

## 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.

Aden, LeRoy, and J. Harold Ellens, eds. *Turning Points in Pastoral Care: The Legacy of Anton Boisen and Seward Hiltner*. Psychology and Christianity, vol. 4. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1990. 256 pp. Paperback, \$14.95. (The Psychology and Christianity series is copublished by the Baker Book House and the Christian Association for Psychological Studies.)

The editors of this volume contend that contemporary pastoral counseling has been shaped largely by Anton Boisen and Seward Hiltner, and hence have brought together a series of fourteen essays produced by students and/or colleagues of these two pioneers in Christian pastoral care.

Aland, Kurt and Barbara. *The Text of the New Testament: An Introduction to the Critical Editions and to the Theory and Practice of Modern Textual Criticism*. 2d ed., revised and enlarged. Trans. by Erroll F. Rhodes. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1989. xviii + 366 pp. \$32.50. (E. J. Brill of Leiden has the marketing rights in the United Kingdom, Europe, and Japan.)

Since its first publication in German in 1980 this work by Kurt and Barbara Aland has gained recognition as a standard comprehensive introduction to all main facets and concerns of NT textual criticism. That first German edition was put into English translation in 1983. This second edition in English appeared in late 1989, almost coinciding with the publication of its German counterpart upon whose text the trans-

lation is based. This new edition updates the information in the earlier one, adds supplementary essays on "The Evaluation of Manuscript Texts" and "Categories and Text Types," and includes revised plates, tables, and charts.

Blaskow, Judith, and Carol P. Christ, eds. *Hearing the Visions: New Patterns in Feminist Spirituality*. San Francisco, CA: Harper & Row, 1989. 352 pp. Paperback, \$12.95.

This anthology of spiritual voices represent writings from a broad spectrum of women that include non-Americans, native Americans, and Afro-Americans. Among the contributors are Maria Falk, Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Rosemary Radford Reuther, Luisa Teish, Alice Walker, and many others.

Bondi, Richard. *Leading God's People: Ethics for the Practice of Ministry*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1989. 160 pp. Paperback, \$12.95.

How do pastors of today meet the challenge of leading a Christian congregation to higher standards of life and action without cutting themselves off by moving excessively away from the "safe center" of the congregation's stance? This is the sort of dilemma that has given rise to Bondi's publication, wherein he draws on insights from narrative theology, meaningful ministry, and character ethics.

Bradshaw, Brendan, and Eamon Duffy, eds. *Humanism, Reform, and the Reformation: The Career of Bishop John*

Fisher. Cambridge, Eng., and New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 1989. 256 pp. \$44.50.

Ten studies devoted to John Fisher, famous Bishop of Rochester and a cardinal during the reign of Henry VIII, comprise this volume. These studies seek to bring out the complex relationships which Fisher represented in the political, intellectual, and religious milieu in which he found himself.

Brunn, Emilie Zum, and Georgette Epiney-Burgard. *Women Mystics in Medieval Europe*. Trans. Sheila Hughes. New York: Paragon House Publishers, 1989. 233 pp. + 7 illus. and 2 maps. \$24.95/\$12.95.

Provided in this publication are profiles and selections from the writings of five important medieval women mystics: Hildegard of Bingen, Mechthild of Magdeburg, Beatrice of Nazareth, Hadewijch of Antwerp, and Marguerite Porete.

Carden, Allen. *Puritan Christianity in America: Religion and Life in Seventeenth-Century Massachusetts*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1990. 256 pp. Paperback, \$16.95.

The wide-ranging influence and legacy of the Puritan colonists of the seventeenth century, perhaps most particularly as evidenced in later Evangelicalism are beyond dispute, and in recent years various correctives have been emerging to views set forth by Perry Miller and other first-rate historians of Religion in America. Although not given primarily as such a corrective, Carden's *Puritan Christianity in America* updates earlier research, while also presenting one of the most comprehensive treatments of the Puritan vision, theological thought, praxis, preaching,

social ethics, etc. of concerns. Twenty-five photographs and a chronological outline enhance the volume.

Clark, David K., and Norman L. Geisler. *Apologetics in the New Age: A Christian Critique of Pantheism*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1990. 256 pp. Paperback, \$15.95.

Clark and Geisler provide a serious evangelical attempt to respond to pantheism in general and the New Age movement in particular. A description of three Eastern forms of pantheism (the "Permeational" of Suzuki, "Absolute" of Shankara, and "Multi-level" of Radhakrishnan) and two Western forms ("Emanational" of Plotinus, and "Modal" of Spinoza) set the background for the critique proper, which examines common New Age themes and facets of the pantheistic outlook, such as mystical consciousness and the problem of good and evil.

Coleman, Robert E. *"Nothing to Do but to Save Souls": John Wesley's Charge to His Preachers*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1990. 112 pp. \$9.95/\$5.95.

Building on John Wesley's passion for souls and the evangelistic thrust of Wesley's earliest Methodism, Coleman traces the phenomenal nineteenth-century growth of this church and endeavors to ascertain the causes for that growth. Coleman's book becomes in a sense "a summons to all Christians" as it focuses upon experiential religion and heartfelt convictions that "engage and sustain dynamic evangelism."

Crim, Keith, general ed. *The Perennial Dictionary of World Religions*. San Francisco, CA: Harper & Row, 1989. 848 pp. Paperback, \$22.95.

More than 1,600 concise, authoritative, and cross-referenced entries appear in this dictionary. All major religious traditions are highlighted, with information concerning their doctrines, creeds, practices, important personalities, writings and the like. Some 161 scholars participated in producing this comprehensive volume.

Davis, Dale Ralph. *Such a Great Salvation: Expositions of the Book of Judges*. Expositor's Guide to the Historical Books, vol. 2. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1990. 224 pp. Paperback, \$11.95.

The present publication is a companion volume to Davis's earlier *No Falling Words: Expositions of the Book of Joshua*. This new volume, like its companion one, presents model sermons wherein exegesis and historical study are intertwined and followed up with homiletical and practical application. The evident purpose of the series is to provide "unusual help for budding preachers."

Easum, William M. *Church Growth Handbook*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1990. 160 pp. Paperback, \$11.95.

Easum, the senior pastor of the Colonial Hills United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas, led his congregation from the threat of foreclosure to a 600% growth rate. In this book he outlines biblically based holistic growth strategies and methods.

Gaustad, Edwin S. *A Religious History of America: New Revised Edition*. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1990. 320 pp. Paperback, \$19.95.

This volume is a thoroughly updated edition of a standard history of religion in America.

Grant, Robert M. *Augustus to Constantine*. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1990. 240 pp. Paperback, \$12.95.

In his *Augustus to Constantine* Robert M. Grant has provided a history of the Christian church during its first three crucial centuries of existence and expansion. Through reference to a considerable amount of historical and archaeological information, he enriches our knowledge of the Roman world in which Christianity emerged.

Gunter, W. Stephen. *The Limits of "Love Divine": John Wesley's Response to Antinomianism and Enthusiasm*. Kingswood Books. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1989. 366 pp. Paperback, \$15.95.

Gunter in this publication proposes a corrective to traditional views regarding developments in earliest Methodism, doing so in relationship particularly to John Wesley's opposition to antinomianism and struggles with enthusiasm among his followers.

Hadden, Jeffrey, and Anson Schupe, eds. *Secularization and Fundamentalism Reconsidered*. Religion and Political Order, vol. 3. New York, NY: Paragon House Publishers, 1989. 320 pp. \$24.95/\$12.95.

The essays in this volume have been contributed by distinguished sociologists of religion and probe into recent trends of fundamentalism in both the Christian and Moslem contexts, especially as these trends and secularization impinge and interact.

Hauerwas, Stanley, and William Willimon. *Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1989. 176 pp. Paperback, \$9.95.

The authors of this volume treat present-day Christianity under the concept of

our "alien" status in today's world and attempt to point directions for the revitalization of the Christian church into its role of both nourishing souls and confronting "the illusions, pretensions, and eroding values" manifest in contemporary society. The volume envisages the church as "a colony, a holy nation, a people, a family standing for sharply focused values in a devalued world."

Hutchison, William R., ed. *Between the Times: The Travail of the Protestant Establishment in America, 1900-1960*. Studies in Religion and American Public Life. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1989. 320 pp. \$39.50.

Twelve historians survey the aims, institutions, and initiatives of American Protestantism (such as the social gospel movement and the Federal Council of Churches) both as expressed from within and as viewed externally by Catholics, Jews, social minorities, etc.

Kiehl, Erich H. *The Passion of Our Lord*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1990. 240 pp. Paperback, \$14.95.

Kiehl's objective in this volume is to take seriously the Gospel narratives regarding Christ's passion week, but to do so in an exposition that is enriched by abundant background material from historical and archaeological data. Maps, diagrams, and illustrations support and amplify the discussion.

MacGregor, Geddes. *Dictionary of Religion and Philosophy*. New York: Paragon House Publishers, 1989. 704 pp. \$35.00.

In compact desk-reference format, this comprehensive dictionary provides more than 3,000 entries, covering personali-

ties, schools of thought, practices, etc. in the fields of religion and philosophy. The volume is extensively cross-referenced and also contains selected bibliographies under twenty-four subject headings.

McKnight, Scot, ed. *Introducing New Testament Interpretation*. Guides to New Testament Exegesis, vol. 1. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1989. 208 pp. Paperback, \$11.95.

The essays in this publication, the first in a series on NT exegesis, treats broadly the aspects of exegesis that are applicable to all genres of the NT literature. Thus, attention is given by the various authors to such matters as word studies, grammatical analysis, the NT backgrounds, theological aspects, textual criticism, etc.

Maas, Robin. *Crucified Love: The Practice of Christian Perfection*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1989. 144 pp. Paperback, \$10.95.

*Crucified Love* is an exposition of John Wesley's doctrine of Christian perfection. The author explores that doctrine in its relationship to prayer life, to one's neighbor, and to the meaning of sin.

Messer, Donald E. *Contemporary Images of Christian Ministry*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1989. 192 pp. Paperback, \$12.95.

Five contemporary images of Christian ministry form the focus of this volume: "Wounded Healer," "Servant Leader," "Political Mystic," "Practical Theologian," and "Enslaved Liberator." These are intended not as replacements for, but rather as supplements to, the more

traditional images of priest, prophet, shepherd, etc.

Nelson, Rudolph. *The Making and Unmaking of an Evangelical Mind: The Case of Edward Carnell*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1988. 320 pp. \$34.50.

Edward J. Carnell (1919-1967) was recognized as a leading apostle and apologist of evangelicalism during the mid-twentieth century. Nelson's volume is divided into two parts, the first presenting biographical information on Carnell's career and the second treating topically those philosophical and theological issues that were of central concern to him and his variety of evangelism.

Neusner, Jacob. *Invitation to Midrash: A Teaching Book*. San Francisco, CA: Harper & Row, 1989. 256 pp. \$25.95.

An introduction to the study of ancient Hebrew *Midrashim*, this volume provides examples from the OT, the Gospels, the Targums, the Torah, and Qumran. Introduction to *Midrash* may be considered a complementary volume to Neusner's *Invitation to Talmud: A Teaching Book*.

Oden, Thomas C. *After Modernity . . . What?: Agenda for Theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1990. 224 pp. \$14.95.

*After Modernity . . . What?* is a thorough rewrite of the author's previously published title *Agenda for Theology: Recovering Christian Roots* (1979). Indeed, the recovering of Christian roots—a summons to get back to the classical, traditional, orthodox norms and forms—is what this new book, like its predecessor, is about. The author's basic views

are the same as set forth earlier but are expressed in terms more appropriate for dialogue with the situation at the beginning of the 1990s. Also, four completely new chapters have been added.

Pershbacher, Wesley I., ed. *The New Analytical Greek Lexicon*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1989. 512 pp. \$29.95.

This lexicon represents an up-to-date thorough-going revision of George Wigram's *Analytical Greek Lexicon*. Also, the material has been reset in a clearer typeface.

Piper, John. *The Supremacy of God in Preaching*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1990. 96 pp. Paperback, \$5.95.

Based on Piper's Harold Ockenga Lectures on Preaching at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and his Billy Graham Lecture on Preaching at Wheaton College, this volume is not basically a handbook on the craft of preaching but rather focuses on a dimension of preaching less frequently approached in publications—namely, the preacher's personal piety and proper relationship with God, with God's word, and with the people addressed. Illustrations of powerful preaching in this respect are drawn from powerful preachers with considerable attention given to Jonathan Edwards.

Riley-Smith, Jonathan. *The Crusades*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1987, 1990. 306 pp. \$30.00/\$14.95.

The original hardbound edition of a recent (1987) comprehensive treatment of the Crusades has appeared in paperback in 1990. The volume covers the period from 1074 to 1798.

Thompson, Alden. *Who's Afraid of the Old Testament God?* Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1989. 176 pp. Paperback, \$8.95.

In eight chapters, Thompson gives sensitive treatment to a variety of questions raised by lay persons seeking to understand the OT. The chapter titles (as well as text) are rather provocative and are set forth in popularized style such as "Don't Let Your New Testament Get in the Way of Your Old Testament" and "What Kind of Prayers Would You Publish If You Were God?"

Tiemann, William Harold, and John C. Bush. *The Right to Silence: Privileged Clergy Communication and the Law.* 3d ed. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1989. 256 pp. Paperback, \$15.95.

A completely revised and expanded edition of a classic reference volume. The authors have updated the basic information on court testimony and malpractice with attention to significant recent developments in American law at both the federal and state levels. Included is a treatment of specialized areas such as child abuse.

Tuttle, Robert G., Jr. *Mysticism in the Wesleyan Tradition.* Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1989. 192 pp. \$14.95.

Although John Wesley wrote to his brother Charles in 1736, a year and a half before his Aldersgate evangelical conversion, that the writings of the mystics were the rock on which he came closest to making "shipwreck of the faith," he subsequently recommended and even abridged mystical writings. Tuttle's volume seeks to place this paradox into perspective, noting that even when Wesley firmly accepted the evangelical doctrine of justification by faith he also found impetus from

mysticism for promoting his Evangelical Revival.

Tzaferis, Vassilios, ed. *Excavations at Capernaum, Volume 1: 1978-1982.* Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1989. xx + 236 pp. + plates and foldout plans. \$48.00.

This specialized volume is the first of the final reports covering excavations at Capernaum coordinated by Israel's Department of Antiquities and Museums, the Greek Orthodox Church (whose Patriarchate of Jerusalem owns the excavation site), Averett College, Notre Dame University, and the Southwest Missouri State University. Covered are the first five seasons, which have supplied extensive ceramic and numismatic finds from the early seventh to early eleventh centuries A.D. Fourteen foldout plans and eight full-color plates enhance the value of the publication.

Van Groningen, Gerard. *Messianic Revelation in the Old Testament.* Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1989. 1120 pp. \$39.95.

This massive tome goes into a deep and penetrating analysis of the messianic concept revealed in the OT. It covers a broad spectrum of material in six parts, the first of which details basic aspects of the Messianic concept, and the rest of which cover the OT data in Genesis, Exodus through Deuteronomy, the Former Prophets, the Poetic Books, and the Latter Prophets, respectively.

Vardaman, Jerry, and Edwin M. Yamauchi, eds. *Chronos, Kairos, Christos: Nativity and Chronological Studies Presented to Jack Finegan.* Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1989. xxiv + 240 pp. \$25.00.

Thirteen essays contributed by a group of Biblical-Studies specialists have been

brought together in this *Festschrift* to honor Jack Finegan on his eightieth birthday. For its type of publication, the volume is extraordinarily well unified, focusing as it does on chronological questions pertaining to the birth and crucifixion of Jesus and related NT chronological concerns. A bibliography of the works of Finegan is included.

Wagley, Lawrence A. *Preaching with the Small Congregation*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1989. 144 pp. Paperback, \$10.95.

Wagley, Professor of Preaching and Worship at St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, has set forth guidelines on how to prepare sermons and organize worship services that may be advantageous for small congregations in which interaction with the preacher is more possible, appropriate, and effective than in the case of large congregations. A variety of ideas and models are incorporated.

Waldman, Nahum M. *The Recent Study of Hebrew: A Survey of Literature with Selected Bibliography*. *Bibliographica Judaica*, vol. 10. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1989. (Co-published with Hebrew Union College.) xxii + 464 pp. \$35.00.

Some 1,300 authors and upward of 3,500 publications on the Hebrew language since the 1930s constitute the core of this basic bibliographical tool. The contributions are first arranged into an annotated series, subdivided into five periods chronologically from Biblical Hebrew to Modern and Contemporary Hebrew; and then they are set forth in a bibliographical listing. There is also a comprehensive index of the authors cited.

Walker, William O., Jr., ed. *Harper's Bible Pronunciation Guide*. San Fran-

cisco, CA: Harper & Row, 1989. 192 pp. \$15.95.

This guide provides the preferred American pronunciation of more than 7,000 words that appear in the Bible itself or that are used in major discussions of the Bible. Included are Hebrew and Greek terms commonly translated into English and a number of relevant non-biblical expressions used in conjunction with the study of Scripture.

Whiting, Robert. *The Blind Devotion of the People: Popular Religion and the English Reformation*. Cambridge, Eng., and New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 1989. 320 pp. \$54.50.

What Whiting attempts is a task far more difficult than the usual treatments of the Reformation in England which focus on the crown, clerics, and gentry. He attempts, albeit with somewhat controversial results, to ascertain the reaction of the general populace of England to the changes that were being brought about at the official level by virtue of the rise of Protestant ideas and practices.

Yamauchi, Edwin M. *Persia and the Bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1989. 528 pp. \$34.95.

Yamauchi's *Persia and the Bible* is the first comprehensive treatment of Persian history of the OT period that has appeared in many decades. Thus, it has the advantage of being able to incorporate up-to-date archaeological information from Iran. The text is carefully documented, and the volume includes more than 100 photographs. The discussion is further enriched by a number of maps and diagrams of archaeological sites, and there is an index that helps the reader locate readily the author's treatment of data relevant to specific passages from the OT.