

## 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.

Berkhof, Hendrikus. *Introduction to the Study of Dogmatics*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1985. 114 pp. Paperback, \$7.95.

The author aims to provide a concise guide to the field of dogmatics for beginning students and interested readers. This guide provides a useful tool in promoting an understanding of dogmatics and in developing a systematic, thorough and understandable method to account for one's faith.—E.L.M.

Borowski, Oded. *Agriculture in Iron Age Israel*. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1987. xxii + 215 pp. \$20.00.

The author integrates the latest results of the investigation and analysis of archaeological field data relating to agriculture and food production with the related textual evidences from biblical and extra-biblical sources. Four major areas are covered in the study: (1) the land, (2) field work and grain production, (3) cultigens and cultivars, and (4) factors in soil fertility and crop yield. A bibliography, several indices, and a glossary of Hebrew terms are included.—E.L.M.

Brown, D. Catherine. *Pastor and Laity in the Theology of Jean Gerson*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1987. 368 pp. \$54.00.

Brown examines sermons and writings

of Gerson, chancellor of the University of Paris from 1395 to 1429 and a leader in the Conciliar Movement, with a view to elucidating pastoral concerns and popular religious perspectives of late medieval times. Treated are such topics as the preaching art, the "seven deadly sins," mysticism, marriage and family life, plus others.—K.A.S.

Carson, D. A., and Woodbridge, John D., eds. *Hermeneutics, Authority, and Canon*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986. xii + 468 pp. Paperback, \$14.95.

Critical questions regarding the nature of Scripture are dealt with in this collection of essays. Separate indices of persons, subjects, and Scripture references are included.—E.L.M.

Charlesworth, James H. *The New Testament Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha: A Guide to Publications, with Excursuses on Apocalypses*. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press, 1987. 468 pp. \$42.50.

This large volume in the ATLA Bibliography Series lists more than 6000 publications from the eighteenth century onward that treat the NT apocryphal and pseudepigraphal writings. The author provides, as well, a brief history of research on these non-canonical materials (which number some 104 documents), discusses the impact of the NT book of Revelation on later apocalypses,

and treats ancient Jewish and Christian apocalypses.—K.A.S.

Chilton, Bruce. *Beginning New Testament Study*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1987. 208 pp. Paperback, \$9.95.

Chilton has provided in this volume a simplified introduction to the NT that treats major issues of history and interpretation as well as providing information concerning the NT world. The volume also includes some discussion of the place of the NT in modern theology. (The Eerdmans edition is not available in the British Publishers Traditional Market, except Canada.)—K.A.S.

Cobble, James J., Jr. *The Church and the Powers: A Theology of Church Structure*. Peabody, MA: Hendrikson Publishers, 1987. 176 pp. Paperback, \$7.95.

This publication reviews and assesses the effects, both positive and negative, that the "power complex" of recent technological "advances" has engendered and continues to bring about. The author suggests a "servanthood" model as the church's viable response within the context of the radical changes now taking place in modern society.—K.A.S.

Conrad, Edgar W., and Newing, Edward G., eds. *Perspectives on Language and Text*. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1987. xxviii + 443 pp. \$32.50.

This collection of essays and poems presented in honor of Francis I. Andersen's sixtieth birthday reflects a diversity of subjects. Each essay touches upon an area of Andersen's broad range of interests, focusing particularly upon research in the Hebrew Bible.—E.L.M.

Deschner, John. *Wesley's Christology: An Interpretation*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1988. 240 pp.

Paperback, \$11.95.

Deschner elucidates from John Wesley's "non-systematic" writings the main features of Wesley's concept of the person and work of Christ.—K.A.S.

Douglas, J. D., revision ed. *The New International Dictionary of the Bible: Pictorial Edition*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1987. 1216 pp. \$30.95.

This massive volume is the successor to the well-known *Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary*. The present publication is a thorough revision with a number of new features such as the following: (a) adaptation to the NIV, with cross-reference entries for terms in the KJV that are not in the NIV; (b) update of the articles, with some fully rewritten or completely new; (c) nearly 1,000 new illustrations; (d) sixteen pages of full-color maps fully indexed to the NIV; and (e) a complete Scripture index.—K.A.S.

Dudley, Carl S., and Hilgert, Earle. *New Testament Tensions and the Contemporary Church*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1987. 176 pp. Paperback, \$10.95.

Two specialists in contemporary church and society and in NT studies have combined their expertise to produce a work showing the relevance of the NT for the church of today. This work has been described by Walter Brueggemann as "a sensitive combination of alert scholarship and discerning practical experience and common sense."—K.A.S.

Durham, John I. *Exodus*. Word Biblical Commentary, Vol. 3. Waco, TX: Word Books, 1987. xxxiv + 516 pp. \$25.95.

The theological unity of Exodus in its canonical form—emphasizing the presence of the Lord with and in the midst of his people Israel—is the underlying

theme in this volume. The author notes the diversity of content in Exodus, but rather than confining his study to specialized concerns he emphasizes the unifying purpose of the book.—E.L.M.

Eslinger, Richard L. *A New Hearing: Living Options in Homiletic Method*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1987. 192 pp. Paperback, \$10.95.

Eslinger illustrates and explains five different homiletic approaches from sermons by five preachers: Charles Rice, Henry Mitchell, Eugene Lowry, Fred Craddock, and David Buttrick. The approaches range from "Preaching as Story" and "Narrative in the Black Tradition" to "Homiletical Plot," "Inductive Method," and "Phenomenological Method."—K.A.S.

Ferguson, Everett. *Backgrounds of Early Christianity*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1987. 464 pp. Paperback, \$22.95.

This rather comprehensive overview treats Greek, Roman, and Jewish backgrounds to early Christianity, with the intent of providing an enhancement in understanding of both the NT and the early Christian church.—K.A.S.

Gill, Jerry H. *Faith in Dialogue*. Waco, TX: Word Books, 1985. 159 pp. \$13.95.

As the title suggests, the author sees "dialogue" with challenges to faith as a viable option, and he examines both sides of the faith dialogue rather than opting for an either/or polarity. The natural sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities are dealt with in particular inasmuch as these disciplines pose the most serious challenges to faith.—E.L.M.

Gonzalez, Justo L. *A History of Christian Thought*. Revised ed. 3 vols. Nashville,

TN: Abingdon Press, 1987. Paperback, \$22.95 per volume or \$59.95 for the complete set.

This set is an updated version of what has come to be recognized as a standard work covering Christian thought from the Early-Church period to the twentieth century. In addition to revisions throughout, a new chapter on the twentieth century has been added, and the bibliography has been updated.—K.A.S.

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.

This popular-level book on the Gospel of John is basically in sermon-outline format. Its main purpose is to help Christians apply each portion of that Gospel (and also individual texts) to their daily lives. (The Eerdmans edition is not available in the British Publishers Traditional Market, except Canada.)—K.A.S.

Hatch, Nathan O., and Stout, Harry S., eds. *Jonathan Edwards and the American Experience*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1987. 336 pp. \$29.95.

The editors have compiled fifteen previously unpublished essays that illuminate Edwards's place in history, his literary contribution, and his theological and philosophical thought.—K.A.S.

Hesselgrave, David J. *Today's Choices for Tomorrow's Mission: An Evangelical Perspective on Trends and Issues in Missions*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1987. 304 pp. Paperback, \$14.95.

A fairly comprehensive analysis of the current status of the Christian foreign-mission enterprise, this publication takes into account trends and issues as set forth by specialists in some 2000

- articles and reviews during the past two decades.—K.A.S.
- Hurst, L. D., and Wright, N. T., eds. *The Glory of Christ in the New Testament: Studies in Christology in Memory of George Bradford Caird*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1987. 328 pp. \$49.95.
- The editors have brought together twenty-one essays by distinguished scholars on the NT teaching and perspectives on the person and work of Christ. The specific topics have a rather wide range, including discussion of the Canon, the NT's use of the OT, NT miracles, Christ's preexistence, Christ's sacrifice, and other relevant subjects.—K.A.S.
- Knibb, Michael A., ed. *The Qumran Writings*. Cambridge Commentaries on Writings of the Jewish and Christian World 200 B.C. to A.D. 200. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1987. 260 pp. \$44.50/\$14.95.
- Knibb's volume is a collection of fresh translations of substantial extracts from the Qumran materials, together with an exegetical commentary. With its selections basically from several of the more impressive and lengthy tracts, this volume can serve as a sourcebook for study of the Qumran community.—K.A.S.
- Koester, Helmut. *Introduction to the New Testament*, 2 vols. in paperback ed. (1. *History, Culture and Religion of the Hellenistic Age*; 2. *History and Literature of Early Christianity*). Hawthorne, NY: Walter de Gruyter, Inc., 1987. Each volume, \$16.95. (The hard-cover edition appeared in 1982, and is priced at \$32.95 per volume.)
- A reissue in paperback of a standard comprehensive NT Introduction.—K.A.S.
- Lawson, John. *The Wesley Hymns as a Guide to Scriptural Teaching*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1988. 208 pp. \$14.95.
- Hymns by Charles Wesley and John Wesley provide the basics for analyzing Wesleyan religious thought on more than fifty topics. The text for a number of the hymns is provided in a more complete form than is usual in present-day hymnals.—K.A.S.
- Longman, Tremper, III. *Literary Approaches to Biblical Interpretation*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1987. 192 pp. Paperback, \$12.95.
- An analysis which stresses literary features of the biblical text, but not at the expense of historical content.—K.A.S.
- Mann, C. S. *Mark*. The Anchor Bible, vol. 27. Garden City, NY: Doubleday and Company, Inc., 1986. xxvi + 715 pp. \$20.00.
- This volume completes the four Gospels in the AB series. The author points to new evidences that support the theory that Mark was written after Matthew and Luke and that it is probably a digest of these two Gospels.—E.L.M.
- Marshall, Michael. *The Restless Heart: The Life and Influence of St. Augustine*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1987. 192 pp. \$19.95.
- This addition to Augustine literature reaches out in an uncommon but fascinating direction: It has emerged from (a) the author's study of Augustine and of that church father's works, *combined with* (b) travel to and within the places traversed some 1600 years ago by Augustine. Marshall was accompanied to North Africa and Italy by Charles Bewick, some seventy of whose photographs illustrate the text of *The Restless Heart*.—K.A.S.

Martin, Luther H. *Hellenistic Religions: An Introduction*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1987. 192 pp. Paperback, \$8.95.

This volume provides a brief but comprehensive survey of the religious scene in the Greek and Roman world from the fourth century B.C. to the fourth century A.D. Covered are the institutions, practices, beliefs, social status and nature, and conceptual framework of the various religious and quasi-religious movements treated.—K.A.S.

McKenzie, Peter. *The Christians: Their Beliefs and Practices*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1988. 352 pp. Paperback, \$17.95.

Peter McKenzie, head of the Department of Religion at the University of Leicester in England, has in this volume put together the first treatment in the English language to examine in detail Christianity from the phenomenological perspective. Christian beliefs, sacred objects, sacred places, and rituals are set forth in a topical arrangement.—K.A.S.

Neill, Stephen. *A History of Christianity in India, 1707-1858*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1986. 592 pp. \$80.00.

This volume by a renowned authority on the history of Christian world-mission covers in detail and with balance a critical era of background for, and development of, modern Christian traditions in India (Roman Catholic, Anglican, and others). It complements Neill's earlier monumental volume *A History of Christianity in India: The Beginnings to A.D. 1707*, published by Cambridge University Press in 1984.—K.A.S.

Neill, Stephen, and Wright, N. T. *The Interpretation of the New Testament,*

1861-1986. New York: Oxford University Press, 1987. 384 pp. \$27.50/\$10.95.

A standard survey of NT interpretation by the late biblical scholar and missiologist, Stephen Neill, has been expanded in this new edition to include a chapter covering NT scholarship of the last twenty-five years. N. T. Wright, the reviser, has also updated and expanded the entire contents of the volume. "This masterful survey describes the historical development of New Testament criticism, the contrasting personalities of scholars, and the permanent contributions made by various schools, ending with an assessment of the current status of the field."—K.A.S.

Outler, Albert C., ed. *The Works of John Wesley*. Vol. 4: *Sermons IV, 115-151*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1987. 608 pp. \$49.95.

This volume completes the four-volume definitive collection of 151 of John Wesley's sermons. The earlier volumes contain the first 114 sermons, as follows: vol. 1, sermons 1-33; vol. 2, sermons 34-70; and vol. 3, sermons 71-114.—K.A.S.

Ramm, Bernard L., et al. *Hermeneutics*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1987. 152 pp. Paperback, \$4.95.

The ten essays in this publication first appeared as section 3 of *Baker's Dictionary of Practical Theology* (1967). They cover broadly a variety of aspects of biblical interpretation and related concerns as set forth by nine prominent evangelical scholars (two chapters are by Ramm himself).—K.A.S.

Rendsburg, Gary A. *The Redaction of Genesis*. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1986. xii + 129 pp. \$12.50.

The author suggests a redactional structure of the book of Genesis on the basis of literary-critical analysis. He builds

on a number of shorter studies and developments in the debate on the nature of the composition of biblical narrative and its structure.—E.L.M.

Smedes, Lewis B., ed. *Ministry and the Miraculous: A Case Study at Fuller Theological Seminary*. Pasadena, CA: Fuller Theological Seminary, 1987. 80 pp. Paperback, \$3.95.

A task force of some twelve Fuller Seminary faculty members recently gave careful study to the biblical teaching on "miraculous healing" and related questions emerging in connection with a course setting forth "signs and wonders" as part of Christian ministry (a course suspended from the curriculum, pending the outcome of this study). The present booklet covers comprehensively the results of the faculty analysis, and in doing so it provides broad coverage of God's relationship to his world, the place of suffering in Christian experience, means of healing, etc.—K.A.S.

Stackhouse, Max L. *Public Theology and Political Economy: Christian Stewardship in Modern Society*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1987. 192 pp. Paperback, \$8.95.

This volume argues that the chief task of the Christian steward is to cultivate a new public theology that will shape the structures and policies of public life.—K.A.S.

Stephens, W. P. *The Theology of Huldrych Zwingli*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1986. 348 pp. \$55.00.

A detailed and thoroughly documented presentation, Stephens's *Theology of Huldrych Zwingli* is the first truly comprehensive and substantial treatment of the Zurich Reformer's theology to appear in the English language.—K.A.S.

Von Loewenich, Walther. *Martin Luther: The Man and His Work*. Trans. Lawrence W. Denef. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Publishing House, 1986. 446 pp. \$24.95.

First published in 1982 as *Martin Luther: Der Mann und das Werk*, this book is an eminently readable English translation. For up-to-dateness and breadth of coverage of the entire career of the Reformer, the volume ranks among the most balanced and comprehensive.—K.A.S.

Verhoef, Pieter A. *The Books of Haggai and Malachi*. NICOT. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1987. xxv + 364 pp. \$21.95.

The author offers a thorough exegesis and exposition of the books of Haggai and Malachi in this newest addition to the NICOT series. An "Introduction" to each book is given—covering such areas as authorship, unity, style, historical background, structural analysis, and overview of the book's message. Several indices at the conclusion of this volume will prove helpful to the reader.—E.L.M.

Ziefle, Helmut W. *Theological German: A Reader*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1986. 283 pp. Paperback, \$14.95.

"*Theological German: A Reader* is an attempt to fill a void by providing meaningful and challenging texts and exercises for English-speaking students who want to read the German Bible and the works of German theologians in the original" (p. 9). Some of the more difficult words and idioms are defined or explained on pages facing the German text selections.—K.A.S.