

BOOK NOTICES

WINFRIED VOGEL

Inclusion in this section does not preclude subsequent review of a book. Where two prices are given, separated by a slash, the second is for the paperback edition.

Austin, Gerard. *Anointing with the Spirit: The Rite of Confirmation*. Studies in the Reformed Rites of the Catholic Church, vol. 2. New York: Pueblo Publishing Company, 1985. xiii + 178 pp. Paperback, \$9.95.

This second volume in the series on "Studies in the Reformed Rites of the Catholic Church" presents a historical survey of the rite of confirmation, a discussion of modern reforms in the rite, and an analysis of present practice. Suggestions for pastoral reform are included. The book contains a bibliography, an index, and notes at the end of each chapter.

Ballis, Peter H. *In and Out of the World: Seventh-day Adventists in New Zealand*. Palmerstone North, New Zealand: The Dunmore Press, 1985. 178 pp. Paperback, New Zealand currency \$16.95.

The seven chapters of this book constitute the published form of a series of Centennial Lectures on "Seventh-day Adventists in New Zealand" delivered in 1984. Adventist and non-Adventist academics examine the social dimension of this minority religious group in New Zealand society, focusing on historical development. The book includes two photographs, various tables, and an index.

Ford, W. Herschel. *Sermons You Can Preach on Matthew*. Grand Rapids,

Mich.: Zondervan Publishing House, 1985 (reprint of 1963 ed.). 242 pp. Paperback, \$8.95.

This is a practical study that provides pastors and teachers with a way to work through the entire Gospel of Matthew. Through each of the thirty-one sermons, the author weaves the theme of the kingship of Jesus. The profound simplicity and practical application testify that these discourses have in fact been preached.

Moore, Carey A. *Judith: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary*. The Anchor Bible. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday and Co., 1985. xxiv + 286 pp. \$14.00.

This latest addition to the well-known Anchor-Bible series presents a new translation of the apocryphal book of Judith, plus an extensive introduction that comprises almost half of the volume (117 pages). Included are nine pages of good and helpful bibliography. Moore's focus is on the historicity of the story and the writer's true intent, and he attempts to answer the question as to whether the writer's concern was more historical or more theological. The similarity between Judith and the story of Esther is also noted and explored. The volume is well documented and is enriched by detailed and insightful notes and photographs of the depictions of the story of Judith by old masters.

Rice, Richard. *The Reign of God: An Introduction to Christian Theology from a Seventh-day Adventist Perspective*. Berrien Springs, Mich.: Andrews University Press, 1985. xx + 404 pp. \$23.95.

This sizable work, the first comprehensive textbook on biblical doctrines from a Seventh-day Adventist standpoint, has been prepared by a theology professor at Loma Linda University. Written with the intention of providing "an exercise in theology," the volume is meant to be a careful reflection of Adventist beliefs within the larger framework of Christian thought. This publication further "seeks to encourage students to begin a careful consideration of their own religious beliefs . . ." (p. xiv). Intended for use in the classroom, the book includes helpful study aids at the conclusion of each chapter, and the author has endeavored to avoid technical terminology. Several indexes are included.

Vos, Arvin. *Aquinas, Calvin, and Contemporary Protestant Thought: A Critique of Protestant Views on the Thought of Thomas Aquinas*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co./Christian University Press, 1985. xvii + 178 pp. Paperback, \$13.95.

This book sets forth a challenge to the common Protestant understanding of the nature and significance of Thomas Aquinas' work in comparison and contrast to Calvinistic thought. Vos describes some of the prevailing Protestant

suppositions about what Aquinas has said, and he tries to show from the range of Aquinas' texts that such suppositions are in fact groundless. The book includes a bibliography and an index.

Wachler, Gottfried. *Die Inspiration und Irrtumslosigkeit der Schrift*. Uppsala, Sweden: Stiftelsen Biblicum, 1984. 120 pp. Paperback, Swedish Crowns 85.00.

Wachler provides a thorough discussion of the views of Hermann Sasse on the Bible as the true Word of God and on critical scholarship, following the publication of Sasse's collected writings in 1981. The author evaluates Sasse, and departs from him towards a stricter inerrancy model. Notes are included in the text.

Wenham, John W. *The Enigma of Evil: Can We Believe in the Goodness of God?* Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan Publishing House, 1985. 223 pp. Paperback, \$7.95.

First published in 1974 under the title *The Goodness of God*, this apologetic volume seeks to provide an honest, careful look at the moral issues raised by the Bible and man's questioning mind. The focal point under scrutiny is: How can we maintain that God is good? The end result of Wenham's analysis is a positive exposition of the character of God. Author and subject indexes are included in the volume.