

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.

Noll, Mark A., ed. *Religion and American Politics: From the Colonial Period to the 1980s*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1990. xiii + 401 pp. \$34.50/14.95.

Seventeen of America's leading historians and social scientists provide a broad-ranging treatment of the historical interaction between politics and religion in America from the colonial and revolutionary periods up through the evangelical Protestant ascendancy of the nineteenth century and into the growing pluralism and heightened antagonism between liberal and conservative factions that typify the present era.

Rasmussen, Carl G. *Zondervan NIV Atlas of the Bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1989. 256 pp. \$39.95.

This atlas is divided into two sections. The geographical section presents the physical geography of the lands of the biblical world, from Egypt to Mesopotamia. The historical section presents the flow of biblical history in its geographical context and shows how geography influenced the course of biblical history.

Schipani, Daniel S., ed. *Freedom and Discipleship: Liberation Theology in*

Anabaptist Perspective. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1989. ix + 188 pp. \$19.95.

Freedom and Discipleship offers a unique assessment of liberation theology from the perspective of the Radical Reformation—that stream of Protestantism which has understood the discipleship of Jesus to imply commitments to peace and justice. The contributors address several dimensions of liberation theology—including hermeneutical, ecclesiological, Christological, ethical, and eschatological concerns.

Stackhouse, Max L. *Apologia: Contextualization, Globalization, and Mission in Theological Education*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1988. xvi + 237 pp. Paperback, \$14.95.

Apologia is a work on present and future theological education that holds that current trends in seminaries and departments of theology bring important new insights to the study of religion. On the other hand, Stackhouse asserts, these new trends also erode—sometimes unwittingly—the capacity to speak of God, truth, and justice with warranted confidence. The book not only exposes the frailties of several current ideologies, but puts forth fresh proposals for the reconstructing of

theological education on foundations that are contextually alert, globally concerned, and mission oriented.

Trench, Richard Chenevix. *Synonyms of the New Testament*. Edited by Robert G. Hoerber. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1989. 425 pp. \$24.95.

This revised edition of Trench includes the following improvements: 1) Greek and Hebrew words that appear in the Bible have been coded according to *The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*; 2) all quotations from foreign languages have been translated into English; 3) foreign language titles to works by classical and ecclesiastical authors have been spelled out; and 4) the entire book has been completely rewritten to modernize and simplify the English style, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.

Tucker, Ruth A. *Another Gospel: Alternative Religions and the New Age Movement*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1989. 462 pp. \$19.95.

Tucker provides extensive coverage of both the traditional Christian "cults" and modern cultic movements. Her definition of a cult is based upon the fundamentalist presupposition that cults have "prophet"-founders. The first two chapters deal with the history of heresy and the differences between cults, sects, denominations, and world religions.

Wells, David F. *Turning to God: Biblical Conversion in the Modern World*. Exeter, UK: Paternoster Press and Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1989. 160 pp. Paperback, \$9.95.

This book explores the biblical teaching on conversion in relation to major

contemporary issues, ideologies, and religious challenges. The author not only answers objections raised against biblical conversion by those outside Christianity, but also challenges evangelicals to sharpen their own understanding of the doctrine.

Wennberg, Robert N. *Terminal Choices: Euthanasia, Suicide, and the Right to Die*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. and Exeter, UK: Paternoster Press, 1989. x + 246 pp. Paperback, \$13.95.

Wennberg examines those "terminal choices" that reflect on how we should die. The distinctions between treatment refusal, treatment withdrawal, active euthanasia, and suicide are carefully spelled out, based on opinions of medical, religious, and legal experts. The author reaches back to the Greek and Roman philosophers in tracing his study of social approbation and disapproval and applies such historic thinking to the quandaries created by modern medicine.

Whitmore, Todd, ed. *Ethics in the Nuclear Age: Strategy, Religious Studies, and the Churches*. Dallas: Southern Methodist University Press, 1989. x + 240 pp. \$24.95/\$12.95.

Ethics in the Nuclear Age is the outgrowth of a two-year workshop seminar held at the University of Chicago Divinity School. This study draws together the most recent thought on nuclear ethics by persons trained in religious studies. As such, this collection provides a valuable resource for those who speak for and participate in the church and for strategists who seek to integrate the moral dimension into their thinking on the nuclear issue.