

BOOK NOTICES

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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.

Aune, David E. *The New Testament in Its Literary Environment*. Library of Early Christianity, vol. 8. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1987. 272 pp. \$21.95.

This publication provides a fairly comprehensive introduction to the main literary forms and genres found in the NT and in other early Christian literature. Also, comparisons are made with the forms and genres in both Judaism and Hellenism.

Bontrager, G. Edwin, and Showalter, Nathan D. *It Can Happen Today*. Scottsdale, PA, and Kitchener, Ontario: Herald Press, 1986. 96 pp. Paperback, \$5.95 (U.S.A.) and \$8.35 (Canada).

This publication treats succinctly thirteen church-growth dynamics derived from the NT book of Acts and suggests ways in which these dynamics may be applied today. A teacher's manual is also available, if the book is to be used in a group context (the manual, 336 pages, is paperback spiral-bound in 8 1/2" x 11" format; it is priced at \$14.95 [U.S.A.] and \$20.95 [Canada]).

Burns, Rita J. *Has the Lord Indeed Spoken Only Through Moses?: A Study of the Biblical Portrait of Miriam*. SBL Dissertation Series. Decatur, GA: Scholars Press, 1987. \$16.95/\$12.95.

A careful examination of the seven biblical passages which make mention of Miriam, the sister of Moses and Aaron. The volume includes a bibliography.

Carson, D. A., and Woodbridge, John D., eds. *Hermeneutics, Authority, and Canon*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986. 480 pp. Paperback, \$14.95.

Nine authors consider such topics as "Recent Developments in the Doctrine of Scripture," "The Semantics of Biblical Literature," "The Problem of *Sensus Plenior*," "The Authority of Scripture in Karl Barth," "The Biblical Canon," and several other areas pertinent to the general scope of the volume as set forth in its title.

Chadwick, Henry. *Augustine*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1986. 128 pp. \$14.95/\$4.95.

As an analysis of Augustine of Hippo (d. A.D. 430), whose influence on ten centuries or more of Christian history was paramount, this particular treatment seeks not only to place Augustine within his own context philosophically and religiously, but also to trace broadly his influence on Western thought both within and outside of Christian circles.

Cohen, Shaye J. D. *From the Maccabees to the Mishnah*. Library of Early Christianity, vol. 7. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1987. 252 pp. \$20.95.

Shaye J. D. Cohen, a professor of Jewish history at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City, has in this volume provided a basic overview of some three and one-half centuries of Jewish history that furnish crucial background and context for the rise of both rabbinic Judaism and Christianity.

Conrad, Edgar W., and Newing, Edward G., eds. *Perspectives on Language and Text: Essays and Poems in Honor of Francis I. Andersen's Sixtieth Birthday July 28, 1985*. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1987. xxviii + 443 pp. \$32.50.

Essays on Semitics, Statistics and Linguistics, the Hebrew Bible, the Greek Bible, and Religion by an international group of scholars, mainly American and Australian (but also representing several other countries), plus some of Andersen's hitherto unpublished poems and poems by several of the contributors. All told, some thirty-five persons have provided their expertise in producing this hefty volume covering a wide array of materials and perspectives. Andersen's *curriculum vitae*, with which the volume closes, includes a bibliography of some fifty-eight of his major writings (mainly books and articles).

Fee, Gordon D. *The First Epistle to the Corinthians*. NICNT. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1987. 736 pp. \$27.95.

A "replacement volume" in the NICNT series. The general format of the series is followed, with the verse-by-verse commentary giving particular attention to historical and literary contexts, as well as making appropriate utilization of the Greek text. Fee endeavors to exegete the entire epistle from a single and consistent perspective or point of view.

Geraty, Lawrence T., and Herr, Larry G. *The Archaeology of Jordan and Other Studies Presented to Siegfried H. Horn*. Berrien Springs, MI: Andrews University Press, 1986. xv + 716 pp. \$49.95.

As stated in the preface by Lawrence T. Geraty, "This *Festschrift* honors Siegfried Herbert Horn—archaeologist, professor, author, churchman, and friend.

Because the culmination of his professional career has focused on Jordan, a representative group of his students, colleagues, and friends" have contributed essays "which in most cases relate to the love of Siegfried's life, the archaeology of Jordan" (p. xi). Thirty-one distinguished scholars have provided twenty-eight essays (several essays are co-authored) distributed among the following main categories: "The Archaeology of Jordan" (a chapter on the history of archaeological research in the region), "Biblical Archaeology and Method" (five chapters), "Cities and Structures" (three chapters), "Cemeteries and Ceramics" (six chapters), "Inscriptions and Philology" (six chapters), and "History and the Old Testament" (seven chapters). The volume contains a fairly comprehensive Index; and a "Selected Bibliography of Siegfried H. Horn to 1985," compiled by Leona Glidden Running and Beverley U. Currie, lists 673 titles produced by Horn.

Guthrie, Donald. *Exploring God's Word: A Guide to John's Gospel*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1987. 232 pp. Paperback, \$7.95.

In this publication, Guthrie has set forth the Gospel of John through a series of outlines with exposition of the respective sections of text. The author's intent is to stimulate expositional study of Scripture—particularly among laypersons—and also to provide insights on how the various sections of the biblical text may be made meaningful for everyday life today.

Hiebert, Paul G., and Hiebert, Frances F. *Case Studies in Missions*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1987. 208 pp. Paperback, \$10.95.

Sixty case studies, based on real experiences in the lives of missionaries around

the world, are set forth in an instructional modality. Covered are such categories as idols and ancestors, traditional customs, sickness and death, "walls that divide people," church-state relations, and others. The authors are a husband-wife team who have had mission experience and both of whom are also trained missiologists.

Holmes, C. Raymond. *The Last Word*. Berrien Springs, MI: Andrews University Press, 1987. xi + 111 pp. Paperback, \$12.95.

This title is a revised edition of Holmes's earlier work, *It's a Two-Way Street*; and like that earlier publication, it details the preaching process, including significant material on the calling of the preacher and on both the communicative and listening aspects involved in preaching. The present edition has chapters somewhat rearranged, certain material deleted, and other material added so as to bring the presentation up to date. Also, the concluding chapter in this edition (chap. 12) is new: "The Preacher of the Advent: A Man Who Cares." The volume provides a simplified, but nonetheless rather comprehensive, treatment of the dynamics of preaching, produced by a seminary professor of preaching and worship.

Kelly, J. N. D. *The Oxford Dictionary of Popes*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1986. 450 pp. \$24.95.

A reference tool that includes in chronological arrangement all the popes as officially recognized by the Roman Catholic Church, plus the so-called "antipopes" or "rival" popes.

Land, Gary, ed. *Adventism in America: A History*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1986. ix + 301 pp. Paperback, \$14.95.

A carefully documented and fairly comprehensive overview of major developments and trends in Seventh-day Adventist history and background, this volume treats its subject in a period-by-period chronological arrangement for the century and a half from 1830 to 1980. The six authors were well chosen as all being experts in Adventist history.

LaRondelle, Hans K. *Chariots of Salvation: The Biblical Drama of Armageddon*. Washington, DC, and Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1987. 192 pp. \$12.95.

This volume provides a genuinely thorough-going treatment of the much-discussed topic of "Armageddon." Unlike most books on the subject, this publication investigates the theological backgrounds and underpinnings that are basic to a proper understanding of Armageddon. Tracing the "Holy War" concept broadly throughout Scripture, LaRondelle places the "final battle in earth's history" squarely within its OT and NT contexts. He also takes note of themes, motifs, and events closely connected with Armageddon, including "The End-time Crisis for God's People" (chap. 9), "The Final Seal of Divine Protection" (chap. 10), and "The Presence of Elijah" (chap. 11).

Lundin, Roger, and Noll, Mark A., eds. *Voices from the Heart: Four Centuries of American Piety*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1987. 416 pp. \$19.95.

An anthology which illustrates Christian experience from materials of some seventeen Americans. Among the more well-known personages from whom selections are included are Jonathan Edwards; Charles Finney; Martin Luther King, Jr.; Abraham Lincoln; Walter Rauschenbusch; and Woodrow Wilson.

The editors have included brief biographical sketches of the authors represented.

Nash, Ronald H., ed. *Process Theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1986. 402 pp. \$17.95.

In essence, this volume represents an evangelical-oriented evaluation of "Process Theology." Twelve Protestant evangelical leaders (among them, Donald Bloesch, Carl Henry, and Clark Pinnock) and one prominent Roman Cath-

olic philosopher (W. Norris Clarke, S.J.) are the contributors.

Tyson, John R. *Charles Wesley: A Reader*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1987. 512 pp. \$34.50.

A monumental volume about the "co-founder" of Methodism, presenting a collection of Charles Wesley's hymns, sermons, letters, and journal entries, including some that have been hitherto unknown. The publication also includes an extensive biographical and theological introduction by Tyson.