

In *Picking Up the Pieces*, McShane and Babchuck argue that these leadership models are not the way of the gospel. Therefore, today's religious leaders need a more generous model. They need a leadership model where power is shared rather than hoarded, and where every person can stretch toward the fullness of their God-given gifts, regardless of where they land on an organizational chart.

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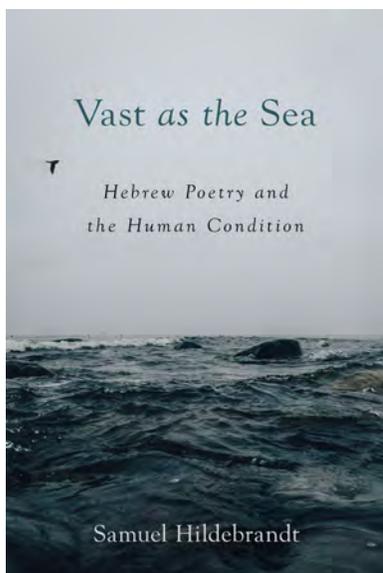
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Hebrew Poetry and the Human Condition

Samuel Hildebrandt

Summary

Shows how biblical texts like Job, Jeremiah, and the Psalms provide honest and healing expressions for life's struggles.

The poetry, imagery, speeches, and emotions readers encounter in texts like Job, Psalms, and Jeremiah are abundant resources for articulating the painful experiences of the human condition. These compositions are sacred scripts that normalize and articulate the anxiety, loneliness, and despair that mark life on earth. In *Vast as the Sea*, Samuel Hildebrandt presents an accessible, exegetical study of these scripts that demonstrates how the Bible's ancient poetry speaks today. In conversation with current psychological research, Hildebrandt's poetic analyses invite readers to discover the personal and expressive contours of the biblical text, as well as its liberating and healing potential.

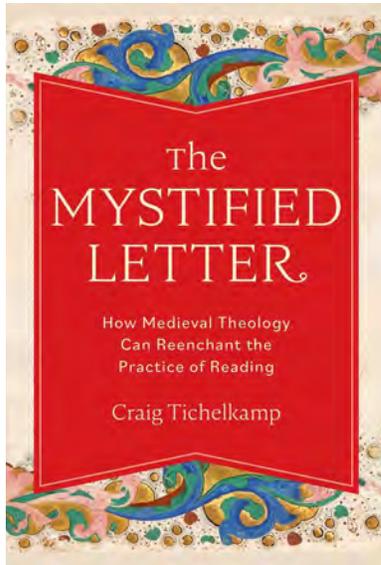
Vast as the Sea models an approach to the Old Testament that navigates a critical and creative balance between ancient contexts and contemporary life. Hildebrandt joins these two worlds together by maintaining a conscious focus on poetic language. By reflecting on individual words, engaging selected metaphors, and unpacking expressions and their underlying worldviews, *Vast as the Sea* gifts to its readers a reservoir of language for putting the pain of being human into words. The world, woe, and won...

Contributor Bio

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The Mystified Letter

How Medieval Theology Can Reenchant the Practice of Reading

Craig Tichelkamp

Summary

A theology of reading centered on mystical encounter

Reading has become a problem--not just of attention, comprehension, or growing rates of illiteracy, but of politics, society, and religion. The questions of how and what to read are not just matters of taste. Answers are often indicative of one's entire view of culture, church, and the cosmos, as well as the impasses of religion, reason, and moral vision. As a result, reading has become divisive and uninspiring. Reading has become a drag. *The Mystified Letter* offers a hopeful alternative to this malaise--a theology of reading centered on mystical encounter. It retrieves medieval Christian reading culture to build a constructive case for a mystical theology of literature.

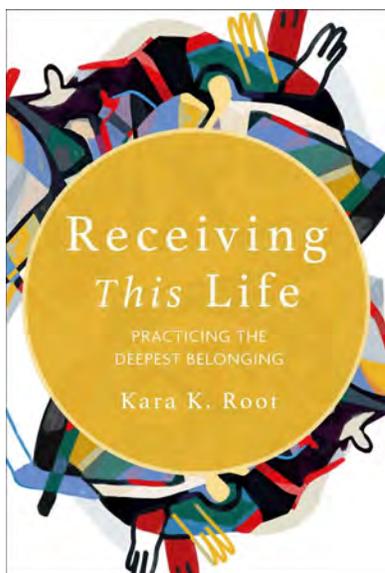
The mystification of literature in twelfth- and thirteenth-century monasteries and schools involved rhetorical, aesthetic, liturgical, and theological strategies that invested reading with a sense of ineffability and unintelligibility, wonder and awe, a disposition that applied not only to sacred but even secular literature. *The Mystified Letter* explores how *litera* (a Latin term meaning both "the letter" and "literature" itself) came to be a site of the sacred. By showing how medieval theologians, especially the V...

Contributor Bio

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Receiving This Life

Practicing the Deepest Belonging

Kara K. Root

Summary

A follow-up to Root's first book, *The Deepest Belonging*.

Amid a frantic pace of life that often leaves us feeling disconnected and ungrounded, *Receiving This Life* helps the reader engage with life and become attuned to their belonging to God and each other. Kara K. Root empowers the reader to embrace life as sacred and receive it as a gift.

The book offers reflections on living a life of presence and receptivity that seeks meaning and responds to God's promptings. It invites and models a stance of attunement that orients us toward receiving life's ordinary, holy moments as a gift, returning us to our deepest belonging. It includes prayers and liturgies that can be used by individuals, families, or congregations over and over again.

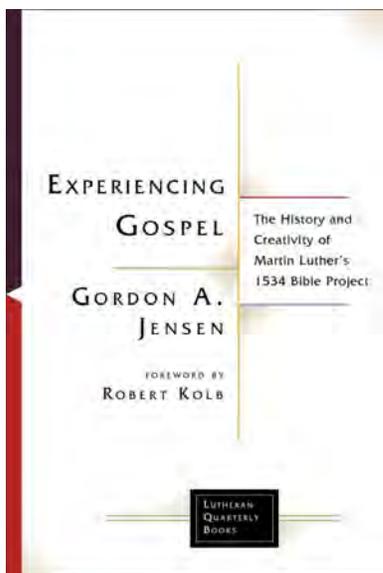
Receiving This Life is a natural follow-up to Root's first book, *The Deepest Belonging*--pairing prayers and liturgies with further devotional essays on many of the topics covered there, such as death, disillusionment, sabbath, hope, and connections between human beings.

Contributor Bio

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Experiencing Gospel

The History and Creativity of Martin Luther's 1534 Bible Project

Gordon A. Jensen, Robert Kolb

Summary

Uncovers a central truth of Luther's translation of the Bible: his commitment was founded in his desire that receiving the gospel might become a lived experience.

Gordon Jensen's careful analysis of the 1534 Luther Bible uncovers the central truth of Martin Luther's prodigious translation efforts: Luther's commitment to producing this physical *object* was founded in his desire that receiving the Gospel might become a lived *experience*. Contrary to popular perception, Luther's works were not the first, the freshest, or even the most user-friendly German biblical translations of the time. Rather, their power came in Luther's utter commitment to creatively sharing the Word "so that people would encounter Christ within the pages of scripture and through scripture, thus driving Christ into their hearts and lives."

Jensen locates proof of Luther's commitment in his deliberate decision to highlight seven specific words and phrases in the text of his 1534 translation. Combined, these terms provide a concise summary of Luther's Reformation theology: the source, voice, content, and command of the gospel. Skillfully tracing the theological implications of Luther's editorial decisions, Jensen provides readers with a crystalline view into the very heart of Luther's theological message. The written Bible is important not for its literary qualities or its "in..."

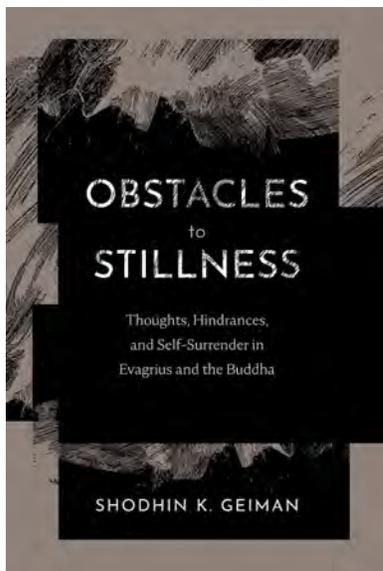
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Obstacles to Stillness

Thoughts, Hindrances, and Self-Surrender in Evagrius and the Buddha

Shodhin K. Geiman

Summary

Compares the "obstacles" to prayer discussed by fourth-century Christian monk Evagrius of Pontus with the similar "hindrances" to insight identified in the scriptures of Buddhist tradition.

In the fourth century, the Christian monk Evagrius of Pontus identified a group of "obstructive thoughts" that hindered individuals from stilling their minds in communion with God. Ranging from sadness and anger to gluttony and lust, Evagrius' list would later form the basis for the Church's "seven deadly sins." Notably, early Buddhist scriptures described a similar set of mental "hindrances" to liberating insight, which included problems such as sloth and sensory desire. Christian and Buddhist traditions thus pinpointed similar obstacles for the practitioner who is pursuing contemplative practice.

In *Obstacles to Stillness*, Shodhin Geiman provides a comparison of these Christian and Buddhist approaches to identifying, and overcoming, hindrances to religious contemplation. Offering a fresh approach to Buddhist-Christian dialogue, this book allows readers to find common ground by pointing to the shared difficulties they face on their respective spiritual paths.

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