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Unlocking the Book of Hebrews - Annang Asumang 2008-02-01

While the intensely captivating language of the Epistle to the Hebrews may stir and invigorate modern New Testament readers to renewed spiritual energy, readers often remain clueless as to the book's overall theme and message. Despite the tendency for preachers to use various verses of the book of Hebrews as proof texts, few preachers today systematically expound the passages of Hebrews so that its general thesis is more clearly understood, so that it is practically applied for daily Christian living and witness. The different proposals about the epistle's uniting argument have not resulted in scholarly consensus; neither have they diminished the common impression about the epistle's difficulty. For such an important book of the Bible, given that the book of Hebrews skillfully bridges our understanding of the two testaments into one whole, such a situation is, to say the least, unsatisfactory. The Epistle to the Hebrews utilizes the language of spaces in its expositions and the language of movement in its exhortations, with powerful rhetorical effects; yet few studies have attempted to analyze the book from this perspective. In this study, Asumang employs models from the interdisciplinary social-science investigative methodology of spatiality to analyze Hebrews. He demonstrates that the author of Hebrews interpreted the migrating camp of the Israelites in the wilderness, depicted in the book of Numbers, through a Christ-tinted lens and that the Hebrews writer applied these lessons to the grave pastoral condition

of his congregation. When examined from this perspective, the Epistle to the Hebrews proves to be a most potent recipe for spiritual formation and Christian discipleship today.

Embodying Forgiveness - L. Gregory Jones 1995-08-31

In an engaging and interesting style that draws on a wide variety of literature as well as on Scripture and theological texts, Jones shows how the practices of Christian forgiveness are richer and more comprehensive than often thought.

Leadership in Theological Education, Volume 3 - Fritz Deininger 2018-10-14

The ICETE Programme for Academic Leadership (IPAL) was officially established in 2010 and arose out of the need to provide training to theological institutions in different regions of the world. IPAL provides a three-year cycle of seminars for the professional development of evangelical academic leaders and administrators to help institutions in their pursuit of quality and excellence in theological education. This publication is the third and final volume intended to accompany and support the IPAL seminars as well as be an independent resource to aid theological institutions with faculty development. Faculty development is at the heart of theological education. This book lays the foundation for institutions to equip, train and release emerging academic leaders to advance their careers and improve the standards of their teaching and research. The contributors to this volume share the findings of research

conducted at evangelical academic institutions in various contexts around the world so other senior administrators can enhance the quality of theological education at their own institution.

Characterization in the Gospels - David Rhoads 1999-01-01

This volume examines characterization in the four Gospels and in the Sayings Gospel Q. Peter in Matthew, Lazarus in John, and Jesus as Son of Man in Q are examples of the characters studied. The general approach is narrative-critical. At the same time, each contribution takes special effort to widen the scope beyond the narrated world to include the text's ideological and real-life setting as well as its effective history. New ways of doing narrative criticism are thus proposed. The concluding essay by David Rhoads delineates the development and envisions the future of narrative criticism in Gospel studies.

Jesus the Teacher - Vernon Kay Robbins 1992

"This book makes an important, indeed a groundbreaking, contribution to Markan studies. Not only does it address a lacuna in these studies, but it does so by means of an innovative methodology. . .that permits a satisfying integration of the Jewish background of Mark's Gospel with its Greco-Roman background while retaining a sensitivity to the literary dimensions of the text as well as an interest in its reader. Robbins has accomplished a remarkable feat. . . . Markan studies are certain to benefit greatly from this work." -Jouette M. Bassler *Journal of Biblical Literature* "Robbins proposes a challenging alternative to current approaches to the study of Mark by demonstrating that its literary qualities are inseparable from ancient social conventions in which Greco-Roman traditions are no less relevant than those of the Old Testament and early Judaism. This book is a major contribution to Markan scholarship as well as an incisive critique of some of the self-imposed limitations of contemporary New Testament research." -David E. Aune University of Notre Dame "In this important contribution of Markan studies, Robbins demonstrates that contemporary approaches to the New Testament can lead to genuinely new and fruitful insights." -Richard I. Pervo *Anglican Theological Review* "This volume breaks new ground in Markan study in the areas of historical background, genre, structure,

plot, and theology. . . . It contains more fresh ideas than most books of its size." -Daniel J. Harrington, S.J. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* Vernon K. Robbins is Professor of New Testament and Comparative Sacred Texts in the Department and Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University in Atlanta. He was appointed Winship Distinguished Research Professor in the Humanities in 2001. Among his many books are *The Tapestry of Early Christian Discourse* and *Exploring the Texture of Texts*.

The Battle for Bonhoeffer - Stephen R. Haynes 2018-09-13

The figure of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906–1945) has become a clay puppet in modern American politics. Secular, radical, liberal, and evangelical interpreters variously shape and mold the martyr's legacy to suit their own pet agendas. Stephen Haynes offers an incisive and clarifying perspective. A recognized Bonhoeffer expert, Haynes examines "populist" readings of Bonhoeffer, including the acclaimed biography by Eric Metaxas, *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*. In his analysis Haynes treats, among other things, the November 2016 election of Donald Trump and the "Bonhoeffer moment" announced by evangelicals in response to the US Supreme Court's 2015 decision to legalize same-sex marriage. *The Battle for Bonhoeffer* includes an open letter from Haynes pointedly addressing Christians who still support Trump. Bonhoeffer's legacy matters. Haynes redeems the life and the man.

Come Follow Jesus - Scott T. Arnold 2009-06

"Come Follow Jesus" is Basic Discipleship/Theology for those getting started in the Christian faith or for a small group looking for a fresh study. This resource will help you bridge the gap between seekers, new believers and veterans of the faith. It is an all in one book, ready to ignite your ministry of discipleship. Explore Jesus Christ personally or with others. Jesus invites people to have a meaningful relationship with God through knowing Him. This study by Dr. Scott T. Arnold is designed to help seekers and believers grow together in understanding who Jesus is, what He came to do, and what that means for their lives. Small groups or individuals will find inspiration and ideas that will help them to grow spiritually. If you are looking for a simple, easy to use, resource for your small group, "Come Follow Jesus" is a wonderful tool. Use it as a

reference for worship, sermons, and small groups or Sunday school. Use it also for the development of "Triads", small support/study groups of three people. There are 2 additional studies included in the appendix for 4 session group meetings to augment or precede this study and a useful annotated bibliography. Contact Scott Arnold at scotteagle7@aol.com www.comefollowjesus.com

The Pastor's Library - Robert A. Yost 2017-09-21

In the spirit of Cyril Barber's classic work from the 1970s, *The Minister's Library*, Robert Yost provides students and pastors with expert guidance on building a working ministerial library. From Old and New Testament languages, lexical aids, and grammatical tools, to commentaries and theologies as well as pastoral resources, Yost is a trustworthy guide through the multiplicity of books that seem to just keep rolling off the presses. Far more than just a guide to commentaries as are so many works today, this resource is a balanced pastoral tool for pastors and students who are overwhelmed by the proliferation of literature in the fields of biblical and pastoral studies. "Any reader who desires a modern reliable guide for building a good library needs this new book. It is a treasure, especially for serious pastors and teachers." --John H. Armstrong, President, ACT3 Network, Wheaton, Illinois "Robert Yost has done biblical and theological students and pastors everywhere a great service in producing *The Pastor's Library*. His book is insightful, current, substantive, and readable. It is an excellent tool and will help equip both the present and emerging generation of church leaders." --Dave Epstein, Senior Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, New York City "Carrying on the tradition of Cyril Barber's *Minister's Library*, Yost's much-needed bibliographic resource provides the type of recommendations evangelical pastors, college, and seminary students will want to use to build their own personal library. Readers will find commendations of contemporary scholarship [and] timeless classics--some still out-of-print--an important resource list in its own right." --Klaus Issler, Talbot School of Theology, Biola University "In an age when paper and electronic Old Testament resources abound, it is good to have a veteran scholar's guidance to navigate them. Robert Yost offers

practical, accurate, and specific opinions on each volume's theological viewpoint and usefulness, and his assessments are clear and generous. This work will aid beginning and seasoned students alike." --Paul House, Beeson Divinity School of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama "The Pastor's Library is an important work and merits purchase and perusal by all ministers, scholars, and thoughtful persons who care about biblical and theological depth as integral to discipleship and mission. I recommend this work highly and as one serving pastors, this will be immensely helpful in directing leaders to the best resources." --Charlie Self, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary "Dr. Yost has revitalized and renewed the scholarship of theological research without sacrificing the practical application for students and pastors. Of extraordinary value! Every scholar should add it to his or her library as a valuable resource." --Harvey Solganick, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas "Students benefit from expert evaluation in finding the best reference books. Diligent pastors want to keep up with new research done since college/seminary days. Professors and librarians need to evaluate textbooks. All should consult Dr. Yost's annotated bibliography for guidance as to how to best use limited study time." --Steven Waterhouse, Senior Pastor, Westcliff Bible Church, Amarillo, Texas "As a pastor far removed from my seminary days, I am in need of a carefully selected list of books that will help me make informed choices when it comes to sermon preparation, Old and New Testament studies, Apologetics, Practical Theology and much more. Robert Yost has written an exceptionally well-compiled bibliography that has become a great addition to my library. He does an excellent job informing the reader of the relevance and quality of the sources he cites by offering succinct annotations about the book's usefulness." --Jeffrey Winter, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Haines City, Florida "Every pastor who is serious about teaching the Scriptures *Biblical Counsel* - 1993

Urban Legends of the New Testament - David A. Croteau 2015-08-01
Urban Legends of the New Testament surveys forty of the most

commonly misinterpreted passages in the New Testament. These “urban legends” often arise because interpreters neglect a passage’s context, misuse historical background information, or misunderstand the Greek language. For each New Testament text, professor David Croteau describes the popular, incorrect interpretation and then carefully interprets the passage within its literary and historical context. Careful attention is given to sound principles of biblical interpretation to guide readers through the process and reach a more accurate understanding of each text’s meaning. With examples from the Gospels, Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation, Urban Legends of the New Testament will not only help readers avoid missteps in these forty texts but also provide a model for engaging in correct interpretation of other New Testament passages.

Becoming Children of God - Wes Howard-Brook 2003-10-21

'Becoming Children of God' offers a fresh and original commentary on the Gospel of John as a narrative inviting readers -- both in the evangelist's time and our own -- to a radical commitment to follow Jesus from within a spirit-filled community. This reading is grounded in a "poetics of biblical narrative" that balances attention to historical, ideological, and aesthetic aspects of John's Gospel while highlighting its relevance for today. By committing himself to a close analysis of the text as "symbolic action" Howard-Brook makes it clear how John's Gospel fairly bristles with references to societal conditions that demand a direct response. Throughout the commentary, his close attention to literary structure as well as social background yields new insights into the often-obscure message of the Fourth Gospel.

The Literature of Theology - David R. Stewart 2003-01-01

This updated reference guide directs students to over five hundred significant theological resources across a wide area of theological research. It details bibliographic sources for encyclopedias, dictionaries, and electronic resources in biblical studies, historical studies, theology, and practical theology.

Towards the Prophetic Church - John M. Hull 2014-09-24

Thirty years ago John Hull wrote “What Prevents Christian Adults from Learning?”. This new book asks “What Prevents Christian Adults from

Acting?” How has it come about that the Church appears to be so preoccupied with itself? What happened to the quest for the social justice of the Kingdom of God?

Annotated Bibliography of Mennonite Writings on War and Peace, 1930-1980 - Willard M. Swartley 1987

Current Catalog - National Library of Medicine (U.S.)

First multi-year cumulation covers six years: 1965-70.

New Testament Theology - Thomas R. Schreiner 2008-06-01

In this substantial volume, Thomas Schreiner takes up the study of New Testament theology, looking for the themes that emerge from a detailed reading of the whole rather than considering the individual writings separately. Two themes in particular emerge. The first concerns redemptive history and the kingdom of God. The New Testament writers adopt the Old Testament vision of God's reign and affirm that it has come in Jesus Christ, although final fulfillment is yet to come. Second, the ultimate goal of the kingdom is God's glory. Schreiner goes on to relate these themes to the life of the believer and the community of faith. Pastors and students will find this a comprehensive and illuminating survey of the unifying themes found throughout the New Testament.

Discipleship in the Ancient World and Matthew's Gospel, Second Edition - Michael Wilkins 2015-08-24

With a comprehensive sweep of the relevant literature--including classical and Hellenistic sources, the Septuagint, and the New Testament--the author defines disciple and related terms as they were used in the ancient world. Pertinent Semitic words from the Hebrew Bible, Rabbinic literature, and Qumran documents provide additional background for the term. A special emphasis is Matthew's use of mathetes and the role of Simon Peter as a model disciple. The study first appeared in 1988 in the prestigious *Novum Testamentum Supplements* under the title *The Concept of Disciple in Matthew's Gospel: As Reflected in the Use of the Term Mathetes*. In this second edition, the author includes a new chapter outlining advances in the field since the book was first published.

Spades & Pruning Hooks - Joe Allison 1998

Here's your guide to more than two hundred books to tend the garden of your spirit. Annotated bibliographies compare the best inspirational books, prayer books, spiritual autobiographies, and much more. Each section begins with a practical guide to using that type of devotional aid. The late John Powell, S.J., of Loyola University said, "The author covers an extensive field in this area, and is to be commended for his thoroughness." Joe Allison has served as book editor for several leading Christian publishers. He is a member of the American Academy of Religion and holds a master's degree in church history from Christian Theological Seminary of Indianapolis.

The End of Mark's Story - Danove 2022-07-04

This volume generates a narrative grammar which joins linguistic, structuralist, rhetorical, and reader-response methods and then applies it to investigate the textural indicators for interpreting the ending of the Gospel of Mark at 16:8.

Para-church Groups - United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. 1981*

Growing in Discipleship - Navigators 1980-04-15

Sharing Christ with others should be one result of your walk with Him and personal study. Let this short Bible study give you the essentials you need to grow in discipleship.

National Library of Medicine Current Catalog - National Library of Medicine (U.S.) 1991

Discipleship of Equals - Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza 1993

Elisabeth Schuessler Fiorenza, well-known for her pioneering New Testament study *In Memory of Her*, was not only present at the creation of the feminist movement in theology and church, but was one of those women who gave it birth. 'Discipleship of equals', the title of this book, was her coinage, as was 'women-church' and *ekklesia* of women. However, this book is not a memoir or a biography; rather, it charts her feminist theological struggles. Collected within it are studies representing key issues in feminist theology and the feminist religious

movement—milestones in the attempts of Christian feminists to reclaim their spiritual authority, to define biblical religion and the Christian church, and to articulate a feminist religious vision of justice and liberation. As the author herself writes: 'More than ever before, the women's movements in society and religion need a critical feminist analysis of patriarchal religious structures and a critical feminist theological articulation of liberation. By tracing my own unfolding journey of vision and struggle and by relating it to the collective struggle of women in theology, I seek to intervene in the contest over who has the right and authority to claim biblical religion.'

Writing on the Gospel of Mark - W.R. Telford 2019-05-21

This thorough manual for advanced students and their supervisors, and anyone researching or writing on the Gospel of Mark, is the opening volume in an important new series of Guides to Advanced Biblical Research. Together with an essay on the current state of research and a discussion of the future of Markan study, it provides a chrestomathy of samples of Markan research together with a review of recent dissertations and a full, annotated bibliography.

The Discipling Dilemma - Flavil Ray Yeakley 1988

The Sign of Jonah in the Theology of the Evangelists and Q - Richard Alan Edwards 1971

A study of the Sign of Jonah in the Gospels and in Q.

The Complete Book of Discipleship - Bill Hull 2006

The first book in The Navigator Reference Library is the definitive resource on discipleship and disciple making. It pulls together such relevant topics as spiritual growth, transformation, spiritual disciplines, and discipleship to the local church and beyond.

Bibliographic Index - 1997

The Forgotten Ways - Alan Hirsch 2016-09-20

Alan Hirsch's paradigm-shifting classic remains the definitive statement of the church as dynamic missional movement. The bestselling first edition ignited a conversation about how to harness the power of

movements for the future growth of the church. In this major update, Hirsch shares significant insights gained along the way, provides fresh new examples of growing churches, and reflects on the last ten years of the missional movement. The new edition has been thoroughly updated and revised throughout and includes charts, diagrams, an expanded glossary of terms, new appendices, an index, a new foreword by Ed Stetzer, and a new afterword by Jeff Vanderstelt. Known for his innovative approach to mission, Hirsch is widely acknowledged as a thought leader and mission strategist for churches across the Western world. He considers *The Forgotten Ways* the guiding work to all of his other writings. The book explores the factors that come together to generate high-impact, exponentially explosive, spiritually vibrant Jesus movements in any time and context. This extensive update to Hirsch's influential work offers a system of six vital keys to movements that will continue shape the future of the missional movement for years to come.

[An Annotated Guide to Biblical Resources for Ministry](#) - David R. Bauer 2011-04-01

An Annotated Guide to Biblical Resources for Ministry evaluates over 2,000 books that were chosen because of their usefulness for the theological interpretation of the Bible within the context of the faith of the church, significance in the history of interpretation, and representation of evangelical scholarship. This is one of those rare bibliographic guides that every student of religion, seminarian, and minister will want to have on his or her bookshelf. The focus of this guide is on biblical studies. It contains entries on 2,200 books written by 1,300 scholars. Annotations describe and evaluate books that are highly recommended. Virtually every topic in biblical studies is noted: commentaries on each book of the Bible; biblical histories, theologies, and ethics; books on the canon, archaeology, early Judaism, and interpretive methods; and technical books such as grammars, concordances, Bible dictionaries, and atlases. The great strength of this guide is not only that it provides the reader with a wealth of information but also that the format it follows is eminently reader-friendly. The Guide is invaluable for assisting the student, seminarian, or minister in building

a personal library. I highly recommend it! " Jack Dean Kingsbury, Professor Emeritus of Biblical Theology, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia

Our Hope in Christ - The Navigators 2023-05-30

Over 7 Million Sold in the Series For fifty years, the bestselling Design for Discipleship Bible study series (DFD) has offered millions of new and experienced believers a chance to learn firsthand what it means to be a modern-day disciple of Jesus. Every study can be used individually, in one-on-one discipleship, or with small groups. In *Our Hope in Christ*, you'll learn the art of personal Bible study by working your way through the five chapters of 1 Thessalonians, including a survey of the whole book and a summary of what you learned as you studied it. These field-tested studies offer interactive, discussion-prompting questions that inspire and nurture growth toward Christian maturity. There are seven studies in the series and a leader's guide. Go in order or choose the topic that best fits your need.

[The Concept of Disciple in Matthew's Gospel](#) - Michael J. Wilkins 1988

[Teaching with Authority](#) - Edwin K. Broadhead 1992-01-01

"The Gospels of the NT are strategic narratives of proclamation. The primary focus of these narratives is christological. Miracle stories play a central role in this narrative process and in its resulting christological portrait. Strategies of interpretation must be consciously shaped to highlight this narrative strategy and its christological focus. The first three statements now seem self-evident, yet these conclusions were reached relatively late in the history of research. The fourth contention lies at the center of recent methodological debate in Gospel studies. This analysis will re-evaluate the miracle traditions through a methodology designed to highlight the narrative identity and the christological focus of the Gospel of Mark. The primary goal of this analysis is reconsideration of the role played by miracle stories in the characterization of Jesus. As a secondary goal this analysis will address the ongoing question of which methodological approaches best contribute to the aims of NT studies."--

The Wisdom of the Cross - Stanley Hauerwas 2005-05-26

Few recent Christian thinkers have been as widely influential as John Howard Yoder (1927-1997). Encompassing a teaching career of more than thirty years and such landmark publications as 'The Politics of Jesus', Yoder's life and thought have profoundly impacted students and colleagues from a broad range of disciplines. In the words of Stanley Hauerwas, Yoder is probably the major theologian/ethicist of this half-century in America and certainly the leading Mennonite theologian of the twentieth century. 'The Wisdom of the Cross' is the only book to provide valuable secondary essays engaging Yoder's central theological concerns, together with a biographical reflection on his life and legacy. Written by scholars both from within and outside of Yoder's Mennonite community, these essays develop the most significant aspects of Yoder's thought - from his powerful defense of Christian pacifism to his seminal analysis of the politics of Jesus to his challenging contributions to Christian social ethics, ecclesiology, and theological method. The book also includes a previously unpublished essay on moral absolutes by Yoder himself. A fitting tribute to Yoder's distinguished career, this volume will be useful to readers new to Yoder's work and to those wishing to probe more deeply into the implications of his thought.

Peter Riedemann's Hutterite Confession of Faith - Peter Riedemann 2019

The biblical foundations of a Christian communal movement that has stood the test of five centuries. While in prison from 1540 to 1542, Riedemann wrote to the Lutheran ruler, Philip of Hesse, explaining the Hutterite goal of a renewed community and dispelling popular misconceptions. The Hutterites quickly accepted Riedemann's confession as their own. Riedemann creatively weaves together a fresh reading of the Bible with the classical creeds, producing a powerful synthesis of Scripture and tradition on which to base Christian community. His dynamic vision of radical and communal discipleship still challenges believers toward greater faithfulness to the Lord and to each other. Riedemann's confession gives theological grounding for the Hutterite understanding of economic communalism and offers practical examples of it. This confession continues to guide Hutterite communities today.

This volume includes an English translation of the 1565 German edition of Confession of Our Religion, Teaching, and Faith, by the Brothers Who Are Known as the Hutterites along with a new history of Riedemann. It is the ninth volume in the Classics of the Radical Reformation, a series of Anabaptist and Free Church documents translated and annotated under the direction of the Institute of Mennonite Studies.

The Sermon on the Mount - Warren S. Kissinger 1998

The Sermon on the Mount continues to attract persons of different backgrounds and traditions. There is general agreement that the Sermon offers a compendium of the teachings of Jesus, and that it is one of the most lofty and powerful expressions of the essence of the moral life. But when one turns to questions about the Sermon's meaning and relevance, there is no unanimity of opinion. A cluster of problems has divided interpreters from the first centuries of the Christian era to the present. Kissinger's readable yet scholarly guide to the literature of the Sermon on the Mount reflects some of the many attempts which have been made to wrestle with those problems. Part I traces in 35 sections the history of interpretation of the Sermon on the Mount from the patristic period to the twentieth century. An extensive partially-annotated bibliography on the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes is presented in Part II. The bibliography was developed from the collection of the late Harold Row. The author added materials from the Library of Congress and other outstanding collections to provide the first full-scale bibliography of the Sermon on the Mount which has indeed proved to be authoritative. Since the book was first published in its cloth edition in 1975, it has been widely consulted as a resource for Sermon on the Mount research and study. A general index of topics, a biblical references index, and an appendix listing "Sermon on the Mount" in 61 languages completes the work.

The Concept of Disciple in Matthew's Gospel, as Reflected in the Use of the Term "Mathetes" - Michael J. Wilkins 2014-04-03

The Disciples According to Mark - C. Clifton Black 2012-12-13

Redaction criticism attempts to identify biblical authors' theological

interests by examining their adaptation of sources. Focusing on representative studies of Jesus' disciples in the Gospel of Mark, this pioneering book by C. Clifton Black has become the standard evaluation of that method's exegetical reliability. Comprehensively reviewing recent scholarship, Black identifies three distinctive types of redaction criticism in Markan interpretation. He demonstrates that diverse redaction-critical interpretations of the disciples in Mark have bolstered rather than controlled scholarly presuppositions to a degree that impugns the method's reliability for interpreting Mark. The book concludes by assessing redaction criticism's usefulness and offering a more balanced approach to Mark's interpretation. This second edition includes a substantial, detailed afterword that revisits the book's primary issues, converses with its critics, and provides an update of Markan scholarship over the past twenty-five years.

Theology, Aesthetics, and Culture - Robert MacSwain 2012-09-20

David Brown is a widely-respected British theologian who initially made his mark in analytic discussions of Christian doctrine, such as the Trinity. However, with the publication of *Tradition and Imagination: Revelation and Change* (1999) his career entered a distinctly new phase, focused on theology, imagination, and the arts. Four related volumes followed, dealing with biblical interpretation, Christian discipleship, art and icons, place and space, the body, music, metaphor, drama, liturgy, the sacraments, religious experience, and popular culture. According to Brown, the fundamental thesis underlying all five volumes is that both natural and revealed theology are in crisis, and the only way out is to give proper attention to the cultural embeddedness of both. *Theology, Aesthetics, and Culture* is the first attempt to assess the significance of this remarkable series, and its contributors include some of the most prominent philosophers, theologians, historians, biblical scholars,

literary scholars, and cultural critics writing today. Aside from its exceptional interdisciplinary range and ecumenical line-up, a distinctive feature is sustained consideration of Brown's analysis of popular culture. Given the stature of the contributors, this volume is not merely of interest as a commentary on Brown's work, but also makes an important original contribution to our understandings of theology, aesthetics, and culture as they relate to the life of the Church, academy, and human society.

Reading from the Underside of Selfhood - Lisa E. Dahill 2009-01-01
Dietrich Bonhoeffer's example of self-sacrificing discipleship has for over fifty years inspired Christians around the world in both their resistance to evil and their devotion to Jesus Christ. Yet for some readers--particularly those who suffer trauma, abuse, and other forms of violence--Bonhoeffer's insistence on self-sacrifice, on becoming a person for others, may prove more harmful than liberating. For those already socialized into self-abnegation, uncritical applications of Bonhoeffer's teachings may reinforce submission, rather than resistance, to evil. This study explores Bonhoeffer's understandings of selfhood and spiritual formation, both in his own experience and writings and in light of the role of gender in psycho-spiritual development. The central constructive chapter creates a mediated conversation between Bonhoeffer and these feminist psychologists on the spiritual formation of survivors of trauma and abuse, including not only dimensions of his thinking to be critiqued from this perspective but also important resources he contributes toward a truly liberating Christian spirituality for those on the underside of selfhood. The book concludes with suggestions regarding the broader relevance of this study and implications for ministry. The insights for spiritual formation developed here provide powerful proof of Bonhoeffer's continuing and concretely contextualized relevance for readers across the full spectrum of human selfhood.