

## BOOK NOTES

Ahituv, S., and B. A. Levine, eds. *Avraham Malamet Volume. Eretz-Israel: Archaeological, Historical, and Geographical Studies*, 24. Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society, 1993. Non-Hebrew section, pp. viii + 241; Hebrew section, pp. xviii + 197. \$90.00.

This volume of the Eretz Israel series is dedicated to Avraham Malamet on the occasion of his 75th birthday. It is made up of 30 essays in English, French, and German, and 29 in Hebrew. English summaries are provided for non-English articles. In addition, the editors present a bibliography of Professor Malamet's contributions with a brief description of his career. MICHAEL G. HASEL

Breckenridge, James, and Lillian Breckenridge. *What Color Is Your God? Multicultural Education in the Church*. Wheaton, IL: Bridgepoint/Victor Books, 1995. 288 pp. Paper, \$14.99.

This book addresses the challenge of multiculturalism in the North American church. After suggesting a theological framework for cultural sensitivity, the authors address the specific cultures of African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, and Native-Americans.

Carlson, Jeffrey, and Robert A. Ludwig, eds. *Jesus and Faith: A Conversation on the Work of John Dominic Crossan*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1993. \$18.95.

This is an edited collection of papers from the 1993 conference on Crossan at DePaul University, to which Crossan himself responds.

Countryman, L. William. *The New Testament Is in Greek: A Short Course for Exegetes*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 1993. 208 pp. Paperback, \$14.99.

Designed for a one-semester course, this textbook concentrates on reading rather than on grammar. It offers lessons in exegesis and the use of its standard tools.

De Gruchy, John W., and Charles Villa-Vicencio, eds. *Theology and Praxis*. Vol. 1, *Doing Theology in Context: South African Perspectives*. Vol. 2, *Doing Ethics in Context: South African Perspectives*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books; Cape Town and Johannesburg: David Philip, 1994.

These two volumes are the first of a series reflecting the ecumenicity and pluralism of current South African theology. Volume I includes chapters on Theology, Scripture, Faith, and the doctrines of God, Creation, and Redemption. It also surveys a variety of African theologies, including confessing, black, liberation, feminist, and Kairos theologies. Volume 2 covers ethics from various African perspectives, including chapters on medical ethics, abortion, AIDS, euthanasia, political ethics, war and violence, human rights, economic justice, and ecology.

Moon, Jerry. *W. C. White and Ellen G. White: The Relationship between the Prophet and Her Son*. Andrews University Seminary Doctoral Dissertation Series, vol. 19. Berrien Springs, MI: Andrews University Press, 1993. xxiii + 473 pp. \$19.95.

William C. White (1854-1937) held major posts in the SDA denomination including acting General Conference president. He was best known as an assistant to his mother, Ellen G. White. The study investigates the 61-year mother-son relationship, especially with reference to the question of his influence on her.

Peterson, Rodney L., ed. *Christianity and Civil Society: Theological Education for Public Life*. The Boston Theological Institute, vol. 4. Cambridge, MS: The Boston Theological Institute; and Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1995. xxvi + 166 pp. Paper, \$16.95.

Nine contributors from the Boston Theological Institute address the place of Christianity in civil society in the United States and how theological education can prepare church leaders to speak to the issues of public life.

Scott, Bernard Brandon, Margaret Dean, Kristen Sparks, and Frances LaZar. *Reading New Testament Greek: Complete Word Lists and Reader's Guide*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1993. 216 pp. Paper, \$14.95.

Vocabulary occurring 10 times or more is listed by frequency; words appearing fewer than 10 times are listed alphabetically by chapter. Standard paradigms and an index to words in the first part are included.

Steele, Michael R. *Christianity, Tragedy, and Holocaust Literature*. Contributions to the Study of Religion, no. 41. Westport, CN: Greenwood Press, 1995. 208 pp. \$49.95.

Michael R. Steele is a professor at Pacific University and president of the Oregon Holocaust Resource Center. He appeals for a new theory of tragedy

which would allow an understanding of Holocaust literature without Christian interpretive biases.

Van Wyk, Koot. *Squatters in Moab: A Study in Iconography, History, Epigraphy, Orthography, Ethnography, Religion and Linguistics of the ANE*. Berrien Center, MI: Louis Hester Publications, 1993.

The problem with dating Moabite seals is that a single seal usually displays "a mixture of forms from various cultures surrounding Moab and even of different time periods." Through a multiplex approach, van Wyk attempts to discover how seal cutters acquired their "orthographic idiosyncracies" (9).

Wagner, Walter H. *After the Apostles: Christianity in the Second Century*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1994. xv + 287 pp. Paper, \$16.00.

Wagner devotes 40 pp. to the second-century political context, 65 pp. to five major issues Christians faced, and 67 pp. to the responses to these issues given by Ignatius, Justin Martyr, Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian, and Irenaeus.

Winter, Bruce W., ed. *The Book of Acts in the First Century Setting*. Vol. 5, *The Book of Acts in Its Diaspora Setting*, by Irina Levinskala. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995. 450 pp. Cloth, \$37.50.

Irina Levinskala, a researcher at the Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, challenges traditional views of first-century Jewish missionary activity, arguing that Diaspora Jews were looking not for converts but for "God-fearers" who enhanced Jewish relationships with Roman authorities. This supports Luke's understanding of the "God-fearers."