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**Engaging the Powers 25th Anniversary Edition** [Fortress Press](#) In this brilliant culmination of his seminal Powers Trilogy, now reissued in a twenty-fifth anniversary edition, Walter Wink explores the problem of evil today and how it relates to the New Testament concept of principalities and powers. He asks the question, "How can we oppose evil without creating new evils and being made evil ourselves?" Winner of the Pax Christi Award, the Academy of Parish Clergy Book of the Year, and the Midwest Book Achievement Award for Best Religious Book. **The Past, Present, and Future of Theologies of Interreligious Dialogue** [Oxford University Press](#) The Past, Present and Future of Theology of Interreligious Dialogue brings together several of the most widely regarded specialists who have contributed to theological reflection on religious diversity and interreligious encounter. The chapters are united by the consistent theme of the obligation to engage with the challenges that emerge from the tension between the doctrinal tradition(s) of Christianity and the need to reconsider them in light of and in response to the fact of religious otherness. As a whole, these reflections are motivated by the desire to bring together a significant selection of different theological approaches that have been developed and appropriated in order to engage with religious difference in the past and present, as well as to suggest possibilities for the future. This confluence of perspectives reveals the complexity of theological reflection on religious diversity, and gives some indication of future challenges that must be acknowledged, and perhaps successfully met, in the ongoing attempt to address a universal reality in light of traditional doctrinal particularities and cultural concerns. **Transforming the Powers Peace, Justice, and the Domination System** [Fortress Press](#) Walter Wink's widely acclaimed trilogy from Fortress Press - Naming the Powers 0-8006-1786-X (1984), Unmasking the Powers 0-8006-1902-1 (1993), and Engaging the Powers 0-8006-2646-X (1992) - has sold over 80,000 copies. The Powers are good; the Powers are fallen; the Powers must be redeemed, says Wink; and the illustrious theologians and ethicists in this volume apply this suggestive analysis to economics, politics and government, war and peace, personal ethics and ecological and social justice. Contributors include: Ray Gingerich, Eastern Mennonite University Ted Grimsrud, Eastern Mennonite University Nancey Murphy, Fuller Theological Seminary Daniel Liechty, Illinois State University Walter Wink, Auburn Theological Seminary Willard M. Swartley, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary Glen Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary Ephesians An Exegetical Commentary [Baker Academic](#) Destined to become the definitive commentary on Ephesians, this resource combines detailed exegesis and extensive interaction with contemporary scholarship. **Blood Cries Out Pentecostals, Ecology, and the Groans of Creation** [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) John McConnell Jr. was the famed founder and visionary of Earth Day. McConnell's vision was one of creating a day of remembrance, solitude, and action to restore the broken human relationship to the land. Little acknowledged are McConnell's religious convictions or background. McConnell grew up in a Pentecostal home. In fact, McConnell's parents were both founding charter members of the Assemblies of God in 1914. His own grandfather had an even greater connection to the origins of Pentecostalism by being a personal participant at the Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles in 1906. Earth Day, thus, began with strong religious convictions. McConnell, seeing the ecological demise through his religious background, envisioned a day where Christians could "show the power of prayer, the validity of their charity, and their practical concern for Earth's life and people." In the spirit of McConnell, today's Pentecostal and Charismatic theology has something to say about the earth. **Blood Cries Out** is a unique contribution by Pentecostal and Charismatic theologians and practitioners to the global conversation concerning ecological degradation, climate change, and ecological justice. **Naming the Powers The Language of Power in the New Testament** [Fortress Press](#) The pages of this book represent the quest of a man intent on discerning the nature of structural evil in light of the biblical evidence. His experience of living for a time in Latin American and witnessing extensive social and political oppression appears to have moved him profoundly. The end result is a book that is a model of the attempt to integrate scholarship with faith. --Clinton E. Arnold, *Catalyst* **The Impact of Ethnic, Political, and Religious Violence on Northern Nigeria, and a Theological Reflection on Its Healing** [Langham Publishing](#) This publication seeks to challenge established thinking about the causes of violence in Northern Nigeria. It explores immediate and long-term effects of that violence through reflection, study, and survey of previous research. The fundamental argument within is that ethnic, political and religious violence has affected Christian perspectives and core values and thus has hampered efforts towards just peacemaking. **Scotland as Science Fiction** [Rowman & Littlefield](#) Scots like Iain N. Banks and Ken MacLeod lead in a futuristic tradition, for from MacDonald, Barrie, and Stevenson onwards, Scots have been speculating in ways derived from their unique circumstances lacking political power, they imagine future spaces and different places and 151; with a twist. Nineteenth-century thermodynamics (theorized in Scotland), Celtic Otherworlds, and a Scotland always on the other side of history open unusual futures for Mitchison, Spark, Lindsay, Mitchell, MadDiarmid, Morgan, Crumey, Fitt, and Gray. **The Powers That Be Theology for a New Millennium** [Harmony](#) In our fast-paced secular world, God and theology are second-class citizens. Money, politics, sports, and science seem better suited to the hard realities of our world. As the church steeple has been eclipsed by the skyscraper as the centerpiece of the urban landscape, so has the divine realm been set aside in favor of more immediate human experience. One sad consequence of this shift is the loss of spiritual and theological bearings, most clearly evident in our inability to understand or speak about such things. If the old way of viewing the universe no longer works, something else has to replace it. **The Powers That Be** reclaims the divine realm as central to human existence by offering new ways of understanding our world in theological terms. Walter Wink reformulates ancient concepts, such as God and the devil, heaven and hell, angels and demons, principalities and powers, in light of our modern experience. He helps us see heaven and hell, sin and salvation, and the powers that shape our lives as tangible parts of our day-to-day experience, rather than as mysterious phantoms. Based on his reading of the Bible and analysis of the world around him, Wink creates a whole new language for talking about and to God. Equipped with this fresh world view, we can embark on a new relationship with God and our world into the next millennium. **The Spirit and the Salvation of the Urban Poor A Renewal Approach** [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) **Poverty. What is it good for? Absolutely nothing. Still, poverty is an ever-present reality, even in so-called first world nations like the United States. If the Holy Spirit is the member of the Trinity that is ever present in our world, perhaps the Spirit can be a resource to address poverty. In this pneumatological theology of poverty, Brandon Kertson explores the current state of poverty in the United States, arguing its complexities also require complex answers demanding a pneumatological approach that has yet to be offered. Using Renewal theology and pneumatology, Kertson develops a pneumatological four-fold gospel based on Jesus' pneumatic declaration of Luke 4. He explores how the Spirit addresses poverty through Jesus and the historic and global church, and how we can begin to address poverty through the Spirit today. The Spirit as savior, baptizer, healer, and entelechy of the kingdom lays the foundation for a holistic response to the complex problem of poverty in our country. The Death and Resurrection of the Church A Call for the Church to Die so it Can Rise Again** [Redeeming Press](#) What if true church growth begins by allowing the church to die? In *The Death and Resurrection of the Church*, Jeremy Myers proposes that most modern church growth practices are built on faulty premises. Some of these are even rooted in the false promises that Satan offered to Jesus in the wilderness temptations. If we want the church to grow and thrive, it first needs to die to these false promises. The church must stop striving after strength, power, fame, riches, and glory, and instead follow Jesus into death. Only then will we become the church that Jesus wants. Since there can be no resurrection without death, the church must die so that it can rise again. This revised and updated book now includes discussion questions, perfect for a small group setting. **Books in the "Close Your Church for Good" series: Preface: Skeleton Church Volume 1: The Death and Resurrection of the Church Volume 2: Put Service Back into the Church Service Volume 3: Dying to Religion and Empire Volume 4: Church is More than Bodies, Bucks, & Bricks Volume 5: Cruciform Pastoral Leadership Crimes of Punishment America's Culture of Violence** [Algora Publishing](#) This groundbreaking book by an award-winning psychoanalyst and forensic psychiatrist presents a comprehensive exploration of a timely but often taboo topic: the failure of punishment to deter crime and violence, an issue that affects us both individually and as a culture. Written at the culmination of the author's fifty-year career as a psychoanalyst, forensic psychologist and scholar, this wide-ranging work identifies the origins of violence and investigates the surprising consequences of punishment from a multitude of perspectives. In his treatment of the topic, Dr. Dorpat utilizes scientific research; ethical reasoning, and his vast clinical experience and insight. He also suggests the benefits of new and emerging humane alternatives to the revenge/punishment model currently entrenched in our society, such as restorative justice. In contrast to most contemporary measures, these new approaches while still imprisoning dangerous individuals effectively stress reparation and forms of sanctioning other than incarceration. When restitution replaces revenge, everyone benefits. **Crimes of Punishment** examines four key, interrelated social methods of punishment. These are (1) the corporal punishment of children, (2) the incarceration of adults in prisons, (3) capital punishment the death penalty, and (4) emotional (verbal) abuse. As he elucidates and analyzes each of these forms of punishment, Dr. Dorpat clearly and logically makes the case that punishment is not only ineffectual but that it also engenders more of what it ostensibly aims to stop: violence and misbehavior. Both children and adults who are subjected to punishment tend to become more violent individuals. In covering the full scope of our contemporary justice system Dr. Dorpat brings to the forefront those who are often overlooked or dismissed: the victims of crime. His concluding chapters present and clarify the psychological wounds and needs of these individuals, and demonstrate how restorative justice is effective in attending to victims in an ethical and healing manner. In a humane and ethically evolved society restitution replaces punishment. **Market Comparison-- Crimes of Punishment is unique in that it covers not just one but four different types of punishment (the corporal punishment of children, the incarceration of adults, the death penalty, and verbal emotional] abuse). Two earlier books written by psychiatrists expose the terrible conditions in America's prisons. They are *The Crime of Punishment* (New York: Viking, 1968) by Karl Menninger, and *Prison Madness* by Terry Kupers (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1999). This book differs in two important ways from the books written by Menninger and Kupers. First, *The Crimes of Punishment* covers other kinds of punishment, while those authors deal only with the punishment of incarceration. Secondly, the reforms they recommend are merely piecemeal modifications of the present criminal justice systems, whereas Dr. Dorpat argues for a radical change that includes the abolition of today's punitive prison (Retributive Justice) system and the establishment of a new and different system, namely Restorative justice, a system that has been developed over the past decade in Australia and New Zealand. *The Crimes of Punishment* differs from Menninger's book in covering the many changes that have occurred in prisons since 1968. In several short chapters on restorative justice, the book also explores this exciting new approach and serves as an informed introduction to a new, important, and effective moral approach to the treatment of criminals. **Liberating Biblical Study Scholarship, Art, and Action in Honor of the Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice** [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) **Liberating Biblical Study** is a unique collaboration of pioneering biblical scholars, social-change activists, and movement-based artists. Well known and unknown, veterans and newcomers, these diverse practitioners of justice engage in a lively and critical conversation at the intersection of seminary, sanctuary, and street. The book is divided into eight sections; in each, a scholar, activist, and artist explore the justice issues related to a biblical text or idea, such as exodus, creation, jubilee, and sanctuary. Beyond the emerging themes (e.g.,**

empire, resistance movements, identity, race, gender, and economics), the book raises essential questions at another level: What is the role of art in social-change movements? How can scholars be accountable beyond the academy, and activists encouraged to study? How are resistance movements nurtured and sustained? This volume is an accessible invitation to action that will appeal to all who love and strive for justice--whatever their discipline, and whatever their familiarity with the Bible, scholarship, art, and activist communities.

**Evil, Spirits, and Possession An Emergentist Theology of the Demonic** [BRILL](#) In *Evil, Spirits, and Possession: An Emergentist Theology of the Demonic* David Bradnick suggests that the demonic arises from evolutionary processes and manifests as non-personal emergent forces that influence humans to initiate and execute nefarious activities. *Turning Ourselves Inside Out Thriving Christian Communities* [Fortress Press](#) *Turning Ourselves Inside Out* emerges from the Thriving Christian Communities Project started by the authors in 2015, as well as from a Facebook conversation where someone asked, "We always hear about the problems in our churches. When are we going to talk about the good news stories?" This got the authors thinking: How do we learn about what is exciting and what the Holy Spirit is doing? How do we broaden the conversation beyond how sad, afraid, and grumpy we often are as church people? These kinds of questions filled the authors' imaginations as they scouted out the long walking route of Camino Nova Scotia, the pilgrimage program offered by Atlantic School of Theology. The long hours walking together gave them space and peace to think more broadly about what they wanted to learn, and how to share it with the wider church. In interviews with thirty-five faith communities, the authors discovered that amid great upheaval, Christ is giving us a new church, and this book offers readers a firsthand glimpse of it. *Turning Ourselves Inside Out* isn't an "off the shelf" program or model. It invites readers to listen to others' experiences and then dig deep into their own and get down to the business of dreaming God's dream and making it real, right where they are. Leaders of congregations, and all who care about what God is up to in the world, need to hear these stories. They are a source of hope and courage, as God renews and revives God's people. **The Lamb Christology of the Apocalypse of John An Investigation Into Its Origins and Rhetorical Force** [Mohr Siebeck](#) "What did ""Lamb"" symbolize in the ancient near Eastern world? What did it convey to the first-century audience of the Revelation? And why did the author use this symbol? Loren J. Johns analyzes the symbolic meaning of apviov in the Apocalypse of John as the Central feature of the Christology of Revelation." **The Atonement of God Building Your Theology on a Crucivision of God** [Redeeming Press](#) No, Jesus did not die to purchase forgiveness from God or so that God could love you once again. God has always loved and always forgiven you for all your sins. By reading this book, you will learn why Jesus died, and what His death means. In the process, you will learn to see God, Scripture, yourself, and humanity in a whole new light. Hopefully, you will also learn to live in a whole new way. The book begins with a short explanation of the various views of the atonement, including an explanation and defense of the "Non-Violent View" of the atonement. This view argues that God did not need or demand the death of Jesus in order to forgive sins. In fact, God has never been angry with us at all, but has always loved and always forgiven. Following this explanation of the atonement, J. D. Myers takes you on a journey through 10 areas of theology which are radically changed and transformed by the Non-Violent view of the atonement. The ten areas that you will understand in a whole new way are: 1. The Life of Jesus Christ 2. God 3. Scripture 4. Sacrifice 5. Humanity 6. Sin 7. Forgiveness 8. Justice 9. Violence 10. Peace Read this book, and let your life and theology look more and more like Jesus Christ!

**Unmasking the Powers The Invisible Forces That Determine Human Existence** [Fortress Press](#) Angels, spirits, principalities, powers, gods, Satanese, along with all other spiritual realities, are the unmentionables of our culture. The dominant materialistic worldview has absolutely no place for them. But materialism itself is terminally ill, and, let us hope, in process of replacement by a worldview capable of honoring the lasting values of modern science without succumbing to reductionism. Therefore, we find ourselves returning to the ancient traditions, searching for wisdom wherever it may be found. We do not capitulate to the past and its superstitions, but bring all the gifts our race has acquired along the way as aids in recovering the lost language of our souls. In *Naming the Powers* I developed the thesis that the New Testament's principalities and powers is a generic category referring to the determining forces of physical, psychic, and social existence. In the present volume we will be focusing on just seven of the Powers mentioned in Scripture. Their selection out of all the others dealt with in *Naming the Powers* is partly arbitrary: they happen to be ones about which I felt I had something to say. But they are also representative, and open the way to comprehending the rest. They are: Satan, demons, angels of churches, angels of nations, gods, elements, and angels of nature. **Indebted Love Paul's Subjection Language in Romans** [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) For Paul, the gospel message is simple, yet profound: Be subject to God. But, subjection for Paul means recognizing that the gift of God to one is the capacity to acknowledge and appreciate the gift of God in another. Paul argues that God's reconciling work in the world is manifest through the process of all people (Jews and Gentiles) understanding themselves in a mutually indebted relationship with each other. The power of the gospel, according to Paul, empowers these groups to function out of a mutually indebted mindset and enables them to discern and demonstrate the good, perfect, and acceptable will of God. In establishing his argument Paul gives considerable attention to hypotassō (subjection), dokimazō (discern), phronēma/phronēō (mindset/way of thinking), and metamorphomai (transform) as key theological concepts. In this light, Monya Stubbs analyzes the ways in which Paul speaks about subjection, engages in reflection, and exhorts his readers to transformation--a type of transformation necessary for those to whom he exhorts to walk in the nearness of God's salvation power. Focusing on these categories, Stubbs helps us recognize the ways in which the text explores ideological systems of convictions and their implications for human relationships. *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*, Issue 5.1 [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) *The Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* (JBTS) is an academic journal focused on the fields of Bible and Theology from an inter-denominational point of view. The journal is comprised of an editorial board of scholars that represent several academic institutions throughout the world. JBTS is concerned with presenting high-level original scholarship in an approachable way. Academic journals are often written by scholars for other scholars. They are technical in nature, assuming a robust knowledge of the field. There are fewer journals that seek to introduce biblical and theological scholarship that is also accessible to students. JBTS seeks to provide high-level scholarship and research to both scholars and students, which results in original scholarship that is readable and accessible. As an inter-denominational journal JBTS is broadly evangelical. We accept contributions in all theological disciplines from any evangelical perspective. In particular, we encourage articles and book reviews within the fields of Old Testament, New Testament, Biblical Theology, Church History, Systematic Theology, Practical Theology, Philosophical Theology, Philosophy, and Ethics. **The Journey into God Healing and Christian Faith** [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) *The Journey into God* challenges the adequacy of the biomedical model alone in addressing the symptoms and causes of physical and mental illness. While allowing that the biomedical has its place in the treatment of disease, Dr. Kenneth Bakken argues persuasively that there are untapped resources for health and wholeness in Christian faith and practice. He invites the reader into the way of theosis, the transformation of the person in union with the divine. Opening the mystic heart of Christianity, *The Journey into God* gives individual Christians and the Christian communities of faith a trusty map for traversing the shifting spiritual terrain of health and wholeness issues in the twenty-first century. **Discerning the Powers in Post-Colonial Africa and Asia A Treatise on Christian Statecraft** [Springer](#) Qualifying post-Westphalian sovereign statehood as a 'power' as argued for in Hendrik Berkhoff's political theology, this book addresses the decades-long theological-spiritual debate between Christian realism and Christian pacifism in U.S. foreign policy and global Christian circles. It approaches the debate by delving into the pacifist Anabaptist political theology and delineates empirically how sovereign statehood in post-colonial Africa and Asia has fallen into the hands of the devil Satan, as a 'fallen power' in the Foucaultian terms of power structures, techniques and episteme. While the book offers intervention schemes and options, it holds that Christian statecraft remains the source of hope to effectively address a number of serious global issues. By extension, the book is thus an invitation to ignite debates on the suitability of Christian statecraft and the nexus between spirituality and world politics, making it especially interesting for scholars and students in the fields of International Politics, Politics of Asian and African States, Post-colonial Studies and Political Theology. **God Without Violence, Second Edition A Theology of the God Revealed in Jesus** [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) Playing off a child's question concerning whether parents would put their son to death on a cross, this book plunges headlong into the ongoing debate about the character of God. The church confesses that God is revealed in Jesus. This book explores the implications of that radical claim. Jesus' life reveals his rejection of violence and calls for an understanding of God in nonviolent terms. Weaver thus invites us to embrace a nonviolent atonement image, in contrast to our inherited atonement images. Deriving theology from the narrative of Jesus also leads Weaver into discussions about the very nature of theology, the character of the Bible, the divine violence in the Old Testament (as well as the purported divine violence in the book of Revelation), and a rethinking of historic Christology. Each of these discussions has implications for life today--for economics, forgiveness and restorative justice, violence, gender discrimination, racism, and more. This second, expanded edition of *God Without Violence* is an introduction to foundational issues of theology and ethics, suitable for church discussion groups and introductory college classes. **Only the Sword of the Spirit** [Kindred Productions](#) (c) 1997 *Only the Sword of the Spirit* reconstructs the development of Menno Simon's "anabaptist Vision and methodically traces its evolution through the entire northern stream of Mennonites in Holland, Prussia, North Germany, Russia, and North America....It concludes with an appeal for the recovery of a relevant version of Menno Simon's 16th century vision for our own times.o Gandhi and Jesus The Saving Power of Nonviolence [Orbis Books](#) At a time when so many insist on countering violence with violence, this exploration of the life of Jesus and the (often misunderstood) teachings of Gandhi puts nonviolent action at the very heart of Christian salvation. **A Pentecostal Theology of Social Engagement** [BRILL](#) *In The Spirit, Indigenous Peoples and Social Change* Michael Frost explores a pentecostal theology of social engagement in relation to Māori in New Zealand, with implications for pentecostalism and indigenous peoples in the West. **Christian Ethics A Case Method Approach, Fifth Edition** [Orbis Books](#) **Pacifism, Politics, and Feminism Intersections and Innovations** [BRILL](#) This anthology explores the many and varied connections between pacifism, politics, and feminism. Each topic is often thought about in academic isolation; however, when we consider how they intersect and interact, it opens up new areas for discussion and analysis. **Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship Year A, Volume 1, Advent through Epiphany** [Westminster John Knox Press](#) Designed to empower preachers as they lead congregations to connect their lives to Scripture, *Connections* features a broad set of interpretive tools that provide commentary and worship aids on the Revised Common Lectionary. This nine-volume series offers creative commentary on each reading in the three-year lectionary cycle by viewing that reading through the lens of its connections to the rest of Scripture and then seeing the reading through the lenses of culture, film, fiction, ethics, and other aspects of contemporary life. Commentaries on the Psalms make connections to the other readings and to the congregations experience of worship. *Connections* is published in partnership with Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. **The Soul of Discernment A Spiritual Practice for Communities and Institutions** [Presbyterian Publishing Corp](#) *The Soul of Discernment* provides concrete steps for groups of people who work together and need to make important decisions: church sessions, nonprofit hiring committees, etc. Liebert calls this process the Social Discernment Cycle, a process for seeking God's call in a particular situation. "It is called 'social' because it deals primarily with human communities in their social-structural, rather than interpersonal aspects," Liebert explains. "It is a cycle because one completed round of discernment prepares for the next. The Social Discernment Cycle is particularly apt for any discernment that involves a structure, system, or institution." This book helps groups work through this cycle to answer the question, "How is God leading us, individually or together, to act in this particular moment in our organization?" **Detox! The Spiritual Path of Jesus for 21st Century Men** [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) *Detox!* offers a cure for toxic masculinity--a sickness that has reached epidemic proportions in the United States of America. It is a sickness that festers in the hearts and minds of nearly half of our population, and has resulted in the deaths of thousands of innocent people, the gender-based terrorizing of women and children, the brutalization of persons of color, and the forceful deportation of persons born on the soil of other nations. There is a cure for this toxic form of masculinity that is life-giving, that seeks the welfare of others, that respects and cares for the earth and all its creatures. It is the way of thinking, acting, and being that was lived and taught by Jesus of Nazareth two millennia ago. He taught it to his male disciples, and demonstrated it with his female disciples. *Detox!* speaks to the men of today in the words that Jesus spoke to the men of his day, addressing the same situations that face modern men: violence, misogyny, exploitation, abuse, integrity, power, and domination. *Detox!* gives you the same practical spiritual tools and life applications that Jesus gave his followers. Use them to bless the world. **Building a People of Power Equipping Churches to Transform Their Communities** [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) Jesus never intended the church to become an institution; he intended it to be a people of power, transforming the world. Power is the capacity, ability, and the willingness to act. Most people and systems use power to dominate and control, but others have used it relationally to liberate, transform, and even save. Built around a biblical exploration of shalom, *Building a People of Power* explains how local churches can use power to transform their communities and their cities.

Detailed power strategies are presented enabling churches to build productive relationships, to address the primary issues of people they serve, and to develop strong leaders, faithful organizations, and redeemed neighborhoods that live out shalom. *Seasons of Faith and Conscience Explorations in Liturgical Direct Action* [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) *Seasons of Faith and Conscience* challenges religious activists and the wider church with an answer to the question: What is the connection between faith and politics? "Every act of worship," Kellermann says, "every occasion where the sovereignty of the word of God is acknowledged, is always and everywhere expressly political." In a profound biblical and theological reflection, Kellermann begins by investigating the political implications of worship and liturgy, both in the Hebrew Bible and in the New Testament. He goes on to review the history of "confessional politics," those situations in which Christians have felt their historical situation to be so grave as to call into question the very identity of the church. Recent examples include the Confessing Church in Nazi Germany and the Kairos document from South Africa. Kellermann explores analogies in our own situation--the continuing arms buildup, the international debt system, and the "war against the poor" in the Third World. *Seasons of Faith and Conscience* concludes with a series of moving meditations on the key seasons and events of the liturgical calendar: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. *Violence, Hospitality, and the Cross Reappropriating the Atonement Tradition* [Baker Academic](#) Offers a new model for understanding the atonement, sensitive to both the Christian tradition and its postmodern critics. *In the Days of Caesar Pentecostalism and Political Theology* [Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing](#) *In the Days of Caesar* is a constructive political theology formulated in sustained dialogue with the Pentecostal and charismatic renewal one of the most vibrant religious movements at the beginning of the twenty-first century. Amos Yong here argues that the many tongues, practices, and gifts of renewal Christianity offer up new resources for thinking about how Christian community can engage and transform the social, political, and economic structures of the world. Yong has three goals here. First he seeks to correct stereotypes of Pentecostalism, both political and theological. Secondly he aims to provoke Pentecostals to reflect theologically from out of the depths of their own Pentecostalism rather than merely to adopt some framework for theological or political self-understanding. Finally Yong shows that a distinctively Pentecostal form of theological reflection is not a parochial activity but has constructive potential to illuminate Christian belief and practice. This book's engagement with political theology from a Pentecostal perspective is the first of its kind. *Conjuring Culture Biblical Formations of Black America* [Oxford University Press](#) This book provides a sophisticated new interdisciplinary interpretation of the formulation and evolution of African American religion and culture. Theophus Smith argues for the central importance of "conjure"--a magical means of transforming reality--in black spirituality and culture. Smith shows that the Bible, the sacred text of Western civilization, has in fact functioned as a magical formulary for African Americans. Going back to slave religion, and continuing in black folk practice and literature to the present day, the Bible has provided African Americans with ritual prescriptions for prophetically re-envisioning, and thereby transforming, their history and culture. In effect the Bible is a "conjure book" for prescribing cures and curses, and for invoking extraordinary and Divine powers to effect changes in the conditions of human existence--and to bring about justice and freedom. Biblical themes, symbols, and figures like Moses, the Exodus, the Promised Land, and the Suffering Servant, as deployed by African Americans, have crucially formed and reformed not only black culture, but American society as a whole. Smith examines not only the religious and political uses of conjure, but its influence on black aesthetics, in music, drama, folklore, and literature. The concept of conjure, he shows, is at the heart of an indigenous and still vital spirituality, with exciting implications for reformulating the next generation of black studies and black theology. Even more broadly, Smith proposes, "conjuring culture" can function as a new paradigm for understanding Western religious and cultural phenomena generally. *Romans Believers Church Bible Commentary* [MennoMedia, Inc.](#) *Romans* was written by Paul, apostle of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. As an apostle Paul spent his life traveling the Mediterranean area preaching the gospel and establishing churches. In the course of his missionary career, Paul wrote numerous letters to the churches he had established as a way to pastor them in his absence. *Romans* is the longest and most complex of Paul's letters. John E. Toews explores why Paul writes to remind the Roman churches of God's purpose for both Jew and Gentile and to reconcile Jewish-Christian and Jewish-Gentile church relationships. *Hope Rediscovered Biblical Wisdom for an Anxious World* [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) Among the many causes of anxiety in today's world are global concerns to do with social and economic inequality, the importance of sustainable development, and climate change. These raise human--that is moral and spiritual--questions about who we are, our destiny, how we can be helped to flourish, and what we hope for. *Hope Rediscovered* is about being re-oriented in the face of such challenges, Bishop David Atkinson, who has an abiding interest in Christian ethics, pastoral theology and science, has put some key questions to the Gospel of John--a text which says much about human flourishing, and which draws on the Wisdom themes of the Hebrew Bible, about misunderstanding our place in creation, and about practical living. Like his followers, Jesus was beset with conflicts within 'the world'. The first century Christian community, to which the Gospel was addressed, discovered how to live hopefully in the way of Wisdom, energized by God's Spirit. The focus of this timely book is deep practical wisdom for a troubled world. *Practicing Discernment with Youth A Transformative Youth Ministry Approach* [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) Throughout history youth have been at the center of their communities' energy and creativity, including their efforts to seek faith and justice. However, today's adolescents have been relegated as passive learners and consumers, lacking full adult power for longer than any age cohort in history. This book traces the modern domestication of adolescence from its ancient roots through several key moments of its descent into passivity. Empowering youth as agents of Christian faith in the world is not only a social need, but is theologically warranted. The church and the broken world need the gifts of youth. This book elaborates four pedagogical movements--listening, understanding, remembering/dreaming, and acting--as key for noticing and nurturing the faith commitments of youth. Too much of contemporary youth ministry represents an attempt to pump energy into our youth--to get them excited about what we have to offer. This approach attends to energies already present in the lived experiences and hidden commitments of youth and connects them to God's mission in the world. *Elenchus of Biblica* [Gregorian Biblical BookShop](#)