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Church historian Thompson, now on the staff of the United Church of Christ's Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Theological Seminary, proposes in this book to make "available in a single volume the principal liturgies of Western Christianity," more precisely of Western European Christianity, since there is only one American order included. The ones that he presents—with introductions and bibliographies—are the rites reflected in St. Justin the Martyr's First Apology and in the Apostolic Tradition of the Roman anti-Pope St. Hippolytus; the order of low (!) Mass from the current Roman Missal, the only bilingual text in the book; Martin Luther's Formula Missae and Deutsche Messe; Ulrich Zwingli's "Liturgy of the Word" and Action or Use of the Lord's Supper, both of 1525; Martin Bucer's Strasbourg Liturgy of 1539; John Calvin's The Form of Church Prayers of 1542 (Geneva) and 1545 (Strasbourg), with John Oecolampadius' Basel order and William Farel's Geneva rite, both out of the 1520s, as appendices; a conflated text of the 1549 and the 1552 Book of Common Prayer; John Knox' 1556 Forme of Prayers of the English congregation in Geneva; the 1586 Middleburg service of the English Puritans; the English Presbyterian Directory for the Publique Worship of God of 1644; Richard Baxter's Puritan Savoy Liturgy of 1661; and John Wesley's The Sunday Service of the Methodists in North America of 1784. Thompson has done his work well. A Lutheran might, however, object that while for the nonliturgical Protestant churches orders of service of the type selected are appropriate, it would have been better, in the case of the Lutheran Church, to have offered, instead of two draft orders of service that were never set forth by authority, influential as they unquestionably were, two services that were actually used in the worship of the church.

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The Ladder of Divine Ascent has the distinction of being the first book to be printed in the New World; a Spanish version was published in Mexico City in 1532. Little is known certainly about the John (whose agnomen Climax or Climacus — bo tès klimakos — derives from the title of his best-known work). He is called scholastikos but is to be distinguished from the patriarch of Constantinople, John III Scholasticus, who died in 577; Petit identified him with the contemporary John Rhetor, but the English scholar, M. Happell, who has written the introduction to Archimandrite Moore's translation, is inclined to reject this suggestion. Hans Georg Beck ranks St. John next to St. Maximus the Confessor "as the most important theoretician of the spiritual ascent" (Kirche und theologische Literatur im byzantinischen Reich [Munich: Beck, 1959], p. 451). Written at the request of Abbot
John of Rhaithu, the *Ladder* describes the ascent of the Christian toward Paradise in 30 rungs (corresponding to the 30 "hidden years" of Christ's life). In the original it exerted a profound influence on St. Symeon the New Theologian and, largely through him, on Greek Hesychasm. In translation it has been hardly less influential; among versions of the work are those in Syriac, Church Slavonic, Arabic, Georgian, Latin, Italian, French, Spanish, German, Serbian, and modern Russian. The 1858 English version, part translation, part paraphrase, by an English Cistercian is almost inaccessible. Hence Archimandrite Moore's fluent rendering is most welcome, in spite of the fact that he had no definitive text from which to work. While even the English version is not without its difficulties for one who stands outside the Orthodox monachic tradition, St. John's profound spiritual insights shining through on many pages make a careful study of the work worthwhile. Prefixed to the *Ladder* is the biographical memoir by Daniel of Rhaithu, another short anonymous anecdotal memoir, the letter of John of Rhaithu to St. John, and the latter's reply.

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Hedenquist, author of the first title, was from 1951 to 1960 director of the International Missionary Council's Committee on the Christian Approach to the Jews and editor of the important symposium *The Church and the Jewish People* (reviewed in this journal, XXVIII [1957], 470). The brochure itself is intended to serve as the basis of a 10-session course in the reciprocal relationship of the church and the Jews. Simply and clearly written, the booklet provides summary statements that will serve as excellent lesson plans, supplemented by questions for discussion and short annotated bibliographies for each unit: The Jews and Israel; Jesus and the Jews; St. Paul and the Jews; Jewish History; Modern Judaism; the Messiah in Judaism and Christianity; Jesus of Nazareth in Contemporary Jewish Thought; the State of Israel; Christian Activities Among the Jews Today; and Christian Responsibility Toward the Jews. Administered by a course leader with a properly critical approach (especially in connection with units three and ten) this brochure could support a very useful adult education course at the parochial or Bible institute level.

*Conservative Judaism* describes a typically American development in international Judaism—the "middle road between Orthodoxy and Reform which [in the mind of its adherents] incorporates the best features of both systems" (p. 212). Conservative Judaism grew from 16 congregations in 1913, when its congregational union, the United Synagogue of America, was founded, to 420 in 40 years; some observers regard it as likely to become "the regnant system of American Judaism" (p. 25). Not a Conservative himself, Sklare writes with the careful objectivity of a knowledgeable sociologist who uses his sociological competence to illuminate both the religious and the social aspects of his subject. His book is one which every pastor whose territory includes any significant percentage of Jews can read with great profit; the chapters on "Orthodoxy in Transition," "Religious Worship in the Conservative Setting," "The Conservative Rabbi," and "The Question of Ideology" are particularly important.

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Zondervan's cult expert Martin has previously produced book-length studies on Jehovah's witnesses, Christian Science, and Seventh-day Adventism. The present attack on the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and its smaller counterpart, the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, suffers from defects of both writing and editing. Although the preface describes the book as the result of "five years of research" (p. 9), it offers little that is new. The author's point of view is Fundamentalist Protestant; thus the description of the Blessed Virgin Mary as "the mother of God" is described as a "la~:~ longology" (p. 50). Used critically, the book might have limited value to a pastor confronted with a Mormon problem.

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In any five-year period American religious bodies and American religious leaders can be depended on to produce — both intentionally and inadvertently — an impressive quantity of news. Old-time newspaper woman Cox, a weekly religion columnist for United Press International, has diligently combed the religious news releases and news stories for the past lustrum or so, has supplemented her findings judiciously with personal interviews, and has molded the resulting material into a fluently written account that gives a revealing picture of American religion at the beginning of the 60s. In 17 lively chapters she turns a reporter's impartial eye on the church's new status in our society, religious statistics, denominational competition, new methods of outreach, the parson and his wife, the charge of communist infiltration, denominational attitudes toward political and social problems, ecclesiastical finance, organized religion and the mass communications media, the new church architecture, paraparochial organizations, church music standards, Bible reading and Bible versions, religious education, and the ecumenical ferment. Mrs. Cox's chatty report makes no pretense at documentation or at profundity, although she exerts a conscientious reporter's effort — sometimes not wholly successful — to get the facts as straight as possible and to spell the names right. Still it is not unlikely that The New-Time Religion may stimulate more sober reflection than a more weightily written tome dedicated to the demonstration of some somber thesis.

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This is a series of lectures delivered to various groups developing five areas of Athanasius' theology. His teaching on God, the world, Christ, salvation and the Christian life is discussed on the basis of his use of the imagery about God as "light" and "radiance." The book might as well be thought of as a commentary on the creedal phrase "Light of Light."

Pelikan exhibits his mastery of early Christian thought in its relationship not only to the categories of classical philosophy but also to the popular conceptions of pagan religions. This reviewer was especially happy with the author's ability to bring out Athanasius' reliance on philosophical presuppositions such as the principle of apatheia, the rather general early Christian identification of the philosophical absolute with the Biblical conception of divine sovereignty, and the attempt to harmonize the philosophical principle of
"absolute simplicity" with the Biblical thrust that God is One.

Some aspects of this treatment deserve special attention. Pelikan begins where all reading of early Christian thought must begin—the meaning of language. Athanasius, inheriting much from Origen's theory and practice of interpretation, assumed that the Biblical expositor was required to go beyond the physical meaning of the phrase "God is Light." An analysis of Biblical language was most important since Arius used images of the Bible to illustrate his sub-Christian teaching. To get the correct meaning of this image, Athanasius asserted that Scripture must interpret Scripture, just as did Clement and Origen before him with rather interesting results!

The chapter on early Trinitarian thought is also interesting. The author illustrates the fact, too often not recognized, that teachers can use Biblical terms to confound Biblical teaching, and especially in the case of Arius, the use of terms considered acceptable in an earlier day to say precisely what is unacceptable by emphasizing an aspect of the imagery that was not meant to be emphasized.

Athanasius' theology about God and Christ (the Light and the Radiance) is closely related to his theology of salvation (illumination). This is not unusual in early Christian thought, but it is especially obvious in Athanasius. Pelikan cites Harnack to suggest that Athanasius' basic argument against Arius' Christology is soteriological. It is rather important to note this since, strictly speaking, Athanasius' earlier Christology would not be adequate today.

The book illustrates nicely just how early Christian thought moved away from Biblical categories but at the same time attempted to preserve the thrust of the Biblical witness. This is one of the essential contributions that historical theology has to make to the overall theological task. What makes Athanasius more acceptable than Arius is that he more adequately represents the Biblical witness even though he uses terms that are hardly Biblical.

More important is Pelikan's ability to relate this ancient material to contemporary concerns. He readily fulfills his suggestion in the introduction that "in the study of the church fathers, ecumenical Christian theology has huge reserves upon which it should now begin to draw." We agree. But we would also suggest, and we are rather sure that the author would not disagree, that a thorough appreciation of Lutheranism is an equally (but only equally) impressive contribution that we can make to this movement.

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THE EMPEROR THEODOSIUS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHRISTIANITY.

Another fine volume is added here to what is becoming a very illustrious series called The Library of History and Doctrine.

The purpose of this study is to analyze Theodosius' attitudes about the relationship that should exist between the empire and the clergy. King elucidates the background of Theodosius' thinking, his relationship to the Council of Constantinople of 381 and especially the production of our "Nicene" Creed, his conception of catholicity, and his attitude toward both heretic and pagan. King's use of source materials is obvious, but his essay adds little to studies already available, such as those by Huttman, Dudden, and Muller.

It is interesting to note, however, that the author of this work is a professor of divinity in the University College of Ghana. Viewed from this perspective, an analysis of a historical situation in church-state relations by an individual who is both a product of the English educational system and also a teacher in a country that must now decide for itself how this relationship will be structured,
King's own concerns are perhaps the more important contributions of the book. He asks highly important questions of the emerging countries of Africa: Where does ecclesiastical cooperation with the state become dangerous for both partners? How will the educational task be conducted? Can the church be pleased with an a-Christian state or is this dualism better than working for privilege? These are the questions the author asks as he analyzes the answers of the Theodosian period. While his generalizations are at times a bit too general they do have a certain provocative quality. And perhaps the author is attempting the futile when he suggests that the new emerging nations might read the history of Rome and Christianity in order to avoid pitfalls. Tragically, state decisions are usually not made in this manner.

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RUSSISCHE HEILIGENLEGENDEN. Edited by Ernst Benz. Zurich: Verlag "Die Waage" (Felix M. Wiesner), c. 1953. 524 pages, plus 52 full-page plates. Cloth. Sw. Fr. 29.75.

St. Bridget of Sweden, married at 13, mother of eight children (including St. Catherine of Sweden), founder of the Order of the Most Holy Saviour and one of the persons most influential in restoring the papacy to Rome from Avignon, was a famous 14th-century churchwoman whose eight volumes of Revelations were held in high esteem both by contemporaries and by succeeding generations. Their influence extended even to details of Christian art; the characteristic Nativity scene which has the Mother of God kneeling in front of the Holy Child lying on the floor before her is directly traceable to the vision that St. Bridget reports having had in Bethlehem. In the absence of even a partial modern English version of the Revelations, this excellent selection in 30 chapters with famed Swedish poet Stolpe's helpful introduction, is a welcome and revealing introduction to the thought of an important figure in the history of the Western Church.

Historically, "mysticism" has been a bad word in Lutheran theology, usually synonymous with Enthusiasm at its fanatic worst. Classic Reformed Protestantism also tended to be suspicious of mysticism, but its more spiritualistic attitude toward the channels through which the Holy Ghost imparts grace has allowed a slightly larger room for mystical experience. In the eclectic survey, Heimliche Weisheit, Protestant hagiographer Nigg goes beyond both Lutheranism and Reformed Protestantism for his subjects. From the 16th, the century of "the roots," he discusses Luther himself (the essay bears the title "The Secret 'Yes' of the Reformer," that is, his secret yes to mysticism in contrast to his public no), Thomas Müntzer, Caspar Schwenckfeld, Sebastian Franck, and the enigmatic Saxon Lutheran clergyman who signed the Formula of Concord ("the Saxon blood-book") while dissenting from it in his heart, Valentine Weigel. From the 17th, the century of "the blossoms," Nigg chooses the impeccably Lutheran John Arndt and
John Valentine Andrea; the influential cobbler-mystic of Görlitz, Jacob Böhme; the defectors from Lutheranism John George Gichtel, Quirinus Kuhlmann, and John Scheffer (who became a Roman Catholic priest); the Moravian bishop-educator John Amos Comenius; and Quaker George Fox, inexplicably the only Englishman that Nigg discusses. From the 18th, the century of "the fruits," he cites Pierre Poiret, the Alsatian Huguenot; the dubiously Lutheran Pietist and church historian Gottfried Arnold; the Reformed Pietist lay preacher Gerard Tersteegen; the Swabian theologian Frederick Christopher Oetinger; and his lay fellow-countryman John Michael Hahn, whose "Michael Hahn Society" has some 100,000 members in Württemberg and Baden nearly a century and a half after its founder's death. "The autumn leaves" of the 19th century are the Romantic poet Frederick von Hardenberg ("Novalis"), Frederick Ernst Daniel Schleiermacher, and John Gottlieb Fichte. Nigg is understandably at his best when he is treating the subjects with whom he feels the greatest sympathy. There is a least common denominator that links all his 21 subjects together; but if one takes them as a whole, the differentiae are greater than what these subjects have in common. For all that, Heimliche Weisheit is an uncommonly interesting and charmingly written volume.

Not only Western man in general but also the Western Christian has suffered an impairment of his capacity for reflection, meditation, and contemplation as a result of four centuries of mounting Western activism, Rosenberg holds. At the same time the welcome that is being accorded Oriental philosophies in the Western world today is evidence that Western man is becoming acutely sensitive that he has lost something. Western Christians need not and should not turn to alien faiths and alien cultures to repair the lack; they need only to recover lost elements in their own tradition. The element which Rosenberg discusses in this book is meditation on the verities of the Christian faith at the hand of symbolic representations designed for this particular purpose. Rosenberg explicates his thesis on the basis of five examples supported by 51 illustrations, chiefly from the Middle Ages through the 17th century: (1) The cross; (2) the heart (and the name); (3) the symbolic painting used by the great 15th-century Swiss mystic, St. Nicholas von Flüe (one of whose visions, it might be mentioned in passing, helped confirm Martin Luther in the conviction that the pope was the Antichrist); (4) Some of the symbols of the post-Reformation Evangelical mystics, Valentine Weigel and Jacob Böhme; and (5) the labyrinth. One need not concur in every detail of Rosenberg's argument or interpretation to appreciate thoroughly the practical importance and value of his thesis. Die christliche Bildmeditation is something that not only the Christian pastor but also the Christian artist and the Christian church designer can read with profit.

Gerda Walther is a well-known German Roman Catholic specialist in mysticism and parapsychology. She was reared a Marxist, renounced dialectical materialism as a world view shortly after World War I, and was profoundly influenced by the phenomenological philosophy of her university mentors, Edmund Husserl and Alexander Pfänder. Her Phänomenologie der Mystik was first published in 1923 as a kind of assertion of the possibility of the psychological phenomena of mysticism on a scientifically and philosophically respectable basis and in language intelligible to an unscholastic 20th century. The present edition is a reworking of this material, with additional documentation from her own (chiefly more recent) experience. The critical reader will be rewarded with many helpful insights that her unique background mediates.

The characteristic difference between Rus-
sian and Greek Orthodoxy is probably nowhere as apparent as in the saints of Russia compared with the saints of the Byzantine world. The scholarly and beautifully illustrated work edited by Benz spans in four sections the period from the 11th century, the era of SS. Vladimir, Boris, and Gleb, to the 17th, which witnessed the death of St. Juliana Lazarevskaya, one of Russia’s few female saints. A fifth section contains half a dozen accounts that belong to the genre of fabulous legends. Benz—himself probably the leading European Evangelical authority on Eastern Orthodoxy—has been assisted by an interconfessional team of four other scholars, thus insuring a high degree of objectivity and excellence in the translations, introductions and commentaries. No one who reads this and examines the superbly chosen ikons and miniatures that accompany the text can escape acquiring new dimensions of understanding of the spirit of Russian Orthodoxy.

ARTHUR CARL PIEPKORN


Raymond Lull—Catalan Jesuit scholar Colomer prefers the Catalan spelling Llull—was a Franciscan tertiary, an important Catalan poet, an early 14th-century missionary martyr, a theologian-philosopher whose opposition to Averroism led him to a confusion of faith and reason, and a mystic for whom contemplation was the prelude to action on behalf of God. A century later we find Nicholas of Cusa (that is, Kues, on the Moselle River not far from Trier), the German ferryman’s son who became a cardinal, the author of an ambitious program for the reformation of both church and empire, a critical historian who recognized the unauthentic character of the False Decretals and the Donation of Constantine, and both a philosopher-theologian and a mystic of no mean power, exhibiting a strong predilection for the Catalan Doctor illuminatus, who is represented by more titles in Nicholas’ surviving manuscript library in the Hospital at Kues than any other author. Strangely enough, the relation between the two has been carefully studied only during the past quarter century. Colomer regards it as “highly probable” (p. 46) that Nicholas’ teacher at Cologne, Heimeric van den Velde—whose manuscript works in the Hospital at Kues Colomer handily summarizes on pp. 9—39 and who emerges from Colomer’s description as an interesting thinker in his own right—is the link between Nicholas and Lull. Colomer sees Nicholas in general deeply indebted to Lull for the Augustinian-Franciscan character and the Trinitarian-Christological cast of his thought. He traces in detail Lull’s influence on Nicholas’ concept of faith, on the methodology of Nicholas’ De docta ignorantia and De comiecturis, on his doctrine of the divine activity and his

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The editor, pastor of a Baptist church in McAllen, Tex., and author of the introductory essay on the covenant (“considered a gentleman’s agreement”) and the 18 “articles of faith” in use in his denomination, is joined by 10 other Texas Baptists in the preparation of as many short (and predictable) statements on the Bible, salvation, God, the Holy Spirit, Baptism, the Lord’s Supper, sanctification, church government, the state, heaven and hell, and the second coming.

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conception of theology as "circular," and on some of the aspects of his cosmology (such as his Trinitarian world view) and his Christology (notably its metaphysical-cosmic character). The carefully and soberly written work is enriched by useful bibliographies and 75 pages of relevant materials transcribed from the manuscripts in the Kues Hospital library.

Mrs. Salter's somewhat archaistic translation — the first into English since Giles Randall's incomplete version of 1646 — of Nicholas' De visione Dei (which, incidentally, shows strong Lullist influence especially in chapters 21 and 25) was first published in 1928 and is here, together with Evelyn Underhill's 11-page introduction, reproduced by photolithography. The work beautifully illustrates both the Augustinian and the Christocentric aspects of Nicholas' mysticism.

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One needs to turn but a few pages of this big book (8½×11") to be convinced that it is a magnificent product of publishing craftsmanship. Over 400 photographs of archaeological materials, found in museums and depositories all over the world, are reproduced to full advantage—some in color, some occupying a full page, all on heavy coated stock. These superb pictures together with the tables and the colored maps make this book an aid in understanding the Old Testament that deserves unqualified praise and is well worth its comparatively modest price.

Justification for another book "about the Bible," say the opening lines of the Foreword, is found in the fact that "this new approach to Old Testament literature sets it against its background as understood in Israel. Living in the land of the Bible and speaking the Bible's own language, scholars in Israel gain a closer understanding of the meaning of the words and patterns of the text." The Biblical text is regarded by these Israeli students "as an unusually accurate and reliable account of the events of ancient history. Generally we do not resort to the 'documentary' hypothesis of much modern commentary . . . although this discipline is essential to understanding the original text for the purpose of our exposition."

This favorable assessment of the historical reliability of the Old Testament is however substantially modified in many instances. "The genre of Genesis 6—9 [the Flood] is didactic rather than historic" (p. 28). Various accounts of the Old Testament are said to be in the nature of folklore (e.g., pp. 238, 252, 254) and legend with an "historical kernel" (e.g., p. 368). Again although the Old Testament contains the "highest form of
religion and ethics" (Foreword), the reader is left under the impression that it is essentially a product of Israel's religious genius. In the attempt "to move the Bible out of isolation of centuries into the mainstream of world history" (Foreword), the uniqueness of the Old Testament as a revelation is obscured and the meaning of its history as fulfilling God's design for the salvation of mankind is lost.

A new printing should eliminate typographical errors (e.g., "memoris" for "memoirs," p. 523; "raech" for "teach," p. 541) and strive for greater consistency in spelling (e.g., Aphek, p. 238 and 253) and in other data: the dates for Ashurnasirpal and Shalmaneser III vary on pages 371 and 384; the date of the fall of Jerusalem is given as July 586 on page 466 but is referred to as the "debacle of 587" (p. 469); "kabod" is followed by the parenthetical explanation "grace" on page 431 and by "glory" on page 434.

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In explaining the use of the term Christian in the title of this theology of the Old Testament, Knight, formerly Professor of Old Testament Studies at Knox College, Dunedin, New Zealand, and now lecturer in St. Mary's and St. Salvator's Colleges, St. Andrews University, states "that we are not meant to assume that we merely search its pages [Old Testament] for intimations of the (future) Messiah of the New Testament" (p. 8), but rather "that the church believes the Old Testament to be the Word of God, just as surely as it believes it of the New Testament" (p. 7). The unity and continuity of the Old Testament with the New Testament is found when "we discover that the central theme of the Old Testament is nothing less than the revelation of the redemptive activity of God in and through the Son, Israel" (p. 9). It appears, however, that this incarnation theology, applied to the Old Testament as its basic motif, is carried to extremes. Another characteristic feature of this book is the emphasis that "pictorial thinking is the essence of the Biblical revelation" (p. 80). The Old Testament speaks of God only in anthropomorphic terms and in order for man to know God, He is described in the image of man. So, for example, the title of the second chapter is "God Known from His Image."

In general a positive approach pervades the discussion of the four main sections of the book (God, God and Creation, God and Israel, The Zeal of the Lord). Knight accepts the results of modern literary criticism of the Old Testament. But the date of origin of various sources and books is of minor significance since there is an 'essential unity of outlook that pervades them all' (p. 155). Although intended also for the "ordinary churchman," the pages of this book are sprinkled with some 40 terms in Greek and some 200 transliterated words and phrases in Hebrew.

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To reduce Luther's sermons on the Gospels from five huge volumes of nearly 3,000 pages to one small volume of meditations is an achievement worthy of the venerable author, whose other books on Luther prove his literary skill. Luther would have been delighted with this achievement, for though he appreciated brevity, he did not always achieve it. The author presents all the major episodes of the Gospel story under the following nine headings: "The Coming of the Redeemer," "Beginnings of the Ministry,"
"The Sermon on the Mount," "The Miracles and the Parables," "The Journey to Jerusalem and Holy Week," "The Lord's Supper," "Arrest and Trial," "The Crucifixion," and "The Resurrection." The selections are well chosen and are arranged in a manner to preserve a high degree of unity and coherence. The language is crystal clear. Luther would be delighted to find that this native of Ilkleton, England, made it possible for every English-speaking reader to understand and enjoy his message.

In the introduction Bainton speaks about Luther's Bible interpretation and his sermonizing and also comments on a number of the pre-Luther-printed German Bibles. Bainton is particularly interested in the illustrations which appear in these editions. In this book of Meditations he has included the reproductions of nearly 40 woodcuts, the work of Luther's contemporary Virgil Solis, which appeared in an epitome of Luther's Bible published by Guy (Vitus) Dietrich in 1562 at Frankfurt.

No time to read Luther? Try these Meditations. The appetite will come with the eating, perhaps also the time.

LEWIS W. SPITZ


Leon, an expert in classical languages, has spent considerable time studying the inscriptions from the Jewish catacombs of ancient Rome. These inscriptions are the chief source of information for this work, which devotes only one introductory chapter to the slight residue of contemporaneous literary and historical references to this subject. Leon treats the inscriptions in a very thorough and systematic manner and presents them in their entirety in an appendix. He systematizes this material primarily on the basis of the major catacombs from which the respective inscriptions came and analyzes them according to the language used, the names found, the sepulchral epithets and formulas invoked, the synagogues referred to, and the titles used to describe congregational officials. He also discusses and describes in detail the symbols and other art work in the catacombs. From this study he makes inferences concerning the Jews of that community: their occupations and economic status, their national origins, the influence of their Roman environment upon them, their religious ideas and practices, and the status of their proselytes.

Leon draws his inferences in a cautiously conservative and tentative manner. Although he is somewhat abrupt and arbitrary in rejecting the speculations of his fellow scholars, he offers his own speculations in a mild, undogmatic tone. In short, this work provides a great deal of interesting information about the early life of the longest continuously existing Jewish community in Europe.

PHIL. J. SCHROEDER


This work was actually meant as a memoir, to which the author added material from sources other than his own experience. By modern standards, Herodian leaves much to be desired as a historian. He does not always give the same kind of interesting descriptions as Zosimus and Dio, he has little concern for motivation, and he neglects many of the factors entering into an event that would concern us. There are so many things we should like to know about Christianity in the third century that Herodian does not tell us. Nevertheless, his moralizing account of a decline written from a Syrian patriotic viewpoint is a welcome help for reconstructing a period where the source materials
are, to say the least, rather inadequate. The translation, based on Stavenhagen's Greek edition of 1922, is excellent.

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Aron is a French Jewish scholar and a respected historian. His nontechnical, popular book is designed to offer insights into the 30 largely unknown years of Christ's life before His public ministry. Deftly and readably he describes the topographical, historical, cultural, and religious background of Nazareth in the days of Jesus. He uses not only Josephus and the other usual sources but also others less well known. Much of this background material is of course conjectural, but it is by no means fanciful and it is always informative. An idea of the subjects discussed may be had from some of the chapter headings: Language, A Trade, Synagogue, Jesus in Jerusalem, Jesus Among the Doctors, and Jesus and the Talmud.

Aron does not believe in the divine origin of Christianity or even of Judaism. There are also some theological conclusions with which the Christian reader will disagree. In spite of this, Aron accomplishes his basic purpose. His description of the prayer life of the people in Jesus' day is perhaps the most impressive section of the book.

ROBERT D. FREUS


The author calls these brief essays "starters." They are visual in quality, built around anecdotes or news items, but remarkably facile in arriving at an explicit affirmation of God's saving grace in Jesus Christ. The pastor will find them useful for stimulating his own method in preaching or parish journalism.

RICHARD R. CAEMMERER


In his introduction Lübbe speaks of the necessity of a Christocentric approach to the study of church history. The constitutional history of the church is not the entire story of the church; her inner life, dogma, Christian life, and mysticism also belong to that history. It can best be studied on the basis of original documents. These Lübbe gives, with generous chronological insertions to provide continuity, from the first century to 1950. Obviously they are selected, but the important documents are there, e.g., selections from the Syllabus of Errors (1864), the Ninety-Five Theses (1517) complete, the bull Unam sanctam (1302). The volume is obviously meant for Roman Catholic schools, but this is not a severely limiting factor. That the documents are given in German will prove more limiting. It remains true, nevertheless, that the study of church history on the basis of original sources needs to be encouraged. Lübbe's volume is a stimulus in that direction.

CARL S. MEYER


The Turnbull volume is compact; it contains studies on the Pastoral Letters, the Catholic Epistles, and Revelation, with special reference to current issues. The word
studies are interesting, some of the outlines suggestive for preaching. Walker's volume provides studies of six more Old Testament characters, plus Andrew; Brown's volume supplies one-page outlines to 51 texts from Romans through 1 Thessalonians. The style is sermonic, the evangelical element infrequent.

RICHARD R. CAEMMERER


Pius V is supposed to have said once that he would express his amazement about only two of his contemporaries, Philip of Neri and Queen Elizabeth (1) of England. The personality sketch which French author Jouhandeau provides in the first part of his work captures only to a limited degree the dynamics of the saint's character. The second part of his presentation, in which he details the life and activities of the founder of the Oratory and tells about his impact on his contemporaries, is of much greater value than the first. Neri (1515—1595) belongs to those who contributed to the Roman Catholic Reformation of the 16th century; he has been canonized by his denomination.

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The author is a Ph. D. of the Yale Divinity School; he has been dean and professor of religion at various colleges and is currently pastor of St. Paul's Christian Church in Raleigh, N.C. The book has a commendatory preface by Liston Pope. Part One is titled "Pulpit and Pew Preaching." In eight chapters it develops a theory of Christian preaching with special reference to the problem of race. The author operates with Biblically sound concepts of preaching, the Word, the church and its worship, and race. He believes that the congregation must preach the sermon as well as the preacher. Part Two presents 10 of the author's sermons on race. They are an interesting and moving demonstration of the basic theory and theology. The author is sensitive to the differences between the sectors of the United States and to the implications of the church and the Gospel.

RICHARD R. CAEMMERER


This tastefully printed volume contains 12 sermons on Jesus' prescriptions for His disciples—that they should be light, salt, friends, rocks, witnesses, etc. They are warm, practical, and for the most part explicitly evangelical. The author is a young Methodist preacher from Tennessee who is stated to have done much evangelistic work in America and overseas. The preacher in the liturgical tradition will find an excessively subjective and at times sentimental note to the sermons, which may mean simply that they transcribe in print more than the usual preacher entrusts to it. One of the author's many personal anecdotes is a conversation with a parishioner who tells him that he uses too many personal anecdotes.

RICHARD R. CAEMMERER


The life of a saint written in the seventh century is utterly different from what one might write today. Adomnan, bishop of Iona a century after St. Columba, is not interested in a consecutive narrative of Columba's life but in proving the sanctity of the man. Hence many of those aspects of
his life which we would wish to know about in order to appreciate him and his time better are not touched, whereas his prophecies and miraculous powers as a saint are portrayed with great vigor. It is interesting that the first recorded miracles of Columba are markedly similar to many of our Lord's, while the later miracles are both artificial and fantastic. The great number of miracles ascribed to the saint is really amazing; still it is to works like this that we must turn if we are to understand the life and culture of the Scots in Britain and Ireland at the time of Adomnan. As we probe beneath these incrustations of legend and fancy, we also learn something of Columba and his accomplishments.

The present edition is a masterly piece of scholarship. The long introduction discusses the text and the possible sources of Adomnan's biography and furnishes an excellent survey of Columba's times. Almost every question a reader might ask about either Columba or Adomnan is at least broached, if not solved.

ROBERT D. PREUS

THE AMPLIFIED OLD TESTAMENT.


This volume constitutes one half of the Old Testament counterpart of The Amplified New Testament issued in 1958. Publication of Part One (Genesis to Esther) of The Amplified Old Testament is to follow "in due course."

The introduction states the specific purpose of this translation: "It is intended to reveal, together with the single-word equivalent to each key Hebrew word, any other clarifying shades of meaning that may have been concealed by the traditional word-for-word method of translation."

Departures from or additions to the original Hebrew text are indicated by a set of devices (parentheses, dashes, brackets, and italics) whose use is explained in a key which prefaces the translation.

To the extent to which this volume achieves its specific purpose—and this reviewer's cursory reading suggests that this extent is by no means negligible—this amplified translation should prove to be a helpful aid to Bible students who are prepared to use it critically. Often the English rendering is less than idiomatic, but in view of the translators' specific goals literary English is hardly to be expected.

On the other hand, it is difficult to understand, for instance, why the Song of Solomon is singled out for special treatment. Of the 22 books translated, this is the only one to which prefatory notes, extending over three pages, are prefixed. In addition, well over 150 lines of explanatory text are inserted into the translation. The Song is presented as a drama with three characters: the Shepherd, representing Christ; the Shulammite, representing the individual Christian; and Solomon, representing the world. The translators claim that Solomon, realizing that his worldliness was leading the people away from God, sought to make amends by warning the people through this story in which he "pictures himself as a spiritual detriment to his people." This reviewer's reaction is that in their treatment of the Song of Solomon the translators went beyond their stated purpose by pleading (not too convincingly) the cause of a specific interpretative theory.

Again, footnotes, many of which pertain to the fulfillment or alleged fulfillment of predictive prophecies, often with added comment to the effect that "modern research definitely confirms the accuracy of the fulfillment of this prophecy," are scattered through the book. The results of "modern research" are likewise pointed to in several footnotes as "proofs" of the inspiration of the Old Testament. The "singing" of the morning stars in Job 38:7 is interpreted in terms of
modern technological ability to transform a beam of light into sound waves. The divine inspiration of Job 38:23 is found to be corroborated by the modern discovery of a way to pack explosives in ice for safe transportation. By associating the English proper noun Russia with the Hebrew common noun rosh in Ezek. 38:2 f., the events of modern history are made to provide evidence for the correctness of Ezekiel's prophecy. As a 1960 fulfillment of Isaiah's statement (19:23) about "a highway out of Egypt to Assyria" a footnote refers to "a rail highway . . . established between Cairo, and Haifa in Palestine, and finally continued to Bagdad." Careful research, however, should have convinced the editors of the inadmissibility of this evidence inasmuch as this "rail highway" was no longer a reality in 1960.

The unnamed translators appear to have been more successful in achieving their translation objectives than in fulfilling the promise in the introduction: "This version is free from private interpretation."

WALTER WEGNER


The author, already noted for several volumes of sermons on New Testament selections, herewith publishes a cycle for the entire church year on Old Testament texts. His preface expresses his sense of the importance of the Old Testament for preaching on the basis of Jesus' own estimate that it "bore witness to Him." This witness is not always explicit in the sermons, so that many of the scripts give the impression of being studies to which the preacher supplied the basic propulsion of the atonement extemporaneously. The sermons are valuable in their method of utilizing Old Testament situations as cues for contemporary problems and aims. RICHARD R. CAEMMERER


The author of this informative book is sympathetic to Bultmann's demythologization program, but feels that Bultmann has not gone far enough. The book is divided into three parts. The first, a description and analysis of the contemporary theological problem and Bultmann's project of existential interpretation, brings out important aspects of Bultmann's program, for example, that myth, according to Bultmann, is not merely metaphor or anthropomorphism or the use of uncritical terms of the day, but an interpretation of nature (when we cannot understand it) in terms of the supernatural. Thus when Bultmann denies the so-called Biblical world view, he is denying that God intervenes in our world. There is no incarnation, no actual verdict of justification with its terminus in man, no miracle. Bultmann's position "results in a complete destruction of the traditional conception of the history of salvation," according to Ogden. If this is true, then both Barth's criticism from the right and Buri's from the left are justified when they charge that Bultmann has stopped short in his attempt to understand human existence, inasmuch as he has divorced the kerygma from history, yet has interlaced it with the historical Jesus. In the second section, Ogden shows that Bultmann holds to two fundamental propositions which are self-contradictory: 1. Christian faith is to be interpreted as man's possibility of authentic (geschichtlich) existence as conceptualized by proper philosophical analysis. 2. Christian faith is realizable only through the historic (historisch) Christ event. Here Ogden's analysis seems to this reviewer more critical and penetrating than those of Owen and Macquarrie and others. In his third part, Ogden offers his alternative to Bultmann's program. He inclines toward the left with Buri and toward a
project of dekerygmatizing. Without wishing in any way to side with Bultmann, this reviewer feels that Ogden's arguments against Bultmann's "Christocentricity" are due to poor exegesis and sound much like the old liberalism of Harnack. Actually, however, Ogden's leftist position is not so far from Bultmann; his rejection of historic Christianity is merely more consistent.

ROBERT D. PREUS


The past decade has seen a tremendous increase in systematic research related to the aged in America. Those who have attempted to keep up with this field, however, are aware of a gap between much of the pure research and the "action" volumes dealing with specific suggestions. The authors of the current volume intend this to be "work in applied social science" (p. 7). Thus they survey the research of the behavioral sciences to determine what we know about the aged in our contemporary society. Then they move on in the role of churchmen to suggest the contributions which the church might make to the adjustment of older people, what the church can do for older people, and what older people can do for the church. The book is intensely practical and should be of great value in any ministry to the aged.

DAVID S. SCHULLER


Vidler is a distinguished Cambridge (King's College) historian, who has specialized in church-state relations and papal relations in modern times. His summary of ecclesiastical history since the outbreak of the French Revolution reflects his interests. Eleven of 24 chapters deal with the church in England and Scotland. Kierkegaard and Söderblom are the only Lutherans who are recognized. Eastern Orthodoxy and Christianity in America each have only one chapter. Even without scholarly apparatus the work has the unmistakable stamp of a master of his subject, who knows how to present it. This reviewer noted only one error of fact: John Ireland was archbishop of St. Paul, not St. Louis. Despite its lack of balance the volume deserves careful study.

CARL S. MEYER


Aristotle's Metaphysics is perhaps the most important philosophical work ever written, not only because of its comprehensive treatment of the subject matter but because of its profound influence, following its discovery, upon philosophers and theologians in the 12th, 13th, and 14th centuries. In the Middle Ages and even in the Reformation era it was a basic text for the study of metaphysics. The commentary of Thomas Aquinas, here translated into English for the first time in a magnificent edition, follows the usual pattern of his day: a translation of short pericopes from Aristotle's text, followed by analyses and comments calculated to explain Aristotle's precise meaning and to draw out the implications of his teachings. (Thomas wishes to be a faithful commentator, and even when Aristotle makes statements which seem to conflict with divine revelation Thomas exhibits some reluctance to take issue with "the Philosopher.".) Throughout the work, Thomas attempts to explain the structure of Aristotle's reasoning.

Such a translation was necessarily years in the making, and it is to the great credit of the translator and of the editor, the Rev.
R. W. Schmidt, S. J., that they have completed this monumental contribution. Here we have not merely one of the best possible introductions to mediaeval scholastic philosophy but a valuable aid toward appreciating much of the terminology which clothes both Lutheran and Reformed theology. It cannot be forgotten that Keckermann among the Reformed and, to a lesser extent, John Gerhard among the Lutherans did much to revive a consistent use of Aristotelian categories and terms in presenting theology. The Commentary's long discussions of such subjects as *genera, causae, principia* and *essentia*, are significant for all of us who still employ such terminology today.

This great work should encourage Lutherans to parallel efforts. If Roman Catholic purchasers can be expected to pay so high a price for these important volumes, is it not possible that serious Lutherans will be willing to secure in translation the works of such theological giants of their tradition as Chemnitz and Gerhard?

ROBERT D. PREUS


The author is professor of the Bible at Harding College at Searcy, Ark., an institution noted for its part in the anticommunist crusade. The book gives a detailed review of the philosophical and religious involvement of communist doctrine and makes the effort to disprove its contents at every point. His method involves profuse footnoting in which primary and secondary sources are sometimes jumbled. The nine pages on "Communists in Religious Organizations" refrain from mentioning any American churchmen by name as communists or sharers in the communist front; but the materials draw heavily on J. B. Matthews and on publications of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The book is useful as a study in the basic purposes and ideology of current Russian communism.

RICHARD R. CAEMMERER


Translated by Olive Wyon (who supplies a preface "On Studying the Bible"), this small book is a most useful exercise, accessible to the nonprofessional and useful to the trained preacher and teacher, on the Biblical theology of Christian freedom. Twenty units are grouped in three categories: Moving Towards Liberty, The Liberator, and The Liberty of the Christian. The studies range over the whole Bible, give ample attention to the chief sections, and grapple with the current secular facets of the question. This is a useful book for group study.

RICHARD R. CAEMMERER


A history such as this was not possible before our time because of the gross misunderstanding and lack of appreciation of what Aristotle offered in his *Prior Analytics* and of what medieval scholasticism and Indian Nyayikas (5th and 6th centuries) and Buddhists (4th and 5th centuries) have actually contributed to formal logic. Bochen-ski's purpose is to trace the four systems of logic which have really made contributions throughout history: the Greek variety of logic (beginning with Aristotle and the Megarian-Stoic School), the scholastic variety of logic (developed by Abélard, Albert the Great, Kilwardby, Ockham, Burleigh, Paul of Venice, and others), the mathematical variety of logic (that of, among others,
Leibnitz, Frege, Pierce, and Russell), and the Indian variety of logic. Bochenski's history does not discuss men primarily, but offers a documented history of problems; it is thus a material history of everything of importance in the development of formal logic.

A number of significant conclusions are to be drawn from this erudite inquiry. The study of the four forms of logic offers no evidence that logic is relative. Rather we have in these forms different varieties of one logic. Of significance, furthermore, are Bochenski's summary statements concerning the Indian form of logic, of which until lately little has been known (due to lack of manuscripts and translations). Here formal logic developed, the same problems were raised, and the same answers were reached, without the influence of Western thought. In fact, the Indian logic developed a doctrine of formal implication and a theory of negation which was not fully developed in the West till Frege and Russell.

Like Bochenski's other books this volume is a model of brevity and lucidity. His conclusions are conservative, and his evidence is vast. Appended is the first attempt at a comprehensive bibliography for the history of logic.

This book will prove very useful not only for students of logic and philosophy but also for historians and philologists.

ROBERT D. PREUS


First issued in 1946, this book appears with a foreword relating the material to current problems like the supremacy of science and the vanishing morality of business. Each chapter deals with one of the Ten Commandments, setting forth its inescapable importance, sometimes with interesting common-sense apologetics, and its demand for obedience. In the latter area, despite Trueblood's recognition of contemporary ethical instability, he seems to be optimistic that the simple affirmative of the commandment provides its own motivation. This is a useful volume for group study in which the motivation from the Atonement is thoroughly applied.

RICHARD R. CAEMMERER


In the prisoner of war camp in the Kwai valley civilized British soldiers soon were reduced to cunning, callous beasts of the jungle. Every man for himself, and the devil take the hindmost, said reason and the instinct of self-preservation. This prudential approach brought the camp to the depths of disorganization, despair, and death. Young men were glad to die and get out of the hell of a prison camp made more hellish by man's selfishness.

Then the wind of God's Spirit blew through the death camp where men were reduced to living skeletons that symbolized an inner spiritual emaciation. Men now gave up their lives for their brothers. They helped one another live. The foolishness of Christian faith and sacrificial love brought hope and life where reason and logic had wrought devastation and destruction.

An agnostic Scottish officer who almost died in the camp by the Kwai found new life and faith. Today he, the author, is dean of the chapel at Princeton University. He was called to the ministry in the "church without walls" in the death camp where reason failed the acid test and the Christian faith came through. This is a tract for our times which every Christian could read with profit.

W. J. DANKER
BOOK REVIEW

WILDERNESS AND PARADISE IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT: The Biblical Experience of the Desert in the History of Christianity; The Paradise Theme in the Theological Idea of the University.


"Ah, Wilderness were Paradise enow!" is a famous line from a Persian poet. It finds no place, of course, in Williams' tour de force, which ranges wide and into deep recesses in pursuit of the meaning of the wilderness theme in the development of the churches and the garden motif in the education of divines. The dead of the wilderness of the Talmudic legend (also outside Williams' kaleidoscopic presentation) returned to stillness in the desert desolation after the blasphemous cry of rebellion. The desert or the wilderness bred rebellion as well as obedience. Edgar Allen Poe can sing of his "kingdom by the sea," but Walt Whitman, withdrawing to himself, the hermit, "sings by himself a song," a "song of the bleeding throat, Death's outlet song of life." To accompany Williams on his physical and his metaphysical quest is to enter new doors; the mapping of it doubtlessly gave much satisfaction to the author. Martyrs and mystics, radicals and reformers enliven the pages. In Part II the encounter with the Mathers dominates the scene. To agree with all that Williams says is not necessary or even desirable. For sharing with us paths and by-paths which few could venture on or even find, our thanks to the urbane teacher of ecclesiastical history of Harvard's Divinity School.

CARL S. MEYER

BOOK NOTES

The Augsburg Confession. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House [1962]. 38 pages. Paper. 25 cents. A reprint of the English translation of the German (without a translation of the Latin) version of the Augsburg Confession from the 1959 Muhlenberg Press edition of The Book of Concord. Useful as it is to have an inexpensive English version of the Augsburg Confession available, it is greatly to be regretted that an English translation of the equally authentic and authoritative Latin text, with its sometimes highly significant divergences and its uniformly illuminating parallels, was not herein printed out along with the translation of the German version. The original Muhlenberg Press format, which has the translations of both versions on one page, is superior to the present reprint.


The new edition, at a very moderate price, makes available what is certainly one of the best one-volume histories of Judaism across the 3,300-year span from the birth of the Hebrew people to the beginning of the seventh decade of our century. Oxford-taught and an Oxford teacher, Roth states: "The author has deliberately attempted to write this work in a secular spirit; he does not think that his readers can fail to see in it, on every page, a higher immanence." (P. 424)


of the 1955 edition. His conservative Calvinism finds expression in his doctrine of a "definite," that is, nonuniversal, atonement.

*The Essence of Judaism.* By Leo Baeck; translated from the German by Victor Grubenwieser and Leonard Paul; edited by Irving Howe. New York: Schocken Books [1961]. 287 pages. Paper. $1.65. Baeck was one of the leaders of the German-Jewish community between the two world wars, and under Hitler he was condemned to the Theresienstadt concentration camp. The *Essence of Judaism* first came out in 1922 as a reply to Harnack's *Das Wesen des Christentums.* The present edition is a slightly corrected reissue of Howe's 1948 reworking of the Grubenwieser and Paul translation of 1936. The fact that occasionally Baeck misinterprets an aspect of Christianity does not detract from the great value of the book as a penetrating and comprehensive analysis of Judaism.


*The Book of Mormon—True or False?* By Arthur Budvarson. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan Publishing House, c. 1959. 63 pages. Paper. $1.00. The major merit of this brochure is that it furnishes full-page reproductions of 16 significant pages of the 1830 edition of the *Book of Mormon* in order to provide ocular proof of the extensive textual changes that have been made in later editions.

plates. Paper. $1.45. This work has been a standard resource in its field since 1944; four pages of supplementary notes bring this paperback edition up to date by calling attention to new sources and studies. One does not have to be a specialist to appreciate the superb illustrations and the careful, objective scholarship.

The Exploration of the Inner World: A Study of Mental Disorder and Religious Experience. By Anton T. Boisen. New York: Harper & Brothers [1962]. x and 322 pages. Paper. $1.75. This paperback reproduces the 1952 edition of a work that more than one scholar since its first publication in 1936 has likened favorably to William James' Varieties of Religious Experience and that will long stand as a classic in the psychology of religion.


One Jump Ahead. By Byron P. Hovey. New York: Exposition Press, 1962. 45 pages. Cloth. $2.50. You will be two jumps ahead if you disregard this book. You will be saving the cost of a grossly overpriced book; and you will be saving the time it takes to read the inconsequential memoirs of this Yankee preacher.

A History of the United States from 1865 to the Present. Edited by Frank W. Klingberg. Cleveland: The World Publishing Co., c. 1962. 571 pages. Paper. $1.95. This big Meridian Books paperback original, the second volume of a two-volume general history of the United States, is an exciting, although excessively secular, thematic chronicle of the last century in our country's life, from the raising of the Stars and Stripes over Fort Sumter on April 14, 1865, to the announcement of our intention to resume high-altitude nuclear tests on March 2, 1962. It is told in ipsissimis verbis of 275 contemporary documents, linked together by the editorial commentary of the capable professor of history at the University of North Carolina.


Whitehead's Philosophy of Civilization; xi and 211 pages. Whitehead's Theory of Reality; xiii and 267 pages. By A. H. Johnson. New York: Dover Publications, c. 1962. Paper. $1.50 each. Johnson is head of the Department of Philosophy at University College, University of Western Ontario. The first of these two titles was originally published in 1952, the second in 1958, by the Beacon Press of Boston. Theologically minded readers will find the fourth chapter, "God," in the latter work, and the third and sixth chapters, "Religion" and "Critical Comments," of the former, of special interest. The bibliographies of both works have been brought up to date in this new edition.

Problems of Ethics (Fragen der Ethik), by Moritz Schlick, trans. David Rynin. New York: Dover Publications, c. 1962. xviii and 217 pages. Paper. $1.45. Schlick (1882 to 1936) was one of the leaders of the Austrian logical positivist movement. His Fragen der Ethik (1930) was part of the series Schriften zur wissenschaftlichen Weltfaustassung. The first edition of the English translation came out in 1939. Rynin has provided this reissue with a new seven-page introduction.

BOOK REVIEW

The English Hymn has no rival as a mine of accurate information about the development and use of English and American hymns and hymnbooks," writes Henry Wilder Foote, himself no mean hymnologist, in his Three Centuries of American Hymnology. He goes on: "Its range of knowledge and breadth of view marked its author as the pre-eminent hymnologist of his day." Neither the day of Benson (1855—1930) nor the date of the first edition of The English Hymn (1927, although his survey extends barely a decade past the 19th century) is so far past as to make Foote's judgment a mere archaeological accolade. It is good to have this long out-of-print volume available once more.

Good and Evil: Two Interpretations (Bilder von Gut und Böse), by Martin Buber, trans. Ronald Gregor Smith. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons [1962]. viii and 143 pages. Paper. $1.25. Buber describes this volume, here reproduced as an unaltered paperback reissue of the 1953 edition, as "a contribution to the foundation of an ontological ethics." Part I, "Right and Wrong," a commentary on Psalms 12, 14, 82, 73, and 1, in that order, concerns itself with the place of good and evil in man's observation of the human world. Part II, "Images of Good and Evil," proceeds from what Buber calls "several Old Israelitic and Old Persian myths"—the tree of knowledge, the Cain account, the Flood, the Zend-Avesta account of creation, the saga of King Yima—to describe the place of good and evil in the place of the individual man.


Zen Dictionary. By Ernest Wood. New York: Philosophical Library, c. 1962. 165 pages. Cloth. $4.75. Wood, an Englishman and (like his wife) a Buddhist, has been interested in Zen for over 40 years. About 300 articles, ranging in length from a line or two to several pages, cover—in addition to biographical and historical subjects—such themes as abstractions, Buddhism and Zen, haiku poetry, liberation, prajña, silence, the tea ceremony, the unconscious, yang and yin, and the three requirements for Zen.

Who Cares? By Janette T. Harrington and Muriel S. Webb. New York: Friendship Press, 1961. 160 pages. Paper. $1.75. Who Cares? is a useful guide to further study of persons with special needs. Full of fascinating cases and statistics, this booklet should encourage women's study groups in particular to delve further into their responsibilities toward less fortunate people. Also included are worship outlines, suggested exploratory trips into the community, and sensible helps so that the churchgoer may acquire some understanding of the problems of narcotics addicts, the mentally retarded, alcoholics, the aging, the physiologically handicapped, and others in need of our concern and care.


Extremity Unction, by J. Richard Quinn. Life in Christ, by Barnabas Mary Ahern.
MORALITY AND THE LOVE OF GOD, by Charles E. Curran.
The Evolution of the Monastic Ideal, by Herbert B. Workman.
Aristotle, by John Randall.
Who Is Ayn Rand? An Analysis of the Novels of Ayn Rand, by Nathaniel and Barbara Branden.

BOOKS RECEIVED

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