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Createdness and Ethics - Hans Schaeffer

2006-01-01

This book contains a systematic description of the theologies of Colin E. Gunton (1941-2003)

and Oswald Bayer (b. 1939). Their use of the doctrine of creation in systematic theology has remarkable consequences for late-modern theological ethics. This book explores those

consequences from the example of the theological doctrine of marriage. The author also contributes to the ecumenical debate by building on the Neo-Calvinist theological heritage.

Evolution and Holiness - Matthew Nelson Hill

2016-02-08

Theology needs to engage what recent developments in the study of evolution mean for how we understand moral behavior. How does the theological concept of holiness connect to contemporary understandings of evolution? In this groundbreaking work, Matthew Hill uses the lens of Wesleyan ethics to offer a fresh assessment of the intersection of evolution and theology.

A Morally Complex World - James T. Bretzke

2022-04-30

How can people celebrate the gospel of life in their daily lives? What about cloning? Is euthanasia morally acceptable in certain cases, such as terminal illness? In case of health reasons, mental illness, pregnancy due to rape,

etc., is abortion morally acceptable? Are you in favor of the use of contraceptives, both natural and artificial? A Morally Complex World will not answer such complex questions in detail, but it does provide a framework for trying to grapple better with the first question of how we should lead our moral lives in general, as well as some of the concrete ethical issues the other three questions raise. A Morally Complex World is an accessible introduction to moral theology covering the methodology of moral theology; basic concepts such as conscience and moral agency; natural law, moral norms; how the Bible can be used in Christian ethics; how to dialogue on contested ethical issues; how to consider sin and moral failure; and finally, how to mediate moral principles and moral teaching in a pastorally sensitive manner in concrete life situations. Chapters are Mapping a Moral Methodology, The Natural Law and Moral Norms: Moving Along the Rational Claim Axis, Scripture and Ethics: Moving Along the Sacred Claim Axis,

The Sanctuary of Conscience: Where the Axes Intersect, Modes of Moral Discourse: Navigating Towards a Common Ground, Navigating in the Morally Complex World: Casuistry with a Human Face, and Sin and Failure in a Morally Complex World. James T. Bretzke, SJ, STD, is associate professor of theology and religious studies at the University of San Francisco, and an adjunct professor of moral theology at the Jesuit School of Theology-at-Berkeley. He has written three books, including Consecrated Phrases: A Latin Theological Dictionary, published by Liturgical Press, which won an award from the Catholic Press Association. He has also authored over fifty articles and scholarly reviews in the areas of Roman Catholic moral theology and cross-cultural ethics. "

Paul and Virtue Ethics - Daniel J Harrington
2023-06-14

Daniel Harrington, SJ, and James Keenan, SJ, approach moral theology through virtue ethics, asking the key questions, Who am I? Who do I

want to become? And how do I get there? With the apostle Paul as a guide, the authors examine the virtues that flow from Scripture and provide a lens through which to interpret Scripture. They explore theological virtues faith, hope, and love; natural virtues and vices; social ethics, and sexual ethics.

Sexual Ethics - Stanley James Grenz 1997-01-01
In this biblically grounded study, Stanley Grenz synthesizes theology, ethics, and current medical research to offer an evangelical perspective on the profound role that sexuality does, and should, play in our lives today. He calls for Christians to live a biblical sexual ethic in the contemporary world, at the same calling on the church to recognize that its mandate includes being a reconciling community, one that proclaims God's grace to all.

Psychiatry and Sexual Medicine - Michal Lew-Starowicz 2020-09-02
Psychiatry meets sexual medicine! This book explores the links between mental and sexual

health and provides guidance for the treatment of the most common sexual problems. The book fills the need of many clinicians and trainees who work in the field of psychiatry and sexual medicine. Offering comprehensive and clearly structured information, case presentations, and key messages this book focuses on sharing essential knowledge and skills of recognized experts in the field. Get inspired by the vivid interactions of psychiatry and sexual medicine and help your patients on their way to improved sexual health!

Between the Sexes - Lisa Sowle Cahill 1989

The basis for a Christian sexual ethic, says Cahill, is a correlation of four sources: Scripture, Christian tradition (of faith, theology, and practice), philosophy, (normative accounts), and the empirical sciences (descriptive accounts).

[Saving Desire](#) - F. LeRon Shults 2011-07-06

Traditional Christian theology has generally treated desire as a dark and negative force intimately related to sin something to be

restricted and repressed, closeted and controlled. But, according to LeRon Shults and Jan-Olav Henriksen's *Saving Desire*, we see only part of the picture if we do not also perceive that desire can be a powerful force for great good.

Grounding their work firmly in the experiential realm of human life, the eight eminent theologians contributing to this volume celebrate together the positivity, the sociality, and the physicality of saving desire that is, humankind's innate desire not only for the good life but also, more vitally, for the life-transforming goodness of God.

Between a Man and a Woman? - Ludger H. Viefhues-Bailey 2010-09-24

Through a probing investigation of conservative Christianity and its response to an issue that, according to the statistics of conservative Christian groups, affects only a small number of Americans, Ludger Viefhues-Bailey alights on a profound theological conundrum: in today's conservative Christian movement, both sexes are

called upon to be at once assertive and submissive, masculine and feminine, not only within the home but also within the church, society, and the state. Therefore the arguments of conservative Christians against same-sex marriage involve more than literal readings of the Bible or nostalgia for simple gender roles. Focusing primarily on texts produced by Focus on the Family, a leading media and ministry organization informing conservative Christian culture, Viefhues-Bailey identifies two distinct ideas of male homosexuality: gender-disturbed and passive; and oversexed, strongly masculine, and aggressive. These homosexualities enable a complex ideal of Christian masculinity in which men are encouraged to be assertive toward the world while also being submissive toward God and family. This web of sexual contradiction influences the flow of power between the sexes and within the state. It joins notions of sexual equality to claims of "natural" difference, establishing a fraught basis for respectable

romantic marriage. Heterosexual union is then treated as emblematic of, if not essential to, the success of American political life yet far from creating gender stability, these tensions produce an endless striving for balance. Viefhues-Bailey's final, brilliant move is to connect the desire for stability to the conservative Christian movement's strategies of political power.

On Animals - David L. Clough 2012-02-02

This volume is a project in systematic theology: a rigorous engagement with the Christian tradition in relation to animals under the doctrinal headings of creation, reconciliation and redemption and in dialogue with the Bible and theological voices central to the tradition. The book shows that such engagement with the tradition with the question of the animal in mind produces surprising answers that challenge modern anthropocentric assumptions. For the most part, therefore, the novelty of the project lies in the questions raised, rather than the proposal of innovative answers to it. The

transformation in our thinking about animals for which the book argues results in the main from looking squarely for the first time at the sum of what we are already committed to believing about other animals and their place in God's creation.

New Directions in Sexual Ethics - Kevin T. Kelly 1998

Ethics for Governance - Kai Cabrera
2018-05-04

This book gives a far reaching review of India's open administrations and bureaucratic frameworks, and investigates why across the board defilement and wasteful conveyance have hindered improvement. It: examines the hidden purposes behind the predominant wastefulness in broad daylight administrations; looks at the perplexing linkages between morals based open administration, India's social and profound legacy, and its current monetary advancement show; and plots approaches to make a morals

code and a situation that is helpful for better organization and great administration. Clear, available, and fastidiously looked into, this will demonstrate basic to researchers and understudies of open organization, administration thinks about and political science, especially administrators, arrangement producers and common administration wannabes. This book arranges morals in administration in India in the national edge and fuses the setting of globalization, taking into consideration the expanding significance of non-state worldwide on-screen characters in national basic leadership. A hypothetical way to deal with the issues of morals in administration and defilement, this book is important to scholastics in the fields of Asian Politics, specifically Indian legislative issues, and political theory.

Heythrop Journal - 2004

Catholic Moral Theology in the United States - Charles E. Curran 2008-04-11

In this magisterial volume Charles E. Curran surveys the historical development of Catholic moral theology in the United States from its 19th century roots to the present day. He begins by tracing the development of pre-Vatican II moral theology that, with the exception of social ethics, had the limited purpose of training future confessors to know what actions are sinful and the degree of sinfulness. Curran then explores and illuminates the post-Vatican II era with chapters on the effect of the Council on the scope and substance of moral theology, the impact of *Humanae vitae*, Pope Paul VI's encyclical condemning artificial contraception, fundamental moral theology, sexuality and marriage, bioethics, and social ethics. Curran's perspective is unique: For nearly 50 years, he has been a major influence on the development of the field and has witnessed first-hand the dramatic increase in the number and diversity of moral theologians in the academy and the Church. No one is more qualified to write this first

and only comprehensive history of Catholic moral theology in the United States.

Christian Ethics - Judith Caron 2001-12-27
Christian Ethics focuses on understanding the relationship between one's ethical self, society's rules, and the consequences of one's actions. It operates from a Judeo-Christian perspective that also takes into account the ethical system of other major world religions. Christian Ethics draws from philosophy, theology, and psychology. It considers the roles of personality development, conscience formation, gender difference, religious values, and social structures in ethical decision making. It probes the questions and dilemmas of good vs. evil, personal vs. communal values, authority vs. conscience, religion vs. society, and civil vs. moral law. Examples and case studies drawn from the fields of social, medical, sexual, business, political, environmental, and personal ethics are used throughout the book and illuminate the process for personal decision

making.

New Directions in Islamic Thought - Kari Vogt

2011-02-25

This is an important and prestigious volume showcasing leading progressive Islamic thinkers. It includes new essay by controversial public intellectual and Muslim scholar Tariq Ramadan. It offers strong appeal to policymakers and as well as students and scholars of religion and the Middle East. How are Muslims to reconcile their beliefs with the pressures and imperatives of the modern world? How should they handle the tension between their roles as private citizens and their religious affiliations and identities? This groundbreaking volume shows in what ways prominent Muslim intellectuals have themselves attempted to bridge the gap by recasting traditional Islamic notions in the light of contemporary understandings of equality, justice and pluralism. The contributors to the book examine the tradition that they seek to reform in relation to the human rights ethic of the modern

world. The new wave of Islamic thinking which they represent emerges as multi-stranded rather than defined by a single trend or doctrine. Themes covered include a deconstruction of patriarchal interpretations of the Qur'an; the distinctions between universal and context-specific parts of Islamic texts; a re-contextualisation of Shari'a law; and a critique of religious jurisprudence, particularly where this impacts on matters of sex and gender. Old texts are re-interpreted through the lived situations of real people today. The result is an indispensable portrayal of progressive Islamic thought in the twenty-first century, which will be an invaluable resource for students and scholars of religion, ethics and Middle East studies.

Teaching Moral Sex - Kristy L. Slominski

2021-01-20

Whose job is it to teach the public about sex? Parents? The churches? The schools? And what should they be taught? These questions have sparked some of the most heated political

debates in recent American history, most recently the battle between proponents of comprehensive sex education and those in favor of an "abstinence-only" curriculum. Kristy Slominski shows that these questions have a long, complex, and surprising history. Teaching Moral Sex is the first comprehensive study of the role of religion in the history of public sex education in the United States. The field of sex education, Slominski shows, was created through a collaboration between religious sex educators-primarily liberal Protestants, along with some Catholics and Reform Jews-and "men of science"-namely physicians, biology professors, and social scientists. She argues that the work of early religious sex educators laid the foundation for both sides of contemporary controversies that are now often treated as disputes between "religious" and "secular" Americans. Slominski examines the religious contributions to national sex education organizations from the late nineteenth century to the early twenty-first. Far

from being a barrier to sex education, she demonstrates, religion has been deeply embedded in the history of sex education, and its legacy has shaped the terms of current debates. Focusing on religion uncovers an under-recognized cast of characters-including Quaker and Unitarian social purity reformers, military chaplains, and the Young Men's Christian Association- who, Slominski deftly shows, worked to make sex education more acceptable to the public through a strategic combination of progressive and restrictive approaches to sexuality. Teaching Moral Sex highlights the essential contributions of religious actors to the movement for sex education in the United States and reveals where their influence can still be felt today.

Reenvisioning Sexual Ethics - Karen Peterson-Iyer
2022-04-01

In Reenvisioning Sexual Ethics, Karen Peterson-Iyer applies a feminist Christian framework to practical sexual issues facing young adults today,

from “sexting” and “hook up” culture to sex work and sex trafficking. This feminist, justice-based approach to sexual ethics will facilitate meaningful discussion about sexual agency and flourishing.

Sex, Christ, and Embodied Cognition - Robert H. von Thaden Jr. 2017-06-13

A sociorhetorical analysis of First Corinthians Robert H. von Thaden Jr.'s sociorhetorical analysis examines Paul's construction of sexual Christian bodies in First Corinthians by utilizing new insights from conceptual integration (blending) theory about the embodied processes of meaning making. Paul's teaching about proper sexual behavior in this letter is best viewed as an example of early Christian wisdom discourse. This discourse draws upon apocalyptic and priestly cognitive frames to increase the rhetorical force of the argument. Reading Paul's argument through the lens of rhetorical invention, von Thaden demonstrates that Paul first attempts to show the Corinthians why sexual

immorality is the worst of all bodily sins before shifting rhetorical focus to explain to them how they can best avoid this infraction against the body of Christ. Features: A programmatic application of conceptual integration theory using a sociorhetorical mode of interpretation A vivid account of key aspects of conceptual integration theory and how they function in sociorhetorical interpretation A detailed application of these strategies to interpret 1 Corinthians 1-4; 6:12-7:7 *Abraham's Children* - Richard Harries 2006-03-30 *Abraham's Children* brings together essays by leading scholars of each faith to address key issues for the faiths and to collaboratively identify common ground and pose challenges for the future. The book will inspire readers in the process of inter-faith dialogue, contribute clearly to vital religious issues of contemporary world concern and help readers to understand faiths that are different from their own.

Love and Christian Ethics - Frederick V. Simmons 2016

In "Love and Christian Ethics," nearly two dozen leading scholars analyze and assess the meaning of love from a wide range of perspectives.

Chapters are organized into three areas:

influential sources and exponents of Western Christian thought about the ethical significance of love, perennial theoretical questions attending that consideration, and the implications of Christian love for important social realities. These major experts in the field bring a richness of thought and experience to deliver unprecedentedly broad yet rigorous analysis of this central tenet of Christian ethics and faith.

"Love and Christian Ethics" is sure to become a benchmark resource in the field.

Sexual Ethics - Todd A. Salzman 2012-05-18

Two principles capture the essence of the Catholic tradition on sexual ethics: that each and every marriage act must remain open to the transmission of life, and that any human genital act must occur within the framework of marriage. In the Catholic tradition, moral sexual activity is

institutionalized within the confines of marriage and procreation, and sexual morality is marital morality. But theologians Todd Salzman and Michael Lawler contend that there is a disconnect between many of the Church's absolute sexual norms and other theological and intellectual developments explicitly recognized and endorsed in the Catholic tradition, especially since the Second Vatican Council. These developments include the shift from a primary static worldview to a historically conscious worldview, one that recognizes reality as dynamic, evolving, changing, and particular. By employing such a historically conscious worldview, alternative claims about the moral legitimacy of controversial topics such as contraception, artificial reproduction, and homosexual marriage can faithfully emerge within a Catholic context. Convinced of the central role that love, desire, and fertility play in a human life, and also in the life of Christian discipleship, the authors propose an understanding of sexuality that leads to the

enhancement of human sexual relationships and flourishing. This comprehensive introduction to Catholic sexual ethics—complete with thought-provoking study questions at the end of each chapter—will be sure to stimulate dialogue about sexual morality between Catholic laity, theologians, and the hierarchy. Anyone seeking a credible and informed Catholic sexual ethic will welcome this potentially revolutionary book.

Heavenly Bodies - Sigurdson 2016

Does Christianity scorn our bodies? Friedrich Nietzsche thought so - and many others since him have thought the same. But, says Ola Sigurdson, Christianity understood properly in fact affirms human embodiment. Presenting his constructive contributions to theology in relation to both historical and contemporary conceptions of the body, Sigurdson

Ethical Exploration in a Multifaith Society -

Catherine Shelley 2017-03-24

This book considers the theory and application of ethics for a multifaith society. Much ethics taught

in the UK has been dominated by Christian ethics, their relation to secularism and by the Enlightenment's reaction against theology as a basis for ethical thought. In contrast to these perspectives this book brings secular and theological ethics into dialogue, considering the degree to which secular ethics has common roots with theological perspectives from various traditions. The book assesses the application of ethical and theological principles in today's multifaith society. Aiming to enhance ethical understanding and awareness across divergent worldviews, identifying at what points divergence does occur, the author examines topics such as reason and ethics in theology, natural law, utilitarianism and deontology and differences of approach to interpreting religious scriptures. The focus on ethical methods is illustrated through topical concerns in religion and ethics, for example sexuality, marriage and education and religion in relation to global ethics and human rights.

The Philosophical Review - Jacob Gould Schurman
2002

The Sexual Person - Todd A. Salzman 2008-05-21
Two principles capture the essence of the official Catholic position on the morality of sexuality: first, that any human genital act must occur within the framework of heterosexual marriage; second, each and every marriage act must remain open to the transmission of life. In this comprehensive overview of Catholicism and sexuality, theologians Todd A. Salzman and Michael G. Lawler examine and challenge these principles. Remaining firmly within the Catholic tradition, they contend that the church is being inconsistent in its teaching by adopting a dynamic, historically conscious anthropology and worldview on social ethics and the interpretation of scripture while adopting a static, classicist anthropology and worldview on sexual ethics. While some documents from Vatican II, like *Gaudium et spes* ("the marital act promotes self-

giving by which spouses enrich each other"), gave hope for a renewed understanding of sexuality, the church has not carried out the full implications of this approach. In short, say Salzman and Lawler: emphasize relationships, not acts, and recognize Christianity's historically and culturally conditioned understanding of human sexuality. *The Sexual Person* draws historically, methodologically, and anthropologically from the best of Catholic tradition and provides a context for current theological debates between traditionalists and revisionists regarding marriage, cohabitation, homosexuality, reproductive technologies, and what it means to be human. This daring and potentially revolutionary book will be sure to provoke constructive dialogue among theologians, and between theologians and the Magisterium.

The Ethics of Community - Frank G. Kirkpatrick
2001-05-25

In this important and timely study, Frank

Kirkpatrick draws on theology, political philosophy and the social sciences more generally to develop a Christian ethic of community.

Varieties of Ethical Reflection - Michael Barnhart 2002

Varieties of Ethical Reflection brings together new cultural and religious perspectives--drawn from non-Western, primarily Asian, philosophical sources--to globalize the contemporary discussion of theoretical and applied ethics. The work pushes ethics beyond a Western philosophical tradition tending toward universalism to infuse and broaden modern ethical theory with relativistic Asian ethical principles. The contributors introduce multicultural concepts and ideas from the Chinese Taoist, Confucian and Neo-Confucian, Indian and East Asian Buddhist, and Hindu traditions, focusing on such areas of moral controversy as the clash between women's rights and culture; universal human rights; abortion and

euthanasia in a non-Western setting; and the standardization of medical practice across cultures.

Homosexuality, Science, and the "plain Sense" of Scripture - David L. Balch 2000

Elucidates the pros and cons of current Christian discussion on the question of homosexuality. Challenges partisan views and provides a balanced discussion.

The Bible in Theory - Stephen D. Moore 2010

The sixteen essays assembled in this volume, four of them co-authored, chart the successive phases of a professional life lived in the interstices of Bible and "theory." Engaging such texts as the Song of Songs, 4 Maccabees, Mark, Luke-Acts, John, and Romans, and such themes as the quest for the historical Jesus, the essays simultaneously traverse postmodernism, deconstruction, New Historicism, autobiographical criticism, cultural studies, postcolonial studies, masculinity studies, queer theory, and "posttheory." Individual essay

introductions and periodic annotated bibliographies make the volume an advanced introduction to biblical literary criticism.

[The Ethics of Gender](#) - Susan Parsons 2001-10-10

The Ethics of Gender investigates the impact of thinking with gender on modern ethics, and considers the insights that postmodern gender theory might bring to the ethical project.

Facing Ethical Issues - Patrick T. McCormick and Russell B. Connors, Jr.

In-depth explorations of five contemporary issues in Christian ethics using case studies. Used along with the authors' *Character, Choices & Community*, readers have the perfect combination to make moral theology come alive.

New Directions in Sexual Ethics - Kevin T. Kelly 1998

As a result of his visit to Uganda, on behalf of the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, theologian Kevin Kelly made the discovery that poverty and marginalization create windows of opportunity for the transmission of AIDS. In this

book, Kelly brings together the whole of his thinking and experience as a teacher, moral theologian, and parish priest to challenge the thinking of the Church on sex and sexuality as moral issues for our time.

Sexuality and the Sacred - Marvin Mahan Ellison 2010-01-01

"Challenges seminarians, clergy, and other religious leaders with provocative essays by leading theologians. Destined to be core reading at seminaries as we prepare the next generation of sexually healthy and responsible clergy."ùRev. Debra W. Haffner, Executive Director of the Religious Institute and coauthor of *Religion and Sexuality 2020: Goals for the Next Decade* "Gives much-needed breadth and depth to the discussion of human sexuality and religion."ùTraci C. West, Professor of Ethics and African American Studies, Drew University, and author of *Disruptive Christian Ethics* "The topics are timely and important, and the scholarship assembled speaks from and to diverse social

locations."ùEllen T. Armour, Director of the Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Vanderbilt Divinity School "An important book to know,"ùEmilie Townes, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of African American Religion and Theology, Yale Divinity School This updated and expanded anthology featuring approximately thirty contemporary essays includes a wonderfully diverse group of theologians and ethicists addressing issues such as the intersection of race/racism and sexuality, transgender identity, same-sex marriage, and reproductive health. The result is an authoritative selection of essential readings about sexuality, spirituality, and social justice. Marvin M. Ellison teaches Christian ethics at Bangor Theological Seminary in Maine and is the author of *Erotic Justice: A Liberating Ethic of Sexuality and Same-Sex Marriage: A Christian Ethical Analysis*. Kelly Brown Douglas is the Elizabeth Conolly Todd Distinguished Professor of Religion at Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland. She is the author of

Sexuality and the Black Church: A Womanist Perspective.

The Ethics of Nature - Celia Deane-Drummond
2008-04-15

This accessible and timely book uses a Christian perspective to explore ethical debates about nature. A detailed exploration of humanity's treatment of the natural world from a Christian perspective. Covers a range of ethical debates, including current controversies about the environment, animal rights, biotechnology, consciousness, and cloning. Sets the immediate issues in the context of underlying theological and philosophical assumptions. Complex scientific issues are explained in clear student-friendly language. The author develops her own distinctive ethical approach centred on the practice of wisdom. Discusses key figures in the field, including Peter Singer, Aldo Leopold, Tom Regan, Andrew Linzey, James Lovelock, Anne Primavesi, Rosemary Radford Ruether, and Michael Northcott. The author has held academic

posts in both theology and plant science.

New Directions in Ethics - Joseph P. DeMarco
2020-07-21

Originally published in 1986, this book examines the extent to which existing ethical theory can provide an adequate framework for the resolution of practical moral issues. The contributors, all leading moral philosophers, provide an authoritative and comprehensive account of developments in ethical theory, with emphasis on issues in applied ethics. They explain the dominant ethical theories, survey major field of applied ethics and speculate about the future of ethics.

The Ethics of Sex - Mark D. Jordan 2002

Mark Jordan has written a provocative and stimulating introduction to the issues surrounding sexual ethics and sexuality and theology, filling a much-needed void in this field. Jordan summarizes key topics and themes in the teaching and discussion of religious ethics as well as pushing forward the debate in interesting and

original directions.

Defining the New Testament Logia on Divorce and Remarriage in a Pluralistic Context - Yordan Kalev Zhekov 2009-01-01

Christian marriage is a permanent union which requires the commitment of both spouses for its maintenance through fulfillment of its stipulations. The failure of the fulfillment of the latter provides legitimate grounds for divorce and remarriage of the innocent party. This work employs a fourfold approach for the development of NT ethical argumentation based on Richard B. Hays' Moral Vision of the New Testament. The author establishes the proper contextual grounds for the NT study through formulation of the Old Testament perspective on marriage as covenant. The relevant NT passages are examined through historical-critical and narrative-critical methods. A critical study of the main Christian traditions leads to an ecumenical formulation of the theological conclusions. Pragmatic implementation of the thesis follows an

examination of the contemporary pluralistic context and applications in both Christian communities and the larger society within its legislative system.

Just Love - Margaret Farley 2008-02-15

Winner of the 2008 Grawemeyer Award in Religion This long-awaited book by one of American Christianity's foremost ethicists proposes a framework for sexual ethics whereby justice is the criterion for all loving, including love that is related to sexual activity and relationships. It begins with historical and cross-cultural explorations, then addresses the large questions of embodiment, gender, and sexuality, and finally delineates the justice framework for sexual ethics. Though Just Love's particular focus is Christian sexual ethics, Farley's framework is broad enough to have relevance for multiple traditions. Also covered are specific issues in sexual ethics, including same-sex relationships, marriage and family, divorce and second marriage.

The Sex Lives of Saints - Virginia Burrus

2010-08-03

Has a repressive morality been the primary contribution of Christianity to the history of sexuality? The ascetic concerns that pervade ancient Christian texts would seem to support such a common assumption. Focusing on hagiographical literature, Virginia Burrus pursues a fresh path of interpretation, arguing that the early accounts of the lives of saints are not antierotic but rather convey a sublimely transgressive "countereroticism" that resists the marital, procreative ethic of sexuality found in other strands of Christian tradition. Without reducing the erotics of ancient hagiography to a single formula, *The Sex Lives of Saints* frames the broad historical, theological, and theoretical issues at stake in such a revisionist interpretation of ascetic eroticism, with particular reference to the work of Michel Foucault and Georges Bataille, David Halperin and Geoffrey Harpham, Leo Bersani and Jean Baudrillard. Burrus

subsequently proceeds through close, performative readings of the earliest Lives of Saints, mostly dating to the late fourth and early fifth centuries—Jerome's Lives of Paul, Malchus, Hilarion, and Paula; Gregory of Nyssa's Life of Macrina; Augustine's portrait of Monica; Sulpicius Severus's Life of Martin; and the slightly later

Lives of so-called harlot saints. Queer, s/m, and postcolonial theories are among the contemporary discourses that prove intriguingly resonant with an ancient art of "saintly" loving that remains, in Burrus's reading, promisingly mobile, diverse, and open-ended.