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## Anabaptism

### ANABAPTISTS AND POSTMODERNITY

*Biesecker-Mast, Susan & Gerald (Ed.)* £19.25  
0966502124 Pandora Press US (2000), 440pp

"If you think 'postmodern Anabaptist' is an oxymoron, read this book. Most important is its argument, furthered by a number of authors, for the entanglement among theology, philosophy, and power structures - in light of which the dominant theology of modernity can be recognised as but one tradition among others, with its particular social commitments." — Mancey Murphy

### COMING HOME

*Stories of Anabaptists in Britain & Ireland*  
*Kreider, Alan & Stuart Murray (Ed.)* £9.95  
0968554369 Pandora Press (2000), 220pp

A collection of over 50 stories from those for whom Anabaptism has been important in their spiritual journey plus essays that reflect on the historical and contemporary impact of Anabaptism and explore its future potential. The theme which emerges from these stories is that of 'coming home': for many, discovering Anabaptism meant finding a tradition within which they felt at home, a way of discipleship which made sense. — Mark Thiessen Nation

### EXTENDING OUR LIVES VIDEO (PAL) *Cloud of Witnesses Series*

*Holsopple, Jerry L* £19.60  
COWEL MennoMedia (1997)

The churches in Bolivia and Brazil share leadership among members, call people to Bible study, and look at mission outreach to other parts of the world. Includes an inspiring, dramatic re-enactment of the 'Martyrs Mirror' story of Joost Joosten. Study guide included. 56 minutes, 7 segments.

### FACING THE POWERS VIDEO (PAL)

*Cloud of Witnesses Series*  
*Holsopple, Jerry L* £21.25  
COWFP MennoMedia (1996)

The powers of conversion, prayer, and the Word of God are crucial to West African Christians as they face the spiritual and structural powers in their culture. Includes the 'Martyrs Mirror' story of Elizabeth and Hadewijk. 49 minutes, 7 segments.

### MENNONITE AND NAZI

*Attitudes Among Mennonite Colonists in Latin America, 1933-1945*  
*Thiesen, John D* £19.50  
0968346251 Pandora Press (1999), 330pp

This book is an examination of the tensions some Latin American Mennonites felt between faith, culture, and politics during the Hitler era in Germany. "The book is readable, concise, carefully researched, fair, and accurate... [But

more than that it] is a book that will surely stimulate readers to reflect on their own synthesis of faith and politics." — Cornelius J Dyck

## Biblical Studies

### BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION IN THE ANABAPTIST TRADITION

*Murray, Stuart* £19.95  
0968554334 Pandora Press (2000), 310pp

An exploration of ways in which sixteenth-century Anabaptists read and understood the Bible and the contemporary significance of this marginalised approach. Based on doctoral research, this is the most comprehensive study of biblical interpretation in the Anabaptist tradition. It evaluates the relevance of this approach for Christians in post-Christendom and compares Anabaptist ways of interpreting the Bible with charismatic and liberationist perspectives.

### CHALLENGE OF JESUS

*Rediscovering Who Jesus Was and Is*  
*Wright, N T* £9.99  
0281052867 SPCK (2000), 192pp

Probably no New Testament scholar is more important for us to be reading today than N. T. Wright. He has published two of a projected six-volume New Testament theology. This book provides a brief and accessible digest of his massive second volume on Jesus. What he says is a helpful summary of who Jesus was and is for those of us who would seek to be his followers.

### HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE

*Ewert, David* £10.75  
0836191153 Herald Press (2000), 232pp

This is a fine book for group or individual study. In 13 chapters, David Ewert draws from his lifetime of interpreting and proclaiming the Word of God to share guidelines on studying the Bible. He explains literary forms, idioms and figures of speech from ancient cultures so we can catch meanings for today. He recognises how we read through our own cultural glasses and helps us to avoid serious pitfalls in interpreting and applying the Bible.

### PETER AND JUDE

*Believers Church Bible Commentary*  
*Charles, J Daryl* £17.95  
0836191188 Herald Press (1999), 336pp

1 Peter applies Jesus' teaching on loving the enemy to believers in Asia Minor. Peter empowers them to be communities of hope, not retaliating for abuse they suffer, but bearing witness to their Lord in word and life. 2 Peter and Jude stress the critical importance of Christian faithfulness and faith - moral exhortation still relevant to the Church today.

The Believers Church Bible Commentary series is designed for all those who seek to understand

the original message of Scripture and its meaning today.

## Children

### 101 DEVOTIONALS WITH CHILDREN

*Krehbiel, June Galle* £7.25  
083619117X Herald Press (1999), 176pp

Each devotion contains a Bible reading, a key verse, a reading, a prayer and a 'clincher'. "This exceptional devotional book builds warm feelings for God, creation, the Bible, family, and others. Children can easily relate and respond to the stories, questions, and everyday happenings. Includes an excellent international flavour." — John M Drescher, author of 'Seven Things Children Need'

### EVEN MORE LITTLE STORIES FOR LITTLE CHILDREN: A Worship Resource

*Rhodes, Donna McKee* £5.75  
0836191293 Herald Press (2000), 128pp

Following on the heels of its popular predecessors, this third collection of stories continues to offer inspiration for those who minister to children. Once again 'Even More Little Stories for Little Children' features easy-to-find objects and Scripture-based stories. Also included is a Scripture index spanning the three books. Here is a resource for anyone who wants to include children in worship by giving illustrations and telling stories at their level. Through this significant ministry, children can develop a picture of God and recognise the value of personal relationship with God.

### GAMES THAT BYTE

*Helping Youth Evaluate Computer Games*  
*Penner, Cornelia* £9.5  
0873033310 Faith and Life (1998), 50pp

This hands-on curriculum, sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee, Ontario, and Christian Peacemaker Teams, offers three choices of formats: a one-day workshop, a two-session series, or a one-session workshop. Its goal is to help youth carefully consider the harmful effects of violent computer games.

### THEE HANNAH!

*de Angeli, Marguerite* £11.5  
0836191064 Herald Press (2000), 102pp

Nine-year-old Hannah struggles to grow up as a good Quaker girl in Philadelphia just before the American Civil War. Catch a glimpse of Quaker life as her family go to Meeting and to market, host a gathering of Friends, enjoy ice skating and other pastimes. Join Hannah as she helps bring an escaped slave woman and her sick son to safety. Will Hannah ever understand the value of plain dress, and learn to be contented as a Friend? For young readers. By the author of "Henner's Lydia" and "Yonie Wondernose".

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## Christian Life

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**AWAKENING****One Man's Battle with Darkness**

Zuendel, Friedrich £7.00  
087486982X Plough (1999), 147pp

When Christopher Blumhardt, a nineteenth-century pastor from the Black Forest, agreed to counsel a tormented woman in his parish, all hell broke loose. Zuendel's account, for the first time in English, provides a rare glimpse into how the eternal fight between the forces of good and evil plays itself out in the lives of the most ordinary men and women.

**BEYOND TITHING**

Murray, Stuart £12.99  
1842270001 Paternoster (2000), 144pp

This is a penetrating look at the contemporary practice of tithing in the light of the Bible and church history. The author argues that tithing is "biblical but not Christian"; that Jesus did not affirm it; that the early church for three hundred years did not practice it; and that tithing came into full fruition among Christians only well after the emergence of Christendom. He offers a different approach to tithing, arguing that Christians should learn not to calculate percentages, but to love God and others with heart, soul, mind and strength.

**DIETRICH BONHOEFFER: A BIOGRAPHY**

Bethge, Eberhard and Victoria J Barnett (Ed.) £25.00  
0800628446 Fortress (1999), 912pp

If you have never read the story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer you owe it to yourself to do so. Don't be put off by the great length. This is a gripping book, telling the story of one disciple (pastor and theologian) seeking to be faithful as he worked in the too often compromised Confessing Church movement in the midst of the unfolding of one of the worst tragedies in history - the reign of Nazism. (This is an expanded edition of the biography that was first translated into English thirty years ago.)

**FAITH FOR THE JOURNEY**

Weber Becker, Anne £7.25  
0873033132 Faith and Life (1997), 120pp

Many youth desire to explore their growing faith. This resource is designed to help youth, pastors, and other leaders in this exploration. Each chapter is based on one of the articles in the 'Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective'. The selection of biblical text as well as a summary of that chapter's article help make content more accessible to youth. Designed for use in catechism, Sunday school, youth retreats, family, or individual study.

**FAITH WORKS****Lessons from the Life of an Activist Preacher**

Wallis, Jim £23.50  
0375501762 Random House (2000), 356pp

Drawing on over thirty years of experience as a Christian activist, the well-known editor of Sojourners magazine articulates fifteen lessons he has learned that might benefit other activists. Millard Fuller, founder and president of Habitat for Humanity, says that "Jim Wallis has woven together a detailed road map for those

interested in loosening the chains of social injustice. This book is a powerful resource for change!"

**KIDS AND VALUES****Living God's Way**

Hannigan, Sandi £24.75  
0873033140 Faith and Life (1998), 245pp (hb)

Focuses on the important values of trust, respect, courage, honesty, and kindness. Five sessions featuring stories from the Old Testament explore these values from a Christian and biblical perspective, illustrating for children ages 4 to 12 that living God's way is the best way to live. It is available in an easy-to-use three-ring binder format. It is designed especially for Vacation Bible School, but is also appropriate for broadly graded Sunday school groupings, intergenerational all-church events, midweek programmes, camping programmes and retreats.

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## Church

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**HOPE FROM THE MARGINS****New Ways of Being Church**

Wilkinson-Hayes, Anne and Stuart Murray  
£2.25

1851744258 Grove (2000), 20pp  
In March 1999 at the Anabaptist Network conference, Anne Wilkinson-Hayes shared several stories of new ways of being church on the margins of society and reflected on their implications for mission and the shape of the church. An expanded version of this material was presented by Anne and Stuart Murray to a sold-out Cross Currents day in September 1999.

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## Conflict Mediation/VORP

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**CONGREGATIONAL CONFLICT****Real-Life Strategies**

Leas, Speed B £11.75  
1566992222 Alban Institute (1999)

Those who seek information and resources about congregational conflict inevitably find mention of Speed Leas's benchmark work and writings on the subject. Leas again addresses conflict management here, this time inviting readers to examine with him the effective practices he has observed in congregations. How did pastors and lay leaders handle situations so everyone was ready to move forward together and accomplish good ministry? What can be learned from their successes? Publication delayed until Autumn 2000

**HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS****A Systems Approach**

Steinke, Peter L £10.75  
1566991730 Alban Institute (1996), 118pp

"Confused about family systems applications to congregational life? Stumped by repeated congregational troubles? This is your book! This is a user-friendly, theologically grounded guide to congregational wholeness. Supported by a breadth of data and humorously presented anecdotes, this work offers new insight into the life system of the congregational organism." — The Rev. Canon Nancy A Roosevelt Recommended reading for Bridge Builders participants.

**INTERPERSONAL CONFLICT**

Wilmot, William W & Joyce L Hocker £34.99  
007231253X McGraw-Hill (1998), 344pp

Now in its sixth edition, Hocker and Wilmot's book has become recognised as one of the standard text books on interpersonal conflict. The authors offer a useful range of different perspectives on conflict, a clear account of the nature of conflict, and an important chapter on power which is always at work in situations of conflict. They illustrate the five approaches to conflict, developed originally by Thomas and Kilman, and explore a range of ways of intervening in interpersonal conflicts. The book is relatively academic, but readable, and an important resource for anyone studying conflict. — Alastair McKay

**LET'S TALK****Communication Skills and Conflict Transformation**

Bartel, Barry C £6.50  
087303340X Faith & Life (1999), 80pp

Can conflict be constructive? How can Christians disagree in love? This study guide will help participants learn about conflict and its functions and consider biblical models for conflict resolution. It also teaches the importance of honest communication and effective listening, as well as how to handle tough people and situations. Many examples are drawn from the life of the church. "Be cautious. you may become a different person if you enter fully into the material in this book. Few things change people and make

**NEVER CALL THEM JERKS****Healthy Responses to Difficult Behaviour**

Boers, Arthur Paul £10.75  
1566992184 Alban Institute (1999), 147pp

"Arthur Paul Boers pours a wealth of pastoral wisdom and clinical insight into his book... Any pastor who has ever had to deal with conflicted, difficult, emotion-laden church members and congregations (and what pastor has not?) will gain much from Boers' insights. This book is essential for a pastor's survival, as well as for a pastor's skilful leadership of the congregation. He helps us to see how our 'worst' members, our most trying congregational crises, can, by the grace of God and our skilful and caring leadership, be transformed into opportunities for redemptive ministry." — William H Willimon, Prof. of Christian Ministry, Duke University.

**RHYTHMS OF PEACE****How Do Children Learn the Ways of Peace?***Holsopple, Jerry L*

ROP MennoMedia

Series introduction: These videos teach values and skills for a more peaceful world. Use in school, Sunday school and home to each: teamwork, communication skills, feeling for others, how to solve conflicts, and ways to reduce prejudice, building friendships, and self-control.

**RHYTHMS OF PEACE VIDEO 1****Four Captivating Stories and Songs about Peace***Holsopple, Jerry L*

£29.25

ROP1 MennoMedia (1996)

Stories include:

- An Eye for An Eye — Music video on what if we really took an eye for an eye?
- Tea for Everyone — A grandmother and three children learn a lesson in prejudice.
- Rhythm Makers — Making rhythms turns out to be more fun than playing with war toys. The
- Sun and the Wind — The classic fable on love being stronger than might. Winner of the Crystal Award of Excellence

**RHYTHMS OF PEACE VIDEO 2****When Your Argument Goes Bust***Holsopple, Jerry L*

£29.25

ROP2 MennoMedia (1999)

Stories include:

- Strength of the Wolf - Three friends learn co-operation in this tale of a wolf, a campfire and a game.
- The Girl - A middle school immigrant girl feels left out because of language and dress barriers. Encourages empathy for those who are different.
- Power of a Cookie - Winning a friend sometimes takes persistence.
- Someone Else Decide - Singer John McCutcheon adds his heart-warming music in this piece illustrating the importance of asking for help in conflicts.
- Canoe Journal — While building a canoe, a father talks with his son about having peacemaking heroes.

**Human Relationships****ALL OUR LOSSES, ALL OUR GRIEFS****Resources for Pastoral Care***Mitchell, Kenneth R and Herbert Anderson*

£9.99

0664244939 Westminster Press (1983), 180pp

This is the book I have returned to more than any other when encountering grief and loss — my own, or that of others. Mitchell and Anderson provide hopeful understanding by describing six major types of losses (material, relationship, intrapsychic, functional, role and systemic loss). Careful explanations concerning the nature of grief, family patterns and grief, and helpful pastoral care during times of loss comprise the next section. The book ends with one of the most accessible treatments of the theology of grief, including themes of creation,

incarnation, the cross, resurrection, finitude and providence. - Mary Thiessen Nation

**HEIRS TOGETHER****Mutual Submission in Marriage***Gundry, Patricia*

£9.25

1880222302 Suitcase (2000), 191pp

New revision of this classic title on relationships in marriage. 'Heirs Together' applies the biblical principle of mutual submission to marriage today. The author examines biblical passages traditionally used to support hierarchical marriage and shows how they have been misused. She then shows how applying the equalising principle of mutual submission can provide a basis for solving problems, dividing responsibility, child care, etc. — practical, no-nonsense advice. Highly recommended. "I urge pastors and Christian leaders to make sure 'Heirs Together' is available to those who are searching." — Christianity Today

**Mission****LIVING FAITHFULLY IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD****Lessons for the Church from MacIntyre's After Virtue***Wilson, Jonathan*

£6.95

1563382407 Trinity Press (1997), 85pp

This little book begins with two convictions: the church in the Western world is in grave danger of compromising its faithfulness; the changes taking place in the Western world present a wonderful opportunity for faithful witness. Wilson's fruitful reflections upon these twin convictions are driven by a creative engagement with the very widely influential book by Alasdair MacIntyre, *After Virtue*. In the series 'Christian Mission and Modern Culture'.

**PRACTICING TRUTH****Confident Witness in Our Pluralistic World***Stutzman, Linford & David W Shenk (Ed.)* £11.5

0836191072 Herald Press (1999), 272pp

"A Christian who is not missionary is a contradiction in terms. But how to do mission while avoiding the violence mission has often entailed? These essays, by people committed to Jesus' non-violent mission, explore how Christians must recover confident witness to Christ who alone is the peace for which the world hungers." — Stanley Hauerwas, Duke University Divinity School

**STREET CREDO****Churches in the Community***Simmons, Michael (Ed.)*

£12.99

1898001693 Lemos &amp; Crane (2000), 185pp

Michael Simmons, formerly Deputy Editor of 'Society' in "The Guardian", brings together the thoughts and the experience of contributors from various Christian denominations working in England on a number of contentious areas - community, crime, education, health, housing and homelessness, poverty, questions of asylum,

unemployment and so on. They offer solutions as well as diagnosis of the presenting problems.

They are proclaiming, in other words, that even the biggest challenge can be met.

**Peace****BECOMING A PEACE CHURCH***Kreider, Alan and Eleanor*

£2.50

0948237392 New Ground (2000), 43pp

Growing out of years of preaching, teaching, and discussing, this booklet is a wonderful introduction to what it means to become a church where peace - broadly and biblically understood - is an important part of the identity. Though important for individual study, this booklet would be perfect for group studies.

**BUILDING PEACE****Sustainable Reconciliation in Divided Societies***Lederach, John Paul*

£11.75

1878379739 USIPP (1997), 197pp

Sophisticated yet pragmatic, the volume explores the dynamics of conflict and presents an integrated framework for peacebuilding in which structure, process, resources, training, and evaluation are co-ordinated in an attempt to transform the conflict and effect reconciliation.

**PEACE AND JUSTICE SHALL EMBRACE Power and Theopolitics in the Bible***Grimrud, Ted & Loren L Johns (Ed.)* £16.50

0966502116 Pandora Press US (2000), 252pp

A collection of essays in honour of Millard Lind, by some of his former students. The essays provide fresh exegetical insights from the Bible and penetrating theological analysis with regard to peace, justice, power and theopolitics. New light is offered on the politics of God and the peaceable character of biblical visions of justice.

**Social Justice****BEYOND THE GOOD SAMARITAN****Community Ministry and Mission***Morisy, Ann*

£9.99

0264674332 Mowbray (1997), 145pp

Ann Morisy's broad experience in community ministry as well as her extensive use of interdisciplinary literature, enable her to offer practical, well-nuanced, and accessible wisdom for churches who desire to respond to the needs in their communities. She deals creatively with the complex realities of such work through the use of case studies. She demonstrates that community ministry may awaken faith within church members, provides opportunity to work with non-church neighbours, expresses discipleship, and can bring about positive changes in society. A hopeful, realistic, and imaginative book which addresses real needs. I wish I had written this book myself. — Mary Thiessen Nation

**SOCIAL MINISTRY****An Urgent Agenda for Pastors and Churches**

Miller, Haskell M £7.25

0836191382 Herald Press (2000), 152pp  
 Passionately and directly the author addresses pastors, asking them in language that is personal and accessible — yet supported by theory — to take seriously the importance of social ministry. In twelve chapters Miller offers a step-by-step guide to understanding issues of justice; the pastor's social responsibility; social action types, theology, and challenges. Due October 2000.

**Spirituality****AMAZING GRACE****A Vocabulary of Faith**

Norris, Kathleen £16.99

0745941990 Lion (2000), 400pp (hb)

"A strange and remarkable book. Part memoir, part meditation, it is a remarkable piece of writing. If read with humility and attention, it becomes 'lectio divina' or holy reading. It works the earth of the heart." — The Boston Globe

**GETTING HOME BEFORE DARK****Stories of Wisdom for All Ages**

Dyck, Peter J £10.75

0836191358 Herald Press (2000), 272pp

For most of his life, Peter J. Dyck has served with Mennonite Central Committee on four continents. Now in active retirement, he has written this book of meditations for all ages. He shares stories from his wealth of experience helping refugees, building peace, and challenging audiences. He especially promotes intergenerational family life.

**LIVING THE VISION: LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY**

Hawkley, Ken and April Yamasaki £4.75

0873033175 Faith and Life (1997), 53pp

This piece calls church members to become part of a caring, inclusive community, served by leaders who are called by God and affirmed in the congregation. Ideal for adult education, elective, small group study, or in retreat settings.

**LIVING THE VISION****SPIRITUALITY AND STEWARDSHIP**

Snyder, Eleanor and Ken Hawkley £4.75

0873033124 Faith and Life (1996), 59pp

How are spirituality and stewardship to be incorporated into our daily lives? How can we give all we have and all we are to God? This study can be used in a group setting or for individual reflection and focuses on the enrichment of prayer and worship. A final session includes options for use of this material in a retreat setting. Each session includes a leader's guide and suggestions for extending the learning through the week.

**NO FUTURE WITHOUT FORGIVENESS**

Tutu, Desmond £8.99

0712604855 Rider (1999), 244pp

Desmond Tutu has been an important international spokesperson for reconciliation for many years. He demonstrated the depth of his

commitment by chairing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa. This, his personal testimony, based upon his experiences with the Commission, is an important contribution to the future of reconciliation in difficult situations.

**TRANSFORMING RITUALS****Daily Practices for Changing Lives**

Oswald, Roy M £12.25

1566992192 Alban Institute (1999), 157pp

Many people would agree that the pace of change in Western culture is faster and more chaotic than ever before in history, presenting many challenges for faith communities. Roy Oswald explores the use of rituals as spiritually healing practices for the home, congregation and broader community. He teaches congregational leaders how individuals and groups can use both familiar and new rituals to name, evaluate, live out, celebrate and grow through change.

**Theology & Ethics****CULTURAL CHANGE & BIBLICAL FAITH**

Drane, John £10.99

0853649790 Paternoster (2000), 224pp

Issues as diverse as the death of Princess Diana, Environmentalism, film and the New Age Movement are addressed in this educated look at the paradigm shift that Western culture is undergoing. In a fascinating book, the author outlines various areas where this shift is occurring and presents ways in which the church should respond in order to be an effective witness in this new millennium.

**DISAVOWING CONSTANTINE****Mission, Church & the Social Order in the Theologies of John H Yoder & Jürgen**

Moltmann

Wright, Nigel Goring £19.99

0853649782 Paternoster (2000), 251pp

This book originated as a doctoral thesis supervised by Colin Gunton at King's College, London. It articulates a Trinitarian Baptist social ethic in dialogue with the theologies of John Howard Yoder and Jürgen Moltmann. Wright certainly engages in criticism of the two theologians, but also seeks to learn (and help the reader learn) from them as well.

**SUFFERING DIVINE THINGS****Theology as Church Practice**

Huetter, Reinhard £15.99

0802846882 Eerdmans (2000), 314pp

In this book Reinhard Huetter (a German theologian teaching at Duke University) explores the link between Christian theory and practice, rigorously arguing for a renewed understanding of theology as a distinct church practice. George Lindbeck, himself the author of a very influential book, says that "this book on church and theology and their relation to the academy has been more helpful to me than any other single work I have read in the last twenty-five years". Miroslav Volf says that this

is "an important contribution to the ongoing debate about the nature of the theological enterprise".

**WHO ARE WE?****Reflections on Culture at the Millennium**

Elshtain, Jean Bethke £12.99

080283888X Eerdmans (2000), 178pp (hb)

Jean Bethke Elshtain is, quite simply, one of the most perceptive social critics writing today. She has written over 400 articles and this is, I believe, her eighth book. She was trained as a political philosopher. She is the Laura Spelman Rockefeller professor of Social and Political Ethics at the University of Chicago. This is her first strictly theological book. As Mary Ann Glendon, of Harvard, says: "[This] is vintage Elshtain - social criticism at its best, politically astute and theologically informed... Elshtain raises the question 'Where are we going?' and invites us to reflect on whether we are really headed in the direction of what is best and truest." — Mark Thiessen Nation