

What Are They Saying About Catholic Ethical Method By Todd A Salzman

Six major scholars selected for their contributions in the study of biblical inspiration and who provide a veritable cross-section of the diversity of viewpoints on this topic as found in Anglo-American scholarship are surveyed. Abraham Heschel James Burtchaell Bruce Vawter William Abraham Kern Trembath Paul Achtemeier This presentation offers a constructive criticism of these insights from a Roman Catholic perspective, synthesizes their significant contributions, and shows the continuing dialogue among North American scholars in the field of biblical inspiration. A unique contribution of this book is that it affirms the traditional understanding of biblical inspiration as set forth by the Catholic Church, most notably in Dei Verbum of the Second Vatican Council, while at the same time positing the continuity between past biblical inspiration and present spiritual illumination. Book jacket.

"This book summarizes, analyzes, and critiques current influential portraits of Jesus. It concludes that any portrait of the historical Jesus must come to terms with Jesus as both an apocalyptic prophet and a prophet of social and economic justice for an oppressed people."--BOOK JACKET.

A Revised and Expanded Edition of What Are They Saying About Matthew? The sheer volume of scholarship on Matthew has grown even larger recently because of renewed interest in the Jewish background of Jesus and the New Testament. Donald Senior, distinguished biblical scholar, writer, and teacher, surveys a list of nearly one hundred new articles and books published in North America and internationally within the last decade. In a clear and readable fashion, Senior investigates and then explains the major issues that dominate the study of Matthew today: the background of the evangelist and his community, the structure and the purpose of the gospel, the relationship of the gospel to Judaism, and the gospel's portrayal of Jesus, discipleship, and church. What Are They Saying About Matthew? is a welcome resource for those who wish to benefit from this most comprehensive and reliable exploration of modern biblical scholarship. +

Before she can discover the truth about her shy, smart lab partner with the bad reputation, teenager Meg Fairling learns that her friend has committed a terrible act of desperation, as horrible stories begin circulating about Fairling herself. Original.

"This book introduces readers to the current debate concerning the two predominant Roman Catholic ethical methods that have emerged since Vatican II. The two methods investigated are both grounded in the Catholic natural law tradition and are designated as the Basic Goods Theory (BGT), also known as the New Natural Law Theory, and revisionism."--BOOK JACKET. Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

"Chapter 15 of the First Letter to the Corinthians provides the biblical basis for a careful consideration of the parousia, a pivotal event that is the climax of Christ's lordship and the focus of Pauline hope. The resurrection and transformation of the faithful are the ways in which believers share in Christ's future coming. Being with Christ is the realization of the joyful hope of the faithful." "This book presents the development of Pauline eschatological thought, along with ongoing scholarly discussions on this topic. An extended bibliography is provided for further reading." --Book Jacket.

Drawing on material from the last few decades, this book is a survey of theology concerning unbelief, mainly from a European and North American perspective.

Provides an overview of current scholarship on Acts that will serve as a suitable introduction to that book of the Bible.

"Arguably the greatest Christian sermon ever written, yet one of the more neglected and difficult writings in the New Testament, the Letter to the Hebrews is, says the

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author, "a long reflection on Jesus as the definitive means of access to God." "This book surveys recent scholarship about Hebrews and the progress made in that scholarship, and informs prospective students and theologians of resources available to them." "Biblical scholars, theologians, students, and pastors will find this work to be stimulating and enriching on the biblical, theological, and pastoral levels."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

An overview of recent trends in scholarship on the Pastoral Epistles.

Veronica Koperski's addition to the much-lauded What Are They Saying About (WATSA) series presents an overview of recent scholarly debate about Paul and the Law with attention to its historical roots. Chapter one treats scholars who basically remain within the tradition of Luther/Bultmann in asserting that the Law fosters a prideful attitude. Chapters two and three deal with the "new perspective on Paul" initiated with the publications of E. P. Sanders in the 1970s and 1980s. Chapter four presents scholars who, although sensitive to the work of Sanders, reiterate some of the traditional Luther/Bultmann position. In chapter five the focus is Paul's consistency, and chapter six explores scholarship opining that justification by faith can no longer be considered the center of Paul's theology.

Offers an overview of the developing theology in the Roman Catholic Church of the ministerial priesthood at and since Vatican II.

A comprehensive overview of recent scholarly research on the Gospel of Thomas.

"The story of the people of Israel is related in the Pentateuch and the books of Joshua and Judges - if these are not historical accounts of the origin of Israel, what is the history?" "John J. McDermott presents a detailed survey of the archaeological and textual evidence used to decide the question of the origins of Israel and compares how that evidence has been interpreted by several different scholars."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Perhaps the most striking development in biblical studies in recent years has been the proliferation of new methods used in approaching the texts. While in most circles the historical-critical method remains fundamental, biblical interpreters now routinely draw on new approaches developed in linguistics, literary studies, and the social sciences. In recent years an important testing ground for the application of these new methods to the Bible has been the Gospel of Mark. As a fast moving and sophisticated narrative about Jesus' public ministry issuing in his passion and death, Mark's Gospel lends itself to various forms of literary, historical, and theological analysis. This book describes and analyzes the many attempts at applying the new methods to Mark's Gospel. It considers how this Gospel has been approached from different angles according to the perspectives of modern literary criticism, examines how its major theological topics have been treated, explores efforts at clarifying its historical setting, and discusses the engaged--feminist, political, and pastoral--readings this Gospel has generated in recent years. +

The hauntingly prophetic classic novel set in a not-too-distant future where books are burned by a special task force of firemen. 'Another indispensable classic' The Times "Ray Bradbury's gift for storytelling reshaped our culture and expanded

our world' Barack Obama Guy Montag is a fireman. His job is to burn books, which are forbidden, being the source of all discord and unhappiness. Even so, Montag is unhappy; there is discord in his marriage. Are books hidden in his house? The Mechanical Hound of the Fire Department, armed with a lethal hypodermic, escorted by helicopters, is ready to track down those dissidents who defy society to preserve and read books. The classic dystopian novel of a post-literate future, Fahrenheit 451 stands alongside Orwell's 1984 and Huxley's Brave New World as a prophetic account of Western civilization's enslavement by the media, drugs and conformity. Bradbury's powerful and poetic prose combines with uncanny insight into the potential of technology to create a novel which, decades on from first publication, still has the power to dazzle and shock.

"The book addresses such issues as the following: authorship and date; sources and affinities; literary genre and structure; setting and purpose; and christological and theological formulations. Although not as well known as other writings in the New Testament, the Catholic Epistles make a rich contribution to the individual and corporate Christian life."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

A succinct overview of contemporary developments in Roman Catholic trinitarian theology.

Scott Lewis begins his volume focusing on New Testament apocalyptic with Albert Schweitzer's famous 19th-century book The Quest for the Historical Jesus that concludes that both the worldview and the message of Jesus were thoroughly apocalyptic. And he brings us to the present with the heated debates generated by the historical Jesus research of the last 20 years and the rebirth of apocalyptic fervor at the beginning of the new millennium. The book focuses on five areas: 1) the attempts since Schweitzer to define the apocalypse genre and its constituent eschatology and theology 2) the debate over the question concerning the nature of Jesus' teaching and proclamation, and whether the apocalyptic statements attributed to him are genuine or products of the early church 3) the apocalyptic nature of Paul's proclamation and the central role it plays in his moral exhortation, ecclesiology, and spirituality 4) the nature of the message of the Book of Revelation and the different approaches to its interpretation 5) the application of apocalyptic theology and eschatology to the life of the church in the form of preaching, ethics, spirituality, and social justice; and 6) a concluding reflection A special concern of the book is the reappropriation of the apocalyptic tradition by the modern church in a manner that avoids the many misuses of this genre in the past. To this end, it is most important that apocalyptic theology be recognized for what it is: a theology of hope rather than a theology of fear.

In this book, distinguished professor and author Bernard Viviano, OP, presents a valuable survey of scholarly research on Q, from the German Logien-Quelle, "the sayings source."

This volume explores recent scholarship on ancient Israelite religion, focusing on

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the deities of ancient Israel. The scholarship begins in 1980, although some earlier works are cited.

The past thirty years have witnessed a dramatic increase in interest in the Letter of James. This book provides a detailed survey of the most important scholarly opinions being considered today, including theories of authorship. The author thoroughly examines essential themes found in James, such as a critique of wealth, testing and trials, exhortation to receive wisdom from above, and apocalyptic tendencies. The author also discusses the ongoing debate about whether the text had any connection with the Pauline tradition. This book sheds light, not only on the content, structure, and rhetoric of the letter itself, but also on the development and diversity of ancient Judaism and Christianities. Book jacket.

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The Arab World is a region that has been vastly misunderstood in the West. Arab Voices asks the questions, collects the answers, and shares the results that will help us see Arabs clearly. The book will bring into stark relief the myths, assumptions, and biases that hold us back from understanding this important people. Here, James Zogby debuts a brand new, comprehensive poll, bringing numbers to life so that we can base policy and perception on the real world, rather than on a conjured reality. Based on a new poll run by Zogby International exclusively for this book, some of the surprising results revealed include: * Despite the frustration with the peace process and the number of wars of the past few years, 74% of Arabs still support a two state solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. And over one-third of Lebanese, Saudis, and Jordanians think that their governments should do more to advance peace. * Despite wars in and around their region and the worldwide economic crisis, when asked "Are you better off than you were 4 years ago?" 42% of those polled say they are better off, 19% worse off. * Arabs like American people (59% favorable rating), values (52%) and products (69%), giving them all high ratings. And Canada gets high favorability ratings everywhere (an overall rating of 55% favorable and 32% unfavorable). * However, Arabs overwhelmingly rate American society "more violent and war-like" (77%) or "less respectful of the rights of others" (78%) than their own society. Why? Because of the Iraq war and continuing fallout from Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo, and the treatment of Arab and Muslim immigrants and visitors to the United States. * What type of TV show do Saudis and Egyptians prefer to watch? The answer is, "Movies", which draws over 50% of the first and second choice votes. In Morocco, the top rated shows are "soap operas" and music and entertainment programs, drawing almost two-thirds of the first and second choice votes. Religious programs are near the bottom of the list of viewer preferences, garnering less than 10% of votes in all three countries.

The Early Church was made up of a myriad of local churches, each with different settings, problems and ideas regarding how its community should be structured. What Are They Saying About the Formation of Pauline Churches? surveys the different models available in the Greco-Roman period for understanding how Paul's Christian groups ordered their communities. There are four models: the synagogue, the philosophical school, the ancient mystery cult and the voluntary association. Dr. Ascough devotes a chapter to each model and to the authors who use it to understand Pauline churches. The archaeological and literary data are coordinated with data from the Pauline letters to reveal the strengths and weaknesses of the models for

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understanding these churches. In the end, all four models are helpful and no one model is adequate to explain all the aspects of each Pauline church. This is a book for those seeking an overall view of the debate on the culture and organization of the first Christian communities.

What Are They Saying About Matthew's Sermon on the Mount? is an excellent summary of the contemporary scholarship on the Sermon on the Mount from the past thirty years. Author Warren Carter has selected the historical, source, and redaction critical studies by biblical scholars as well as ethical reflections considered most important over the past three decades. He begins, most appropriately, with the sources of the sermon, moves on to its structure, and then looks at the situation of Matthew's readers. He next analyzes the content of the sermon, together with the Lord's Prayer. Finally, he considers the ethical claims of the sermon, especially issues of interpreting the sermon for contemporary faith communities. This is an essential resource for everyone interested in understanding the Sermon on the Mount.

Offers a concise summary of, and an excellent introduction to, recent Lucan scholarship. Major positions on several important subjects are clearly expressed in nontechnical language. +

What are They Saying about Scripture and Ethics? traces the significant developments that have occurred in the turn to Scripture in Christian ethics among Protestant and Roman Catholic theologians. Building on the models presented in the first edition, William Spohn addresses new questions in hermeneutics, spirituality, feminist and Latin American liberation theologies, and character ethics.

An overview of the most popular contemporary methods of doing theology, with a view of some of the best-known Christian philosophers of method.

"This revised edition of What Are They Saying About John? is essentially an up-to-date and comprehensive review of contemporary scholarly writing on John's Gospel. It summarizes a number of landmark works on the Gospel of John and analyzes a selection of books and articles that have appeared from 1970 to the present day, including some helpful writings from critical thinkers." "By familiarizing us with the major directions in the study of John, this book enables the reader to cover a broad range of biblical and theological topics related to the Gospel."--BOOK JACKET. Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

A concise but thorough survey of current scholarly thinking on Jesus' parables, for the ordinary reader.

"This book offers a comprehensive analysis of Catholic teachings on environmental themes by exploring official statements from Rome and the bishops of the Americas, as well as from contemporary visionary theologians". (p. [4] cover).

Fr. Egan surveys the current scholarship on mysticism, giving special attention to the works Carl Albrecht, Hans Urs von Balthasar, Richard Bucke, Teilhard de Chardin, Harvey Cox, William James, William Johnston, Bernard Lonergan, Thomas Merton, Erich Neumann, Karl Rahner, Walter Stace, Evelyn Underhill, R. C. Zaehner, and many lesser-known authors. The book covers a wide spectrum

of modern thinking. It presents authors who treat mysticism as a psychological phenomenon involving pathology and altered states of consciousness, as well as others who understand it as stages of life toward union with the God of Love. Fr. Egan also highlights both those authors who have opened up Christian mysticism to the riches of the Eastern tradition and those critical of this Eastern turn. Finally, he explores the theological reflections of Karl Rahner and Bernard Lonergan for their ability to bring together mystical spirituality and academic theology. These contemporary theologians offer a solid foundation for a new science of mysticism based on the Christian mystical tradition, empirical sciences, East-West dialogue, and contemporary theological pluralism.

"Theological reflection is a form of theologizing that begins with lived experience, correlates this with the sources of Christian faith and draws out concrete implications for praxis. Robert Kinast finds five distinct types of theological reflection from within this common form: ministerial, spiritual wisdom, feminist, inculturation, and practical theology" "Each of these styles is analyzed in terms of the type of experience it favors, the way it connects this experience to theology and what sort of praxis it envisions. The end result is a succinct overview of this wide-ranging and diverse approach to theology."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

This is the age of fundamentalism. An axis of sacred rebellion cuts through modern experience, challenging all who would accommodate religion to secular culture and a 'dictatorship of relativism.' Sometimes violent, always militant, fundamentalists have profoundly transformed the religious landscape of modern society. This book offers a critical and empathetic survey of the world's major fundamentalist movements and the innovative scholars who study them. Peter Huff, an advocate for interfaith dialogue with fundamentalists, covers the full range of the cross-cultural fundamentalist phenomenon from the American Protestant prototype to 'muscular' protest movements transfiguring every religion around the globe. Examining the pioneers of interdisciplinary fundamentalism studies, he provides an insider's view of the academic debates driving the rapidly expanding field. Highlight: The book explores fundamentalist trends within all major world religions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, and Buddhism.

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