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# New Titles Catalogue Autumn 2007

## Anabaptism

### ENCOUNTERING THE ETERNAL ONE

#### A Guide for Mennonite Churches

*Gerke Van Hiele with Marion Bruggen et al*

9781894710756 Pandora Press (2006), 119pp £10.00

This book is a guide to faith exploration. Written from a Mennonite perspective – originally for churches in the Netherlands, where it has been widely used – it is presented here in English translation for the first time. Although the book can be read by interested individuals, it is designed especially for group exploration and study.

### FROM ANABAPTIST SEED

#### Exploring the Historical Center of Anabaptist Teachings and Practices

*C Arnold Snyder*

9781561485857 Good Books (2007), 54pp £7.25

This is a distillation of the "historical core" of the teachings of sixteenth-century Anabaptists, written by one of the foremost experts among contemporary interpreters of this history. An excellent booklet to pass along to someone who wants to know the basics. Would also serve study groups well as a discussion starter about Anabaptism. – MTN

### LOVE IS LIKE FIRE

#### The Confession of an Anabaptist Prisoner

*Peter Riedemann*

9781894710725 Pandora Press (2006), 84pp £11.25

Anabaptist Texts in Translation is a publication series sponsored by the Institute of Anabaptist Mennonite Studies (IAMS), located at Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Ontario, and published in cooperation with Pandora Press. The aim of the series is to provide English-speaking readers with reliable translations of significant Anabaptist texts.

### MENNO SIMONS AND THE NEW JERUSALEM

*Helmut Isaak*

9781894710695 Pandora Press (2006), 159pp £13.25

"For all its brevity, this work seeks to provide an overall vision of that which occupied Menno Simons from the time of his conversion until his death. Isaak performs this task, not with detailed refutation of the scholars who preceded him, but rather by an extraordinarily careful attention to the writings of Menno Simons. He has written what in the book is called a spiritual biography of Menno Simons.

With this book, Helmut Isaak has moved the work of recovering Menno Simons ahead, in considerable measure. Anyone working on Menno from now on will need to engage this work." – from the Preface, Walter Klaassen, Professor Emeritus, Conrad Grebel University College

**THE MENNONITE HANDBOOK**

9780836193633 Herald Press (2007), 208pp £11.25

"Where else can you find advice on how to stay alert in church, the meaning of baptism, communion and foot washing, sharing your faith and the text of the Schleithem Confession — all between two covers?" — Craig Carter, Tyndale University, Ontario

Seriously accurate and seriously funny, here is an essential field guide for all things Mennonite. Combining reliable, historical, and theological information, alongside some fun facts, The Mennonite Handbook provides very practical tips on being a churchgoing follower of Jesus Christ. Step-by-step instructions on:

- How to Get to Know Your Pastor
- How to Sing a Four-Part Hymn
- How to Listen to a Sermon
- What to Bring to a Church Potluck
- How to Survive a Church Split
- How to Console Someone
- How to Memorize a Bible Verse

**MENNONITES, POLITICS AND PEOPLEHOOD****Europe – Russia – Canada, 1525 to 1980***James Urry*

9780887556883 University of Manitoba (2006), 400pp £28.95

"Urry's volume is historical social anthropology at its best. It is both comprehensive and narrowly focused in that he spans the centuries from the founding of the Mennonite church in the sixteenth century to the maturation of a segment of the worldwide community in the 1980s, while concentrating nearly exclusively on the process and character of its politicisation in the practical and theoretical realms...Urry's book is a brilliantly organized and executed analysis of a significant segment of the Mennonite community involved in the game of normal political discourse and practice." — Mennonite Life, vol. 61 no. 2, June 2006

**PETER RIEDEMANN****Shaper of the Hutterite Tradition***Werner O Packull*

9781894710763 Pandora Press (2007), 251pp £16.95

"In this book Werner Packull makes masterful use of existing records to present a definitive biographical account of Riedemann's eventful life as a long-term prisoner of conscience, Anabaptist, and Hutterian community leader. In the second part of the study, Packull analyses Riedemann's literary legacy, providing readers with insight into Riedemann's creative appropriation of the Anabaptist tradition." — C Arnold Snyder, Professor of History, Conrad Grebel University College.

**Biblical Studies****THE BIBLE AND CONTEMPORARY CULTURE***Gert Theissen*

9780800638634 Fortress (2007), 176pp £9.99

Why read the Bible? Gerd Theissen uses the wisdom gained from decades of teaching Bible instruction at a state university to address questions of the Bible's relevance in a postmodern, pluralistic society. He describes the core themes and enduring value of the biblical legacy for anyone seeking to be a well-informed, self-aware, and responsible citizen, and he commends the contributions the Bible can make to interreligious and secular conversation.

**MISSION OF GOD****Unlocking the Bible's Ground Narrative***Christopher JH Wright*

9781844741526 IVP (2006), 608pp hb £21.99

Most Christians would agree that the Bible provides a basis for mission. But Christopher Wright boldly maintains that mission is bigger than that — there is in fact a missional basis for the Bible! The entire Bible is generated by and is all about God's mission.

"I believe Wright's book will be seen as the most important work of its kind since David Bosch's contribution in the 1990s, and, like that work, it is likely to be read, discussed and hopefully applied to practice for years to come." — David W Smith, International Christian College, Glasgow

**NEW TESTAMENT IN CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE***Richard L Rohrbach*

9781597528276 Wipf &amp; Stock (2006), 228pp £19.25

Rohrbach argues that to whatever degree we can bridge cultural gaps between ourselves and New Testament writers, we learn to value their intentions rather than the meanings we create from their words. Rohrbach's insightful interpretations of Gospel passages go a long way toward helping to span distances between the New Testament world and the present.

**Christian Life****BEYOND THE LAW****Living the Sermon on the Mount***Philip K Clemens*

9780836193619 Herald Press (2007), 224pp £10.50

From all the rules the church preaches to the world, it's easy to assume that obeying the law is the measure of a Christian. But Jesus paints a different picture in his Sermon on the Mount. *Beyond the Law* considers that God's kingdom is based not on a code of law but on God's goodness and the bounteous love that God desires for the life of every Christian community. The Beatitudes open up new avenues of discipleship when received not as law but as Jesus' generous welcome to people from all walks of life.

**POLITICS UNDER GOD***John H Redekop*

9780836193558 Herald Press (2006), 224pp £9.50

What does God require of governments? When, why and how should Christians become involved in politics? Can morality be legislated? Is civil disobedience biblical? Should Christians pay war taxes? These are some of the questions that John H Redekop examines in light of what he calls "Anabaptist realism."

In the twelve short chapters of *Politics Under God*, he considers such church-state relations from biblical, theological and historically Anabaptist perspectives before delving into the challenges of political involvement for Christians and secular periodicals in Canada and the United States. Redekop affirms politics as an appropriate arena of Christian service to the extent permitted by Christian discipleship. Approaching government as an institution established by and accountable to God, Redekop offers a clear understanding of the significance of politics for Christians.

**Conflict Mediation/VORP****ALLIGATORS IN THE SWAMP****Power, Ministry, And Leadership***George Thompson, Beverly Thompson et al (Eds)*

9780829816716 Pilgrim Press (2005), 201pp £14.95

Thompson and a team of contributors explore the nature of power and the challenges it poses to pastoral ministry. By using the metaphor "alligators in the swamp," they present and explore the nature of power from diverse yet complimentary perspectives such as: Power and self (attire)

- Power and culture in church and community (map/compass)
- Power and community decision-making (craft)
- Power and public advocacy (gear)

By examining such models, pastors will increase their ability to use power fittingly and effectively. To assist with understanding the alligator metaphor, line drawings accompany each chapter.

**CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN ANXIOUS TIMES****Being Calm and Courageous No Matter What***Peter Steinke*

9781566993289 Alban Institute (2006), 189pp £18.00

This long-awaited volume by internationally respected consultant and Alban best-selling author Peter Steinke will both enlighten and embolden leaders. With anxiety intensifying and penetrating more and more areas of our lives, leaders cannot be as anxious as the people they serve. Because they have more influence than any other group over the path a congregation takes, leaders must have a command of their own anxiety and must not let other people's anxiety contaminate them. Steinke inspires courage in leaders to maintain the course, unearth secrets, resist sabotage, withstand fury, and overcome timidity or doubts. His insights, illustrations, and provocations will carry leaders through rough times, provide clarity during confusing times, and uplift them in joyous times.

**FAILURE OF NERVE****Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix***Edwin H Friedman*

9781596270428 Church Publishing (2007), 260pp hb £19.99

Ten years after his death, Edwin Friedman's insights into leadership are more urgently needed than ever. He was the first to tell us that all organizations have personalities, like families, and to apply the insights of family therapy to churches and synagogues, rectors and rabbis, politicians and teachers. Failure of Nerve is essential reading for all leaders, be they parents or presidents, corporate executives or educators, religious superiors or coaches, healers or generals, managers or clergy.

**THE LITTLE BOOK OF VICTIM OFFENDER CONFERENCING****Bringing Victims and Offenders Together in Dialogue***Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz*

9781561485864 Good Books (2007), 80pp £5.50

Victim offender dialogues have been developed as a way to hold offenders accountable to the person they have harmed and to give victims a voice about how to put things right.

This practical Little Book looks at:

- Why someone would participate in a conference
- How the process works
- How very "serious" cases are handled
- Barriers and benefits in the process

Due September 2007

**TRANSFORMING CONFLICT AND ANGER INTO PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE**  
**A Spiritual Direction**  
*Janet Malone*  
 9782895076926 Novalis (2007), 200pp £13.50  
 Illustrated with real-life case studies and vignettes, Janet Malone's book is grounded in a spirituality that acknowledges conflict and anger, and shows how to transform both into non-violence, communication, forgiveness and reconciliation.  
 Proposing Jesus and the gospel as a model for authentic personal growth, she also explores the lives of four modern prophets of non-violence: Dorothy Day, Mahatma Gandhi, Ety Hillesum and the Canadian activist Leonard Desroches.

## Cookbooks etc

**SIMPLY IN SEASON**  
**Leader's Study Guide**  
*Rachel Miller Moreland*  
 9780836193428 Herald Press (2007), 64pp £9.25  
 "Simply in Season is third in a series of cookbooks that look at other issues as well as cooking. This one explores the idea of using fresh, local produce instead of goods with many air miles.  
 Now Herald Press has published a study guide to accompany the cookbook. It is designed for small groups to look more in-depth at the issues presented in the cookbook. Six main sessions with 6 optional ones present the issues of time, money, farm workers, globalisation, etc. I found a few areas that included North American statistics, but many of these would be quite equivalent to ones in the UK." — Kathy Thiessen

**SIMPLY IN SEASON CHILDREN'S COOKBOOK**  
*Mark Beach and Julie Kauffman*  
 9780836193367 Herald Press (2006), 90pp £15.25  
 "An imaginative, active way to invite kids of all ages, but especially 6-to-12-year-olds, to get in touch with real food, to see where it comes from, to take responsibility for preparing it, and to have fun in the process.  
 Simply in Season Children's Cookbook promotes whole foods in a whole life experience - from growing foods to growing kids!" — Mary Beth Lind, co-author of *Simply in Season*.

## Human Relationships

**CARING FOR THOSE IN CRISIS**  
**Facing Ethical Dilemmas with Patients and Families**  
*Kenneth P Mottram*  
 9781587431913 Brazos (2007), 160pp £11.99  
 Kenneth Mottram, an experienced hospital chaplain, writes to better equip pastors and other church leaders to minister to patients and their families in times of crisis and confusion. He provides a Christian model for ethical decision making and addresses such issues as organ donation, living wills, and withdrawing life support. He offers counsel on helping patients and families face mortality and gives practical advice on hospital visitation, prayer, and serving as advocate for the family to the medical staff. The book is peppered throughout with case studies and real-life situations the author has faced in his ministry.

**DARKNESS IS MY ONLY COMPANION**  
**A Christian Response to Mental Illness**  
*Kathryn Greene-McCreight*  
 9781587431753 Brazos (2006), 176pp £11.99  
 "In this small volume, author Kathryn Greene-McCreight speaks from personal experience. Now a professor and an assistant rector, she tells how, as a teenager several friends took their own lives and later as a young mother she struggled with postpartum depression. Rev. Greene-McCreight, who has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder, has long sought to understand and come to terms with the 'dark night of the soul'. With grace and insight she sheds light on the darkness that sometimes overwhelms. Her keen knowledge and appreciation of Scripture illuminate her search. This compassionately written book offers comfort, understanding and enlightenment to people journeying through mental illness, as well as to their friends and families. Recommended for all clergy and church libraries."  
 — Lois Bare, former host at the London Mennonite Centre.

**JESUS' FAMILY VALUES**  
*Deirdre Good*  
 9781596270275 Church Publishing (2007), 159pp £9.99  
 What are Christian family values, Deirdre Good asks, why are there so many interpretations of what Jesus actually taught and said, and which of these biblical values should guide our lives? She begins by setting this conversation in the context of the Greek, Roman, Jewish, and first-century sectarian world, and criticises the attempts to use biblical texts literally in advocating for marriage and the family. Other chapters will take up the meaning of house and home, marriage and divorce, and biological ties vs. extended families and communities. Through careful attention to the words and stories of the gospels and the letters of Paul, Good provides an ideal method for studying the Bible to find out what it actually says to our communities and households today.

**LASTING MARRIAGE**  
**The Owner's Manual**  
*Harvey Yoder*  
 9780836193541 Herald Press (2007), 160pp £9.25  
 Lasting Marriage is based on the premise that relationships need the same kind of care and maintenance we give any other valued possession, such as a motor vehicle. While we naturally assume our cars will require more, not less, care as they age, we have often not applied that same reasoning to marriage. This manual looks at premarital preparation, relationship maintenance, and sustaining a healthy marriage during the child-rearing years. Harvey Yoder emphasizes areas of relationship maintenance often ignored in other similar books. These include the importance of a solid support network of friends, family, and congregational family; and the need to take seriously Jesus' teaching about a joyful and simple lifestyle. Charmingly illustrated by Lee Eshleman.

## Leadership

**WHAT'S NEW IN CHURCH LEADERSHIP**  
**Creative Responses to the Changing Pattern of Church Life**  
*Malcolm Grundy*  
 9781853117992 Canterbury Press (2007), 256pp £16.99  
 This is a book for all involved in church leadership at the local or structural level. It draws on leadership theory and practice from a wide range of disciplines to offer some creative techniques and solutions, especially in relation to:

- Developing lay leadership
- Building team ministry
- Leading a group of congregations
- Nurturing new forms of ministry
- Sustaining new models of church

## Mission

**A THOUSAND AND ONE EGYPTIAN NIGHTS**  
**An American Christian's Life Among Muslims**  
*Jennifer Drago*  
 9780836193657 Herald Press (2007), 304pp £9.95  
 Two years after September 11, 2001, many Christians and others in the west had turned a cold shoulder and a blind eye to Muslims in the Middle East. Jennifer Drago and her family saw things differently. The responded to a radical call that uprooted them from their life and work with refugees in the United States and planted them among Muslims and Coptic Christians in Egypt. Jennifer now recounts the challenges and rewards of this eye-opening journey into the heart of the Islamic world.

**CHURCH PLANTING IN THE INNER CITY**  
**The Urban Expression Story**  
*Juliet Kilpin and Stuart Murray*  
 9781851746569 Grove (2007), 32pp £2.95  
 Telling the story of Urban Expression from its launch in 1997, this short book also reflects on the recent history of urban mission and church planting, the distinctive features of church planting in the inner city and the resources needed by urban church planters. It does not present Urban Expression as a 'success story' (whatever that might mean) but as an ongoing journey of discovery rooted in our core values of relationship, humility and creativity.

**FAITH AND POWER**  
**Christianity and Islam in 'Secular' Britain**  
*Lesslie Newbiggin, Lamin Sanneh and Jenny Taylor*  
 9781597522281 Wipf & Stock (2005), 177pp £12.50  
 In the aftermath of the London suicide bombings, this unusual book seems more prophetic than ever. Begun six years before 9/11, it examined the roots of political Islam and its offshoots in Britain. In describing the indifference of policy makers and government officials to religion, it warned of extremism taking root among disaffected young Muslims — and offered a vision of hope tempered with realism that might have helped avert tragedy had it been more widely heeded.

## Peace

**THE HORRORS WE BLESS**  
**Rethinking the Just-War Legacy**  
*Daniel C Maguire*  
 9780800638979 Fortress (2007), 112pp £3.99  
 Is war inevitable? Is it so woven into the fabric of our being that it always was and always will be? "Early Christians," says Maguire, "were unanimous in opposing this view." They didn't see war as normal but an outrage and even a sacrilege. Maguire argues that later Christians succumbed to the supposed "normalcy" of war and developed what later became known as the "just-war theory," which was actually devised as a deterrent to the rush to war.

**HOSTAGE IN IRAQ***Norman Kember*

9780232526998 DLT (2007), 263pp hb £14.99

Written with honesty and emotion, Norman Kember describes in detail his four month ordeal, during which he was imprisoned in a small room and chained to the two Canadian peace activists, James Loney and Harmet Singh Sooden, and the American Tom Fox, who was later killed by his captors. Kember experiences fear, loneliness, boredom, and at one point, contemplated suicide. Yet his wry sense of humour never quite deserts him. Move, gripping, and surprising, *Hostage in Iraq* is a testament to the enduring power of the human spirit, and is set to be a huge success this spring. Includes illustrations and drawings from Kember's captivity journal.

**PEACEMAKING****A Christian Vocation**

9781858523231 URC/Methodist Church (2006), 82pp £3.99

A resource produced by a joint working group of the United Reformed Church and the Methodist Church on peacemaking.

**SEEKING PEACE IN AFRICA****Stories from African Peacemakers***Donald E Miller, Scott Holland, Lon Fendall (Eds)*

9781931038386 Cascadia (2007), 246pp £14.75

This book is a reply to the World Council of Churches' Decade to Overcome Violence. The WCC appealed to the Historic Peace Churches to share their responses to the enormous reach of terror and violation of human life in this generation. The stories in this volume are the hopeful responses of Africans who have lived through horrific violence. Some are unbearable tales of despair at the loss of millions of lives due to warfare, riots, terror, starvation, AIDS, and disease. Others are remarkable descriptions of courageous peacemaking in the midst of nearly impossible circumstances.

**VIOLENCE OF GOD AND THE WAR ON TERROR***Jeremy Young*

9780232526660 DLT (2007), 192pp £12.95

All religions advocate peace, yet the growing significance of the connection between violence and religion cannot be denied. In this hard-hitting and provocative book, Jeremy Young seeks to identify how cycles of abusive and violent behaviour are formative of both Christian theology and contemporary politics, and how they engender conflict.

**THE WAR ON TERROR****How Should Christians Respond?***Nick Solly Megoran*

9781844741755 IVP (2007), 160pp £7.99

As incidents of terrorism increase and the war on terror mounts, how can Christians respond? Nick Solly Megoran provides political analysis combined with rich biblical insight to equip the reader to make informed judgements about the war on terror, as well as practical – and radical – responses.

## Social Justice

**CLIMATE CHANGE****The Challenge to Us All***Sean McDonagh*

9781856075626 Columba (2006), 200pp £9.50

In this book, Sean McDonagh starts by describing how the threat of climate change comes about and shows the consequences of global warming. He then examines various responses to global warming and faces the question

of whether Nuclear Power is the solution. His fifth chapter outlines reviews a wide range of energy efficiencies and renewables. Finally, Father McDonagh examines how the churches have responded to this threat to date.

**STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL****Two Believers – One from a Poor country, One from a Rich Country****– Speak from their Settings***Bedru Hussein and Lynn Miller*

9781561485840 Good Books (2007), 104pp £5.50

This book is for those Christians who are hearing for the first time that their resources, whatever their size, do not ultimately belong to them. The book is for those Christians who have heard that theme too often, who are exhausted by hearing that they have too much.

A group of stories concludes the book. They are life experiences from churches and individuals (from Belize, Indonesia, Paraguay, Ethiopia, and the U.S.) and show candidly how stewardship is practiced in these particular places today.

**WHAT IS PALESTINE-ISRAEL?****Answers to Common Questions***Sonia K Weaver*

9780836193664 Herald Press (2007), 80pp £7.25

The combined name Palestine-Israel only hints at the deep fissures dividing this land. This book presents some of the questions Mennonite workers in Palestine regularly receive from supporters in Canada, the United States, and beyond, along with straightforward answers. While the book grew out of the experience of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a relief, development, and peacebuilding agency of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in Canada and the United States, it also pays attention to the work of other Mennonite mission and peacebuilding agencies in the country.

## Spirituality

**AMISH GRACE****How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy***Donald B Kraybill, Steven M Nolt et al*

9780787997618 Jossey-Bass (2007), 340pp hb £13.99

*Amish Grace* explores the many questions the story the Amish response to Nickel Mines shootings raises about the religious beliefs and habits that led the community to forgive so quickly. It looks at the ties between forgiveness and membership in a cloistered communal society and ask if Amish practices parallel or diverge from other religious and secular notions of forgiveness. It will also address the matter of why forgiveness became news. "All the religions teach it," mused an observer, "but no one does it like the Amish." Regardless of the cultural seedbed that nourished this story, the surprising act of Amish forgiveness begs for a deeper exploration. How could the Amish do this? What did this act mean to them? And how might their witness prove useful to the rest of us? Due October 2007

**CONSIDER JESUS****Daily Reflections on the Book of Hebrews***Donald Jacobs*

9788361934745 Herald Press (2007), 367pp £9.25

"The reflections are refreshingly illuminating and candidly personal, clear evidence of joyful devotion to Jesus and deep familiarity with the book of Hebrews. No devotional book that I know is more likely to fix its readers' eyes on Jesus, the perfecter of our faith. The book will serve as an ideal complement to family or personal devotions." – Jonathan J Bonk, Executive Director, Overseas Ministries Study Center.

**A FIELD OF VOICES****Hymns for Worship***James E Clemens and David Wright*

9780979204609 TableRound (2007) 30pp £7.50

These 30 hymns – a cappella and accompanied, unison to four-part – range from meditation to prayer to confession to praise. Clemens and Wright blend words and music to show respect for voices raised together in song, as well as the diversity of the contemporary church. Each hymn includes background on its origin, context, theology, and use in corporate worship.

**FOLLOWING JESUS IN A CULTURE OF FEAR***Scott Bader-Saye*

9781587431920 Brazos (2007), 192pp £11.25

A timely and applicable resource, Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear will resonate with academics, church leaders, and church members. Instead of allowing their own or others' fears motivate them, readers will be encouraged to forsake their 'ethic of safety' for an 'ethic of risk!' This new way of living manifests itself in hospitality, peacemaking, and generosity.

**FORGIVENESS****A Legacy of the West Nickel Mines Amish School***John L Ruth*

9780836193732 Herald Press (2007), 152pp £7.50

This meditation on the horrific events of October 2, 2006, reflects on the response of the Amish community of Nickel Mines in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where a gunman killed himself, five school children, and wounded five others. The tragedy evoked worldwide expressions of shock and sympathy. But the world was stunned when the Amish community, in the midst of its grieving, offered words of forgiveness toward the dead killer and his family.

While many wondered where God was in the little country school house, the Amish recognized a biblical calling to minister to the killer's family and extend Christ's healing. John L Ruth considers that the extraordinary Christian forgiveness shown by the victims remains the legacy of that heart-breaking day.

**LETTERS TO A YOUNG EVANGELICAL****The Art of Mentoring***Tony Campolo*

9780465008315 Basic Books (2007), 288pp hb £13.99

In *Letters to a Young Evangelical*, Campolo calls on evangelicals of all ages to reject the false pieties of the Religious Right. With his trademark candor and wit, he offers sage advice to seekers who are trying to live their faith in a modern world that is politically polarized and predominantly secular. He is unafraid to touch on the hot-button topics that divide believers in America and around the world: abortion, gay rights, war, capital punishment, feminism, and the environment. An activist, a visionary, and a man of deep faith, Tony Campolo offers guidance not only for young evangelicals, but for seekers of all ages and faiths.

**LIVING THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY****A Guide to Putting Your Faith Into Action***Marcus J Borg and Tim Scorer*

9780061118425 Harper San Francisco (2006), 176pp £11.50

This companion to *The Heart of Christianity* is an invaluable resource that provides the tools to talk about Borg's new vision for a life of Christian faith and how it can change our spiritual lives and Christian communities today. For groups as well as individuals hoping to go deeper in *The Heart of Christianity*, this guide includes personal reflection questions, discussion topics, exercises, and selections from the bestselling book. Organized into twelve chapters, or sessions, *Living the Heart of*

*Christianity* includes both an individual or participant's guide as well as a guide for group leaders, allowing the reader to engage with the issues that lie at the heart of Christianity today.

#### PRAYING THE PSALMS

##### Engaging Scripture in the Light of the Spirit (2nd Edition)

Walter Brueggemann

9781556352836 Wipf & Stock (2007), 97pp £9.75

In this thoroughly revised edition of a classic in spirituality, Walter Brueggemann guides the reader into a thoughtful and moving encounter with the Psalms. This new edition includes a revised text, new notes, and new bibliography.

#### REEL SPIRITUALITY

##### Theology and Film in Dialogue (2nd Edition)

Robert K Johnston

9780801031878 Baker Books (2006), 350pp £12.99

"An excellent and thorough introduction to film criticism from a Christian perspective. It makes a strong case for watching films on their own terms and includes a fascinating chapter on responding to film theologically. \*\*\*\*1/2" – Vic Thiessen

#### REMEMBERING OUR FUTURE

##### Explorations in Deep Church

Andrew Walker and Luke Bretherton (Eds)

9781842275047 Paternoster (2007), 224pp £11.99

Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant traditions drink from the well of a common tradition rooted in the early Church. Many evangelicals are now re-engaging with the practice of the early church as they seek to live as disciples today. Remembering the past is essential for facing the future. Here leaders and theologians – including Alan Kreider – reflect on a range of issues for which a vibrant contemporary faith requires a careful listening to the past. What is the place of tradition in the Church's life? How should we interpret the Bible? How should we worship? What, in other words, might 'Deep Church' look like?

#### TELL IT LIKE IT IS

##### Reclaiming the Practice of Testimony

Lillian Daniel

9781566993180 Alban Institute (2005), 206pp £15.25

When a study group at the seemingly traditional Church of the Redeemer in New Haven, Connecticut, read about the practice of testimony, members approached the descriptions of people sharing their faith as if they were reading an anthropology article – an intriguing account about what other people from some entirely different culture did. During the 2000 Lenten season, however, the congregation slowly began exploring the practice of testimony – a practice that would eventually revitalize their worship and transform their congregational culture. In *Tell It Like It Is* Lillian Daniel, pastor of her congregation, describes how the practice of testimony strengthened lay leadership, fostered more intimate community, and drew the congregation closer to God.

#### THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY

##### Encountering the Seven Last Words from the Cross

William H Willimon

9780687464906 Abingdon (2006), 128pp £6.99

In this brief book one of today's most noted church persons and preachers confronts the reader with the seven last words's claim on her or his life. Written with the clarity, depth, and insight that are Will Willimon's trademark, this book offers afresh the challenge and grace of the message of the Crucified One.

## Theology & Ethics

#### THE END OF MEMORY

##### Remembering Rightly in a Violent World

Miroslav Volf

9780802829894 Eerdmans (2007), 252pp hb £12.99

Can one forget atrocities? Should one forgive abusers? Ought we not hope for the final reconciliation of all the wronged and all wrongdoers alike? We live in an age when it is generally accepted that past wrongs should be constantly remembered. But Miroslav Volf here proposes the radical idea that letting go of such memories – after a certain point and under certain conditions – may actually be the appropriate course of action.

#### EXILES IN THE EMPIRE

Nathan E Yoder and Carol A Scheppard (Eds)

9781894710688 Pandora Press (2006), 266pp £21.75

The reference to exile and empire in the title of this book is meant to invoke the themes both of settledness and of pilgrimage, of permanence and transience that have long been part of God's work in human history. To use the term empire clearly does go beyond the biblical promise of homeland, prompting unsettling questions about exploitation, domination, and idolatry. This book is prepared out of the sense that many Christians in the United States are disturbed by the troubling paradoxes of their country's appearing to be both imperial and Christian. Being committed to proclaiming and living the gospel authentically, while also being citizens in an imperial superpower, can result in a sense of being strangers in one's own homeland. Being compelled to prophesy to what many call Christian America can result in a sense of being exiles in the empire.

#### FILM AND RELIGION

##### An Introduction

Paul VM Flesher and Robert Torry

9780687334896 Abingdon (2007), 336pp £13.99

Focusing on American major-release films since World War II, the authors show how films use religious imagery, characters, and symbolism from primarily Christian, but also, Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, and Islamic traditions. Ideal for classroom use, each chapter analyses significant contextual issues through the lens of select films.

#### GOD AND EMPIRE

##### Jesus Against Rome, Then and Now

John Dominic Crossan

9780060843236 Harper San Francisco (2006), 258pp hb £13.99

From the divine punishment and promise found in Genesis through the revolutionary messages of Jesus and Paul, John Dominic Crossan reveals what the Bible has to say about land and economy, violence and retribution, justice and peace, and, ultimately, redemption. In contrast to the oppressive Roman military occupation of the first century, he examines the meaning of the non-violent Kingdom of God prophesied by Jesus and the equality advocated by Paul to the early Christian churches. Crossan contrasts these messages of peace with the misinterpreted apocalyptic vision from the Book of Revelation, which has been misrepresented by modern right-wing theologians and televangelists to justify U.S. military actions in the Middle East.

#### MILITARIST CHRISTENDOM AND THE GOSPEL OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Daniel H Shubin

9781600022609 Airleaf (2006), 293pp £16.95

In one respect, this volume is an apology of Christian pacifism, while proving that the reversion to Christian militarism is a betrayal of the gospel of the Prince of peace. In another respect, it is a history of the development of militarist Christendom and especially the development of the misconception of the militarist Messiah. This includes the manner events and persons of Biblical and ecclesiastical history were interwoven to create an institution that possesses the façade of Jesus Christ, but denies the primary message of the gospel, and which has subjected itself to political and secular authority for some 1,700 years.

#### THE MORAL CLIMATE

##### The Ethics of Climate Change

Michael Northcott

9780232526684 DLT (2007), 256pp £11.95

Significant climate change as a consequence of human pollution of the atmosphere looks increasingly likely. Some change is already occurring but quite what magnitude of change will occur and what it will bring to different parts of the world remains unknown.

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#### PRACTICING THE POLITICS OF JESUS

##### The Origin and Significance of John Howard Yoder's Social Ethics

Earl Zimmerman

9781931038430 Cascadia (2007), 276pp £15.25

*Practicing the Politics of Jesus* holds potential to be the definitive book on John Howard Yoder's social ethics. Through a treatment of Yoder's thought that is insightful and sophisticated yet surprisingly accessible given the profundity of the issues being analysed, Zimmerman lays out the relevance of the politics of Jesus for people committed to the power of God's transforming love. As foreword writer John Paul Lederach mentions, the book reads almost like a novel – because Zimmerman has managed skillfully to how Yoder's personal and church-related narratives helped shape his theology.

#### PRECARIOUS PEACE

##### Yoderian Explorations on Theology, Knowledge, and Identity

Chris K Huebner

9780836193411 Herald Press (2006), 249pp £11.95

"I believe that *A Precarious Peace* is a break through book. I simply do not see how the mainstream intellectual cultures, Christian and non-Christian, can ignore this book be relegating it, just as they have tried to relegate John Howard Yoder, to the Mennonite ghetto." – Stanley Hauerwas, Duke University, from the Foreword

**SAVED FROM SACRIFICE****A Theology of the Cross***S Mark Heim*

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Jonathan Bartley is Director of the theological think-tank Ekklesia.

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