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Welcome once again from Westminster John Knox Press. It’s been a challenging yet rewarding year for us at WJK and we’re happy to have this opportunity to share our latest offerings with you.

Patrick D. Miller kicks off an exciting expansion of our best-selling Interpretation commentary series with a comprehensive volume on the Ten Commandments. David H. Kelsey authors a two-volume set titled Eccentric Existence: A Theological Anthropology, which offers an ambitious, theologically grounded treatment of the fundamental question, What does it mean to be a human being? Thomas G. Long’s Accompany Them with Singing—The Christian Funeral, a guide for understanding, planning, and conducting theologically sound funerals, has already been hailed as “the text of record on this subject for the next fifty years.” And Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza continues to challenge the academic status quo with Democratizing Biblical Studies: Toward an Emancipatory Educational Space, which provocatively argues that biblical meaning must be constantly evaluated rather than unquestioningly accepted. Intrigued? You’ll find excerpts of these four books in these pages.

WJK Press has indeed been blessed this year to once again publish many of the most respected academicians, theologians, and mainstream authors working today. We also recognize that as we continue to add to our library of relevant and challenging textbooks, the process of choosing the volumes that best meet your classroom’s criteria may be getting a bit more difficult. We’d like to help.

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On a sad note, this spring the press lost executive editor and dear friend Stephanie Egnotovich after a brief illness. Stephanie, through the numerous authors with whom she worked over the years, has given us all a rich library of cutting-edge textbooks to explore. Her work with Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza and Thomas G. Long, featured in this catalog, offers us one last glimpse into the mind of a truly gifted editor.

Enjoy,

Jennifer K. Cox
Executive Director of Marketing and Production
Westminster John Knox Press

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Bill J. Leonard presented the keynote address at Campbellsville University’s celebration of 400 years of Baptist history and heritage on April 2 at the university’s Louisville campus. The celebration was organized in cooperation with the Baptist History and Heritage Society. His keynote address was titled, “Conscience and Dissent in a Believers’ Church: Renewing Baptist Global Identity.” Bill J. Leonard is the author of *Baptist Questions, Baptist Answers: Exploring Christian Faith*, recently published by WJK.

David L. Petersen is now Franklin N. Parker Professor of Old Testament at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Dr. Petersen is the author of many books, including WJK’s *The Prophetic Literature: An Introduction*, and is coeditor, with Gail R. O’Day, of the newly released *Theological Bible Commentary*.

Jane Rogers Vann was the plenary speaker for the summer meeting of the Association for Reformed & Liturgical Worship that was held at Columbia Theological Seminary July 29-31. Dr. Vann is the author of *Gathered before God: Worship-Centered Church Renewal*.

Laura A. Stivers, coeditor of the award-winning *Justice in a Global Economy: Strategies for Home, Community, and World*, was a featured writer in the March 2009 issue of *Vital Theology*. She wrote on the Christian response to homelessness and the work of Habitat for Humanity.

Rebecca S. Chopp was named the new President of Swarthmore College. Dr. Chopp, who took office on July 1, is Swarthmore’s first female president. She is the author or editor of several books, including *Saving Work: Feminist Practices of Theological Education*. She also contributed to *Dictionary of Feminist Theologies*, edited by Letty M. Russell and J. Shannon Clarkson.

Anna Carter Florence was named Peter Marshall Associate Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary. Dr. Florence, an ordained Presbyterian minister, joined Columbia in 1998. She is the author of *Preaching as Testimony*, published by WJK.

David S. Cunningham joined the Board of Advisors of *Vital Theology* magazine. He is the author of *Friday, Saturday, Sunday: Literary Meditations on Suffering, Death, and New Life*. 

Bill J. Leonard  
Anna Carter Florence  
David L. Petersen
John Polkinghorne and Nicholas Beale launched their new book *Questions of Truth: Fifty-one Responses to Questions about God, Science, and Belief* at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in February. The authors led a panel discussion entitled “Questions of Truth: Perspectives on the Intertwining of Science and Religion.”

**Mayra Rivera**, author of *The Touch of Transcendence: A Postcolonial Theology of God*, was named Assistant Professor of Theology and Latina/o Studies at Harvard Divinity School. She will join the HDS faculty July 1, 2010.

**Elizabeth Liebert** was named Dean of San Francisco Theological Seminary, becoming the first Roman Catholic sister named dean of a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seminary. She is the author of *The Way of Discernment: Spiritual Practices for Decision Making*.

**Dale P. Andrews** will join the faculty of Vanderbilt University Divinity School effective January 1, 2010. Dr. Andrews currently teaches at Boston University School of Theology, where he is Martin Luther King Jr. Chair of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology. He is the author of *Practical Theology for Black Churches*.

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**Awards and Recognition**

Congratulations to **Michael S. Horton**, whose book *People and Place: A Covenant Ecclesiology* received the 2009 Christianity Today Book Award in the theology/ethics category. The judges called it “A first-rate work that engages recent world-class voices across the confessional spectrum.”

**Cross Talk: Preaching Redemption Here and Now** by **Sally A. Brown** and *A Short World History of Christianity* by **Robert Bruce Mullin** were both included in the list of Top Ten Books Published in 2008 selected by the Academy of Parish Clergy. Congratulations to both authors!

**Rodney Clapp’s** *Johnny Cash and the Great American Contradiction: Christianity and the Battle for the Soul of a Nation* was named a finalist for the 2008 Book of the Year Awards by *ForeWord* magazine.

*A New Christian Manifesto: Pledging Allegiance to the Kingdom of God* by **Bob Ekblad** was selected as a winner in the Outreach Resources of the Year Awards in the justice category. The awards “celebrate and encourage excellence in resources designed specifically to help the church reach out in areas such as evangelism, compassionate service, and cross-cultural ministries locally and worldwide.”
Recent Reviews

**Biblical Theology**  
*Issues, Methods, and Themes*  
James K. Mead

J. Mead . . . has given classroom professors a great gift. He intends that this book will make the complexities of biblical theology accessible for students, and he has indeed succeeded in his goal. . . . As an informative introduction Mead’s book is excellent. The bibliography alone is a great asset to student and professor alike, and the organization of the book makes it a great reference for the many reminders we all need. Mead has succeeded in assimilating and distilling vast amounts of information into a relatively short book. . . . Mead’s overview work has competently filled a more than two decade-long gap and should be commended.

--- *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 52, no. 1 (March 2009), by Jace R. Broadhurst, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

**Engaging the Bible in a Gendered World**  
*An Introduction to Feminist Biblical Interpretation in Honor of Katharine Doob Sakenfeld*  
Linda Day and Carolyn Pressler, editors

The contributors . . . happily render this a volume of fresh voices so that rather than just another introductory volume, we have unexpected writers and a unique publication. . . . The high quality of the contributions is evenly spread throughout and each essay is well referenced so that students can follow up the issues raised in more detailed volumes. Lay readers and students will welcome a volume that is written in accessible language and I recommend this publication for undergraduate degree students, as a useful resource for A-level syllabi that require engagement with feminist biblical interpretation, and for interested lay readers.

--- *The Expository Times* 119, no. 11 (August 2008), by Deryn Guest, University of Birmingham

**The Division of Christendom**  
*Christianity in the Sixteenth Century*  
Hans J. Hillerbrand

This lively and lucid narrative is based on a lifetime of study. Scholars and students will welcome *The Division of Christendom*.

--- *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 60, no. 2 (April 2009), by Ronald H. Fritze, Athens State University

This book offers both an important overview of the subject after a lifetime’s work, and an exceptional historiographical evaluation of recent discussions on the meaning and importance of the Reformation. . . . Hillerbrand is convincing in his argument that despite recent trends to minimize its importance, the Reformation should be considered an epochal event that created a new consciousness in Europe. This work is crucial reading for scholars of early modern Europe.

--- *Choice* 45, no. 11 (July 2008), by G. J. Miller, Malone University, Canton, Ohio

**First, Second, and Third John**  
*A Commentary*  
THE NEW TESTAMENT LIBRARY  
Judith M. Lieu

This is a well-written and learned commentary by an author who has a proven record in the study of early Judaism and early Christianity, especially the Johannine Epistles. This seminal work will attract those who are unpersuaded by the approach that finds in the Epistles evidence of a devastating schism from which the Johannine circle of churches perhaps did not recover.

--- *Review of Biblical Literature* (June 2009), by John Painter, Charles Stuart University, Australia
**God and the New Atheism**
*A Critical Response to Dawkins, Harris, and Hitchens*
John F. Haught

Intended for the general reading public, *God and the New Atheism* is short, clearly written, and blessedly non-polemical. . . . Readers of Haught’s small treatise will find an excellent compendium of defenses, answers, and counterthrusts to use in personal reflection and public conversation.

—*America* (July 21-28, 2008),
by Elizabeth A. Johnson, CSJ,
Fordham University

**God as Poet of the World**
*Exploring Process Theologies*
Roland Faber

[Faber’s] book is a significant achievement. His multiple insights into the detail of Whitehead’s metaphysical scheme and his broad coverage of process-oriented thinkers, both old and new, make the book well worth reading.

—*Theological Studies* 70, no. 12
(June 2009),
by Joseph Bracken, SJ,
Xavier University, Cincinnati

**Introduction to Modern Theology**
*Trajectories in the German Tradition*
John E. Wilson

Quite simply, it is the only single-volume introduction of which I am aware that soberly details the relevant developments in philosophical thought and substantially traces their impact upon modern theology. Wilson’s mastery of the material, both primary and secondary, is impressive, and his presentation is incredibly informative. If we were crafting a course on modern theology, Wilson’s *Introduction to Modern Theology* would be my first choice for a text.

—*Theological Book Review* 20, no. 1
(March 2008),
by James R. A. Merrick,
King’s College, University of Aberdeen

**Judges**
*A Commentary*

**The Old Testament Library**
Susan Niditch

Niditch’s approach is refreshing and forces the reader to pay attention to issues one might ignore—and sometimes to observe the acceptable issues through different glasses, instead of looking for the layers of redaction, to listen to the voices emerging from the text, the voices of the people who preserved these traditions and produced the book of Judges. . . . I found the book stimulating, thought-provoking, and enriching.

—*Review of Biblical Literature*
(March, 2009),
by Yairah Amit,
Tel Aviv University, Israel

**Just Hospitality**
*God’s Welcome in a World of Difference*
Letty M. Russell
Edited by J. Shannon Clarkson and Kate M. Ott

For Russell, hospitality is central to the mission of the church. It is above all a work of justice-making, expressing love across human differences that have long been sources of injustice and oppression. . . . Russell was ever the biblical theologian, and her insightful rereading of key biblical texts is evident in these writings. . . . This book helps us to reread the stories of the tower of Babel (Genesis 11) and Pentecost (Acts 2) as keys to a biblical understanding of difference. . . . Differences [that] should be celebrated even as we learn to understand each other. . . . In her final book, compiled by friends, Letty Russell gives us a precious summation of her own life as one who sought to welcome the stranger and make the church a truly healing community.

—*The Christian Century*
(August 11, 2009),
by Rosemary Radford Ruether,
Claremont Graduate University
Leviticus and Numbers  
WESTMINSTER BIBLE COMPANION  
Richard N. Boyce  
This book was written for the non-professional reader, offering both commentary on the text and comments on the religious implications of the biblical message found there. The latter is separated from the former by headings lest the reader fail to recognize what is derived from the text and what is theological development. This is a well-written book, faithful to the goals of the series.  
—The Bible Today (January 2009), by Dianne Bergant, CSA, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

Preaching the Gospel of Mark  
Proclaiming the Power of God  
Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm  
The author, who teaches preaching and worship at Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, Indiana, brings a preacher’s sensitivity to the first Gospel. And while she looks at the Gospel in its entirety, she highlights those portions of the text used in Year B of the Revised Common Lectionary, making this an excellent resource for pastors and others who use the lectionary.  
—The Christian Century (March 10, 2009)

Pedagogy of the Bible  
An Analysis and Proposal  
Dale B. Martin  
This astute book is presented in an attractive writing style. The content appeals to a broad spectrum of readers. Both conservative and progressive biblical scholars as well as laypeople are invited to participate in the ongoing dialogue initiated in this work. . . . This book will mark a turning point in pedagogy of the Bible.  
—Review of Biblical Literature (April 2009), by Renate Viveen Hood, LeTourneau University

Q, the Earliest Gospel  
An Introduction to the Original Stories and Sayings of Jesus  
John S. Kloppenborg  
This book is a succinct introduction to Q, addressing questions about its composition and importance. . . . Kloppenborg’s book offers the most accessible overview of Q and its importance. Recommended for public and academic libraries.  
—Library Journal (November 1, 2008), by Diane Harvey, University of Maryland, College Park

The Power of God and the gods of Power  
Daniel L. Migliore  
This revision of Migliore’s earlier The Power of God seems more relevant now than when the first edition appeared in 1983. Migliore’s understanding of the power of the triune God, who is neither sheer power nor powerless, both subverts and criticizes many human understandings and uses of God’s power. This very readable book is one that lay audiences would find beneficial. It includes a totally new chapter, “Toward a Christian-Muslim Dialogue on the Power of God.”  
—The Christian Century (August 26, 2008)
Stories from the Edge
A Theology of Grief
Greg Garrett
Garrett scores points with the powerful stories of the hospital patients he prayed alongside of as well as his own autobiographical discussions of dealing with severe depression. Christians who are looking for theologically nuanced ways of thinking about suffering can learn much from this brief book.

—Publishers Weekly
(July 7, 2008)

The Theology of John Calvin
Charles Partee
This important book, which deserves to be on the shelves of many within the Reformed tradition, should be read by all who want to assert certain things, positively or negatively, about Calvin’s theology.

—Presbyterian History
(May 2009)

To Do Justice
A Guide for Progressive Christians
Rebecca Todd Peters and Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, editors
This useful collection prompts new ways of thinking about the relationship between Christianity and public policy.

—ForeWord Magazine
(March/April 2009),
by Henry L. Carrigan, Jr., Northwestern University

The Trinity
Global Perspectives
Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen
Kärkkäinen has now written a magisterial and groundbreaking volume on [the doctrine of Trinity]. What makes this comprehensive study truly significant is the author’s genuine attempt to offer a fair and balanced exposition of and critical dialogue with contemporary Trinitarian theologies from five different global contexts. . . . Global, ecumenical, and dialogical, there is no other text currently available that compares with this breathtaking and comprehensive study of the Trinity.

—Religious Studies Review
34, no. 2 (June 2008), by David Nah, Bethel Seminary, St. Paul

The Way of Discernment
Spiritual Practices for Decision Making
Elizabeth Liebert
Liebert (Changing Life Patterns) here offers multum in parvo with this brief but excellent book on “discernment,” the process of attempting to make decisions that are in tune both with the self and with God’s will. Liebert approaches her subject with subtlety and intelligence and writes with unfussed clarity; better yet, her brief chapters feature clearly described actions or exercises that illustrate her points and advance the sorts of discernment she recommends.

—Library Journal
(July 15, 2008)

The Westminster Handbook to Women in American Religious History
Susan Hill Lindley and Eleanor J. Stebner, editors
Aided by more than eighty academic contributors, Lindley and Stebner have produced an accessible, affordable dictionary devoted to women in American religious history. . . . [T]his is a well-researched, important contribution to the field of women’s studies in religion. It will interest scholars, religious leaders, students, and laypeople.

—Choice 46, no. 6 (February 2009),
by J. P. Hester, independent scholar

The Writings of John Calvin, Expanded Edition
An Introductory Guide
Wulfert de Greef
A useful addition to the books about Calvin. . . . By taking this themed approach as opposed to a chronological listing, de Greef creates a user-friendly guide to Calvin’s writing.

—Presbyterian History
(May 2009)
Schüssler Fiorenza continues her exploration of a radical democratic ethos in graduate biblical education. She argues that it is necessary to reframe the field of biblical studies and replace the competitive teaching models prevalent in graduate programs with an emancipatory, radical democratic pedagogical model that fosters collaboration, participation, and critical engagement. To achieve constructive engagement with the differences of social location and diversity of perspectives that exist both in the Bible and in our contexts, we must become aware of the pitfalls of one-dimensional thinking that seeks to use the Bible to find definite answers and to exclude different understandings.

Schüssler Fiorenza addresses such questions as: What are the educational practices and procedures that are advocated by traditional educational models and how can they be changed? What educational and communicative practices do biblical studies need to develop to fashion an emancipatory democratizing rhetorical space and a forum of many voices? To envision, articulate, debate, and practice a radical democratic ethos of biblical studies, she identifies emerging didactic models that can foster such a radical democratic style of learning. Student feedback is also included.


Chapter I: The Rhetorical Space of Graduate Biblical Studies

I was prompted to start my research on how to change graduate education in the discipline of biblical studies by my experience of the continuing marginalization, trivialization, or total neglect of feminist, postcolonial, or other cultural and ideology critical studies by malestream scholarship. Reports on subfields of the discipline, introductory works, or commentaries still to this day have the tendency to avoid discussing such work as serious scholarship or to relegate it to discreet corners as if it were of interest only to so-called minority scholars.
Moreover, such “minority” scholars also have often tended to remain in their little niches of identity politics, to “reinvent the wheel” instead of exploring theoretical commonalities, or to argue against each other rather than against malestream hegemonic scholarship.

Discussing these issues with colleagues, I became more and more convinced that the full citizenship of women required a fundamental change in biblical studies. However, such a change could only be brought about if the ethos and practices of biblical studies, which are inculcated in graduate biblical education in general and doctoral education in particular, were changed. Since my Society of Biblical Literature presidential address more than twenty years ago, many changes have occurred in the field, but the basic structure and rhetoric of doctoral education seems to have remained the same.

**Charting the Problem**

In my article “Rethinking the Educational Practices of Biblical Doctoral Studies,” published in 2003, I argued that the current crisis in critical biblical studies is rooted in a dramatic change not only in disciplinary methods, but, more importantly, in social-geopolitical shifts. There are four identifiable problem areas that stand in tension with each other and need to be dynamically integrated.

**Diverse Populations**

In the last two decades, the population of divinity schools and religion departments—and therefore the character of the*logical education in the United States as a whole—has radically changed. Non-denominational university divinity schools such as Harvard Divinity School have granted full citizenship to populations previously not included, such as Catholics, Evangelicals, or Jews. They have also begun to develop interreligious programs in which Buddhist, Confucian, Hindu, or Muslim students are welcomed as equals. Populations from different socio-cultural locations and traditions, such as white women, African American, Native American, Asian, Latina/o, gay, lesbian, and trans-gendered people—those who have traditionally been excluded from theological discourse or from elite religious educational institutions—have been admitted although they and their concerns still are often not highly valued. In addition, second-career students seek the rich intellectual inquiry offered by theological and religious studies.

This change in population requires a change in the kind of knowledge taught and the pedagogy used to communicate it. It requires a complete reconception of an academic disciplinary culture that has been defined not only by false claims to value-neutrality, but also by the exclusion of the “other.” This change is usually

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1. To indicate the brokenness and inadequacy of human language for naming the Divine . . . I have switched from the orthodox Jewish writing of G-d, . . . to avoid the conservative malestream association that the writing of G-d provokes for Jewish feminists. . . . Consequently, I write the*logy/the*logical which means speaking about the Divine in a similar way.
more real in the student body than in the faculty, who understandably show some resistance to such change, since it throws into question professional expertise and traditional academic standards of excellence. It is an extremely serious problem with regard to faculty hiring and promotion.

Furthermore, student-participants from many different Christian denominations and different religious persuasions, cultural contexts, social locations, and international areas seek to be equipped for religious leadership both in religious communities (churches, mosques, synagogues, or temples) and in the academy, society, and culture (communications, law, medicine, or the arts) at large.

In light of this overall situation, we need to find educational models that not only insist on difference and diversity as the sine qua non of academic excellence, but also stress collaboration rather than competition, allowing for the intellectual integration of such rich diversity.

Globalization of Knowledge

In the past two decades, knowledge—the intellectual capital of religious and academic institutions—has become globalized, or as I would prefer, internationalized and democratized. This has two implications for biblical graduate education and religious leadership: on the one hand, knowledge is no longer the property of male clergy but has become accessible through the communication revolution to anyone who seeks it. As a result, international inter-religious dialogue and collaboration has become not only a possibility but also a necessity.

On the other hand, the flood of available knowledge on the internet requires that students learn how to develop intellectual skills of investigation, to articulate ethical criteria of evaluation, and to analyze hermeneutical frameworks of interpretation. What is called for is not knowledge accumulation, but the critical evaluation of knowledge. Hence, theological disciplines and religious studies can no longer prove their excellence simply by understanding themselves as depositories of knowledge and scholarship. Today, the computer is such a site of knowledge storage. It can provide knowledge of historical sources, literary parallels, philological data, or foreign-language translations in seconds—knowledge that our predecessors in biblical studies have spent years or a lifetime to find, record, and learn.

It has therefore become increasingly important that students be taught to discriminate between different kinds of knowledge, work collaboratively, recognize intellectual problems, and learn how to debate them with others who have

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2. In his new book Save the World on Your Own Time (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008), Stanley Fish insists that it is not the task of the academician to educate responsible citizens or to foster good moral character. Rather, in his view, the only legitimate goal appropriate to college and university teachers is the transmission and advancement of knowledge and the equipment of students with analytical skills and mastery in methods of knowledge production. They have to investigate problems but not to solve them (12–13). However, this pedagogical view overlooks that knowledge cannot be had “pure” but that it is always conditioned by its contexts, interests, and ideological frameworks. Hence, it needs to be critically evaluated and students have to be taught how to do so. Such ability of critical evaluation and assessment is also the task of citizens.
different experiences, standpoints and belief systems. . . . The intellectual acuity and excellence of inquiry required today is much harder to achieve, to teach, and to certify than the traditional curriculum of packaged knowledge, competitive standards of evaluation, and skills acquisition that relies on memorization, repetition, and imitation of the great masters. . . .

The Dichotomy Between Religious and The*logical Studies

The academy also has not yet been successful in overcoming the artificial disciplinary dichotomy between religious and the*logical studies, a dichotomy that has been institutionalized both in departments of allegedly value-neutral studies of religion on the one hand, and religiously committed denominational the*logical schools on the other hand. This split goes very deep, as the American Academy of Religion’s Hart Report indicates.3

This disciplinary split, however, obfuscates the fact that both religious and the*logical studies are not value-detached disciplines; instead they speak from a particular socio-religious location and position. . . . In the past, Christian divinity schools and denominational seminaries functioned to educate future ministers and priests. . . . Because of the restriction of the*logical studies to clergy education, religious studies has developed as a discipline that supposedly investigates biblical and other religions from a value-neutral, phenomenological, academic standpoint. However, hermeneutics, the sociology of knowledge, ideology critique, feminist critique, critical theory, and especially postcolonial studies have questioned this reifying conceptualization of religious studies.

Moreover, in the last decade or so the Western (Christian) study of other “alien” religions is slowly being transformed. The hegemony of the traditionally Protestant Christian curriculum has been broken and religious or the*logical studies have more and more felt the need for inter-religious and interdisciplinary inquiry. Moreover, scholars of other religions (Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, or Hindus) articulate knowledge about their own religions and scriptures that is different from the knowledge produced by reifying Western religious studies. Hence, their scholarship often shows similarities with a the*logical studies approach, although they usually do not call their work the*logy because the*logy is a Christian-typed term.

Diana Eck has argued that the dialogue between religions has a sociopolitical location.4 Interreligious dialogue takes place not only in the academy but also on the local communal level and more and more also in public. Hence, future ministers and religious leaders need to be schooled in both ecumenical and interreligious Scripture study and communication. Future biblical scholars or


professionals need to acquire the ability to reason logically, religiously, and ethically, as well as to critically analyze power relations in the interest of justice for all. The question remains then, how biblical graduate studies can be so designed that they foster such intellectual capabilities. How can graduate study be shifted from an objectivist study of religions and scriptural or traditional texts to a study of the power of religion and the Bible to foster either violence or justice and well-being?

**Political-Religious Fundamentalisms**

In the past twenty years, forms of fundamentalism and religious extremism that are explicitly political have emerged in all major religions and in all societies around the globe. Studies of such fundamentalisms have shown that the term can be applied cross-culturally and cross-religiously. These studies have argued that the common denominator of such fundamentalisms is the opposition to modernism and secularism, the distrust of enlightenment values and institutions, and the contempt for all outsiders or Others whether within or outside their community.

For instance, Bruce Lawrence has pointed to several characteristics that fundamentalist movements have in common:

1. Such movements are comprised of secondary level male elites.
2. They utilize a technical vocabulary or discourse.
3. They profess totalistic and unquestioning allegiance to sacred scriptures or religious authority.
4. They privilege the authority of their own leaders, and subordinate democratic values and processes to this authority.\(^5\)

Since traditional institutions of higher education often subscribe to a similar positivist understanding of facts and truth—albeit in more academic rather than religious terms—they are not able to articulate discourses and practices that would foster a different radical democratic imaginary that could engender a different form of religious imaginary. Research into the pedagogical procedures that reproduce such fundamentalist thinking in biblical studies is still lacking. . . .

. . . [S]uch a positivist disciplinary conceptualization of hegemonic biblical studies and their educational processes neglects the critical hermeneutical and epistemological insights of the past thirty years. Postmodern biblical studies in turn cultivates a great variety of theoretical methods, subfields, and perspectives, but also does not sufficiently reflect on its own pedagogy. Such a critical pedagogy, I argue, needs to communicate that the logical and religious studies can be scientifically responsible today only if they become hermeneutically reflective, transdisciplinary, and interreligious.

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The Need to Transform the Discourses of Biblical Studies

In light of these four developments, it is necessary to re-envision the academic discipline of biblical studies and its pedagogies so that it can attend to a professional identity formation that is not exclusive and antidemocratic. Radical democratic rather than positivist or fundamentalist teaching-learning experiences, however, are generally not part and parcel of graduate education in general and doctoral education in particular. Though much creative teaching is done on the undergraduate level and some on the master’s level, doctoral education is still very Eurocentric insofar as it is mostly focused on the classical German or British scientific research university and the master-disciple model of the graduate seminar. Moreover, the dominant ethos of graduate schools often does not appreciate the change in knowledge production and populations, but operates from an outdated model of top-down kyriarchal pedagogy.

Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza is Krister Stendahl Professor of Divinity at Harvard University Divinity School. The list of her publications, both in English and German, is extensive. They include In Memory of Her (translated into 14 languages); Bread Not Stone; Jesus: Miriam’s Child, Sophia’s Prophet; Sharing Her Word; Jesus and the Politics of Interpretation; Wisdom Ways; Rhetoric and Ethic; and The Power of the Word. She was the first woman scholar to serve as president of the Society of Biblical Literature, the nation’s oldest and largest biblical society, and was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2001. She also is cofounder and coeditor of the Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion.

“In this provocative text, Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza argues that an emancipatory paradigm shift in biblical studies must be accompanied by a radical democratic pedagogy and ethos. With examples from her teaching and practical pedagogical guides, this powerful book is a must-read for scholars and students of the Bible. No serious reader of the book will come away teaching the Bible in the same old way again.”

—Kwok Pui-lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Covenant Economics
A Biblical Vision of Justice for All
Richard A. Horsley

LEVEL: College and seminary
COURSES: Introduction to the Bible; Biblical Economics

Until now, there has been a limited amount of research on economic issues in the Bible and most of it was not widely accessible. This book remedies that, drawing on recent studies to formulate a picture of the economic structures in which the ancient Israelites lived and exploring how this knowledge informs modern economic ideas. How might the principles of biblical Covenant apply to U.S. society, which was founded on covenantal ideals? How might principles of Israel’s Covenant, relevant to a simple agricultural society, be applied to an extremely complex economy dominated by interrelated transnational corporations? Is it possible that churches, synagogues, mosques, and other communities deeply rooted in the Bible could find in the biblical Covenant the basis for insisting that people’s economic rights be protected? Horsley’s book explores these and other economic issues in the Bible, offering a clearer understanding of the Bible’s clarion call for economic justice for all. Questions for discussion and suggestions for further reading are included.

Richard A. Horsley is Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and the Study of Religion at the University of Massachusetts—Boston. He is a prolific author with twenty New Testament studies to his credit, including Scribes, Visionaries, and the Politics of Second Temple Judea, and editor of In the Shadow of Empire: Reclaiming the Bible as a History of Faithful Resistance, both from Westminster John Knox Press.

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Forgotten Scriptures
The Selection and Rejection of Early Religious Writings
Lee Martin McDonald

LEVEL: College and seminary
COURSES: Introduction to the Bible; Canonization; Early Christianity

We know that the early Christian church had a variety of scriptures and other source material that informed their faith and shaped their thinking. We also know that after a few centuries the church decided to keep the twenty-seven books of our present New Testament and to treat them as canonical in faith and practice. But the other books did not simply disappear. In fact, many of them remain valuable for understanding the diversity of the early Christian church and the astounding claims of faith on which the church was founded. McDonald argues that biblical scholars have frequently addressed issues of canon formation in anachronistic fashion and suggests that new approaches are needed—not only for scholarship, but also for the benefit of believing communities.

Lee Martin McDonald is President Emeritus and Professor of New Testament Studies at Acadia Divinity College in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. He writes extensively on canon formation.

It is difficult to overestimate the value of looking at the specific sacred manuscripts that have survived antiquity. It cannot be unimportant for students and scholars of Scripture to consider the significance of these primary texts, especially when we see in them a variety of books that were not canonized by the church and textual traditions that are not in the eclectic Hebrew and Greek texts of the Scriptures. I hope that the following study will be of special interest to students of the Scriptures and enhance their understanding of those Scriptures in their formative years. Those in more conservative church traditions are likely to learn more about why the affirmation of biblical authority must be concerned with the data explored in this book.

—from the preface
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*An Introduction*

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Raymond Westbrook was Professor of Near Eastern Studies at Johns Hopkins University, where he taught for twenty years. He was a world-renowned expert on biblical law in its ancient Near Eastern context. He held a law degree from Oxford, studied Hebrew Bible in Jerusalem, and earned a PhD in Assyriology from Yale.

Bruce Wells is Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible at St. Joseph’s University, Philadelphia. He has written two books on biblical law.

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Gail P. C. Streeter is W. J. Millard Professor of Religious Studies at Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee. She is the author of Her Image of Salvation: Female Saviors and Formative Christianity and The Strange Woman: Power and Sex in the Bible.

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—from the introduction
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—from the introduction
The Ten Commandments
Patrick D. Miller

Patrick Miller studies the Ten Commandments as ancient document and as contemporary guide. With careful attention to each commandment in its original context, this book shows the reader the modern relevance of these basic principles, as well as how the ideas of each commandment influenced the New Testament.

More than an intellectual exercise, The Ten Commandments applies the call of the commandments to modern-day issues. For example, Miller discusses how the commandment “You shall not kill” relates to manslaughter, murder, execution, and war, and suggests that the story of Ruth may be read as a commentary on how to honor one’s father and mother.

How to Think about the Commandments

Since the Ten Commandments have such a central role in the teaching of Scripture and the church as well as in the public sphere, they merit serious attention. In the pages that follow, several assumptions guide the treatment of the Commandments presented therein:

1. There is a continuing tension between the universality and the particularity of the Commandments and their simplicity and complexity. There are clearly ways in which they require modes of conduct or prohibit certain actions that are universally required or prohibited. Some of the Commandments, especially the second table—the Commandments dealing with the neighbor—are present in various ancient Near Eastern legal codes and widely assumed as normative in all societies.
The fact that this is largely true of the second table, however, is indicative of the particularity of the Commandments, manifest especially in the first table, dealing with the relationship between Israel and its God. “The Commandments depend from the start on a particular story and communal memory of that story as the ground for obedience” (Miller, “Is There a Place for the Ten Commandments?” 1). One of the oft-neglected but implicit assumptions of the Decalogue is that it is a whole and one cannot take part of it without the whole. Especially one cannot claim authority for the second table apart from the first.

The tension between the simplicity and complexity of the Commandments is just as important. The Commandments’ simplicity—ten short rules—is one of the primary characteristics that have nourished their learning and keeping. They are easily learned and remembered and kept in mind. Indeed, the rubric “Ten Commandments” has come to apply to almost any set of simple rules for subjects from business to golf. Nothing should diminish that aspect of the Commandments. At the same time, what is often missed is that these simple rules affect all sorts of circumstances in human life. An account of that complexity is necessary for proper attention to them in our lives. The presence of much longer and quite particular legal statutes following the Commandments and clearly having to do with matters handled briefly in the Commandments makes that clear. The catechisms that take up the Commandments regularly have the students learn not only the commandment but also what it means.

2. The Commandments, therefore, need to be interpreted. The story itself makes that clear as Moses is sent to get the rest of the teaching from the Lord (Exod. 20:18–20; Deut. 5:22–33). The issue is not the obscurity of the Commandments but their breadth and the need to fill out the particulars of what all this way of acting means. What follows the Commandments in Scripture is an extended process of interpreting the Commandments, often in an explicit way as they are related to other statutes and ordinances in the legal texts of the Torah or Pentateuch. . . .

This understanding of the relation of the statutes and ordinances to the Ten Commandments has been recognized from earliest times. One can see it in the Jewish tradition in Philo of Alexandria, who claimed that the “Decalogue encompasses the whole of the Torah, for all of the [laws] simply elaborate in detail what the Ten Commandments say in compressed form” (Amir, “Decalogue according to Philo,” 126). In the Christian tradition, Aquinas argued that “all the precepts of the Law are so many parts of those of the Decalogue” (Summa theologiae, vol. 29). Martin Luther began each chapter of his Deuteronomy commentary by identifying which commandment that chapter develops, and Calvin developed most of his Harmony of the Pentateuch largely around the Commandments.

3. The Commandments are thus the starting point of a rich trajectory of meaning and effects, principles and actions, that tell the community of faith how to live its life in relation to God and neighbor. To comprehend and act upon the instruction of the Commandments fully involves a look at the trajectory they create. It begins with
the Commandments and continues through Scripture and the church’s teaching and history on down to the present. This is in marked contrast to what is often a misunderstanding of the simplicity of the Commandments, reflected, for example, in a comment in an issue of *Newsweek*: “The Ten Commandments are generally cut and dried, but—let’s face it—other religious rules and customs can be hard to grasp” (Sheahen, “Beliefwatch: Thou Shalt”). A more accurate picture of the way the Commandments function is as follows:

Rather than being rigid, fixed, archaic, and obvious, the Commandments open up a moral and theological arc or movement that began long ago and is still going on. They are dynamic, open in meaning and effect, and uncovering many dimensions subtle and obvious, of the moral life for the community that lives in covenant with the Lord of Israel who is known to us in Jesus Christ. . . . The result of perceiving, tracing, and appropriating such a trajectory or arc of moral understanding flowing out of the Commandments is, in effect, a “thick description” of the morality or ethics of the Commandments. (Miller, “Metaphors for the Moral,” 39)

One can compare the relation between the Commandments and the various statutes and ordinances that follow them in the books of the Torah or Pentateuch with the relation of the United States Constitution to the extensive cases or case laws that have developed out of the Constitution in seeking to work out its implications in particular situations. The Commandments serve as a kind of constitution for the covenanted community; they stand in relation to all further direction for life, more specific and contextual, in the Mosaic teaching, roughly as the Constitution stands in relation to the later legal and judicial issues and cases that have come up in the history of this nation. Here the story is also important, for many persons know and hold to the Constitution as much because of their knowledge of the story of its creation and preservation as for their knowledge of the details of the Constitution itself.

In this book, the focus is on the way in which the whole of Scripture—New Testament as well as Old—opens up the meaning of the Commandments and informs us how to live and act—and think—in the light of them. Particular attention is given to the legal codes that are presented as a continuation of the teaching of the Commandments, yet prophets, sages, and psalmists come into view as well. Not least of all, one must listen to the stories of Scripture as they tell about the meaning of the Commandments in the life of the people of God. Specific cases and illustrative stories help us understand what the Commandments mean, how they work out in specific concrete situations, what actions are involved or excluded, what effects come from obedience or disobedience.

4. *All the Commandments, either explicitly or implicitly, have both a positive and a negative meaning.* They tell us what we are not to do and what we are to do. Though the Commandments are largely prohibitive in form, it is important that two of the Commandments—Sabbath observance and honoring parents—are in
positive form. In the case of the Sabbath commandment, we have it in both positive form—“Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy”—and negative—“You shall not do any work.” Calvin has argued that this assumption is one of the critical interpretive principles in understanding the Commandments. In his view “a sober interpretation goes beyond the words,” and the best rule is “attention . . . is directed to the reason of the commandment” (Institutes, 2.8.8). This means an interpretive process is necessary for finding out the fullness of the Commandment.

Thus in each Commandment we must investigate what it is concerned with; then we must seek out its purpose, until we find what the Lawgiver testifies there to be pleasing or displeasing to himself. Finally, from this same thing we must derive an argument on the other side, in this manner: if this pleases God, the opposite displeases him; if this displeases, the opposite pleases him; if he commands this, he forbids the opposite; if he forbids this, he enjoins the opposite. (Institutes, 2.8.8).

Calvin then goes on to be more explicit and illustrative:

For by the virtue contrary to the vice, men [e.g. Aquinas] usually mean abstinence from that vice. We say that the virtue goes beyond this to contrary duties and deeds. Therefore in this commandment, “You shall not kill,” men’s common sense will see only that we must abstain from wronging anyone or desiring to do so. Besides this, it contains, I say, the requirement that we give our neighbor’s life all the help we can. To prove that I am not speaking unjustly: God forbids us to hurt or harm a brother unjustly because he wills that the brother’s life be dear and precious to us. So at the same time he requires those duties of love which can apply to its preservation. And thus we see how the purpose of the commandment always discloses to us whatever it there enjoins or forbids us to do.

While Luther does not seem to articulate this point so much as an interpretive principle, he does operate in much the same manner in his comment on the Commandments. . . . Calvin’s point about uncovering both what each commandment enjoins and what it prohibits is illustrated well in the Westminster Larger Catechism, where there are three questions about each commandment: What is the commandment? What are the duties required in the commandment? and What are the sins forbidden in the commandment?

5. There are different ways of numbering the Commandments, followed by different traditions. Each of these ways has some justification on the basis of the text of the Commandments, and each numeration presents a particular angle on the Commandments as a whole, what is emphasized, and how they are related to each other. The different numerations, their rationales and their implications, are discussed in the chapters that follow, especially in the first and last, and along the way some attention is given to the ordering and sequence of the Commandments, variations in the order, and what that may tell us. In this book, the numbering associated with the Reformed tradition is followed. The prohibition of other gods and the prohibition of making images are the First and Second Commandments,
and the two sentences about coveting at the end are read as a single commandment, the Tenth Commandment. The fact that the chapter numbers of the book do not agree with this numbering—the First and Second Commandments and the Prologue are treated in a single chapter—is an implicit indication that other ways of associating the Commandments are acknowledged and given credence.

6. While in some sense each commandment takes up a particular topic, there is also much overlap and interplay between the commandments. The variations in numbering reflect that overlap, since they have to do in part with whether a particular sentence is a separate commandment or an aspect of another commandment. Whatever numbering is followed, one must still take account of the resonances and connections between or among the individual commandments.

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—from the introduction
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LEVEL: Seminary and graduate
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Paula Gooder

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Flourishing as Dying Life

I am suggesting that the glory of God defines human creaturely flourishing. However, what counts as “flourishing” is relative to what flourishes. It is actual living human personal bodies’ flourishing that we seek to understand, not God’s. In the case of a human creature, what flourishes must be understood theologically not only in terms of its ultimate context but also in terms of its proximate contexts.

Recall some themes developed in earlier chapters: Understood in terms of its proximate context, a human person is a type of being that at once (a) is a living body set into a society of beings, living and nonliving, interacting as systems of
physical and sometimes cultural-linguistic energies, and (b) has this living body on loan. It lives on borrowed breath and is alone accountable for the fundamental orientation, dispositions, policies, emotions, passions, and beliefs that shape its living body’s interactions with fellow creatures. . . . The task here is to identify the consequences of our proximate contexts for the idea of human flourishing.

“To flourish” means both “to blossom” and “to thrive.” There are connotations of each sense that are useful here; there are other connotations that must be excluded. So my use of “to flourish” and related terms must be somewhat stipulative. “To blossom” is to manifest the type of beauty of which a given life is capable by virtue of God relating to it creatively. “To blossom,” in a metaphorical sense, is also to be on the way to providing both fruit, on which contemporary others’ flourishing may depend for nurture and support, and seed, on which a subsequent generation’s life may depend. The range of metaphorical uses of “seed” and “blossom,” of course, extends much more broadly than simply to procreation. In all these senses, “flourishing” may be used metaphorically to characterize a certain type of human life. But “to blossom” and “to bloom,” used metaphorically, may also connote maximal good health. I shall argue that health, whether physical, emotional, intellectual, social, or cultural, is at best a problematic metaphor for what is meant theologically by human flourishing. I seek to qualify radically that connotation in theological use of the term.

As for “to thrive,” its root is Old Norse, “thrifak, to have oneself in hand.” Used metaphorically of a certain type of human life, that too is theologically appropriate. However, used metaphorically, “to thrive” may also connote both “to grow luxuriantly” and “to prosper.” I seek to exclude both of these senses, the first because it unqualifiedly reintroduces health as a metaphor, and the second because it introduces wealth and achievement as metaphors definitive of human flourishing.

Understanding human beings in terms of their proximate contexts foregrounds two themes fundamental to a theological idea of human flourishing. It stresses, first, the fact that what may flourish is radically finite. It is life lived on borrowed breath. Personal bodies are inherently relational beings, limited by their dependence on others and by others’ dependencies on them. Because it is the flourishing of finite creatures who are integral parts of the thoroughly finite quotidian, human flourishing is something quite different from utopian life in a paradisiacal setting free of social and physical stresses and conflicts. Human persons’ flourishing in their kind is inseparable from the flourishing of all creatures in their kinds. Hence human creatures’ glory, whatever it is, lies neither historically behind the quotidian (in Eden) nor ahead of it (in the “Kingdom of God”). Nor does it lie above the quotidian in transcendence of the everyday. It lies rather in human creatures being dedicatedly active for the well-being of their everyday proximate contexts as citizens of the society of creatures that comprise the quotidian. . . .
Flourishing as Living Bodies

In one sense, flourishing personal bodies are the glory of God simply as living human bodies. As part of all that exists by virtue of God’s utterly intimate creative relating, personal bodies are in their own fashion the glory of God. Indeed, their “fashion” is a remarkably rich expression of God’s glory. The more complex the powers of a creature, the more richly it expresses God’s glory. The difference between more and less rich expression of God’s glory is not a difference of degree on some scale or continuum of “expressivity of God’s glory.” It is rather a series of differences in the complexity of their modes of expression. Different creatures are God’s glory in different modalities; they simply express God’s glory in different ways.

Hence the theological concept of the flourishing of human creatures in particular is a highly relative concept. Christian understanding of human persons as God’s creatures does not entail any abstractly ideal and absolute standard of human flourishing against which the degree of flourishing of each and every human life could in principle be measured. Not even the life of Jesus provides such a standard. Instead, what counts as the flourishing of any given human life must be understood concretely in terms of the particular finite array of powers and capacities that the given living body has and the particularities of the finite networks of relationships in which it has been set in its proximate contexts across time. Given that flourishing personal bodies are living bodies with a remarkably rich and complex array of types of powers, they are the glory of God in their own distinctive modes simply as living bodies creatively related to by God. If nothing else, the complex physiology of living human bodies, as construed within their proximate and ultimate contexts, is in itself an “impressive observable,” expressive of God’s glory.

That remark immediately invites the question whether only healthy lives are the glory of God. That question, of course, is only the camel’s nose of a larger problem of evil. Are the infant suffering from failure-to-thrive syndrome and the elder suffering from Alzheimer’s disease not the glory of God even though they are God’s creatures? Aspects of the topics of sin and evil are taken up in later chapters. Here it is sufficient to point out that the question assumes that health is the index of flourishing, Christianly understood—an assumption I wish to challenge.

In a theocentric anthropology, human flourishing ought to be understood in relation to God. I suggest that expressing God’s glory—that is, being derivatively the glory of God—is the index of human flourishing. Flourishing human bodies are not the glory of God because they are healthily flourishing; theologically speaking, they are deemed flourishing to the extent that even in extreme unhealth they are nonetheless in some mode (derivatively) the glory of God.

“Health” is problematic as an index of a human flourishing (theologically understood) because “health” and “unhealth” are usually understood functionally; indeed, “dysfunctional” has come to be used almost interchangeably with “unhealthy.” The criteria of the “healthy” functioning of energy systems are
self-referential. To the extent that an energy system functions to maintain itself in its immediate environment and to grow, it is healthy; to the extent that it does not, it is unhealthy. A self-referential index to human flourishing is problematic in an anthropology that seeks to understand human persons, not finally in relation to themselves and their proximate contexts, but ex-centrically, in relation to God as the center of their reality and value “outside” themselves.

Of course, a healthy human living body is preferable to an unhealthy one. For that matter, for any personal body, thriving in the sense of prospering is preferable to being impoverished. These are common themes in canonical Wisdom literatures. Proverbs has “Solomon” (or is it Woman Wisdom, as at 1:20ff?) enjoin the hearer,

My child, do not forget my teaching [of wisdom],
but let your heart keep my commandments;
for length of days and years of life [presumably healthy life]
and abundant welfare they will give you.

(Prov. 3:1, 2)

The theme that being wise will make life bloom and thrive reverberates in both mainstream wisdom—for example, Proverbs—and in its internal critics—for example, Ecclesiastes. Wisdom literature cuts against any theological tendency to play down the importance of healthy and prosperous life. Furthermore, in that literature this theme has very broad application because “life” is construed broadly to embrace several dimensions: biological, emotional, intellectual, social, and cultural, each of which may at any particular time be relatively healthy or unhealthy.

It is clearer today than ever before that the health of each of these dimensions is interdependent with that of the other dimensions in complex ways that are not now well understood. It is also clear that a certain minimum degree of biological health is the necessary condition of any degree of health whatever in the other dimensions of human life. The infant that for genetic reasons will never mature biologically, the infant born radically retarded, the mature human living body afflicted with advanced stages of neurological diseases such as Alzheimer’s, and any human living body that has slipped into coma, although they all continue to live, simply do not have the powers needed for the emotional, intellectual, social, or cultural dimensions of human life. Some greater degree of healthy human life is preferable because it is a necessary condition for the exercise of the complex array of powers, wherein human persons may distinctively express God’s glory simply by being living bodies.

Nonetheless, I suggest, personal bodies in extreme states of unhealth continue in their own ways to express God’s glory. It is not in virtue of their unhealth or health that God creatively relates to personal bodies in those conditions; and it is not in virtue of either their unhealth or health that they are the glory of God simply as living human bodies. Rather, they express God’s glory in virtue of the
minimal degree of functioning life they still do have as the condition, as it were, of their profound dysfunctions. So long as they do physically live in virtue of God self-expressively relating to them, those suffering extreme unhealth also are in their own ways the glory of God. The index of their flourishing as God’s glory is not any sort of health, but simply the fact that God’s creative relating to them is inherently self-expressive of God’s own glory. In all the ambiguity of their dying lives, as God’s creatures they express God’s glory. They constitute the limit cases of living human bodies as the glory of God.

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Serene Jones is President of Union Theological Seminary in New York, the first woman to serve in that position. She was for many years Professor of Theology at Yale Divinity School.

I hope that by the end of this book, readers will . . . develop better ways of understanding the reality of trauma and grace in their own lives and the lives of friends and neighbors on a local and global scale. . . . Like a furnace, there is no end to the flames that violence throws out, and the stories of harm that mark our individual and collective lives are as endless in variety as they are in scope. However, I ardently believe that the reality of grace is vastly richer and far more powerful than the force of those flames. It is so strong, in fact, that even when our capacity to narrate the good-news story of grace is destroyed (as it often is in situations of violence), the reality to which it witnesses, the unending love of God, remains constant and steady and ever true.

—from the introduction
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Political Grace

The Revolutionary Theology of John Calvin

Roland Boer

LEVEL: College and seminary
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In this exploration of Calvin’s political thought, Roland Boer treats Calvin as a biblical scholar and political philosopher, showing us elusive aspects of Calvin’s Institutes. Boer investigates Calvin’s careful thinking in the Institutes as well as in his biblical commentaries, pursuing Calvin’s understanding of political freedom. Calvin argued for a greater freedom for the faith than theologians had imagined but then stepped back from the most radical implications of this call.

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Roland Boer is Research Professor in Theology at the University of Newcastle, Australia. He is the author of numerous books in biblical studies and philosophy.

This study is primarily a close reading of the Institutes. I am not interested in stringing together endless quotations in the manner of proof texts, nor do I provide a rational paraphrase of Calvin’s arguments. There are enough of those efforts around, so I see no need to repeat them. Even more, I do not seek the key to Calvin in his historical, social, intellectual, and theological context. Vitaly important that such work is, it also lays down traps for the unwary: if we are not careful, we assume that the secret to understanding Calvin lies in his context. What such approaches miss are the intricacies of Calvin’s own text. So my primary approach is actual exegesis and literary analysis with a view to unwinding the complexities of his texts. . . .

Underlying this book is another agenda: to press the point that Calvin’s reflections on politics, economics, and society are intimately connected with his theological thought.

—from the introduction

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John Calvin and Evangelical Theology

Legacy and Prospect

Sung Wook Chung, editor

Foreword by Alister E. McGrath

LEVEL: Seminary and graduate

COURSES: Calvin; Reformation Theology

This latest offering by noted theologian Sung Wook Chung examines the ways in which John Calvin (1509–1564) continues to impact the global evangelical movement in the twenty-first century.

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Triune Atonement
Christ’s Healing for Sinners, Victims, and the Whole Creation
Andrew Sung Park

LEVEL: Seminary and graduate
COURSES: Introduction to Theology; Atonement

This is a study of the atonement—the meaning of the death of Jesus Christ. The book surveys historical views but also proposes that the atonement be seen as the death of Christ for both victims and the oppressed, for sinners and oppressors, for the whole creation—including animals and nature. This “triune atonement” refers to the involvement of the Trinity in the atonement, here presented from an Asian American perspective.

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“This short book provides a rich survey of the history of doctrines of atonement. It then proceeds to offer the most inclusive interpretation of the atonement, understood to mean all of God’s saving work in Jesus, that I have seen anywhere. This is full of original formulations and fresh ideas. It also offers a major contribution to the doctrine of the work of the Holy Spirit. The book can be read by theological neophytes, but it has much to offer to professional theologians as well.”
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Creation and Humanity
The Sources of Christian Theology
Ian A. McFarland, editor

**LEVEL:** Seminary and graduate
**COURSES:** Systematic Theology; Doctrine of Creation; Doctrine of Humanity

*Creation and Humanity* is a major sourcebook providing significant primary readings from the history of Christian theology on the topics of creation and humanity. The table of contents is a veritable Who’s Who of the most revered theological voices in Christian studies.

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*Ian A. McFarland is Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Emory University’s Candler School of Theology. Among his books are The Divine Image: Envisioning the Invisible God and Difference and Identity: A Theological Anthropology.*

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—Richard Lints, Andrew Mutch Distinguished Professor of Theology, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Massachusetts

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Christology

*Key Readings in Christian Thought*

Jeff Astley, David Brown, and Ann Loades, editors

**LEVEL:** College and seminary

**COURSES:** Systematic Theology; Christology

This book is designed to meet the needs of today’s teachers and students of Christian theology. Focusing on specific doctrines and themes, the book includes selected primary readings that track the development of the doctrine of Jesus Christ, including the important questions and debates surrounding it. Selections consider both the person and the work of Christ. Topics include the development of classic Christology from its biblical roots through patristic debates, responses to the modern distinction between the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith, the understanding of incarnation as *kenosis*, and the critical and constructive developments of liberation and feminist theologies. The book includes a bibliography, and each chapter includes topics for further discussion.

Jeff Astley is Director of the North of England Institute for Christian Education and an Honorary Professorial Fellow in the University of Durham.

David Brown, FBA, is Van Mildert Professor of Divinity in the University of Durham and Canon of Durham Cathedral.

Ann Loades, CBE, is Emeritus Professor of Divinity in the University of Durham.

Courses in theology and religious studies in seminaries, colleges, and universities are increasingly “topic-based” or “problem-based.” But there is a lack of easy to comprehend and easily accessible primary source material to help in studying these subjects. This means that teachers and students often turn to secondary sources, which can often fail to capture the sharpness and vitality of original theological thinking as it is forged in the crucibles of religious life and debate.

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—from the preface
This scholarly work by Professor Adam Neder offers a thorough exploration of “participation in Christ” as an important theological idea in Karl Barth’s *Church Dogmatics*. Neder’s study attempts to clarify what Barth means when he says that humanity as a whole, and human beings individually, participate in Jesus Christ. For Barth, revelation, election, creation, reconciliation, and redemption all take place in Christ, and their meaning and content may only be rightly comprehended in him. The very being of all humanity is objectively included in the being of Jesus Christ, and each individual is likewise subjectively realized in him.

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Adam Neder is an Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy and Theology at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington.

“Given the enormous importance of the concept of participation in Barth’s theology, Neder’s work is most welcome. This is a clear, cogent, informative, and edifying tour through the *Church Dogmatics* with no unnecessary detours. Well worth the trip.”

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“By reading many of the themes in Barth’s *Church Dogmatics* through the lens of participation in Christ, Adam Neder opens up new perspectives on election, reconciliation, and the Christian life, all of which are central to understanding the Swiss thinker’s theology. This present work will prove valuable for the field of Barth studies because of its rich discussion and Christological focus in relation to these major systematic issues.”

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Religion and Theology in a Postliberal Age

George A. Lindbeck

New Introduction
by Bruce D. Marshall

New Afterword by the Author

LEVEL: Seminary and graduate

COURSES: Contemporary Theology; Theories of Religion; Theological Method

The Nature of Doctrine, originally published in 1984, is one of the most influential works of academic theology in the past fifty years. A true classic, this book sets forth the central tenets of a postliberal approach to theology, emphasizing a cultural-linguistic approach to religion and a rule theory of doctrine.

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George A. Lindbeck is Pitkin Professor Emeritus of Historical Theology at Yale University.

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Jacob Neusner is Distinguished Service Professor of the History and Theology of Judaism and Senior Fellow of the Institute of Advanced Theology, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York.

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A Brief Guide to His Life and Thought

Willem van ’t Spijker

Translated by Lyle D. Bierma

LEVEL: Seminary and graduate

COURSES: Calvin; Reformation Theology

John Calvin (1509–1564) was one of the main Protestant Reformers of the sixteenth century. His thought spread worldwide, and today he is still looked to for theological insights and as a guide to Christian faith by millions of people. In this book, one of the world’s leading Calvin scholars, Willem van ’t Spijker, provides a compact guide to Calvin’s life and the main elements of his thought. Van ’t Spijker, a respected Calvin researcher, bases this work on the best contemporary scholarship. By tracing Calvin’s influence, he shows both the development of Calvin’s thought and the ways in which it was important in his time and later. The book will be an excellent introduction to Calvin’s life and thought for both beginning students and those already acquainted with Calvin’s work.

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The Influence of Wessel Gansfort on Martin Bucer

Marijn de Kroon

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This English translation from the Dutch volume is a study of a quotation by St. Augustine as it was understood in the late medieval period. De Kroon focuses on how this quotation was interpreted by two theologians: Wessel Gansfort (d. 1489), the Northern humanist and theologian connected to the devotio moderna and the Brethren of the Common Life, and Martin Bucer (d. 1551), the Protestant reformer who further developed Gansfort’s ideas. This study is accompanied by a series of shorter texts, all showing the reception of Augustine’s phrase in late medieval theology and contrasting it with Gansfort’s understanding of it, which Bucer was to adopt.

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Infant Baptism in Reformation Geneva

The Shaping of a Community, 1536–1564

Karen E. Spierling

LEVEL: Seminary and graduate
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This book examines beliefs, practices, and arguments surrounding infant baptism in Geneva during the time of John Calvin (1509–1564). Spierling studies several facets of Calvin’s theology of baptism, including its impact on the formation of community; its doctrine and liturgy; its role in the raising of children; and the parts played by parents, ministers, godparents, and midwives in the practice of baptism. The book also highlights some of the controversies surrounding baptism in the sixteenth century, most notably the tension between Calvin’s theology of baptism and that of the Roman Catholic Church.

Karen E. Spierling is Visiting Associate Professor of History at The Ohio State University.

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Chapter 1

Marking Death: Human Rituals, Christian Practices

... Human death has never been simply a fact; it has always been a mysterious ocean summoning those left standing on the shore to stammer out convictions about life and to wonder what lies over the horizon. From the beginning, humans have adorned burial places and the bodies of the dead with tokens of
beauty and love, symbols that push back the brute facts and display the hunger for meaning in the shadow of death.

Some sociologists and anthropologists venture that the origins of religion can be found in these ancient death rituals. . . . Others suggest that it was actually the other way around. . . .

Who can say? . . . Perhaps the knowledge that we cannot finally untangle the knot points to the fact that death and the sacred are inextricably entwined. In both, human beings stand on the edge of mystery and peer into depths beyond our knowing. What we do when the shadow of death falls across our life—the acts we perform and the ritual patterns we follow—etches in the dust of material life a portrait of our sense of the sacred. And, in like manner, what we finally believe and trust about the mystery at the heart of things shapes how our bodies move, what our hands do, where our feet take us, and what our mouths speak in the days of grief and loss. The dance of death moves to the music of the holy.

The Changing Landscape of Funerals

This book is about how one religious tradition, Christianity, with its own sense of the sacred, expresses itself in seasons of death. I want to explore how Christianity’s particular understanding of life’s holy mystery takes on shape and movement in the customs, practices, and rituals around death. My main interest here is not anthropological, however, but theological and pastoral. I want to explore Christian funerals—what they do, what they mean, how they work. The overarching goal of this book is quite practical. Specifically, it is to help priests and ministers who guide parishioners and congregations at the time of death to preside over funerals that genuinely embody the hope of the gospel. More broadly, this book is aimed at the larger church with the goal that all Christians will move toward ever more faithful practices in the hour of death.

Doing so, however, will involve some hard work. We will need to be more than liturgical interior decorators, trying to figure out how to create tasteful funerals. We will need to step behind the curtain of our current customs to examine what lies hidden in the shadows and to explore the history of how we came to this place in our funeral practices. We will need to rethink basic assumptions about what makes for a “good funeral.”

The moment is ripe to explore the Christian funeral. Over the last half century, a number of exemplary funeral liturgies have been developed by the various Christian communions. Many of these have been stimulated by the breathtaking renewal of worship that has occurred among Roman Catholics as a part of the outpouring of reforms from the Second Vatican Council and, in particular, the appearance in 1969 of a new set of funeral rites for the Catholic world: Ordo Exsequarium, the Rite of Funerals. . . .

Protestants have been prompted by this to do their own rethinking of the funeral, and in North America alone, revised funeral liturgies have been devel-
oped by Presbyterians, United Methodists, the United Church of Canada, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Church of Christ, Lutherans (twice), and several other denominations, all seeking to join Catholics in creating what Richard Rutherford has described as “truly a human and Christian symbolic language that allows death and the grief of loss their rightful articulation in a living faith community.”

As compelling as these new funeral rites are, what is most impressive is how little impact they have had on actual practice. Ironically, right at the cultural moment that these rich resources for funerals have appeared, American Christians, along with the rest of American culture, have become increasingly confused and conflicted about healthy ways to commemorate death. Funeral practices are in a windstorm of change, and old customs are being abandoned right and left, but the new Christian funeral liturgies don’t seem to factor much into the equation. What one scholar said about Catholics a decade after the new rite appeared could well apply to Protestants also:

After ten years of official use of the new Rite of Funerals . . . American Catholics do not seem to be handling death any better than they did before. In fact, since much of the piety and devotion connected with prayer for the dead has fallen into disuse in that same period, there might be a tendency, at least in some parts of the country, to cope with death more poorly than before the reform.

If we ever needed evidence that writing good liturgy does not automatically generate good worship, the current state of the Christian funeral would be a prime case. While liturgical specialists quietly toiled away, crafting funeral services of great beauty and depth, actual Christian funerals were often migrating toward vague “celebrations of life,” sometimes with such features as open-mike speeches by friends and relatives, multimedia presentations of the life of the deceased, NASCAR logos on caskets, the deceased’s favorite pop music played from CDs, the release of butterflies, cremated remains swirled into plastic sculpture, and cyber-cemeteries.

Even when the changes are less dramatic, it is still true that a general cultural and generational shift toward experimentation, customization, and personalization has impacted the social network of death customs and the Christian funeral along with it. “Leave it to my generation, the baby boomers, to take control,” writes Michelle Cromer.

She continues:

We’re not only organizing our parents’ funerals, but even planning our own in advance, putting our requests in writing and letting everyone know exactly what we want. We’re a demographic so totally accustomed to center stage that we will never give it up without some fanfare. I first noticed this in [the


movie] homage to my generation, *The Big Chill*. After the priest announces that a college friend will play one of the deceased’s favorite songs, Karen [one of the characters], solemnly sits down at the church organ and hits the classic opening chords of the Rolling Stones’ “You Can’t Always Get What You Want.” As that sixties anthem accompanied the funeral procession, I wasn’t the only boomer in the audience who thought, *Now that’s the way to go out.*

Responding to the demand for funerals with fanfare, one funeral home in Florida has taken to designing elaborate stage sets for theme-based funerals, and a New Jersey funeral director proclaimed that the old-fashioned funeral business is itself on life support. “We can no longer deliver funerals out of a cookie cutter,” he said, speaking of funeral professionals. “We must become event planners.”

Funeral changes are not just cultural trends and fashion statements. If our theology shapes our funeral practices, and vice versa, then a change in our practice signals a commensurate shift in our theology. Our funerals are indeed changing, and that means something about how we view death theologically is changing as well. At first glance, though, it is hard to assess what is happening. Are we renewing our faith in a different way, or losing our grip? Many funerals today are more upbeat, more filled with laughter, more festive. Is this good or not? Funerals tend to be less formal, less governed by ritual, more relaxed and personal. A gain or a loss? There seems to be less emphasis on the presence of the dead body in funerals, an increase in “memorial services,” a measurable rise in the number of people choosing cremation. Worthy, or a cause for concern?

*Time* magazine correspondent Lisa Takeuchi Cullen, who spent several years studying changing death rituals in America in order to write a book on the topic, concluded that the “new American way of death is personal, spiritual, and emotional. It is altruistic, futuristic, and individualistic.” When she began her exploration, she was, by her own description, “an unabashed advocate of the new American way of death, a way I believed involved celebration in place of mourning.” But near the end of her research, two beloved members of her family—her grandfather and a cousin—died, and her mother’s cancer, once in remission, returned “with blinding speed and terrible fury.” These sudden and sobering encounters with mortality prompted Cullen to question her “blithe convictions” about mourning being displaced by celebration. “If [my mother] died,” she wrote, “if I lost this woman who raised me, would I have it in me to throw a party?”

The stakes are high here. I am persuaded that in this, our moment in history, we are going through one of those periodic upheavals in the ways we care (or

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5. Ibid., 208-209.

6. Ibid., 208.
don’t) for the dead that are inevitable signs of an upheaval in the ways we care (or don’t) for the living. To put it bluntly, a society that has forgotten how to honor the bodies of those who have departed is more inclined to neglect, even torture, the bodies of those still living. A society that has no firm hope for where the dead are going is also unsure how to take the hands of its children and lead them toward a hopeful future.

I also am convinced that there is a broad but identifiable Christianly way to honor the dead, to walk with them in hope, and to mark well the meaning of death and life. Christianity is not simply a set of ideas and doctrines; it is a way of life, and it finally expresses itself, or denies itself, in the patterns of everyday living, in the ways that Christians do such things as raise children, care for the earth, gather at table, show hospitality to the stranger, manage money, and face death. There are Christianly patterns of living, and there are Christianly patterns of dying and caring for the dead. In sum, I believe, amid the swirling changes and uncertainties of American death patterns, it not only makes sense but is in fact an urgent task to describe, nurture, and practice what can be called “the Christian funeral.”

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More Power in the Pulpit
How America’s Most Effective Black Preachers Prepare Their Sermons

Cleophus J. LaRue, editor

**LEVEL:** Seminary and professional

**COURSES:** African American Preaching; Homiletics

In this companion and sequel to the best-selling *Power in the Pulpit* (2002), which has sold over 11,000 copies, ten more of America’s best-known and most influential African American preachers describe how they go about preparing their sermons. Each preacher also presents a sermon that highlights his or her particular method of sermon preparation. This book is an excellent how-to manual for pastors and students, presenting sage advice and wisdom on the art of preaching and an inspirational look at the work of some of the most prominent figures in the life of the black church.


Cleophus J. LaRue is the Francis Landey Patton Associate Professor of Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary. He is the author of *The Heart of Black Preaching* and the editor of *Power in the Pulpit: How America’s Most Effective Black Preachers Prepare Their Sermons* and *This Is My Story: Testimonies and Sermons of Black Women in Ministry* (all from Westminster John Knox Press).

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The Worshiping Body

The Art of Leading Worship

Kimberly Bracken Long

LEVEL: Seminary and graduate

COURSES: American Christianity; American Presbyterianism

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Kimberly Bracken Long is Assistant Professor of Worship and Coordinator of Worship Resources for Congregations at Columbia Theological Seminary. A Minister of Word and Sacrament of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), she has served congregations in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Those of us who have been called forth from the body to lead worship cannot respond faithfully to that call unless we bring our whole selves to the task. We bring our full beings, trusting that God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, will use our fragile frames to enable the people to pray.

—from chapter two

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Janet T. Jamieson
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LEVEL: Seminary and professional
COURSES: Life and Work of the Pastor

Money is a key issue in today’s Christian faith communities but it can be a touchy subject to address. With this book, pastors and clergy finally have a practical resource for managing money in the church.

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