Ecological Hermeneutics: Biblical, Historical, and Theological Perspectives/David G. Horrell; edited by Cheryl Hunt, Christopher Southgate and Francesca Stavrakopoulou
Leading scholars reflect critically on the kinds of appeal to the Bible that have been made in environmental ethics and ecotheology. "Ecological Hermeneutics" reflects critically on the kinds of appeal to the Bible that have been made in environmental ethics and ecotheology; engages with biblical texts with a view towards exploring their contribution to an ecological ethics; and, explores the kind of hermeneutic necessary for such engagement to be fruitful for contemporary theology and ethics. Crucial to such broad reflection is the bringing together of a range of perspectives: biblical studies, historical theology, hermeneutics, and theological ethics. The thematic coherence of the book is provided by the running focus on the ways in which biblical texts have been, or might be, read. This is not a volume on ecotheology; but rather on ecological hermeneutics. Indeed, some essays may show where biblical texts, or particular approaches in the history of interpretation, represent anthropocentric or even anti-ecological moves. One of the overall aims of the book will be to suggest how, and why, an ecological hermeneutic might be developed, and the kinds of interpretive choices that are required in such a development. 333 pages.

The Collected Sermons of Walter Brueggemann/Walter Brueggemann
In addition to being one of the world's leading interpreters of the Old Testament, Walter Brueggemann is a skilled and beloved preacher. This collection of sermons demonstrates Brueggemann's fidelity to biblical texts, which come alive with meaning in our contemporary world. Throughout, Brueggemann reflects on his preaching. As Samuel Wells writes in his foreword, "Enjoy this volume from a master exegete, a master theologian, and a master preacher. They really are neat sermons. And they're for you." 366 pages.

Reweaving the Relational Mat: A Christian Response to Violence Against Women from Oceania/Joan Alleluia Filemoni Tofaeno and Lydia Johnson
Reweaving the Relational Mat is an integrative response to the problem of violence against women which grounds theological and sociological analysis in the praxis of Oceanian Christian women’s experiences of violence. It focuses on the collusion of the church in the problem of violence against women by critiquing the ways in which its theology and practices have contributed to power-over ways of relating. Employing the Oceanian metaphor of weaving the mat, the analysis unravels the patriarchal relational mat, paving the way for a constructive reweaving of a Christocentric egalitarian relational mat. The study begins by unravelling the correlation between violence and the ideology of patriarchy. It then highlights the various strands of violence against women, and examines the complex mosaic of socio-cultural sources and manifestations of violence against women in Oceania. This leads to an analysis of the interwoven strands of religion and violence, focusing particularly on the church’s captivity to patriarchy. The ensuing explication of problematic theological and biblical interpretations and church practices ends with a critique of male clergy power, particularly as it functions in the Oceanian context. This leads to an examination of the relationship between flawed theological education and violence against women. Case studies of violence against women in the Oceanian theological education setting are analysed. The subsequent reweaving of the relational mat issues forth in specific challenges to church leaders, theological educators and church women. 238 pages.
“Created in Christ Jesus for Good Works”: The Integration of Soteriology & Ethics in Ephesians/Ester A.G. D. Petrenko; foreword by John Barclay

The relationship between the so-called ‘theological’ (Eph 1 - 3) and ‘paraenetic’ (Eph 4 - 6) sections of Ephesians has been a matter of extensive scholarly discussion. Central to this debate is the question whether the ethical material found in Ephesians 4 - 6 is an integral part of the theological statements in Ephesians 1 - 3, or whether it is merely an appendage with its own self-contained theology. This study undertakes a fresh investigation into the relationship between the ‘theological’ and ‘paraenetic’ sections of Ephesians. It demonstrates the intrinsic integration of both parts of the letter by examining the soteriological pattern of Ephesians, and how salvation entails the moral and social transformation of believers; this, in turn, renders meaningless the category-distinction between ‘theology’ and ‘ethics’.

272 pages


The Possibility of Salvation Among the Unevangelised: An Analysis of Inclusivism in Recent Evangelical Theology/Daniel Strange; foreword by Gavin D'Costa

In the area of systematics known as the "theology of religions," those who affirm the particularity of Christ in terms of truth, revelation, and salvation, have always had to deal with the problem of the unevangelized: those who have never heard of Christ through no fault of their own. For evangelical theologians this issue impinges on fundamental tenets of evangelical identity. Recently the fate of the unevangelized has received detailed attention from evangelicals, and has been fiercely debated because of the wider doctrinal issues it raises. The position known as "inclusivism" has been most fully developed by Clark H. Pinnock, an influential and controversial evangelical theologian, known as being the leading spokesman of Arminianism and a new theistic paradigm entitled the "trinitarian openness of God." Through a detailed analysis and critique of his work, this book examines a cluster of issues surrounding the unevangelized and its implications for Christology, soteriology, and evangelical identity.

362 pages.


Towards a Theology of the Concord of God: A Japanese Perspective on the Trinity/Nozomu Miyahira; foreword by Stephen Williams

This book introduces a new Japanese theology and a unique Trinitarian formula based on the Japanese intellectual climate: three between-nesses and one concord. It also represents a new interpretation of the Trinity, a co-subordinationism, which is in line with orthodox Trinitarianism: each single person of the Trinity is eternally and equally subordinate (or serviceable) to the other persons. 256 pages.


The Deconstruction of Dualism in Theology: with Special Reference to Ecofeminist Theology and New Age Spirituality/Gillian McCulloch; foreword by David A. S. Fergusson

This book is a thoughtful defence of the importance of retaining a version of dualism in ecofeminist Christian theology. Ecofeminist theologians have often tried to reconstruct theology through a total rejection of dualism. The body-soul dualism and the God-creation dualism are seen by many as the root of many evils committed against women and nature. McCulloch argues that, although some forms of dualism do have such negative consequences, a dualistic theology could avoid them. She further argues that the trend from a God-creation dualism towards pantheism in New Age thinking and ecofeminism is actually inimical to the concerns. McCulloch’s study has important implications not only for theology but also for ethics and spirituality. She explores the contemporary critique of Western dualism — mind/body, God/creation, subject/object, nature/culture — and maintains that the dual apprehension of divine transcendence and immanence must always be held in balance in theological reflection. 281 pages.

Kenosis and Priesthood: towards a Protestant Re-Evaluation of the Ordained Ministry/T. D. Herbert; forward by Graham Ward
This book is an attempt to recover for Protestants the significance of the ordained priesthood. In the past the priesthood of the ordained has proved to be thoroughly problematic, not least for ecumenical debate. Herbert explores the ministry through an exposition of Kenotic and Trinitarian theology. He argues that the priesthood is called to announce God's gracious saving act in Jesus Christ and so call people to respond gratefully through Christian living. At the Eucharist, argues Herbert, the priest is not the one who has the specific power of consecration but the one who is commissioned to retell the story of God's saving act. 299 pages.
http://www.bookdepository.com/Kenosis-Priesthood-Timothy-Herbert/9781842275658?b=-3&t=-20#Fulldescription-20

Methods in the Madness: Diversity in Twentieth-Century Christian Social Ethics./Anna M. Robbins; forward by Alan P. F. Sell
This study examines some key approaches to ecumenical social ethics in the past century, as expressed in the thought of Walter Rauschenbusch, Reinhold Niebuhr and the World Council of Churches. The author argues that unless Christians are clear about the ways that theology and philosophy relate to one another and work themselves out in our practical commitments, we will lose the ability to discuss social ethics as individuals and churches, let alone reach effective arguments. 294 pages.

Grace and Global Justice: the Socio-Political Mission of the Church in an Age of Globalization/Richard Gibb; forward by Bruce Milne
What does it mean for the twenty-first century church to conceive of itself as a community defined by the covenant of grace? Grace and Global Justice explores the ramifications of this central Christian doctrine for the holistic mission of the church in the context of a globalized world. 248 pages.

A Theology of Work: Work and the New Creation/ Darrell Cosden; foreword by Jurgen Moltmann
Given that so much of our contemporary lives are spent working and that so many major decisions and issues in life revolve around our work, it is surprising just how little serious theological reflection there is on the subject. A Theology of Work: Work and the New Creation makes work itself the subject of theological enquiry. From within Christian doctrine it asks the pressing questions 'what is work and work's place in God's economy and thus, how should we be carrying out our work?' Through dialogue with Jurgen Moltmann, Pope John Paul II and others, this book develops a genitive 'theology of work'. It offers a normative theological definition of work and a model for a theological ethics of work that shows work's nature, value and meaning now, and, quite uniquely, eschatologically related to the new creation. Throughout the book it is argued that work in its essence is about transformation and, as such, it is an activity consisting of three dynamically interrelated dimensions: the instrumental, relational, and ontological. 207 pages.
Beyond Suspicion: Post-Christendom Protestant Political Theology in John Howard Yoder and Oliver O'Donovan/Paul G. Doerksen; foreword by P. Travis Kroeker
The modern era includes a twofold tradition of radical suspicion—the suspicion that politicians corrupt morality, and that politics is corrupted by theology. However, this view has been challenged in recent theological thought, which seeks to move beyond this suspicion to recover a constructive role for political theologies of John Howard Yoder and Oliver O'Donovan. The present work shows how post-Christendom Protestant political theology has attempted to move beyond suspicion without putting forward some hidden attempt to reassert a contemporary version of Christendom. O'Donovan’s political theology, written from within the British Anglican tradition, is a bold project in which he attempts to push back the horizons of commonplace secularist politics and open it up theologically, a move that he believes will offer crucial resources for thinking about justice and the common good. A related response is presented by Yoder, who, as an American Mennonite, represents Anabaptism. From this more marginal ecclesial location, Yoder’s thought stands both as a challenge to regnant liberal notions of the relation of church and state, and as an important interlocutor for O’Donovan’s political theology. Yoder argues that political theology entails a particular kind of focus on the church, where the very shape of the church in the world is a public witness for the world and not first of all a withdrawal from the world. The critical comparison brings to view areas of significant convergence and divergence in understandings of the Hebrew Scriptures as well as the New Testament. O’Donovan and Yoder’s respective interpretations of Christendom are also fundamentally divergent, as are their views on the legitimacy of the use of force by government, clearly seen in O’Donovan’s support of just-war tradition and Yoder’s promotion of messianic Pacifism.
230 pages.

Contextual Theology for Latin America: Liberation Themes in Evangelical Perspective/Sharon E. Heaney; forward by Samuel Escobar
In the context of Latin America, the theology of liberation is both dominant and world renowned. However, this context and the pursuit of theological relevance belong also to other voices. Orlando E. Costas, Samuel Escobar, J. Andrew Kirk, Emilio A. Núñez and C. René Padilla are thinkers who have sought to bring an evangelical understanding of liberation to the people of Latin America. Despite their influence on national and international theology and despite their transformative contribution to the praxis of churches ministering in contexts of poverty, their thought has not been systematized to dates. This work deals with this lacuna presenting the vitality of Latin American evangelical theology which seeks to be biblical, relevant and missiologically effective, thus offering a liberation which is holistic and grounded in the kingdom of God. 292 pages.

The Apathetic God: Exploring the Contemporary Relevance of Divine Impassibility/Daniel Castelo; forward by Thomas G. Weinandy
This work seeks to create a via media between the tradition of divine impassibility and the contemporary preference for divine possibility within formal theological reflection. Rather than dismissing divine impassibility as a Hellenized and antiquated notion, the author seeks to reconfigure how this axiom functioned for the early church as a way to complement and deepen the present tendency toward divine possibility. At stake in these discussions is not only the coherence of God-talk across time but also what Christians take to be their guiding vision of God's character and action in the world, a vision that inevitably determines the shape of Christian discipleship. 156 pages.