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A Companion to Public Theology 2017-01-23 The Companion to Public Theology offers a collection of cutting-edge essays by an international group of scholars that provides a foundation for public theology as well as engagement with a wide range of public issues in dialogue with other disciplines.

Religious and Theological Abstracts 2005

Secularism and Hermeneutics Yael Almog 2019-05-13 In the late Enlightenment, a new imperative began to inform theories of interpretation: all literary texts should be read in the same way that we read the Bible. However, this assumption concealed a problem—there was no coherent “we” who read the Bible in the same way. In *Secularism and Hermeneutics*, Yael Almog shows that several prominent thinkers of the era, including Johann Gottfried Herder, Moses Mendelssohn, Immanuel Kant, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, and Friedrich Daniel Ernst Schleiermacher, constituted readers as an imaginary “we” around which they could form their theories and practices of interpretation. This conception of interpreters as a universal community, Almog argues, established biblical readers as a coherent collective. In the first part of the book, Almog focuses on the 1760s through the 1780s and examines these writers' works on biblical Hebrew and their reliance on the conception of the Old Testament as a cultural, rather than religious, asset. She reveals how the detachment of textual hermeneutics from confessional affiliation was stimulated by debates on the integration of Jews in Enlightenment Germany. In order for the political community to cohere, she contends, certain religious practices were restricted to the private sphere while textual interpretation, which previously belonged to religious contexts, became the foundation of the public sphere. As interpretive practices were secularized and taken to be universal, they were meant to overcome religious difference. Turning to literature and the early nineteenth century in the second part of the book, Almog demonstrates the ways in which the new literary genres of realism and lyric poetry disrupted these interpretive reading practices. Literary techniques such as irony and intertextuality disturbed the notion of a stable, universal reader's position and highlighted interpretation as grounded in religious belonging. *Secularism and Hermeneutics* reveals the tension between textual exegesis and confessional belonging and challenges the modern presumption that interpretation is indifferent to religious concerns.

Religion Index One 2007

Reclaiming Mission as Constructive Theology Paul S. Chung 2012-03-09 Reclaiming Mission as Constructive Theology offers a compelling case for the need to integrate God's mission and missional church conversation with a public and post-colonial study of World Christianity. Driven by a commitment to publicly engaged theology that takes seriously the reality of Global Christianity, Paul Chung presents a vital new model for understanding the mission of God as a dynamic word-event. This is argued in conversation with contemporary missional theology and analysis of the development of Global Christianity, and as such brings important transcultural issues to bear on contemporary American conversations about the missional church. All of this serves to innovatively stimulate this missional church conversation and more directly address the various questions that arise in pursuing mission in a multiculturalized American society. ""Paul Chung proposes fresh ways to envision the mission of the church within its global, multi-cultural, and inter-religious contexts, and he does so with a view to the future. Grounding his thinking in the biblical narrative of God's salvific drama, Chung aligns missiology with other theological disciplines, providing a breadth of inter-disciplinary scholarship. He engages the contributions of contemporary missiologists and listens to the voices of the global church, past and present. All is brought together to advance our thinking within the new contexts of global mission."" -Arland J. Hultgren First Theological Degrees Luther Seminary ""In these essays, a noted international theologian takes another creative and constructive look at the concept of the missio Dei. He not only reaffirms the importance of God's mission in the current fragmented world but also revamps the concept in light of the latest developments in post-colonial missiology and mission theology. Part of this intriguing interdisciplinary conversation is the reconsideration of the meaning and significance of the notion of ""missional church,"" a topic widely discussed not only in North America but also elsewhere."" -Veli-Matti Karkkainen Fuller Theological Seminary and University of Helsinki, Finland ""Reclaiming Mission as Constructive Theology locates the contemporary discussion of missional church in its fullest eschatological horizon. Chung advocates for socially engaged mission that attends to the emergence of world Christianity, the imperative of public theology, and the call to serve God's diakonia for the life of the world. Informed by mission history and recent hermeneutical theory, this book deepens and broadens the study of missiology to address the urgent issues of our time."" -Craig L. Nesson Wartburg Theological Seminary ""For those seeking a theologically-grounded understanding of mission that is equally as concerned with effective practice, Paul Chung's presentation of 'Mission as Constructive Theology' is an impressive, expansive integration of confessional theology and cultural analysis. Dr. Chung argues that because of the embodied narrative of God in Jesus Christ, anthropology is essential to the development of a faithful and effective understanding and practice of mission. In Paul Chung's innovative missiology, confessional commitments are essential to a faithful understanding of mission; equally essential, if mission is to be effective, is that these confessional commitments be understood and interpreted through the concreteness of each particular context so as to become the living voice of God in each time and place."" -Roland D. Martinson Luther

Seminary ""In his new book, Paul Chung performs a great service, bringing together the themes and concerns of two equally urgent but too-often separated conversations: missional church and world Christianity. Even better, he gives both conversations new life by weaving them together with a robust theology of the Word focused on the living voice of the gospel. In both his constructive theology and his stories of pastoral practice, missio Dei show *Hermeneutical Theology and the Imperative of Public Ethics* Paul S. Chung 2013-10-23 "Hermeneutical Theology and the Imperative of Public Ethics is a groundbreaking attempt to present constructive missional theology in an integrative and interdisciplinary framework as it provocatively utilizes and contextualizes Reformation theology and hermeneutics concerning ethical theology embedded within the wider horizon of World Christianity. Mission as constructive theology is explored and refined in an hermeneutical and interdisciplinary fashion, underlying a new horizon of postcolonial theology and mission in light of God's act of speech. Missional church founded up God's grace of justification and Christ's diakonia of reconciliation becomes ethically oriented public church as it is engaged in mutireligious diversity of people's lives and lifeworld in the postcolonial context of World Christianity. "

Problems and Perspectives of Fundamental Theology René Latourelle 1982 Nineteen scholars assess contemporary fundamental theology. To locate and define their field, a team of international experts address four kinds of problems: 1) problems of identity and method -- the natural of fundamental theology -- in historical and in systematic perspective; 2) questions of hermeneutics; 3) Christological approaches; 4) problems of ecclesiology. No other work in any language provides such an extensive, in-depth account of the tasks and future possibilities for fundamental theology. It is an indispensable aid for understanding the revolutionary development which this discipline has undergone before, during and after the Second Vatican Council.

Dissertation Abstracts International 1998

Public Intellectuals and the Common Good Todd C. Ream 2021-01-26 In the midst of a divisive culture, public intellectuals speaking from an evangelical perspective have a critical role to play—within the church and beyond.

Representing the church, higher education, journalism, and the nonprofit sector, these world-class scholars and practitioners cast a vision for intellectuals who promote human flourishing.

Crosscurrents S Brent Rodriguez-Plate 2021-06-15 CrossCurrents connects the wisdom of the heart with the life of the mind and the experiences of the body. The journal is operated through its parent organization, the Association for Public Religion and Intellectual Life (APRIL), an interreligious network of academics, activists, artists, and community leaders seeking to engage the many ways religion meets the public. Contributions to the journal exist at the nexus of religion, education, the arts, and social justice. In the June 2021 issue of CrossCurrents: Christian Realism, Human Vulnerability, and the U.S. Immigration Crisis by Ilsup Ahn Religions and the Abuse of Women and Girls: Digging Deeper by Carol B. Crist Lived Religion as Hermeneutical Comparative Theology: Employing Shiva Nataraja (Lord of the Dance) Imagery in Christian Art and Music by Paul Hedges The American Redoubt and the Coyolxauqui Imperative: Dismembering America through Whiteness, Remembering America with Gloria Anzaldua by Terrance McMullan Non-Christian Religions in the Work of Uchimura Kanz&333; by James Harry Morris Looking Forth as The Much-Loved Morning poetry by Robert Vivian The Uses and Abuses of Apocalypse by S. Brent Rodriguez-Plate Book Reviews by Melanie Barbato and Elaine Nogueira-Godsey

What Is New about Reading the Bible with New Eyes? Huang Po Ho 2020-09-30 ㄟ ㄟ ㄟ ㄟ ㄟ ㄟ ㄟ ㄟ ㄟ ㄟ Introduction / Huang Po Ho Part I Theological Discourse on Biblical Hermeneutics and the Role of Contextuality Walking Makes the Way: Possible Paths and Changes / Paulo Ueti Roots of Crashing Encounters The path Is Made by Walking Desiring the Path and Accepting Its Consequences Matching the Other's Pace – Beginning with Reality Creating Space for Prayer: Disseminating the Potential of the Text (Body, Writing and Speech) Suspecting Silence, Hearing Silence: What Isn't Said, What Isn't Seen Listening: Letting the Other Speak, Learning from the Other Which Texts, Which Theology? Choices and Attitudes Hospitality – Caring as a Hermeneutic Key to Recognizing the Word (Jesus) Religion: Reconnecting with the Community, Continuing the Mission, Transforming Life The Text Approaches You and You Approach the Text Facilitation – Being Midwives, Not Professors Resuming, Continuing “You Shall Have No Other Gods”: A Critique of the Neoliberal Economic System / M. P. Joseph Absolutism of Neoliberal Capitalism Religion of Growth Earth: Victim of Economic Growth De-growth to Sustain Life Anthropocentrism Is Not the Problem The Widening Gap between the Rich and the Poor Militarization – Fascism Text to Become Gospel Jesus: Victim of Absolutes Christianity and Religious Pluralism / Rienzie Perera Christianity and Asian Religions Reading the Bible in the Asian Context of Plural Religions Re-reading the Bible to Renew Our Inter-religious Relationships Revisiting the Christian Mission by Reading the Bible with New Eyes Part II Reflections from the Contexts of Taiwan Methodological Approaches to Reading the Bible in the Contexts of Taiwan / Huang Po Ho Introduction The Word of God and Kerygma Historical Development of Biblical Hermeneutics Reading the Bible from Contexts Asian Attempts on Reading the Bible in Contexts Reading the Bible with New Eyes in Churches in Taiwan An Evaluation of the Reading the Bible with New Eyes Movement in Taiwan Mata and Roziq (eyes) / Omi Wilang Introduction Body of the Text Conclusion The Taiwan Ecumenical Forum for Justice and Peace (TEF) /Victor Hsu Implications and Challenges for the Ecumenical Movement Part III Biblical Illustrations A Re-reading of the Palm Sunday Narratives Scripture Reading: St. Mark 11:1-11 / Jason Selvaraj Introduction Re-reading the Narratives of Palm Sunday Conclusion

The Magnificat: Recovering the Prophetic Voices in the Church Today Luke 1:46-55 / Gloria Mapangdol Was the Magnificat Originally Mary's? How was the Magnificat described/understood? What does the Magnificat say and what does it do with rethinking the Mission? Conclusion: The Magnificat Rhoda (Acts 12:12-17) "Un-covering" and "Re-covering" Rhoda: A Feminist Perspective/ Yak-hwee Tan Introduction The Acts of the Apostles – From the Beginning... Methodological Considerations A Socio-literary Analysis of Acts 12:12-17 A Feminist Perspective of Acts 12:12-17 "Un-covering" and "Re-covering" Rhoda Conclusion Appendix Appendix 1. Conference Agenda Appendix 2. Introduction of the Contributors What Is New about Reading the Bible with New Eyes? Introduction Reading the Bible is essential to the lives of Christians and the shaping of their identity. Regardless of the many differences among Christian denominations and theological trends, the Bible is commonly considered by Christians as the Word of God and is the most important way to acquaint the will of God. This is even more true to Christians with a Confucian background taught to respect the classics and teachings. Nevertheless, reading the Bible has never been neutral. It involves hermeneutic controversies of different theological trends and is subjected to the ideological positions and interests of its interpreters and readers. Traditional anthropocentric, androcentric and white-oriented interpretations of the Bible have not only misled the perception of biblical truth, but also created many oppressive frames, such as discrimination and persecution, which cause suffering. How to read the Bible and read it properly is thus crucial and imperative. Reading the Bible with New Eyes is an ecumenical theological endeavor and an attempt to help churches and individual Christians in their struggle for making the Bible a liberating message of the Christian God, who was revealed through the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The concept of "New Eyes" thus is a critical view through which to examine the existing interpretations of the Bible, addressing, in particular, those who interpret the Bible, whether intentionally or non-intentionally, with dominant and privileged perspectives or for the purpose of maintaining the status quo. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. (Deut. 10:17-19) But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. (Eph. 2:4-6) The newness of the new eyes therefore is essentially seeking to be authentic and original. God's Words need to be interpreted in God's nature and intention. Theological confession to perceive the nature and intention of God thus is prior to the literary meaning of the biblical texts. The current publication of What Is New about Reading the Bible with New Eyes? is an outcome of an international theological consultation jointly held in December 2019 by the following organizations: The Evangelism Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, Tainan Theological College and Seminary, Tainan Theological College Foundation, Taiwan Church Press, Grace Foundation, the Asian Theological Academy, and the Academy for Contextual Theologies in Taiwan. This consultation was, on the one hand, to respond to the ecumenical theological efforts to transform theological reflections from traditional Western domination, and, on the other hand, to enhance a two-decade-long mission program of Reading the Bible with New Eyes of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan by a theological revisit to the characteristic of newness in Taiwan's contexts. The content of this book is divided into three parts with an appendix; the first part focuses on the theological discourse on biblical hermeneutics and the role of contextuality; the second part is reflections from the contexts of Taiwan; the third part provides biblical illustrations; finally, for the sake of memory, we put a brief introduction of the contributors and program schedule of the consultation in the appendix. For this book to be published, I have to acknowledge and give my thanks to all the contributors and the joint hosts of the consultation for their cooperation and solidarity, and the editorial board members, particularly Jomei Tsai, who has devoted much energy and time to proofread the whole book. The publishing sector of Taiwan Church Press who helped with cover design and all the publishing work is also greatly appreciated. By Rev. Dr. Huang Po Ho Director Academy for Contextual Theologies in Taiwan May 20, 2020

Sino-Christian Studies in China Huilin Yang 2006 In the 1980s there was a wave of introducing western thoughts in the academia of Mainland China. The significance of this movement is regarded by some Chinese scholars as another Enlightenment since the May 4th movement, 1919. In this movement there was a small group of Chinese scholars who thought that subtle interaction between Christian thought and western culture and academic should be noticed. The aim of this book is at reporting this academic movement, which is still active and dynamic today. This book includes 22 essays written by authors from Mainland China and overseas, who may be intra or extra ecclesia. But all of them are prominent in their respective geographical and academic area. This is the first book introducing to the English-speaking world the origin and development of "Sino-Christian Studies" and "Sino-Christian Theology" systematically.

Christian Hermeneutics James Fodor 1995 What lies behind the peculiar and distinctive discourse of theology? This treatise addresses the fundamental question of how truth, meaning and reference are related in theological language and writing. It applies the innovative ideas of philosopher Paul Ricoeur to the problem.

Theology Without Walls Jerry L. Martin 2019-10-01 Thinking about ultimate reality is becoming increasingly transreligious. This transreligious turn follows inevitably from the discovery of divine truths in multiple traditions. Global communications bring the full range of religious ideas and practices to anyone with access to the internet. Moreover, the growth of the "nones" and those who describe themselves as "spiritual but not religious" creates a pressing need for theological thinking not bound by prescribed doctrines and fixed rituals. This book responds to this vital need. The chapters in this volume each examine the claim that if the aim of theology is to know and articulate all we can about the divine reality, and if revelations, enlightenments, and insights into that reality are not limited to a single tradition, then what is called for is a theology without confessional restrictions. In other words, a Theology Without Walls. To ground the project in examples, the volume provides emerging models of transreligious inquiry. It also includes sympathetic critics who raise valid concerns that such a theology must face. This is a book that will be of urgent interest to theologians, religious studies scholars, and philosophers of religion. It will be especially suitable for those interested in comparative theology, inter-religious and interfaith understanding, new trends in constructive theology, normative religious studies, and global philosophy of religion.

The Imperatives of Progressive Islam Adis Duderija 2017-02-03 With the proliferation of transnational Muslim networks over the last two decades, the religious authority of traditionally educated Muslim scholars, the *ulama*, has come under increasing scrutiny and disruption. These networks have provided a public space for multiple perspectives on Islam to be voiced, allowing "progressive" Islamic worldviews to flourish alongside more (neo)traditional outlooks. This book brings together the scholarship of leading progressive Muslim scholars, incorporating issues pertaining to politics, jurisprudence, ethics, theology, epistemology, gender and hermeneutics in the Islamic tradition. It provides a comprehensive discussion of the normative imperatives behind a progressive Muslim thought, as well as outlining its

various values and aims. Presenting this emerging and distinctive school of Islamic thought in an engaging and scholarly manner, this is essential reading for any academic interested in contemporary religious thought and the development of modern Islam.

Values and Public Life Gerard Magill Hoff 1995 This collection of essays relates personal belief with public morality by presenting an interdisciplinary study of values as a stimulus for public debate where religion and society can interact constructively. The essays are the outcome of a year long interdisciplinary conversation on values among different departments at Saint Louis University. The term conversation suggests an open-minded and open-ended forum where meanings are grappled with and ongoing exploration of new possibilities is encouraged. The essays examine both process and policy questions that arise when values are respected in public life. Contents: Introduction: Public Conversation on Values, Gerard Magill and Marie D. Hoff; Process; The Justification of Toleration, Richard H. Dees; The Literature of the Essay and the Discourse of Values, Vincent G. Casaregola; Hermeneutics and Democracy: Religious Dialogue on Values in the Public Arena, Gerard Magill; Democratic Morality: Perspectives from the Women's Movement, Wynne Walker Moskop; Social Values and Bureaucratic Morality, Kathryn E. Kuhn; Policy; The Welfare State and Social Justice, Marie D. Hoff; The American Health Care System and the Pursuit of Health, Jean deBlois, CSJ; Technology and the Environment: Conquest, Harmony, and Stewardship, Gregory R. Beabout; Environmental Law and Democratic Legitimacy, Douglas R. Williams; Culture, Values, and the Christian University, Richard W. Dumphy, S.J.

Religion and Social Development in Post-apartheid South Africa Ignatius Swart 2010-10-01 ¿?[It] reflects original research and contributes to new developments in the field of theology and religion with regard to its developmental role within a transformation context. The book may easily stand out in future as seminal in the way that it promoted the social development debate of the church and its organisational structures from an interdisciplinary focus.¿ ? Prof Antoinette Lombard Department of Social Work and Criminology University of Pretoria

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Postcolonial Public Theology Paul S Chung 2017-07-27 Postcolonial Public Theology is a tour de force, a study in the theological reflection in conversation with the most compelling intellectual discourses of our time that offers prophetic challenge to the hegemony of economic globalisation. While evolutionary science searches for an ethically responsible practice of rationality, and inter-religious engagement forces Christians to grapple with the realities of cultural hybridity, Postcolonial Public Theology makes the case for public theology to turn toward postcolonial imagination, demonstrating a fresh rethinking of the public and global issues that continue to emerge in the aftermath of colonialism. Paul S. Chung provides students and scholars with a fascinating framework for imagining a polycentric Christianity as well as for discussing the continuing importance of Christian theology in the public arena.

Responsible Revolution; Means and Ends for Transforming Society Johannes Verkuyl 1974

The Social Imperative Gregory Baum 1979 Essays on the critical issues that confront the Christian churches.

Charting the Future of Theology and Theological Education in Asian Contexts Kwang-sŏn Sŏ 2004 Contributed seminar papers.

Religion and Public Reason Maureen Junker-Kenny 2014-04-02 This book compares three approaches to public reason and to the public space accorded to religions: the liberal platform of an overlapping consensus proposed by John Rawls, Jürgen Habermas's discourse ethical reformulation of Kant's universalism and its realization in the public sphere, and the co-founding role which Paul Ricoeur attributes to the particular traditions that have shaped their cultures and the convictions of citizens. The premises of their positions are analysed under four aspects: (1) the normative framework which determines the specific function of public reason; (2) their anthropologies and theories of action; (3) the dimensions of social life and its concretization in a democratic political framework; (4) the different views of religion that follow from these factors, including their understanding of the status of metaphysical and religious truth claims, and the role of religion as a practice and conviction in a pluralist society. Recent receptions and critiques in English and German are brought into conversation: philosophers and theologians discuss the scope of public reason, and the task of translation from faith traditions, as well as the role they might have in the diversity of world cultures for shaping a shared cosmopolitan horizon.

Solidarity as Hermeneutic Darlene Ann Peitz 1992 The work of the American theologian, Walter Rauschenbusch, the leading voice of the social gospel movement, continues to be read today. This study presents a retrieval of the theology of Rauschenbusch from the perspective of present day theological discussion going on within the context of hermeneutics. When Rauschenbusch's work is seen as a hermeneutical project in which he changes the understanding of human existence from traditional individualism to that of solidarity, his work can be seen to mediate the Christian message to his day and ours in a social language. It fulfills the very contemporary challenge of theology that an adequate interpretation of the Christian message requires a social understanding of the Christian message.

Journal of Theology for Southern Africa 2002

Salvation for the Sinned-Against Kevin P. Considine 2015-01-22 The problem of the barbarous excess of human suffering is becoming the main question of global Christianity. In an intercultural, globalizing world, how do we envision the wounds of sin and God's saving work of healing, liberation, and redemption? Salvation for the Sinned-Against attempts to address these questions and to suggest a renewed understanding of God's salvation for the victims of sin within the intercultural and globalizing context of the twenty-first century. It offers a thorough treatment of Edward Schillebeeckx, intercultural hermeneutics, and the Korean concept of han, and brings them into dialogue with the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World *Gaudium et spes*. This book is the first in-depth study of han from a Roman Catholic perspective and the first to attempt to integrate han into Roman Catholic theology in order to begin to envision salvation for the sinned-against creature. Its insights into the experience and message of salvation for the sinned-against (as well as the perpetrators) speak not only to the ecclesial sphere but to the public sphere and beyond. Although written from a Western, North American social location, this is a book that can be useful far beyond this context.

Listening to the Neighbor Byungohk Lee 2015-05-12 The Trinity can be understood as a social community with members speaking and listening to one another in love, or, as Luther understood the Trinity, as conversation, then God's mission essentially involves in mission-in-dialogue. Byungohk Lee contends the church has to embrace the dialogical dimension in missional terms because the triune God is the subject of mission. The missional church conversation has taken it for granted that local churches should speak and listen to their neighbors. In contrast, for many churches in Asia, including Korea, mission has generally tended to be practiced in a monological, rather than dialogical, manner. The neighbor has not been regarded as a conversational partner of the church, but only as the object for its mission. In *Listening to the Neighbor* Lee shows that some local churches have participated in God's mission by listening to their neighbors. He argues that listening is not a technique, but a multifaceted learning process in missional terms. The church must nurture its hearts, eyes, and ears in order to listen to the sigh of its neighbors.

Biblical Prophets and Contemporary Environmental Ethics Hilary Marlow 2009-10-01 In the context of growing concern over climate change, Hilary Marlow explores what an ecological reading of the biblical text can contribute to contemporary environmental ethics. Includes a survey of creation theology in church history and a detailed exegetical study of the texts of the biblical prophets Amos, Hosea and First Isaiah.

African Philosophy and the Hermeneutics of Culture Theophilus Okere 2005 Although Theophilus Okere's book *African Philosophy* has made remarkable impact on African philosophical scholarship, many may not be aware of the way he tried to apply his preferred method to other areas of the philosophical investigation in Africa and to overcome the risk of relativism through the promotion of intercultural dialogue in philosophy. The essays published in this collection bear testimony to the multivalent character of Okere's contribution to African philosophy. Most of the essays are about Okere's hermeneutics of culture. Some of the contributors examine the method in itself, while others focus attention on its application to specific philosophical themes.

God's Wounds: Hermeneutic of the Christian Symbol of Divine Suffering, Volume One Jeff B. Pool 2009-01-01 This book constitutes the first volume of a three-volume study of Christian testimonies to divine suffering: *God's Wounds: Hermeneutic of the Christian Symbol of Divine Suffering, Divine Vulnerability and Creation*. This study first develops an approach to interpreting the contested claims about the suffering of God. Thus, the larger study focuses its inquiry into the testimonies to divine suffering themselves, seeking to allow the voices that attest to divine suffering to speak freely, to discover and elucidate the internal logic or rationality of this family of testimonies, rather than defending these attestations against the dominant claims of classical Christian theism that have historically sought to eliminate such language altogether from Christian discourse about the nature and life of God. Through this approach this volume of studies into the Christian symbol of divine suffering then investigates the two major presuppositions that the larger family of testimonies to divine suffering normally hold: an understanding of God through the primary metaphor of love (God is love); and an understanding of the human as created in the image of God, with a life (though finite) analogous to the divine life--the *imago Dei* as love. When fully elaborated, these presuppositions reveal the conditions of possibility for divine suffering and divine vulnerability with respect to creation.

The Creedal Imperative Carl R. Trueman 2012-09-30 Recent years have seen a number of high profile scholars converting to Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy while a trend in the laity expresses an eclectic hunger for tradition. The status and role of confessions stands at the center of the debate within evangelicalism today as many resonate with the call to return to Christianity's ancient roots. Carl Trueman offers an analysis of why creeds and confessions are necessary, how they have developed over time, and how they can function in the church of today and tomorrow. He writes primarily for evangelicals who are not particularly confessional in their thinking yet who belong to confessional churches--Baptists, independents, etc.--so that they will see more clearly the usefulness of the church's tradition.

Thinking in Public Benjamin Aldes Wurgaft 2009

Habermas and Theology Maureen Junker-Kenny 2011-04-28 >

Talking about God David Tracy 1983 At head of title: The Walter and Mary Tuohy lectures, John Carroll University.

The Pastor as Public Theologian Kevin J. Vanhoozer 2015-08-11 Many pastors today see themselves primarily as counselors, leaders, and motivators. Yet this often comes at the expense of the fundamental reality of the pastorate as a theological office. The most important role is to be a theologian mediating God to the people. The church needs pastors who can contextualize biblical wisdom in Christian living to help their congregations think theologically about all aspects of their lives, such as work, end-of-life decisions, political involvement, and entertainment choices. Drawing on the Bible, key figures from church history, and Christian theology, this book offers a clarion call for pastors to serve as public theologians in their congregations and communities. It is designed to be engaging reading for busy pastors and includes pastoral reflections on the theological task from twelve working pastors, including Kevin DeYoung and Cornelius Plantinga.

Comparative Theology Among Multiple Modernities Paul S. Chung 2017-08-22 This book presents a heuristic and critical study of comparative theology in engagement with phenomenological methodology and sociological inquiry. It elucidates a postcolonial study of religion in the context of multiple modernities.

Japanese Understanding of Salvation Martin Heißwolf 2018-02-14 It is no secret that Christianity has been widely rejected in Japan with less than two percent of the population identifying as Christian. The dominant worldview in Japan is deeply animistic, with beliefs such as the Japanese *mana*-concept, *ki* (氣), the Japanese soul-concept, and the concept of God/god(s), *kami* (神), being deeply rooted in the culture and fundamentally influencing society. Dr Martin Heißwolf, with his years of experience in Japan, critically examines Japanese animism in light of core Christian beliefs, such as the concepts of "peace" and "salvation." Central to Japanese people's rejection of Christian truth is the diametric opposition of its supernatural message to the natural focus of Japanese animistic folk religion. Heißwolf's meticulous study is framed squarely within missiological thought and praxis so Christians serving in Japanese contexts are better able to communicate the message of the gospel by more fully understanding Japanese people, people by whom God wants to be known.

1 Cor 12-14 J. Aguilar Chiu 2007 The present book establishes the literary structure of 1 Cor 12-14 through the consideration of a multiplicity of literary indications and their convergence. The determination of the structure constitutes an important step in understanding both the logic of Paul's argumentation in general and the function of chap. 13 in particular, moreover, this approach sheds light on questions related to the authenticity of some sections of 1 cor 12-14. After a critical review of how recent scholars have construed the structure of 1 cor 12-14 (chaps. 1-2), the study examines those literary features of 1 Cor 12-14 that suggest a new way of viewing the structural organization of the text (chap. 3). Finally, the theological consequences to be derived from the adoption of the proposed structure are presented (chap. 4). The method employed here for uncovering the literary structure of the text through an objective and rigorous examination of its literary indications is that of Fr. Albert Vanhoye S.J. The present work is therefore offered as a practical and detailed example of the method in question. Jose Enrique Aguilar Chiu born in 1960 in Acapulco, Mexico,, obtained his doctorate in sacred scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, Italy. He has taught at the seminary of New York and the Seminary of Philadelphia.

Ecological Hermeneutics David G. Horrell 2010-06-02 Leading scholars reflect critically on the kinds of appeal to the Bible that have been made in environmental ethics and ecotheology and engage with biblical texts with a view towards exploring their contribution to an ecological ethics. The essays explore 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 volume is not about ecotheology, but is instead about ecological hermeneutics. Indeed, some essays 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 is to suggest how, and why, an ecological hermeneutic might be developed, and the kinds of interpretive choices that are required in such a development.