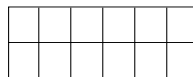


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New Titles Catalogue Spring 2008

Anabaptism

CHRIST IN OUR MIDST

Incarnation, Church and Discipleship in the Theology of Pilgrim Marpeck

Neal Blough

9781894710770 Pandora Press (2007), 275pp £20.95

This book brings together the fruits of Neal Blough's life long academic research and experience teaching seminarians. He invites us to an encounter with Marpeck. Blough practices the gift of inviting us to see Marpeck in his own social and intellectual context, but also to see ourselves in the complexity of the world in which we live. Above all he raises the question to us whether the strong blend of humanity and deity of Christ seen in Marpeck's theology may be a beacon for us in our lives – a welcome gift for people ready to give serious thought to the shape of discipleship today.

SING THE STORY

Hymnal: A Worship Book Supplement II

Randall Spaulding, Kenneth J Nafziger et al (Eds)

9780836193695 Faith and Life (2007), 208pp £8.95

Uses the seasons of the church year from Advent to Pentecost to tell the story of the life, ministry, death, resurrection and reign of Jesus Christ through song and word.

Biblical Studies

NEGLECTED VOICES

Peace in the Old Testament

David A Leiter

9780836193855 Herald Press (2007), 187pp £11.95

David Leiter seeks to convince us that peace and nonviolence are not only central to the New Testament, but also to the Hebrew Scriptures. Exploring all five types of literature found in those scriptures, Leiter says we need not begin by looking at war and violence but by looking at peace and the frequent encouragement toward nonviolence. This short, easy-to-read book fills what has been a regrettable gap in Biblical studies on peace.

OF WIDOWS AND MEALS

Communal Meals in the Book of Acts

Reta Halteman Finger

9780802830531 Eerdmans (2007), 320pp £15.99

Reta Halteman Finger finds a solution to the modern problem by learning from the ancient Mediterranean Christian culture of community. In the earliest Jerusalem church, in holding the responsibility for preparing and serving communal meals, women were given a place of honour. With the table fellowship and goods sharing of the early church, Luke says, "there were no needy persons among them" (Acts 4:34). Finger thoroughly examines this agape-meal tradition, challenging traditional interpretations of the "community of goods" in the Jerusalem church and proving that the communal sharing lasted for hundreds of years longer than previously assumed. Of Widows and Meals begins a discussion of need in community that can revolutionise the contemporary church's interaction.

ROMAN HOUSE CHURCHES FOR TODAY**A Practical Guide for Small Groups***Reta Halterman Finger*

9780802807649 Eerdmans (2007), 224pp £8.99

Placing the biblical book of Romans in its historical and cultural context, Reta Halterman Finger here creates a simulation of the Roman house churches that first heard Paul's Romans letter and its call for inclusion of both Jews and Gentiles in the people of God.

Finger guides readers in small groups to re-create house churches as in first-century Rome. Through nine lessons from the Romans text, participants play various roles and converse, even debate, with other characters from different ethnic and religious backgrounds. This innovative approach makes Romans come alive in new, concrete ways and applies Romans theology

SPEAKING CONFLICT**Stories of a Controversial Jesus***David Buttrick*

9780664230890 WJK (2007), 240pp £13.99

This easy-to-read look at problem texts in the Gospels is aimed primarily at preachers and church educators. An excellent resource.

WRESTLING WITH THE TEXT**Young Adult Perspectives on Scripture***Keith Graber Miller and Malinda Elizabeth Berry*

9781931038379 Cascadia (2007), 192pp £13.25

"These young adults do indeed wrestle with the biblical text in the context of their own lives. Painful as it may be for some, this is a must-read for church leaders and parents of youth and young adults." — Richard A Kauffman, Senior Editor and Book Review Editor, *The Christian Century*; and Senior Editor, *Leader* magazine

Children

INTRODUCING PEACEMAKERS*Ruth Carter & Karen Stallard*

CURBStoneKit13 CURBS (2007), 196pp £18.00 incl VAT

Uses a circus theme to help children from different social and cultural backgrounds to discover what it means to live together peacefully.

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PLANT A SEED OF PEACE*Rebecca Seiling and Brooke Rothshank (illus.)*

9780836193978 Herald Press (2007), 116pp £10.50

Forty-three delightfully illustrated stories of peacemakers from today and the past will capture the imagination of children of all ages. They tell of people whose lives point to something beyond themselves — a transforming faith in God. Readers learn how to put their faith into action so they too can grow a better world.

Christian Life

A BROAD PLACE**An Autobiography***Jurgen Moltmann*

9780334041276 Fortress (2007), 400pp £29.99

In this autobiography Moltmann tells his life story, from his Hamburg youth in an "alternative" parental home to the incomplete completion of the present moment, and he reflects on the journey of his own theological development and creativity. A wide-ranging document alert to the deeper currents of his time and ours, Moltmann's work is at the same time an entertaining reconsideration of a life full of intense experience and new beginnings.

DISCIPLES AND CITIZENS**A Vision for Distinctive Living***Graham Cray*

9781844741571 IVP (2007), 192pp £9.99

An enriching, thought-provoking and very practical look at how we can be better citizens of this world and the next. A corrective to wrong and sloppy thinking and a challenge we must not ignore.

CHURCH

KNOW AND BE KNOWN**Small Groups That Nourish and Connect***Brooke B Collinson*

9781566993357 Alban Inst (2007), 122pp £18.25

Brooke Collinson looks at the element missing in most group dynamics today: intentionality about relationships. Counsellor, educator, and long-time leader and participant in small groups, Collinson knows the power of small groups to create meaningful bonds of friendship and support.

MANDATE TO DIFFERENCE**An Invitation to the Contemporary Church***Walter Brueggemann*

9780664231217 WJK (2007), 214pp £10.99

In this his newest work, renowned Walter Brueggemann sets forth a new vision of the Christian church in today's world. Based on recent speaking engagements surrounding his critical passion and conviction — that the church in this moment must set itself in tension with the rest of the world — the essays in *Mandate to Difference* call the church to courageously defy political polarisation, consumerism, and militarism. "If this is God's world and if the rule of love is at work," he writes, "then our mandate is not to draw into a cocoon of safety; rather, it is to be out and alive in the world in concrete acts and policies whereby the fearful anxiety among us is dispatched and adversaries can be turned to allies and to friends."

Conflict Mediation/VORP

HEALTHY DISCLOSURE**Solving Communication Quandaries in Congregations***Kibbie Simmons Ruth & Karen A McClintock*

9781566993463 Alban Inst (2007), 184pp £17.95

Congregational consultants Kibbie Ruth and Karen McClintock show clergy and laity how to appropriately handle information. From proper ways to respond to rumours to relating information about a staff firing

to the congregation, *Healthy Disclosure* is filled with step-by-step ideas for handling different types of sensitive material. It helps clergy and other congregational leaders understand levels of disclosure, including how and when to reveal information, the difference between privacy and secrecy, legal issues related to public knowledge, and the power of secrets from a congregation's past.

LIBERATING JONAH**Forming an Ethics of Reconciliation***Miquel A De la Torre*

9781570757433 Orbis (2007), 160pp £10.99

Liberating Jonah describes the significant role that can be played by the under represented and oppressed as instruments of reconciliation today. Accessible language makes this book appropriate for undergraduate classrooms and church study groups.

MEMORIES, HOPES, AND CONVERSATIONS**Appreciative Inquiry and Congregational Change***Mark Lau Branson*

9781566992886 Alban Inst (2004) 156pp £15.50

Branson persuasively demonstrates how concentrating on needs and problems can mire a congregation in discouragement and distract from noticing innate strengths. By focussing on memories of the congregation at its best, members are able to construct "provocative proposals" to help shape the church's future. Grounded in solid theory and real-life practice, *Memories, Hopes, and Conversations* is a ground breaking work of narrative leadership and the first book to apply the principles of Appreciative Inquiry to the lives of congregations.

Film and Faith

FAITH AND FILM**A Guidebook for Leaders***Edward N McNulty*

9780664229504 WJK (2007), 272pp £10.99

"If you are looking for a book that will help you get a Christian film-discussion group started, including a discussion guide for 27 excellent films, then look no further. While my own film discussion questions would not be as specific as many of those in this book, I highly recommend it." — Vic Thiessen

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO "STAR WARS"**Faith, Hope and the Force***John C McDowell*

9780664231422 WJK (2007), 204pp £8.99

"A book title starting with the words *The Gospel According to* probably makes one think more of "popular" lightweight works than of serious scholarship. In this case, the rest of the title doesn't help, as it reminds me of the many juvenile Christian titles about *Star Wars* that appeared in the 70's and 80's. So imagine my pleasant surprise upon discovering that this is by far the best book I have read on the *Star Wars* films. If you love *Star Wars* as much as I do (Ewoks, bad acting and inane dialogue notwithstanding), then you'll want to check this out. It's serious, but aimed at all audiences." — Vic Thiessen

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SCIENCE FICTION**From the Twilight Zone to the Final Frontier**

Gabriel McKee

9780664229016 WJK (2007), 291pp £9.99

"Even more serious and scholarly than the previous title, this is another book I thoroughly enjoyed, covering not only films, but also novels and TV. I've been a sci-fi fan all my life and always thought it had a close relationship to theology. This book explores that relationship thoroughly, touching on a great number of theological topics and hundreds of titles. Fascinating stuff!" – Vic Thiessen

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO HOLLYWOOD

Greg Garrett

9780664230524 WJK (2007), 200pp £9.99

"This is the lightweight in the group, but is therefore also the most accessible to a wide audience (i.e. most Christian film-lovers will enjoy reading this). This book explores Hollywood's treatment of key theological themes, using film to illuminate these themes. While I am not completely comfortable with Garrett's method (using film in this way), I nevertheless enjoyed reading his reflections." – Vic Thiessen

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE SIMPSONS**Bigger and Possibly Even Better Edition**

Mark I Pinsky

9780664232658 WJK (2007), 328pp £9.99

"The Simpsons is one of the most subtle pieces of propaganda around in the cause of sense, humility, and virtue. Mark Pinsky manages to decipher the code without deadening the humour, which is quite an achievement." – The Most Reverend Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury

JESUS IN TWENTIETH CENTURY ART AND FILM

Paul C Burns (Ed.)

9780826428417 Continuum (2007), 256pp £16.99

In the twentieth century a number of novelists, artists, and filmmakers, resurrected the life of Jesus genre made so popular in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries by Renan, Strauss, and others. In addition, novelists Norman Mailer, Jose Saramago, and Ricci have written their own "gospels." Burns' collection – taken from a conference at a 2004 regional SBL meeting – explores the ways in which these portraits of Jesus continue to fulfil the familiar observation that people tend to depict Jesus in their own image. In several of the portraits of Jesus, the artists offer a creative response to the realities of the human condition of our time.

JESUS, THE GOSPELS, AND CINEMATIC IMAGINATION**A Handbook to Jesus on DVD**

Jeffrey L Staley and Richard Walsh

9780664230319 WJK (2007), 208pp £10.99

Movies about the life of Jesus continue to be a fascinating way to consider how the Gospels present an image and a narrative of Jesus. In *Jesus, the Gospels, and Cinematic Imagination*, Jeffrey Staley and Richard Walsh use their biblical knowledge and admiration for films to summarise eighteen popular Jesus movies and to show exactly where each movie parallels the Gospel accounts of Jesus's life. The authors provide teachers and students easy access to both Gospel and film parallels, enhancing the value of these select films as teaching tools and useful resources for pastors, those leading discussions of films, and libraries.

THE RELIGION AND FILM READER

Jolyon Mitchell and S Brent Plate (Eds)

9780415404952 Routledge (2007), 470pp £21.99

"This is an excellent collection of more than sixty essays on the relationship between film and religion, including excerpts from some of my favourite books on the subject. It includes perspectives from all parts of the globe and must be considered as THE film and religion anthology. Marvellous!" – Vic Thiessen

THEOLOGY GOES TO THE MOVIES**An Introduction to Critical Christian Thinking**

Clive Marsh

9780415380126 Routledge (2007), 192pp £16.99

Drawing a comparison between religion and cinema-going, this text examines a range of contemporary films in relation to key theological concepts. Cinema as a religion-like activity is explored through cognitive, affective, aesthetic and ethical levels, identifying the religious aspects in the social practice of cinema-going.

Marsh analyses:

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Human Relationships

BODY TALK**Speaking the Words of Health**

Ingrid Friesen Mosser

9780836193701 Herald Press (2007), 158pp £8.75

This study book is on the stewardship of your health – but in this study you won't find the diet or exercise plan perfect for you and you won't learn about the ins and outs of particular health insurance plans! What you'll study in these pages is how your health, and your stewardship of it, affect your life and the lives of those around you – even into your community. It gives practical ways to implement the suggestions made here – not just open-ended theories! Each chapter ends with discussion questions for a group, or individual, that will help identify areas where some repair work may be needed.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING**An Introduction**

H Newton Malony and David W Augsburg

9780687332830 Abingdon (2007), 165pp £9.99

Christians who counsel, counsellors who are Christian – what is the difference? What makes Christian counselling distinctive from secular counselling approaches? In this book, Malony and Augsburg introduce the substance and method, including family systems methodology, of Christian counselling as a major voice. The book also includes how to do a faith assessment; how to collaborate, consult, and refer; the centrality of Christ in the counselling process; how to address issues of sexual and cultural diversity with sensitivity; and the destiny of Christian counselling.

MENNONITE PERSPECTIVES ON PASTORAL COUNSELING

Daniel S Shipani

9780936273396 IMS (2007), 258pp £14.95

The authors invite conversation and collaboration with pastors, pastoral counsellors, psychotherapists, chaplains, and others involved in and training for care-giving ministries, in the global Anabaptist communion and other traditions.

Leadership

THE FIFTH DISCIPLINE**The Art and Practice of the Learning Organisation**

Peter Senge

9781905211203 Random House (2006), 464pp £18.99

Peter Senge, founder and director of the Society for Organisational Learning and senior lecturer at MIT, has found the means of creating a 'learning organisation'. In *The Fifth Discipline*, he draws the blueprints for an organisation where people expand their capacity to create the results they truly desire, where new and expansive patterns of thinking are nurtured, where collective aspiration is set free, and where people are continually learning together. *The Fifth Discipline* fuses these features together into a coherent body of theory and practice, making the whole of an organisation more effective than the sum of its parts.

SHAPING SPIRITUAL LEADERS**Supervision and Formation in Congregations**

Abigail Johnson

9781566993500 Alban Inst (2007), 156pp £9.95

This book provides a hands-on approach to supervision, addressing key areas such as identifying a learning focus, covenanting, managing conflict, understanding and using power and authority, offering and receiving feedback and evaluation, and celebrating and ending the supervisory relationship.

Lent

THE LAST WEEK**What the Gospels Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem**

Marcus J Borg and John Dominic Crossan

9780281059836 SPCK (2007), 256pp £7.99

The authors use the Gospel of Mark as their guide, presenting a day-by-day account of Holy Week. It reveals a radical and little-known Jesus who gave up his life to protest against power without justice and to condemn the oppression of the poor by the rich.

Mission

BORDERS AND BRIDGES

Mennonite Witness in a Religiously Diverse World

Peter Dula and Alain Epp Weaver

9781931038461 Cascadia (2007), 188pp £14.95

These case studies of interfaith bridge-building written by Mennonites around the globe are exactly what we need to be considering in our churches in a world torn by faith-based conflict. The essays are personal and easy-to-read and provide much food for reflection.

CHRISTIAN PRESENCE AND WITNESS AMONG MUSLIMS

Peter F Penner (Ed.)

9783937896168 Neufeld Verlag (2005), 199pp £12.50

The aim of this conference in 2005 was to foster a better understanding of what Islam is and how Muslim communities function in different regions of Europe. The nature of Christian presence and witness was examined in this context, including the relationships of Christians and Muslims who live in close proximity in our global village. The conference emphasised the importance of showing love for, and acceptance of, Muslims and of learning to listen with interest to the witness of their faith experience. Contributors include Dr David W Shenk (Eastern Mennonite Missions), and Dr Kenneth Cragg (Honorary Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Oxford)

CROSS AND CRESCENT

Responding to the Challenges of Islam

Colin Chapman

9781844741922 IVP (2007), 432pp £12.99

Islam presents new challenges and new questions to Christians and to the West in a post-9/11 context. However, in many situations in the world, where Christians and Muslims live peacefully side-by-side as neighbours, political considerations are not uppermost. Challenging us to examine our own attitudes, Colin Chapman considers the issues involved in Christian engagement with Muslims and Islam. He explores, ultimately, how Christians can effectively bear witness to Jesus.

This revised and updated edition incorporates brand new material on 'Islamic Terrorism', 'What is Islam?', 'The Qur'anic View of Christians' and 'Explaining Christian Beliefs About Jesus'. It will equip Christians to better understand Muslims and Islam in a rapidly changing world.

MISSION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Exploring the Five Marks of Global Mission

Andrew F Walls (Ed.)

9780232527209 DLT (2008), 290pp £14.95

Aimed at both practitioners and church leaders and academics and students of missiology, this collection of essays brings together scholarly reflection with praxis; it includes discussion questions, case studies and stories. The emphasis is on reflection and practice/engagement. Contributors include Tony Gittins, Lamin Sanneh, Desmond Tutu and Ashish Chrispal. Due Feb 2008

TRIBAL CHURCH

Ministering to the Missing Generation

Carol Howard Merritt

9781566993470 Alban Inst (2007), 208pp £18.25

Carol Howard Merritt, a pastor in her mid-thirties, suggests a different way for churches to be able to approach young adults on their own terms. Outlining the financial, social, and familial situations that affect many young adults today, she describes how churches can provide a safe,

supportive place for young adults to nurture relationships and foster spiritual growth. There are few places left in society that allow for real inter-generational connections to be made, yet these connections are vital for any church that seeks to reflect the fullness of the body of Christ. Using the metaphor of a tribe to describe the close bonds that form when people of all ages decide to walk together on their spiritual journeys, Merritt casts a vision of the church that embraces the gifts of all members while reaching out to those who might otherwise feel unwelcome or unneeded. Main line churches have much to offer young adults, as well as much to learn from them. By breaking down artificial age barriers and building up intentional relationships, congregations can provide a space for all people to connect with God, each other, and the world.

WOMEN IN MISSION

From the New Testament to Today

Susan E Smith

9781570757372 Orbis (2007), 224pp £13.99

The first full-length study of women's changing roles in the mission of Christianity.

In surveying those major works that treat the full sweep of the church's missional self-understanding, Susan E Smith notes that, while they help us better understand the story of Christian mission, "they are less helpful in understanding women's part in that narrative." In matters of mission history, as in so many other areas, scholars have been much better at telling "his" story than "hers."

Peace

JUST POLICING, NOT WAR

An Alternative Response to World Violence

Gerald W Schlabach (Ed.)

9780814652213 Liturgical (2007), 256pp £15.99

Gerald Schlabach has proposed just policing theory as a way to narrow the gap between just war and pacifist traditions. If the world can address problems of violence through a police model instead of a conventional military model, there may be a role for Christians from all traditions. In this volume, Schlabach present his theory and has invited a number of scholars representing Catholic, Mennonite, and other traditions to respond to the theory and address a number of key questions.

MENDING A TORN WORLD

Women in Interreligious Dialogue

Maura O'Neill

9781570757266 Orbis (2007), 160pp £10.99

The voices of women are typically excluded from dialogues between representatives of world religions. This exclusion has the additional effect of obscuring the very real diversity of women's perspectives within each tradition. This book remedies both forms of omission – highlighting the contributions of women in inter-religious dialogue, while also exposing the significant differences between "conservative" and "progressive" voices within their respective traditions.

THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT

Ethical and Theological Reflection

Semegnish Asfaw, Guillermo Kerber et al (Eds)

9782825414705 WCC (2005), 143pp £9.50

The responsibility to protect is a new and controversial issue in many intellectual and political spheres. While some believe that the use of military force as a last resort should not be avoided when it can alleviate

or stop large-scale human-rights violations, others hold that any military intervention, even for humanitarian purposes, can only lead to a worsening of the situation. In April 2005, the WCC's Commission of the Churches on International Affairs organised a high-level seminar aimed at advising the WCC on this issue both from a theological and ethical stand, as well as from political perspectives. This publication is a compilation of the papers presented.

A STUPID, UNJUST AND CRIMINAL WAR

Iraq 2001-2007

Andrew Greeley

9781570757327 Orbis (2007), 240pp £9.99

Andrew Greeley began writing critically on the US Government decision to invade Iraq long before it was fashionable. This collection of weekly essays shows a Catholic consciousness responding to events as they happened. They are a powerful reminder of what is most precious in the American heritage and how they must recover their deepest values.

SUBVERTING HATRED

The Challenge of Nonviolence in Religious Traditions

Daniel L Smith-Christopher

9781570757471 Orbis (2007), 210pp £10.99

Religious rivalries have been at the root of many human conflicts throughout history. Representatives of nine world religions offer insights into the teachings of nonviolence within their tradition, how practice has often fallen short of the ideals, and how they can overcome the contagion of hatred through a return to traditional teachings on nonviolence.

THREATENED WITH RESURRECTION

The Difficult Peace of Christ

Simon Barrow

9780232527247 DLT (2008), 144pp £11.95

Threatened with Resurrection examines the traditional stand-off between 'just-war' theory and pacifism, and offers a radical alternative rooted in the Gospel. Simon Barrow explains why saying no to 'war in God's name' is a serious threat to those (both religious and non-religious) who persist in justifying the use of political violence. He present a serious and vividly illustrated case for a major shift in mainstream Christian understanding – one which signals fresh hope for all those who have come to see in religion the problem not the solution. Due Feb 2008

WAR, PEACE, AND GOD

Rethinking the Just-War Tradition

Gary M Simpson

9780806651101 Fortress (2007), 109pp £5.99

What do people mean by a "just war"? What are the moral criteria for justifiably going to war and fighting in war? Can Lutheran congregations be peace churches and be within the JWT? These are the important questions explored and addressed in this timely book. Includes additional resources and questions for reflection and discussion.

Social Justice

LOUDER THAN WORDS

An Agenda for the 21st Century Church

Andrew Bradstock

9780232526103 DLT (2007), 144pp £9.95

It is stating the obvious to say that we confront enormous challenges today. Poverty, hunger and disease affect two thirds of the world on a daily basis. War is often a first rather than a last resort and the spectre of terrorism a real fear for many. As society fragments and mistrust between different ethnic and religious groups increases, what can and should churches do to respond?

In *Louder than Words*, Andrew Bradstock argues that locally, nationally and globally change is possible, and that Christians and churches are not only vital to the process, it is part of their calling to work for it.

LOVE THAT DOES JUSTICE

Thomas L Schubeck

9781570757464 Orbis (2007), 224pp £12.99

Thomas Schubeck reviews the significance of love and justice within the Christian tradition and how they were understood and applied by the prophets and Jesus, by Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Reinhold Niebuhr, and John Paul II. Foundational for these key historical figures, love and justice are also the keys today to practices of nonviolence, war and peace, working for the common good, and establishing solidarity.

THE NORTH END LIVES

A Journey Through Poverty Terrain

Hugo Neufeld

9780836193336 Herald Press (2006), 189pp £8.50

"Hugo Neufeld's understanding of poverty's roots and consequences were turned on their head. He listened to what God said in the midst of it all and has become an eloquent, passionate, and ardent advocate of justice to the poor. This spirited account is eminently rewarding and proves that miracles still happen." — Arthur Paul Boers, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, author of *Never Call Them Jerks*.

Spirituality

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The Restless World of Henri Nouwen

Michael Ford (Ed.)

9780232527100 DLT (2007), 144pp £9.95

In this new collection of Nouwen's writings, Michael Ford traces Nouwen's extensive travels, through the Ukraine and Russia, Europe, North America and Central and Latin America, concentrating on some lesser known episodes from Nouwen's life. Focussing on the spirituality of people and places, Nouwen's reflections put us more closely in touch with our own experiences of faith, as well as offering us intriguing new insights into the heart of a one-off spiritual travel guide whose outer and inner journeys were all of a piece.

I WANT TO LIVE THESE DAYS WITH YOU

A Year of Daily Devotions

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

9780664231484 WJK (2007), 384pp £10.99

This collection of inspirational writings from Dietrich Bonhoeffer is drawn from his many works and presented here as a series of daily meditations to last throughout the year. Organised under monthly themes, these prayers,

sermons, meditations, letters, and notes offer readers a new glimpse at how Bonhoeffer understood the meaning of faith and discipleship.

LIFE WITH GOD

Reading the Bible for Spiritual Transformation

Richard Foster

9780340954942 Hodder (2008), 304pp £10.99

Readers will discover a whole new way to read Scripture, making it a doorway to a lifestyle we can master, rather than merely knowledge we understand. In addition to the teaching on the fifteen stages of relationship between God and humanity, Foster gives practical teaching on spiritual disciplines such as Lectio Divina.

Due mid April 2008

PRAYER

(Christ Jesus the Way series)

Joyce Rupp

9781570757129 Orbis (2007), 128pp £5.99

Joyce Rupp opens up the Scriptures that teach us how to pray and applies them to our daily lives. She encourages us "to pray always" through and awareness of God "in whom we live and move and have our being". Filled with personal experiences, examples, and life-lessons, *Prayer* is spiritual reading at its best for Christians of all denominations.

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Pilgrimage as a Way of Life

Jim Forest

9781570757310 Orbis (2007), 190pp £8.99

Drawing on the wisdom of the saints and his own wide-ranging travels, Forest leads us to a range of "thin places", including Iona, Jerusalem, the secret annex of Anne Frank, the experience of illness, the practice of hospitality, and other places and occasions where we may find ourselves surprised by grace.

THE SINGING THING TOO

Enabling Congregations to Sing: Pt. 2

John L Bell

9781905010325 Wild Goose (2007), 160pp £10.99

In Book 2 John Bell's concerns are learning and teaching. How do people pick up new music? How do you encourage a congregation to learn a new song? How can you breathe new life into quality hymnody which has gone stale?

With both tact and irreverence, John Bell shares insights culled from over 20 years in which he and his colleagues in the Wild Goose Resource and Worship Groups have taught new songs in venues as diverse as old people's homes with half a dozen hearing-aid users to Greenbelt Festival with over 10,000 gathered for worship.

THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

What We Do in Worship and Why

Marlea Gilbert, Christopher Grundy, Eric T Myers

9781566993371 Alban Inst (2007), 128pp £16.95

The Work of the People simply and clearly explains the structure of worship, the actions and words we use in liturgy, the environment in which it all happens — in other words, what we are doing and why. This book will guide congregations in worshipping in a way that encourages participants' spiritual growth, welcomes new participants into faith, and sends people out as the body of Christ to transform the world. Respectful of local custom and the traditions and practices of the church as a whole, *The Work of the People* will help worship leaders make the best use of their congregation's resources and clarify their choices about how they will worship together.

Theology and Ethics

THE BIBLICAL VISION OF SABBATH ECONOMICS

Ched Myers

Potters House, 70pp £6.75

Ched Myers traces the witness of "Sabbath economics" through the life and teachings of Jesus and the early church, offering a compelling argument for why the Church today must offer alternatives to the dominant paradigms of economic theory and practice. Ideal for individual or group study, this book offers an accessible path to understanding the relationship between biblical faith and economics.

BUSINESS ETHICS

Eugene C Ahner

9781570757488 Orbis (2007), 224pp £10.99

Fully aware that nothing creates greater emotional response than words like capitalism and big business, Ahner believes that the cure for poverty is better business practices rooted in a deeper grasp of human nature. "The focus of this book," he writes, "is to work through an understanding of the nature of a market economy, how business works, what drives it, what kind of outcomes one can hope for, and what are its limitations." Ultimately, he shows, if business isn't ethical, it isn't even good business.

CHRISTIANITY, DEMOCRACY, AND THE RADICAL ORDINARY

Conversations Between a Radical Democrat and a Christian

Stanley Hauerwas and Romand Coles

9781556352973 Wipf & Stock (2007), 378pp £26.50

Hauerwas and Coles call us to a revolutionary politics of "wild patience" that seeks transformation through attentive practices of listening, relationship-building, and a careful tending to places, common goods, and diverse possibilities for flourishing. Both authors translate back and forth across — as well as dwell in the tensions between — the languages of radical democracy and of trial, cross, and resurrection. Engaging each other through a variety of genres — from essays, to letters, to co-writing and dialogue — Hauerwas and Coles seek to enact a politics that is evangelical in its radical receptivity across strange differences and that cultivates power in relation to vulnerability.

CONFLICT AND CONCILIATION

Faith and Politics in an Age of Global Dissonance

Jason W Daverth (Ed.)

9781856075770 Columba (2007), 272pp £8.99

Despite the peaceful foundations of global monotheistic religions, the broad diversity of interpretations can lead to a sharp paradox regarding the use of force.

Inevitably, we must ask ourselves: How can those who ascribe to peaceful beliefs suspend their own moral foundation to beat the drums of war? how can such diverse interpretations of legitimate violence exist within the same belief system?; and how do peace scholars contend with the sheer complexity of this paradox in order to help point the way forward? This volume seeks to address these questions, with eleven internationally renowned scholars contributing under three section headings: War and (Non) Violence, Religion, Violence and Reconciliation, and Violence in Context.

THE GODS OF WAR**Is Religion the Primary Cause of Violent Conflict***Meic Pearse*

9781844742264 IVP (2007), 220pp £9.99

Meic Pearse argues that the principal causes of war are culture and greed. Analysing global history and current events, he shows that the worst wars have been produced by irreligion, and that secularism does violence to religion and traditional cultures.

IN MAN WE TRUST**The Neglected Side of Biblical Faith***Walter Brueggemann*

9781597525572 Wipf & Stock (2006), 144pp £12.50

"This book suggests a fresh hearing of the Gospel in the traditions of the Old Testament. Israel's affirmation of faith is many-sided. One of the dimensions which has been largely neglected in our use of Scripture are those traditions which affirm the world, celebrate culture, and affirm human responsibility and capability. Such affirmations from the Bible sound strange to our ears, but they are no less scriptural and no less Gospel. This stress and the literature which express it are, of course, not all of Scripture but they are an important element. I have argued here that for our moment in cultural history, these elements in Scripture provide our best opportunity to make contact between biblical faith and the culture in which we do our 'faithing.'" – From the forward.

MAKING A MEAL OF IT**Rethinking the Theology of the Lord's Supper***Ben Witherington III*

9781602580152 Baylor UP (2007), 170pp £10.99

Making a Meal of It explores the background and implications of the Lord's Supper. Delving into its historical and scriptural origins, Witherington argues that the Lord's Supper is a sacramental celebration of the community of God, designed to incorporate people of varying backgrounds. Excavating the diverse ways in which Scripture and early Christian tradition speak about the Lord's Supper, Witherington advocates that the meal is primarily about who the people of God are and how they should thus live together.

THE NON-VIOLENT CROSS**A Theology of Revolution and Peace***James W Douglass*

9781597526081 Wipf & Stock (2006), 301pp £21.75

"*The Non-Violent Cross* was a crucial text to push me into becoming a pacifist. It remains as relevant today as it was when first published in 1966. Douglass was in conversation not only with Catholic perspectives but also John Howard Yoder. Indeed he was among the first to show us how the most orthodox Christian claims committed the church to the practice of nonviolence. We are in Wipf & Stock's debt for bringing the book back into print." – Stanley Hauerwas, Duke University

RECOVERING JESUS**The Witness of the New Testament***Thomas R Yoder Neufeld*

9780281059720 SPCK (2007), 352pp £12.99

"Not just another Jesus book, Thomas Yoder Neufeld's *Recovering Jesus* integrates sound scholarship with a profound and reflective faith. Written with a wide spectrum of contemporary college students in mind, Yoder Neufeld's accessible and engaging prose will also attract thoughtful lay people as well as busy church leaders. His centring the Jesus story in the ethic and theology of the kingdom of God is not only refreshingly true to

the heart of our written Gospels but will be especially helpful for those who long to follow Jesus in life. Few scholars of Yoder Neufeld's breadth and depth write with this clarity of thought and joy on discipleship." – Mary Schertz, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

RE-ENCHANTING CHRISTIANITY*Dave Tomlinson*

9781853118579 SCM (2008), 160pp £9.99

Dave Tomlinson is author of *The Post Evangelical*, a seminal book which acknowledged the disenchantment with simplistic approaches to faith experienced by many evangelicals. Many, locked into interpretations of Christianity that they can no longer accept, have given up on the Church altogether. But is re-enchantment possible in our post-modern, post-Christian age? In this original and exciting follow-on book, Dave Tomlinson explores how Christianity, once deconstructed, can become credible again. Re-enchantment is not a return to credulity or an attempt to recapture lost innocence, but it is finding a realistic faith that reconciles heart and head, that offers a positive, engaging spirituality, that is unafraid of grappling honestly with difficult questions. He explores key components of Christian belief – God, sin, the Bible, resurrection, the Church, mission, prayer and more – and asks how they can be understood in deeper, more meaningful ways. Due late February 2008

UNDER VINE AND FIG TREE**Biblical Theologies of Land and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict***Alain Epp Weaver*

9781931038454 Cascadia (2007), 204pp £17.75

Rooted in Mennonite Central Committee's nearly six decades of work alongside Palestinians and Israelis, *Under Vine and Fig Tree* examines ways in which the Bible has been used to justify violence and dispossession and ways it can be received as a life-giving word for Palestinians and Israelis wishing to live securely under their own vines and fig trees. "This volume offers a careful and well-grounded study of the Scriptures, Old Testament and New, as they relate to the vexing questions of land ownership which lie at the root of the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict." – Dorothy Jean Weaver, Professor of New Testament, Eastern Mennonite Seminary

Director's Cut**THE MORAL CLIMATE****The Ethics of Climate Change***Michael Northcott*

9780232526684 DLT (2007), 256pp £12.95

Not only does this excellent book cover the most current data on the state of the world's ecological crisis, it provides a thoroughly Biblical and theological (Anabaptist?) reflection on its causes and solutions. Radically prophetic and written in Michael's typically provocative and challenging style, this book is absolutely essential reading for everyone – our future depends on considering the issues discussed here.

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

9780836193732 Herald Press (2007), 152pp £7.95

A concise easy-to-read reflection on the Amish response to last autumn's tragedy in Pennsylvania. It's a book anyone can read through in an afternoon and is well worth the effort.

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

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

For a deeper exploration of the Amish response to the tragedy, I highly recommend this book. It asks vital questions about forgiveness that not only help us to understand the Amish response but also challenge us to consider the role of forgiveness in our own lives.

A PRECARIOUS PEACE**Yoderian Explorations on Theology, Knowledge, and Identity***Chris K Huebner*

9780836193411 Herald Press (2007), 249pp £12.95

For the latest reflections on the state of Mennonite peace theology and how John Howard Yoder can be interpreted for our time, check out Huebner's excellent collection of essays. Challenging the way many Christian pacifists (including Mennonites) think about peace, Huebner calls for a broader understanding of a precarious peace that cannot be possessed, localised or secured. It's not an easy read but well worth it for all those interested in a rigorous peace theology.

HOSTAGE IN IRAQ*Norman Kember*

9780232526998 DLT (2007), 263pp hb £14.95

A thrilling easy-to-read account of Norman's three-month ordeal in Iraq. Written by a good friend of the LMC, and concerning his involvement with CPT, a partner organisation of the LMC, this book explores the risks of peacemaking.

BORDERS AND BRIDGES**Mennonite Witness in a Religiously Diverse World***Peter Dula and Alain Epp Weaver*

9781931038461 Cascadia (2007), 188pp £14.95

(See under *Mission*)**NEGLECTED VOICES****Peace in the Old Testament***David A Leiter*

9780836193855 Herald Press (2007), 187pp £11.95

(See under *Biblical Studies*)**FOLLOWING JESUS IN A CULTURE OF FEAR***Scott Bader-Saye*

9781587431920 Brazos (2007), 192pp £11.25

Who can argue that we are living in a culture of fear? Bader-Saye's challenging book takes a much-needed look at the central place of fear in the life of people today and at a Christian response to this culture of fear. Each chapter ends with excellent discussion questions, making the book ideal for small groups.

SPEAKING CONFLICT**Stories of a Controversial Jesus***David Buttrick*

9780664230890 WJK (2007), 240pp £13.99

(See under *Biblical Studies*)**FAITH AND FILM****A Guidebook for Leaders***Edward N McNulty*

9780664229504 WJK (2007), 272pp £10.99

(See under *Film & Faith*)

FILM AND RELIGION**An Introduction***Paul VM Flesher and Robert Torry*

9780687334896 Abingdon (2007), 306pp £13.99

This book, aimed primarily at students, looks at how films use religious imagery to make points about religious and non religious topics (e.g. the ideology of American exceptionalism and American millennialism). I loved it but it's probably not for the casual reader.

THE RELIGION AND FILM READER*Jolyon Mitchell and S Brent Plate (Eds)*

9780415404952 Routledge (2007), 470pp £21.99

(See under *Film Et Faith*)**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO "STAR WARS"****Faith, Hope and the Force***John C McDowell*

9780664231422 WJK (2007), 204pp £8.99

(See under *Film Et Faith*)**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SCIENCE FICTION****From the Twilight Zone to the Final Frontier***Gabriel McKee*

9780664229016 WJK (2007), 291pp £9.99

(See under *Film Et Faith*)**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO HOLLYWOOD***Greg Garrett*

9780664230524 WJK (2007), 200pp £9.99

(See under *Film Et Faith*)***New Titles I Can't Wait to Read!****(see under earlier sections)***MANDATE TO DIFFERENCE****An Invitation to the Contemporary Church***Walter Brueggemann*

9780664231217 (2007), 214pp £10.99

DISCIPLES AND CITIZENS**A Vision for Distinctive Living***Graham Cray*

9781844741571 IVP (2007), 192pp £9.99

THEOLOGY GOES TO THE MOVIES**An Introduction to Critical Christian Thinking***Clive Marsh*

9780415380126 Routledge (2007), 192pp £16.99

MENNONITE PERSPECTIVES ON PASTORAL COUNSELING*Daniel S Schipani*

9780936273396 IMS (2007), 258pp £14.95

CHRISTIAN PRESENCE AND WITNESS AMONG MUSLIMS*Peter F Penner (Ed.)*

9783937896168 Neufeld Verlag (2005), 199pp £12.50

CROSS AND CRESCENT**Responding to the Challenges of Islam***Colin Chapman*

9781844741922 IVP (2007), 432pp £12.99

MENDING A TORN WORLD**Women in Inter-religious Dialogue***Maura O'Neill*

9781570757266 Orbis (2007), 160pp £10.99

A STUPID, UNJUST AND CRIMINAL WAR**Iraq 2001-2007***Andrew Greeley*

9781570757327 Orbis (2007), 240pp £9.99

SUBVERTING HATRED**The Challenge of Nonviolence in Religious Traditions***Daniel L Smith-Christopher*

9781570757471 Orbis (2007), 210pp £10.99

THREATENED WITH RESURRECTION**The Difficult Peace of Christ***Simon Barrow*

9780232527247 DLT (2008), 144pp £11.95

LOUDER THAN WORDS**An Agenda for the 21st Century Church***Andrew Bradstock*

9780232526103 DLT (2007), 144pp £9.95

CONFLICT AND CONCILIATION**Faith and Politics in an Age of Global Dissonance***Jason W Daverth (Ed.)*

9781856075770 Columba (2007), 272pp £8.99

UNDER VINE AND FIG TREE**Biblical Theologies of Land and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict***Alain Epp Weaver*

9781931038454 Cascadia (2007), 204pp £17.75

Best-selling Titles from Previous Director's Cuts**DISSIDENT DISCIPLESHIP****A Spirituality of Self-Surrender, Love of God, and Love of Neighbor***David W Augsburg*

9781587431807 Brazos (2006), 256pp £12.99

This is surely one of the best and most important books that David Augsburg (one of the most well-known Mennonite authors) has written. Using a wealth of wonderful stories and anecdotes, this accessible and inspiring book presents an Anabaptist spirituality that moves beyond a relationship limited to us and God to one that includes our neighbour. Full of wisdom and wit and even some poetry, this is a must-read. (NOTE: I CANNOT EMPHASISE THIS ENOUGH – YOU NEED TO READ THIS BOOK!)

A CULTURE OF PEACE**God's Vision for the Church***Alan Kreider, Eleanor Krieder and Paulus Widjaja*

9781561485048 Good Books (2005), 203pp £6.25

Building on their excellent work in our all-time best-seller, *Becoming a Peace Church*, Alan and Eleanor, together with Paulus Widjaja from Indonesia, have written a critical introduction to the church's calling to be a "culture of peace". It covers all the important aspects of the discussion, from the Biblical foundation, to peace inside the church, to peace in the workplace and peace in the world around us (with a critical chapter on peace and evangelism), in a simple, very easy-to-read style. This book is an absolute must-read for every Anabaptist in the world (and everyone who is serious about following Jesus). (SEE NOTE ON PREVIOUS TITLE!)

PREPARING SUNDAY DINNER*A Collaborative Approach to Worship and Preaching**June Alliman Yoder, Marlene Kropf, Rebecca Slough*

9780836193213 Herald Press (2006), 498pp £13.95

This book is long overdue. Using the metaphor of a meal, it provides a brilliant theological framework for worship services and then takes us through every part of those services. A great guide and resource for everyone involved in Sunday worship.

CHANGING MISSION**Learning from the Newer Churches***Stuart Murray*

9780851693057 CTBI (2006), 153pp £8.99

Another important work from Stuart Murray, this is already a Metanoia best-seller. Written in his usual engaging style, this book is another excellent contribution to the ongoing efforts to revitalise Christianity in the UK. Newer churches provide challenges and insights we must examine closely if we are to do mission today. This book encourages us to do just that. Highly recommended.

TAKE OUR MOMENTS AND OUR DAYS**An Anabaptist Prayer Book – A four-week cycle of morning and evening prayers***Arthur Paul Boers, Eleanor Kreider et al (Eds)*

9780836193749 Herald Press (2007), 392pp £16.75

Have you been waiting for an Anabaptist collection of daily prayers? Your wait is over. This distinctively Anabaptist collection of prayers/readings is organised into a four-week cycle centring around significant scriptures in the ministry of Jesus: the Lord's Prayer, the Beatitudes, the miracles, and the parables. An excellent resource!

SIMPLY IN SEASON**Recipes that celebrate the rhythm of the land in the spirit of More-with-Less***Cathleen Hockman-Wert and Mary Beth Lind*

9780836192971 Herald Press (2005), 336pp £14.50

The third in the best-selling MCC cookbook trilogy, this book features eating and using local, seasonal foods in wholesome delicious dishes. My wife tells me it's a great cookbook and a must-have.

JOHN HOWARD YODER**Mennonite Patience, Evangelical Witness, Catholic Convictions***Mark Thiessen Nation*

9780802839404 Eerdmans (2006), 224pp £10.99

This book, written by a previous director of the LMC, is "an insider's introduction to Yoder, demonstrating how a committed Mennonite could also be profoundly evangelical in his witness and broadly catholic in his Christian sensibilities.

THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM**Revised Edition***Donald B Kraybill*

9780836192360 Herald Press (2003), 312pp £10.75

Newly revised, the standard work on discipleship. Covers all aspects of living in the upside-down Kingdom of God.

EXILES**Living Missionally in a Post-Christian Culture***Michael Frost*

9781565636705 Hendrickson (2005), 280pp £10.99

How do we live a life of integrity in the post-Christian culture of the 21st century?

MAKING PEACE WITH CONFLICT**Practical Skills for Conflict Transformation***Carolyn Shrock-Shenk and Lawrence Ressler (Eds)*

9780836191271 Herald Press (1999), 200pp £11.95

A practical guide to understanding and transforming conflict based on biblical and Anabaptist principles. Over 20 noted authors shaped by many experiences and cultures tell of lessons taught by walking conflict's holy ground. Some insights will be familiar, some new – and some able to trigger new conflict! Alastair McKay contributed a chapter to this book.

THE JOURNEY TOWARD RECONCILIATION*John Paul Lederach*

9780836190823 Herald Press (1999), 176pp £10.50

Respected world-wide for his work in conflict transformation, especially in international conflict, this work by the leading Mennonite voice in the field is the place to start a study on reconciliation.

NEVER CALL THEM JERKS**Healthy Responses to Difficult Behaviour***Arthur Paul Boers*

9781566992183 Alban Inst (1999), 147pp £13.95

An excellent and very readable book from a Mennonite pastor that invites church leaders to a mature approach in dealing with people labelled "difficult" or worse!

EXTRAORDINARY RELATIONSHIPS**A New Way of Thinking About Human Interactions***Roberta M Gilbert*

9780471346906 John Wiley (1992), 325pp £9.99

Best single introduction to family systems theory. Roberta Gilbert puts systems thinking to practical use in relationships at work, and home and demonstrates relationship principles of seeing individuals as separate, equal and open. The book encourages readers to look at the patterns of interaction in our closest relationships, particularly in our original families, in order to unlock ways to create improved relationships.