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BOOK NOTIFICATIONS

MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE
Difficult texts and modern faith
Antony F. Campbell
$36.95  9780809146345    Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2010

How are we to understand the Older Testament in the light of modern study? How do we make meaning from its texts? The author's purpose in writing is to show how critical study, along with current trends in biblical scholarship, assists contemporary readers to understand what may appear to be difficult and problematic scriptural texts in a way that is beneficial to modern faith and does not endanger it.

CHRISTIANITY ALONGSIDE ISLAM
John W. Wilson
$39.95  9780908284917     Melbourne: Acorn Press, 2010

Is Islam about war, peace, politics or pietism? What does Islam say about Jesus, the Bible, human rights, women? In interweaving these and other themes, Australian author John Wilson skillfully presents not just Islam and its similarities and differences with Christianity, but the challenge presented by Islam for Christians to live more Christianly.

BENEDICT XVI
A guide for the perplexed
Tracey Rowland
$29.95  9780567034373     London: T & T Clark, 2010

This new book – by Australian theologian Tracey Rowland - provides students of theology with a guide around the theoretical axes upon which the theology of Joseph Ratzinger revolves, offering a unique and clear insight into the traditions and movements that have influenced him throughout his academic and teaching life.
THE HOPE OF THINGS TO COME
Anglicanism and the future
Mark Chapman (ed.)

$35.95  9780567588845  London: Mowbray, 2010

A collection of essays by leading theologians and church leaders on the past, present and future of Anglican theology. The principal theological strands of the classical Anglican tradition (Scripture, Tradition and Reason) are assessed in original and creative ways that will promote further thought and encourage open debate within the Church of England and Anglicanism more broadly.

GRACE, ORDER, OPENNESS AND DIVERSITY
Reclaiming liberal theology
Ian Bradley

$39.95  9780567268907  London: Continuum, 2010

A powerful re-statement of Liberal Protestantism for the twenty-first century, especially alive to the imperative of interfaith dialogue and understanding. He defines this liberal theology in terms of the four values of grace, order, openness and diversity which he suggests can be read by Christians as key attributes of the three persons of the Trinity and of God in Trinity as a whole. This book counters the growing influence of narrow, exclusive judgmental religious conservatism with a powerful reassertion of the liberal gospel of grace, goodness and generosity grounded in the being of God.

THOMAS F. TORRANCE
Theologian of the Trinity
Paul D. Molnar

$37.40  9780754652298  Farnham: Ashgate, 2009

Presents the important dogmatic theology of Thomas F. Torrance, generally considered one of the twentieth century's most significant British academic theologians, with a view to showing how his theological method and all his major doctrinal views are shaped by his grasp of the doctrine of the Trinity which he considered the central Christian doctrine.

ABIDING FAITH
Christianity beyond certainty, anxiety, and violence
Scott Cowdell

$53.95  9781606082232  Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2009

Explores the nature of faith and how "having faith" has changed under the influence of modernity and post-modernity in the West, offering a fresh (yet traditional) understanding of faith in the context of the collapse of community and the experience of secularism and destabilising consumerism.

FROM NICEA TO CHALCEDON
A guide to the literature and its background - Second edition
Frances Young and Andrew Teal

$69.95  9780334029939  London: SCM Press, 2010
Surveys a variety of writings composed during one of the most significant periods in the formation of the Church, from 265-466, highlighting some of the characters who were involved with the Church or the Councils during this period; and chosen either because they are important to the history of doctrine, or because new material about them has thrown light upon their work, or because they will broaden the reader’s understanding of the culture and history of the period or of live issues in the Church at the time.

**GREAT THEOLOGIANS**
A brief guide  
*Gerald McDermott*  
$26.95 9780830838752 Downers Grove, ILL: Intervarsity Press, 2010

Who are the church’s great theologians? What was special about their teaching? What can we learn from them today? Considers eleven pivotal theologians from Origen to von Balthasar, and helps us sort out what is of continuing value today.

**HISTORY OF CATHOLIC MORAL THEOLOGY IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY**  
*From confessing sins to liberating consciences*  
*James F. Keenan*  
$40.95 9780826429292 London: Continuum, 2010

An historical survey of 20th century Roman Catholic theological ethics (also known as moral theology) considers the work of Oddo Lottin, Fritz Tillmann, Gerard Gillemann, Bernard Haering, Gerald Kelly, John Ford, Josef Fuchs and others; and how the reaction to *Humanae Vitae* challenged traditional ways of determining moral truth within the Catholic tradition.

**INTRODUCING THE NEW TESTAMENT**  
*A historical, literary, and theological survey*  
*Mark Allan Powell*  
$67.95 9780801028687 Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2009

This engaging and up-to-date New Testament introduction for undergraduates has been carefully designed for the classroom. Mark Allan Powell presents disputed and controversial issues fairly, neither dictating conclusions nor privileging scepticism over faith-based perspectives.

**NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE NATIVITY**  
*Jeremy Corley (ed.)*  
$45.95 9780567629043 London: T & T Clark, 2009

There have been relatively few attempts to consider the stories of the Nativity from modern academic perspectives, examining them from feminist perspectives, political standpoints, in cinematic representations as well as more standard but up-to-date academic approaches. A cast of distinguished contributors offer contemporary insights into the some of the most beautiful and intriguing passages in the Gospels.
USE AND ABUSE OF THE BIBLE  
A brief history of biblical interpretation  
Henry Wansbrough  

$35.95 9780567090577 London, T & T Clark, 2010  
Charts the use and abuse of scripture through the ages, ranging from the evangelists' engagement with Hebrew Scriptures to the use of the Bible in present day politics – most pertinently in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Alerts us to the ever-present danger of fundamentalism, and single-minded interpretation of the Bible.

LIVING WELL AND DYING FAITHFULLY  
Christian practices for end-of-life care  
*John Swindon and Richard Payne (eds)*  

$33.95 9780802863393 Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009  
Explores how Christian practices of love, prayer, lament, compassion, etc. contribute to the process of dying well, and challenges the current dominance of medicine alone. ‘An important contribution to the continuing dialogue on appropriate end-of-life care.’ (Elizabeth MacKinlay, Charles Sturt University)

THEOLOGY IN WINTER LIGHT  
*Enda MacDonagh*  

$34.95 9781856076838 Dublin: Columba, 2010  
“These writings pick up themes from … the summer-time and summer dazzle of the modern church in the years of Vatican II. These themes must be reconsidered in the light of what Karl Rahner already some thirty years ago or so called the ‘Winter-time of the church’ and which, in the present writer's view, has become a much more wintry time.” From one of Ireland best know theologians.
The following theological works have been received from publishers and book sellers – notably from Rainbow Books and Australasian Theological Forum Press.

**Worship in the Early Church: An Anthology of Historical Sources**  
*Lawrence J Johnson*  
Collegeville Minnesota, USA: The Liturgical Press, 2009  
4 volumes

**Leadership in Action: A Handbook for Leadership**  
*Ashley Goldsworthy*  
Indianapolis, USA: Dog Ear Publishing, 2009

**Asian Contextual Theology for the Third Millennium: Theology of Minjung in Fourth-Eye Formation**  
*Paul S. Chung, Veil-Matti Kärkkäinen, Kim Kyoung-Jae*  
Cambridge, UK: James Clarke & Co, 2010

**The Religion and Science Debate: Why Does It Continue?**  
*Harold W. Attridge*  
Yale, USA: Yale University Press, 2009

**The Church in China**  
*Paul Rule*  
Adelaide, Australia: ATF Press, 2010  
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**God’s Wisdom or the Devil’s Envy**  
*Marie Turner*  
Adelaide, Australia: ATF Press, 2009

**Christian – Muslim Intermarriage in Australia: Identity, Social Cohesion or Cultural Fragmentation**  
*Dr Abe W. Ata*  
Melbourne, Australia: David Lovell Publishing, 2003

**An Inconvenient Text**  
*Norman Habel*  
Adelaide, Australia: ATF Press, 2009
Opening Up: A History of the Institute of Counselling  
**David Bolle**  
Melbourne, Australia: John Garratt Publishing, 2009

HIV Prevention: A Global Theological Conversation  
**Gillian Paterson**  
Geneva, USA: Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, 2009

A Thinkers Guide to Sin: Talking about Wrongdoing Today  
**Neil Darragh**  
Auckland, New Zealand: Accent Publications, 2010

Spirit Possession, Theology, and Identity: A Pacific Exploration  
**Elaine M Wainwright**  
Adelaide, Australia: ATF Press, 2010

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Adelaide, Australia: ATF Press, 2010

Freedom, Justice and Sincerity  
**Christine E Burke IBVM**  
Adelaide, Australia: ATF Press, 2009

A Lonely Road: Fr Ted McGrath msc  
**John Hosie**  
Adelaide, Australia: ATF Press, 2010

Luminous Moments: The Contemporary Sacred  
**Lyn McCredden**  
Adelaide, Australia: ATF Press, 2010

Preaching Justice: Dominican Contributions to Social Ethics in the Twentieth Century  
**Francesco Compagnoni**  
Dublin, Ireland: Dominican Publications, 2007

Decolonizing God: The Bible in the Tides of Empire  
**Mark G. Brett**  
Sheffield, UK: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2008

Uncovering Theology: The Depth, Reach and Utility of Australian Theological Education  
**Charles Sherlock**  
Adelaide, Australia: ATF Press, 2009

The Trinity: Insights from the Mystics  
**Anne Hunt**  
Adelaide, Australia: ATF Press, 2010

Esther and the End of ‘Final Solutions’  
**Richard Treloar**  
Adelaide, Australia: ATF Press, 2008