

BOOK NOTICES

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Charlesworth, James H. *Graphic Concordance to the Dead Sea Scrolls*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992. 560 pp. \$150.00, hardcover.

This long-awaited tool provides access to all previously published Qumran materials. Over 59,000 entries are drawn from 223 texts and more than 3,500 fragments. Each is shown in its exact attested form.

De Witt, Calvin. *The Environment and the Christian: What Does the New Testament Say about the Environment?* Grand Rapids: Baker, 1991. 156 pp. \$7.95.

A study of NT teaching on stewardship of the earth by six Christian authors. The book includes endnotes, and general and scriptural indexes.

Elwell, Walter A., ed. *Topical Analysis of the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1991. xiii + 894 pp. \$39.95.

This reference work presents basic teachings of Scripture in outline form, under 15 headings familiar to systematic theology. Biblical passages related to each topic are arranged without comment under various subheadings of the topic.

Faircloth, Samuel D. *Church Planting for Reproduction*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1991. 206 pp. \$14.95.

Faircloth presents management model and techniques for planting churches that will be able to reproduce themselves. A PERT chart is followed throughout. The appendix contains materials needed for community and church analysis. Bibliography and index.

Fee, Gordon D. *Gospel and Spirit: Issues in New Testament Hermeneutics*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1991. xiv + 143 pp. \$9.95.

Fee intends this collection of essays and lectures to articulate a hermeneutics of the Pentecostal experience in a biblically consistent way. Fee argues for common sense and dedication to Scripture as basic to an Evangelical hermeneutic for today's Christians.

Longman, Tremper. *Old Testament Commentary Survey*. Grand Rapids, Baker, 1991. 160 pp. \$9.95.

Longman surveys OT reference works, Hebrew helps, and commentaries. Commentaries are evaluated on a 1-5 scale and categorized as being useful to laypersons, ministers, and scholars. The description includes size and price. The appendix contains suggestions for developing personal libraries.

McGrath, Alister E. *The Sunnier Side of Doubt: What It Is, How to Handle It, When to Value It, Why It Deepens Our Faith*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1990. 160 pp. \$7.95.

The book's subtitle says it all. Doubt is, says McGrath, an invitation to grow in faith rather than something we need panic about.

O'Collins, Gerald, and Edward G. Farrugia. *A Concise Dictionary of Theology*. New York: Paulist, 1991. 268 pp. \$18.95.

This comprehensive dictionary offers clear explanations of more than 1000 words and phrases relating with

theology through the centuries. A convenient reference, this Catholic work is sensitive to matters important to other faiths.

Pilch, John. *Introducing the Cultural Context of the New Testament*. Hear the Word, vol. 1. New York: Paulist Press, 1991. xiv + 212. \$9.95.

Pilch, John. *Introducing the Cultural Context of the New Testament*. Hear the Word, vol. 2. New York: Paulist Press, 1991. xiv + 254 pp. \$9.95.

These Bible-study workbooks for adults analyze the culture and values of the Mediterranean in Bible times. The OT volume deals with wisdom literature; the NT volume deals with the 1st century A.D. The purpose is to create a foundation for Bible interpretation in today's culture.

Robinson, Thomas A. *Mastering Greek Vocabulary*. 2d rev. ed. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1991. x + 178 pp. \$7.95.

Greek words are organized by roots. For each item Robinson gives meaning, part of speech, and similar English words that serve as memory aids.

Shelton, James. *Mighty in Word and Deed: The Role of the Holy Spirit in Luke-Acts*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1991. xii + 196 pp. \$11.95.

A comprehensive study of Pneumatology in Luke's writings. Includes bibliography, index of authors, and Scripture index.

Taylor, William David, ed. *Internationalizing Missionary Training: A Global Perspective*. Exeter, U.K.: Paternoster, 1991. xiv + 286 pp. \$19.95.

Papers from the 1989 Manila Consultation on Two-Thirds World Training of Missionaries discuss both Western and Two-Thirds World approaches. Several chapters present models of training and issues facing mission.

Theissen, Gerd. *The Open Door: Variations on Biblical Themes*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1991. xii + 191 pp. \$11.95.

The volume is a collection of 25 sermons and meditations based on biblical stories. Each sermon interprets the story differently from the normal, traditional way and applies it to Theissen's modern congregation.

Turner, Dean. *Escape from God: The Use of Religion and Philosophy to Evade Responsibility*. Pasadena, CA: Hope, 1991. \$17.95.

Turner details how philosophy, theology, and psychology have been subverted to draw humankind away from God. He shows how people have attempted to escape from God and what they miss in so doing: the joyful rewards of commitment.

Wall, Robert W. *Revelation*. New International Bible Commentary. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1991. xvi + 295 pp. Paperback, \$9.95.

The NIBC series seeks to provide the best of contemporary scholarship in a form understandable to those who have not had formal theological education. As former chair of the Hebrews to Apocalypse Section of the SBL, Wall is well qualified to represent contemporary scholarship. As a believer, he writes for the church, particularly, for pastors and laity.