

# New Titles Catalogue Spring 2004

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## Anabaptism

### ANABAPTIST PREACHING:

**A Conversation Between Pulpit, Pew & Bible**  
David B Greiser & Michael A King (eds) £16.50  
1931038198 Cascadia (2003), 238pp

Karl Barth is reported to have said that in the ministry of preaching, it is God who speaks. Anabaptist Christians have long believed God's voice is heard best when all those who are filled with the Spirit are part of a conversation: the preacher, the congregation, and the Bible itself. In these chapters, all commissioned for this book, a community of Anabaptist scholars reflect on the nature and character of each element in the homiletical conversation.

In 14 chapters (plus study guide) ranging across such topics as post-modernity, hermeneutics, grace, doctrine, multiculturalism, power and persuasion, narrative, collaboration, and much more, the writers ponder the unique perspective on preaching offered by Anabaptism.

Contributors include David B Greiser, Nancy R Heisey, Dennis Hollinger, Lynn Jost, Michael A King, Renée Sauder, Mary Schertz, Nathan D Showalter, Rebecca Slough, David A Stevens, Ervin R Stutzman, Mark R Wenger, Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm and June Alliman Yoder

## Biblical Studies

### BELIEVERS CHURCH BIBLE COMMENTARY SET OF 17

0836190491 Herald Press £317.75

These commentaries, informed by recent scholarship, are not overburdened with detail. They are written for lay leaders, teachers, pastors, college and seminary students, and all those searching the Bible for truth and life.

The writers place each section of Scripture in the perspective of the whole Bible and bring it into conversation with the past and present experience of God's people in the world. The format is unique: Preview, Outline, Explanatory Notes, Text in Biblical Context, and Text in the Life of the Church — thus providing a fine balance of exegesis, theological reflection and life appropriation.

Sponsored by six denominations, the BCBC series represents the Anabaptist believers church tradition as a key perspective for interpretation.

### THE NEW INTERPRETER'S STUDY BIBLE

Walter J Harrelson (ed.) £29.95  
0687278325 Abingdon (2003), 2600pp (hb)

*The New Interpreter's Study Bible* brings the best of biblical scholarship to the service of the church. In this new study Bible, based on *The New Revised Standard Version* of the Bible with Apocrypha, 60 distinguished scholars have provided background and insight on the biblical text. Features of this valuable new study Bible include extensive historical and theological annotations on the

biblical text; brief introductions and outlines for each biblical book; excursuses giving further background and insight regarding particular themes and passages; and nineteen newly commissioned maps detailing the biblical world at various historical periods.

### MARKINGS/MY OWN:

**Musings on the Gospel of Mark**  
Omar Eby £10.75  
193103818X Cascadia (2003), 236pp

Neither commentary nor traditional meditations, Eby's *Markings* are a spiritual memoir. His musings on 70 episodes or texts in the Gospel of Mark blend intellectual inquiry with confessional worship. They meld poignancy, whimsy, grit, doubt, sorrow, and inspiration. Anyone attending to the care of her or his soul will find nurture here.

### SHOW THEM NO MERCY:

**4 Views on God and Canaanite Genocide**  
Stanley Gundry (Ed) £11.99  
0310245680 Zondervan (2003), 224pp

Christians are often shocked to read that Yahweh, the God of the Israelites, commanded the total destruction — all men, women, and children — of the ethnic group known as the Canaanites. This seems to contradict Jesus' command in the New Testament to love your enemies and do good to all people. How can Yahweh be the same God as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ? What does genocide in the Bible have to do with the politics of the 21st century?

This book explores, in typical *Counterpoints* format, the Old Testament command of God to exterminate the Canaanite population and what that implies about continuity between the Old and New Testaments. The four points of view presented on the continuity of the Testaments are

- Strong Discontinuity — C S Cowles
- Moderate Discontinuity — Eugene H Merrill
- Spiritual Continuity — Tremper Longman III
- Eschatological Continuity — Daniel L Gard

## Christian Life

### DOING EVANGELISM JESUS' WAY: How Christians Demonstrate the Good News

Ronald J Sider £9.25  
1928915493 Evangel (2003), 176pp

All of us have opportunities to share Jesus Christ in everyday encounters with other people. Our marriages, our families, our jobs, even our casual conversations can become doorways to evangelism. Learn how in this newest book by the best-selling author of *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*.

## Church

### THE PEACEABLE KINGDOM: A Primer in Christian Ethics

Stanley Hauerwas £14.99  
0268015546 SCM (2003), 224pp

In this classic work, Stanley Hauerwas presents an overall introduction to the themes and method that have distinguished his vision of Christian ethics. Rather than survey ethical thinkers or quandaries he develops one straightforward account of a Christian ethic, systematically displaying ideas introduced in his previous works and emphasising peaceableness as a hallmark of Christian life. This new edition includes an extensive Postscript in which Hauerwas discusses how he regards *The Peaceable Kingdom* 20 years after it was first published.

## Conflict Mediation/VORP

### CREATING A HEALTHIER CHURCH: Family Systems Theory, Leadership, and Congregational Life

Ronald W Richardson £12.99  
0800629558 Fortress (1996), 184pp

Ronald W Richardson helps us to understand how congregations function emotionally. Without being simplistic, he gives clear directions on how to improve their quality of life and functioning together more effectively in achieving mission goals. This book offers

- A theory about human behaviour that will aid understanding of how things can get out of control in the human community of the church;
- A practical set of leadership ideas and behaviours;
- Guidelines for how to behave in the midst of upsetting and conflictual circumstances;
- Personal steps that leaders in the church can take to become more positive forces for healing and cooperation.

### THE LITTLE BOOK OF CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

John Paul Lederach £3.95  
1561483907 Good Books (2003), 64pp

This clearly articulated statement offers a hopeful and workable approach to conflict — that eternally beleaguering human situation.

John Paul Lederach is internationally recognised for his breakthrough thinking and action related to conflict on all levels — person-to-person, factions within communities, warring nations. He explores why "conflict transformation is more appropriate than 'conflict resolution' or 'management'". But he refuses to be drawn into impractical idealism.

### THE LITTLE BOOK OF FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCES: New Zealand Style

Allan MacRae & Howard Zehr (eds) £3.75  
1561484032 Good Books (2003), 76pp

Family Group Conferences (FGCs) are the primary forum in New Zealand for dealing with juvenile crime as well as child welfare issues. This third volume in *The Little Books of Justice*

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and *Peacebuilding* series is about the juvenile justice system that is built around these conferences. Since their introduction in New Zealand, FGCs have been adopted and adapted in many places throughout the world. They have been applied in many arenas including child welfare, school discipline, and criminal justice, both juvenile and adult. In fact, FGCs have emerged as one of the most promising models of restorative justice. This Little Book describes the basics and rationale for this approach to juvenile justice, as well as how an FGC is conducted.

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## Fiction

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### CALM BEFORE THE STORM

*Janice Dick* £10.75  
0836192018 Herald Press (2002), 368pp  
"There are moments in history when the whole world stops and turns a corner, in political, moral, and spiritual terms. The Russian Revolution was one such moment. This unique story of endurance and courage sheds light on the plight of Russian Mennonites at that time. Fortified by sterling research, this is a great story of restoration above all else, but also a historical record. A sweeping tale of love and loss, *Calm Before the Storm* carries the reader to other times and places, international intrigue at its best." — Anne de Graaf, winner of the Christy Award 2000 for International Historical Fiction

### EYE OF THE STORM

*Janice Dick* £10.75  
0836192532 Herald Press (2003), 398pp  
As their world is torn apart by world war, the Russian Revolution and church and family conflicts, Katarina Hildebrandt and Johann Sudermann strive to maintain their faith in God. Meanwhile, Paul Gregorovich Tekanin has chosen what he thought to be the path to Utopia, but is instead finding it to be a way of darkness and death. Will he remember the warnings of his childhood friend, Johann, or will the violence of revolution destroy him? History unfolds as these young people look desperately for a source of balance and safety within the eye of the storm and ask: where is God when life betrays? A sequel to *Calm Before the Storm*.

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## Human Relationships

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### REINVENTING AGING

*Shirley Yoder Brubaker* £7.95  
0836192478 Herald Press (2003), 208pp  
This book's goal is to revolutionise the way we see and respond to aging in our families and churches. The writers — all professionals in their respective fields — share stories and advice that bring growth, meaning and understanding to the process of growing older. The issues covered are both profoundly philosophical and theological — and disturbingly mundane and physical. They range from bodily changes to financial decisions to preparing for death to rediscovering purpose in life. *Reinventing Aging* will lift you to a higher plane of living where you feel more prepared for the best of life.

A study guide appendix and companion video make this ideal for group study.

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## Humour

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### BOLD'S FOLD

*Darren Harvey-Regan* £6.99  
0854769269 Kingsway (2000), 98pp  
Somewhat off the beaten track and veering dangerously close to the edge of the straight and narrow comes *Bold's Fold*, a smallish church of largish personalities pastored by the irrepressible Tony Bold. Ludicrous yet familiar, surreal yet plausible, *Bold's Fold* presents church taken to its stereotypical extremes. Alongside the cartoons, extracts from the Pastor's diary cast additional light onto the thoughts, situation and characters that all go to make *Bold's Fold* what it is: a volatile mix of the typically spiritual, the illogically typical and the spiritually illogical!

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## Mennonite Culture

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### EXTENDING THE TABLE:

#### A World Community Cookbook (pb)

*J Handrich Schlabach* £9.95  
083613561X Herald Press (2003), 336pp  
"Few cookbooks achieve so well the ability to give us even a glimpse of life as it really is in Third World countries, for this is not just another around-the-world collection of recipes. All of the recipes were contributed by people who worked in these countries and among the people." — *World of Cookbooks*. Also available in spiral bound edition.

#### MENNONITE TREASURY OF RECIPES

1550991329 Derksen (1962), 252pp £11.50  
Contains THE BEST selection of Mennonite cookie recipes! Spiral bound for convenience. A Canadian Best Seller!

#### MORE-WITH-LESS COOKBOOK: (pb)

*Doris Longacre* £9.95  
083619263X Herald Press (2003), 332pp  
Now available in a paperback edition! With over 800,000 copies in print, the *More-with-Less Cookbook* has become the favourite cookbook of many families. Full of recipes from hundreds of contributors, *More-with-Less* gives suggestions "on how to eat better and consume less of the world's limited food resources". The *More-with-Less Cookbook* has not only changed how people eat, but their entire approach to life has reflected this more-with-less philosophy. In fact, more-with-less has become an integral part of our daily language.

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## Mission

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### JOURNEYING OUT: A New Approach to Christian Mission

*Ann Morisy* £12.99  
0826471048 Continuum (2004), 224pp  
There is an aspect of social capital that may liberate churches and Christians. This Ann Morisy terms 'brave social capital'. Brave

social capital is a source of generative stories. Generative stories have the power to do their work from below, influencing the decisions we go on to make in our lives. Marketing experts now coin the term 'the experience economy', in recognition that the market for goods and commodities is now saturated. People now want to partake of transformational experiences, and the dynamic market has recently opened up. Churches must be in the business of marketing and promoting transformational experience. So what should churches be doing in relation to the many invitations that they now receive to become involved in community matters? They must have confidence in their distinct contribution to the renewal and transformation of society. Due March 2004

### JOURNEYS OF THE MUSLIM NATION AND THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH:

#### Exploring the Mission of Two Communities

*David W Shenk* £10.75  
0836192524 Herald Press (2003), 232pp  
Islam and Christianity seem to be at opposite and unbridgeable poles, both committed to world mission. Given the political tension and violent acts that sometimes surround these two major world religions, it is essential for both sides to understand the other — its history, beliefs, traditions and vision for the future.

This invaluable resource, from an expert in comparative religious studies, examines Islam and Christianity at their deepest spiritual, cultural and communal levels. It explores the similarities and yet unavoidable differences found in Isaac and Ishmael, Jesus and Muhammad, the Bible and the Qur'an, Jerusalem and Medina, the Eucharist and the Hajj, the Church and the Ummah. Reflecting years of conversations and dialogue with Muslim friends, this is narrative theology, full of anecdote and personal experience that bridges the poles and builds understanding.

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## Peace

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### BIBLICAL PACIFISM

*Dale Brown* £11.95  
1928915507 Evangel (2003), 184pp  
Is there any way to resolve national conflicts without resorting to war? Dr Brown explores key biblical passages about peace and ponders the unsettling questions that confront peace-loving Christians today. Foreword by Richard Deats of *Fellowship* magazine. Includes indexes of Scripture references and proper names.

### FROM VIOLENCE TO BLESSING:

#### How an Understanding of Deep-rooted Conflict Can Open Paths to Reconciliation

*Vern Neufeld Redekop* £21.99  
2895073090 Novalis (2002), 408pp  
Redekop takes his readers on a guided tour of violence in the world. He then presents, in a clear and accessible way, the implications of René Girard's work on how, as a culture, we tend to act out repeated patterns of violence.

But *From Violence to Blessing* is about getting beyond the "mimetic violence" that René Girard describes. Sharing his extensive experience as one of Canada's foremost leaders in

conflict resolution, Redekop shows how deep-rooted conflict and violence can slowly be transformed into peace and reconciliation.

#### A HANDBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL PEACEBUILDING:

##### Into the Eye of the Story

John Paul Lederach and Janice Moomaw Jenner (eds) £38.50

0787958794 Jossey-Bass (2003), 352pp (hb)

This much-needed handbook offers conflict resolution professionals working (or planning to work) in foreign countries a critical, step-by-step guide for dealing with difficult and potentially dangerous disputes in other nations. The editors have gathered a stellar panel of seasoned experts who illustrate how to approach international peace-building with effective actions and approaches gained through experience that will contribute ultimately to a more positive outcome. Based on the experience of the contributors' work as global peace brokers, the book includes a wide array of guidelines, pragmatic approaches, and models of constructive, culturally appropriate ways to respond to conflict.

#### HOW TO TEACH PEACE TO CHILDREN:

##### Revised Edition

Anne Meyer Byler £6.50

0836192249 Herald Press (2003), 72pp

How can parents instill a peaceable lifestyle in their children? Do children learn more by words or by actions? *How to Teach Peace to Children* speaks to issues that are front and centre for parents — building family relationships, teaching care for others in the neighbourhood and around the world, guiding children in the way of nonviolence. Based on the best-selling book by J Lorne Peachey, this new edition gives practical suggestions to help families pattern their lives after Jesus' words and actions while dealing with modern stresses. Easy-to-read chapters focus on family "hot spots" such as working through conflicts, sharing household tasks, adding meaning to celebrations and encouraging healthy, nonviolent play.

#### A PEACE READER

E Morris Sider and Luke Keefer Jr. (eds) £10.75

1928915302 Herald Press (2003), 240pp

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matt. 5:9, NRSV). Ambassadors and heads of state are not the only ones who make peace among hostile people. All of us are called to be peacemakers in our families, our neighbourhoods and the wider world we influence. *A Peace Reader* challenges Christians to think seriously about their role as peacemakers in today's world. Includes discussion questions with each chapter, making it ready-to-use for group study. A resource for everyone who would make peace in our violent world. Co-published with Evangel Publishing House.

#### POSITIVE APPROACHES TO PEACE BUILDING: A Resource for Innovators

Cynthia Sampson, Mohammed Abu-Nimer et al £17.95

1888753250 Pact (2003), 420pp

This path-breaking book is a bold invitation to peace-builders to consider new approaches — "positive approaches" — to transforming conflict and building peace in some of the most complex of human situations. It is a call to shift

from focusing predominantly on the conflict, struggle and suffering to shedding light on cooperation, coexistence and visions for a better future.

Chapters by some of the leading practitioner/scholars, as well as some fresh new faces in the field, are full of ideas for making this shift. The hope of the contributors is that these ideas will be useful and will capture the imagination of readers who will apply them, adapt them further, and go far beyond them in innovating with positive approaches to peace-building.

#### VIOLENCE IN GOD'S NAME:

##### Religion in an Age of Conflict

Oliver McTernan £10.95

0232524947 DLT (2003), 192pp

Politicians, the media and religious leaders are all quick to assure us that religion has no share of the blame for the terrorist campaigns and the ethnic and inter-communal conflicts that increasingly threaten our peace and security. In a passionate and powerfully written analysis Oliver McTernan argues that unless this mindset is challenged the world will never eliminate the threat of faith-inspired terror.

#### *Social Justice*

#### A HIGH PRICE FOR ABUNDANT LIVING:

##### The Story of Capitalism

Henry Remple £10.75

0836192494 Herald Press (2003), 164pp

*A High Price for Abundant Living* is a guide to our present economic system: how it came to be and how it works today. It seeks to contrast Adam Smith's ideal with the recent realities of immense corporations and the fragile natural environment. This gentle critique recognises the powerful impact the current economic system has in generating a high material standard of living with considerable human freedom. Yet it dares to believe that we can aspire to an even better system that is more responsive to changing social and environmental realities — a system where the creative and enterprising spirit is encouraged to seek a better life for the entire global community.

#### IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS:

##### Global Economics: A New Way Forward

Margaret Legum £9.99

1901557766 Wild Goose (2003), 120pp

In common with many people Margaret Legum is outraged by the effects of the current global economic system. Those effects are particularly dire in Africa and almost as devastating on other continents. Appalling poverty exists alongside unbelievable wealth and potential plenty for everyone; the planet upon which our survival depends is being degraded; and crime, conflict and suffering are rampant. The question is: can it be changed? The author is a well-known economist and writer who in 1962 was banned from her home country of South Africa for her outspoken political views. She attempts in this book to put forward a new way: an economic system built up around ordinary, decent human values, where the health of families and communities, and the

environment they live in, is at the top of the list of priorities. It is an approach that starts with the sanctity of individual human life and leads to a lot of surprising conclusions that run totally counter to current economic practice.

#### THE SUBVERSIVE MANIFESTO:

##### Lifting the Lid on God's Political Agenda

Jonathan Bartley £7.99

1841012114 BRF (2003), 160pp

God has a political agenda — and it's a subversive one, according to this book, which lays down a radical challenge for Christians to rediscover the political dimension of their faith. All too often we stick with "private" readings of Scripture, failing to realise the power contained in its amazing stories and ideas. In fact the Bible presents a faith that is wider and more exciting than we realise — a faith that can change not only people's hearts but also the way societies are run, economies are structured and legal systems organised.

With illustrations drawn from the author's experiences in the 'corridors of power', this book combines an innovative interpretation of the Bible with challenging ideas for applying it to everyday life.

#### WHOSE LAND? WHOSE PROMISE?

##### What Christians Are Not Being Told

Gary Burge £14.99

1842272322 Paternoster (2003), 304pp

"[This] is written for the average Christian who, like me, struggles on a basic personal level with the dilemma of Israel and the Palestinians within a conservative theological framework." — Gary Burge

In particular, he charges that Israel disregards its own theological heritage when it violates the human rights of Palestinians — both Christians and Muslims.

#### WHY THE REST HATE THE WEST

Meic Pearse £8.99

0281056013 SPCK (2003), 192pp

What is it about the West that so angers non-Westerners that some, at least, are prepared to kill themselves in order to kill some of us? Meic Pearse follows the cultural history of those ideas, values and world-views which count as common sense in the West, showing how the 'obvious' is actually remarkable (and wrong) to everyone outside our own paradigm.

#### WITNESS TO THE KINGDOM:

##### The Martyrs of El Salvador and the Crucified Peoples

John Sobrino £14.99

1570754683 Orbis (2003), 194pp (hb)

A Liberation Theology perspective on martyrdom: "impossible to write about the Christian faith without acknowledging the martyrs, their gift and challenge to the church" including personal memories of Romero. Very Anabaptist.

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**Spirituality**


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**GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY:****Exploring Christian Faith & Life***Michele Hershberger*

£8.75

0836192508 Herald Press (2003), 168pp

What does it mean to be a Christian? How can I make sense of my life? What's really going on in the Bible? Why is the church so important to God? *God's Story, Our Story* invites you to join a conversation that covers these questions — and many others. It puts you in touch with two stories that Christians are constantly hearing and telling. First, there is the Bible's story of how God has been working in human history to restore us — and all of creation — to wholeness. The centre of this story is Jesus Christ, who lived, died, rose, and still lives — for us. The second story involves our own lives today. How do they connect with God's story? Where is God working today in your life and mine? What will we do with Jesus' invitation to follow him?

*God's Story, Our Story* is an introduction to Christian faith from an Anabaptist perspective. It can be used in a group of people considering baptism, or by people who just want to mull over faith questions on their own before — or even after — they say "yes" to God's Story.

**JESUS — OPENING OUR HEARTS:****The Christian Aid Lent Book 2004***Paula Clifford & Gerard Hughes*

£4.99

034078718X Hodder, (2003), 112pp

Continuing the successful and creative relationship between Hodder and Christian Aid, this new Lent book offers 47 inspirational daily Bible readings and reflections, this year exploring the theme of relationships. If it is true that it is only Jesus who can truly open up our hearts to love one another, what does this mean on a practical level? The book explores both the intimate level of our personal relationships and the corporate level of our responsibilities to fellow men and women in need around the world.

**THE RESTLESS HEART:****Understanding Loneliness***Ronald Rolheiser*

£7.99

0340862378 Hodder (2003), 208pp

Written over 20 years ago, *The Restless Heart* was the product of a lonely young man searching for meaning to his feelings of emptiness and isolation. Powerful and autobiographical this new edition loses none of the passion and idealism of the younger writer. Indeed, Rolheiser comments in his preface how timid we can become with maturity and how rereading his early work he felt pride for his younger, braver self.

Identifying different types of loneliness, the author reassures, challenges and frees the reader to live more meaningfully with solitude.

**SACRED LEGACY:****Ancient Writings from Nine Women of Strength***Myrna Grant*

£9.99

0801064546 Baker Books (2003), 144pp

Many readers are familiar with Augustine and Saint Francis and other men of the Middle

Ages. But less is known about medieval women. How did they live and what did they write? *Sacred Legacy* from Baker reveals inspiring examples of courageous medieval women — a mother, nun, diplomat, teacher, rebel, and more — who overcame personal struggle. It shows that women of the past, as today, contended with poor health, family expectations, social upheavals and even worldly clergy. The ancient writers include Perpetua, Hildegard and Teresa of Avila.

Myrna Grant makes the lives of nine medieval women accessible to the lay reader. Included are personal reflections that link today's women and the women of the past, descriptions of the life and times of each writer and excerpts of their writings.

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**Theology & Ethics**


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**THE DOGMATIC IMAGINATION:****The Dynamics of Christian Belief***A James Reimer*

£7.25

083619246X Herald Press (2003), 108pp

Can members of our churches today speak intelligently on divine will, the sacraments or the Trinity? Or has the modern and post-modern church largely forgotten its creeds? And does it even matter?

A James Reimer believes that it does matter, and that the church ignores these discussions at its own peril. In these short, engaging essays, Reimer approaches the dogmas of the Christian faith with humour, insight and imagination. Here basics such as heaven, hell, prayer and judgment are explained with historical insight and contemporary application. Anabaptist Mennonite priorities emerge but with appreciation for the church's wider historical context and traditions. Reimer refuses to consider these topics too controversial or too boring. Rather, he images exciting encounters with the mysteries of faith.

A James Reimer teaches religion and theology at Conrad Grebel University College in Ontario.

**THE GIRARD READER***James G Williams (ed.)*

£17.99

0824516346 Crossroads (1996), 310pp

"At last the extraordinary work of René Girard is readily available to a wider audience. This anthology is destined to become a standard reference for those concerned with contemporary cultural issues." — Gil Bailie

"Girard's understanding of mimetic rivalry and conflict and of the scapegoat are among the most profound intellectual discoveries of our time..." — Walter Wink

**GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MOSES:****What My Jewish Friends Taught Me about Jesus***Athol Dickson*

£12.99

1587430487 Brazos Press (2003), 272pp

After spending five years attending a Hebrew Scripture study group, Chever Torah, evangelical Christian Athol Dickson decided to write a book that might create a genuine encounter between Christian and Jewish interpretations of Scripture. In simple yet profound prose, *The Gospel According to*

Moses investigates some of the primary theological differences between Christianity and Judaism — as well as the common ground. Passionately tied to scriptural narrative and text, each chapter in this Brazos book looks at Christian and Jewish perspectives on topics such as monotheism, doubting God, scriptural paradox, suffering, grace vs. works and the place of Jesus in the Hebrew Scriptures.

This book is refreshingly eloquent and deeply personal. It will attract devout Christians and Jews who wish to better understand their historical and biblical relationship.

**HOMOSEXUALITY, BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION AND MORAL DISCERNMENT***Willard M Swartley*

£10.75

0836192451 Herald Press (2003), 248pp

Grounded in a lifetime of biblical study, New Testament scholar Willard M Swartley takes a fresh look at the Scriptures and what they would teach the church on the current and controversial subject of homosexuality. In a spirit of love and generosity, Swartley presents all sides of the issue, drawing from contemporary scholarship and cultural analysis. He concludes with a model for congregational discernment and suggestions for the path forward.

**KINGDOM ETHICS:****Following Jesus in Contemporary Context***Glen H Stassen & David P Gushee*

£21.99

0830826688 IVP (2003), 496pp (hb)

The authors join profound ethical reflection with faith in Jesus Christ, a life of discipleship, and the hope of the present and coming kingdom of God. The result is a fresh, challenging and comprehensive treatment of Christian ethics centred on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Drawing on detailed studies of the Sermon on the Mount, Stassen and Gushee shed light on the whole of biblical ethical teaching as it relates to a wide range of issues.

**LONGING TO KNOW:****The Philosophy of Knowledge for Ordinary People***Esther Lightcap Meek*

£12.99

1587430606 Brazos Press (2003), 208pp

How do we know things? How can we know God? Knowing is an activity that we are all involved in, all of the time. *Longing to Know* is a book about knowing: knowing how we know things, knowing how we know people, and knowing how we know God.

Knowing God is like knowing your car mechanic, claims Esther Meek in this approachable and entertaining guide to the philosophy of knowledge. This Brazos book is for those who are considering Christianity for the first time, as well as Christians who are struggling with issues related to truth, certainty and doubt.

Daniel Taylor says, "Those of us with a particular cast of mind wonder — sometimes agonise — about whether it's possible to be certain about the things of faith. Meek offers a helpful, closely reasoned and ultimately encouraging discussion of this ancient and yet very contemporary question."