

BOOK NOTICES

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Alsop, John R., ed. *An Index to the Revised Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich Greek Lexicon, second edition, by F. Wilbur Gingrich and Frederick W. Danker*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 1981. 525 pp. Paperback, \$10.95. Substantial time-saver for all users of the second edition of the Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich Greek Lexicon (BAG). The entries are listed in the order in which they appear in the NT, beginning with Matthew, and proceeding verse by verse through Revelation. Each word is set in Greek type, accompanied by the English gloss and reference to the exact quadrant of the BAG page, where the word and reference are treated.

Aune, David E. *Jesus and the Synoptic Gospels: A Bibliographic Study Guide*. Madison, Wisc.: Inter-Varsity Press, 1980. vi + 93 pp. Paperback, \$2.50. First in a series of bibliographic study guides for the Bible, this volume presents a relatively complete outline of modern critical study of Jesus and the Synoptics. Provides introduction to the major literary, historical, and theological problems, describes and critiques various critical methods which have been used, and facilitates easy location of basic bibliographies and material on particular issues.

Castellio, Sebastian. *Advice to a Desolate France*. Shepherdstown, W.Va.: Patmos Press, 1975. xiii + 50 pp. \$12.95. The subtitle of the book, *In the course of which the reason for the present war is outlined, as well as the possible remedy and, in the main, advice is given as to whether consciences should be forced*.

The year 1562, eloquently summarizes the contents. Of this pacifist and at the same time ecumenical manifesto only four original copies are known to have survived. Printed in limited edition of 500 copies.

Craddock, Fred B. *The Gospels*. Nashville, Tenn.: Abingdon, 1981. 159 pp. Paperback, \$6.95. This first volume in the series *Interpreting Biblical Texts* briefly introduces the four Gospels and then presents specific texts in order to more closely examine parable, miracle story, and other types of gospel materials. Seeks to show how messages for today can be extracted that are both scripturally sound and contemporarily relevant.

Emmerson, Richard Kenneth. *Antichrist in the Middle Ages. A Study of Medieval Apocalypticism, Art, and Literature*. Seattle, Wash.: University of Washington Press, 1981. x + 366 pp. \$19.50. Provides a systematic account of the origins, history, nature, and biography of Antichrist and an outline of his appearance in the visual arts and literature of the Middle Ages. Studies the development of a theology of Antichrist, analyzing its biblical and apocryphal sources. Several indexes.

Farmer, William R. *The Synoptic Problem. A Critical Analysis*. Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 1976. xi + 308 pp. \$18.95. Argues that Mark cannot have been the first gospel, combining a study of the history of Marcan priority with critical analysis of the relevant gospel texts. Concludes that the most

- probable sequence is Matthew, Luke, and Mark.
- Geisler, Norman L., ed. *Biblical Errancy. An Analysis of its Philosophical Roots*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 1981. 270 pp. Paperback, \$6.95. The contributors to this volume show how the basic presuppositions of many philosophers lead to a denial of a divine, inerrant revelation. Eight essays deal with: Inductivism, Materialism, and Rationalism (Bacon, Hobbes, Spinoza); Skepticism (Hume); Agnosticism (Kant); Transcendentalism (Hegel); Existentialism (Kierkegaard); Atheism (Nietzsche); Noncognitivism (Wittgenstein); and Mysticism (Heidegger).
- Goodrick, Edward W., and Kohlenberger, John R., III. *The NIV Complete Concordance. The Complete English Concordance to the New International Version*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 1981. vii + 1044 pp. \$19.95. This first concordance produced for the New International Version of the Bible alphabetically lists 12,800 principal words in the order of absolutely every occurrence, with chapter, verse and contextual phrase references. 250,000 references are listed.
- Greaves, Richard L. *Society and Religion in Elizabethan England*. Minneapolis, Minn.: University of Minnesota Press, 1981. ix + 925 pp. \$39.50. Analysis of the thought of Elizabethan clergy—Anglican, Puritan, Catholic, and Separatist—on nearly every topic of social significance. Chapters include: "Society and Religion," "Marriage and Sex," "The Family and Education," "The Christian in Society," "The Christian and Social Problems," "The Social Order and Death."
- Halpern, Baruch, and Levenson, John D., eds. *Traditions in Transformation: Turning Points in Biblical Faith*. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 1981. xiv + 446 pp. \$22.50. This *Festschrift* is a joint project on the part of Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant scholars, united by the desire of honoring their teacher, Frank Moore Cross, Hancock Professor of Hebrew and Other Oriental Languages at Harvard University, on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday. Contemporary biblical scholars survey different periods of biblical history.
- Hauerwas, Stanley. *A Community of Character. Toward a Constructive Christian Social Ethic*. Notre Dame, Ind.: University of Notre Dame Press, 1981. x + 298 pp. \$20.00/7.95. Argues for a social ethics that is distinctively Christian. Stresses that any consideration of the truth of Christian convictions cannot be divorced from the kind of *community* the church is and should be.
- Monson, J., et al., eds. *Student Map Manual. Historical Geography of the Bible Lands*. Jerusalem: Pictorial Archive (Near Eastern History) Est./Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 1979. 168 pp., folio. \$34.95. Contains over one hundred topographically accurate maps of the Holy Land. Features regional maps in full color, archaeological maps from the main archaeological periods, historical maps from the Canaanite to the Byzantine periods, and maps representing the archaeology of Jerusalem. Three indexes.
- Stoldt, Hans-Herbert. *History and Criticism of the Marcan Hypothesis*. Trans. and ed. by Donald L. Niewyk. Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 1980. ix + 302 pp. \$18.95. Analysis of

the development of the Marcan hypothesis within the intellectual atmosphere of nineteenth-century Germany, and critique of the arguments for Marcan priority.

Vanden Burgt, Robert J. *The Religious Philosophy of William James*. Chicago: Nelson-Hall, 1981. vii + 167 pp. \$16.95/

8.95. While mostly known for his work *The Principles of Psychology* (1890), and his contributions to the development of pragmatism, William James addressed himself also to religious issues. This book gives the reader a complete, detailed account of James's views on belief, the need for God, and the nature of God.