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OUTSTANDING RELIGIOUS BOOKS

A selection from books submitted by the publishers,
covering the period May 1, 1941-May 1, 1942

- Beaven, A. W. The Fine Art of Living Together. New York, Harper, 1942. \$1.60
A completely revised edition of a well-known work. Designed especially for young people, this book is marked by a sane and wholesome spirit of common sense along with spiritual insight.
- Brown, W. A. A Creed for Free Men. New York, Scribner, 1941. \$2.50.
A study of the loyalties that divide and the faith that unites, pointing out the interdependence and the complementary character of Christianity and the democratic way of life.
- Buckham, J. W. The Inner World. New York, Harper, 1941. \$3.50.
A book shot through with the wisdom of a ripe scholar and mature thinker who has made it his business across the years to develop a personalist philosophy of religion. For the general reader as well as the scholar.
- Buttrick, G. A. Prayer. New York, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1942. \$2.75.
An original and profoundly moving study of the significance and value of prayer in our lives. It is particularly valuable in our period of stress, as a source of the courage and power needed to withstand the temporary hardships which must be suffered in order to reach the future good.
- Calkins, Raymond. How Jesus Dealt with Men. New York, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1942. \$1.75.
Convinced that the ministry of the church to the mentally disordered and spiritually deficient need not be restricted to professionally trained psychiatrists, the author selects various scenes from the New Testament dealing with such cases and depicts Jesus' treatment of them.
- Case, S. J. Christianity in a Changing World. New York, Harper, 1941. \$2.00
Taking a long view of the entire history of Christianity, Dr. Case answers the question as to the chances of survival of Christianity confronted by the modern world crisis. The author is critical in his judgment but hopeful.
- Dicks, R.L. Who is My Patient? New York, Macmillan, 1941. \$1.50.
This little book fills a definite need. It is written by a man who has had experience with men and women of varying characters, needs and religious beliefs and practices. He gives practical advice upon how to help the sick. Although sub-titled "A religious manual for nurses," this book should prove profitable to doctors and others who work among the sick.

Doberstein, J. W. On Wings of Healing. Philadelphia, Muhlenberg Press, 1942. \$2.00

A devotional book designed particularly for the sick. The devotions for the most part are well chosen and of high quality. The publishers have taken considerable care with the format of the book.

Eckhart, Meister. Meister Eckhart; a modern translation, by R. B. Blakney, New York, Harper, 1941. \$2.00

The first modern translation of one of the most important of the medieval mystics. It fills a need in English scholarship, since Eckhart's influence extends from religion and theology into philosophy, literature and allied subjects.

Farrell, Walter. Companion to the Summa. Vol.1. New York, Sheed and Ward, 1941. \$3.75.

Although the first of the four volumes that will make up the complete Companion to the Summa of St. Thomas Aquinas, this volume subtitled "The architect of the universe", is the third of the four to appear. The work constitutes an almost indispensable introduction for the average reader to the greatest of the medieval syntheses in theology and philosophy.

Ferre', N. F. S. The Christian Faith. New York, Harper, 1942. \$2.00

An inquiry into the adequacy of the Christian faith as man's ultimate religion by one of the ablest of the younger theologians who is at once mystic and rationalist. Rich in insights, sound judgments and stimulating thoughts.

Fleming, D. J. The World at One in Prayer. New York, Harper, 1942. \$2.00

Following the pattern of his other volumes in the series intended to illustrate the creative life in the younger churches, the author has gathered together private and public Christian prayers from Asia, the Islands, Africa, etc., which often by strange idioms and local imagery stir imagination and devotion.

Fosdick, H. E. Living Under Tension. New York, Harper, 1941. \$1.50

Sermons designed to express the church's distinctive international, inter-racial and ecumenical message in a time of war, with skillful blending of the immediate temporal issues and the eternal and abiding verities.

Gordis, Robert. The Jew Faces a New World. New York, Behrman, 1941. \$2.75

An excellent collection of essays dealing with various aspects of Judaism, theology, scholarship and current events. Written with profound devotion to Jewish religious tradition, and at the same time with a universal outlook.

Groves, E. R. Christianity and the Family. New York, Macmillan, 1942. \$2.00

A sociologist who has made a lifelong study of the family gives a realistic and constructive consideration of the family as an ally of Christianity, and of the church as an ally of the family stressing especially the role of the minister as counsellor in domestic relations.

Harney, M. P. The Jesuits in History. America Press, 1941. \$4.00

An excellent readable summary of the history of the Jesuit order. In view of the wide misinterpretation to which the order has been subjected, and the failure of the educated world generally to appreciate its real contribution, this book should be of great importance.

- Hart, Hornell. New Gateways to Creative Living. New York, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1941. \$1.75
A popularly written discussion of the technique of securing happiness, based on modern psychology and psychiatry.
- Holman, C. T. Getting Down to Cases. New York, Macmillan, 1942. \$2.00
A helpful guide to personal counselling, based on the records of actual cases, analyzed and commented on by a genial and wise professor of practical theology.
- Hough, L. H. The Christian Criticism of Life. New York, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1941. \$2.50
In a series of wide-ranging essays, linked together by a constant concern for humanistic values, the author interprets Christianity as the conserver of civilization. His thesis is that by its criticism of impulse and barbarism Christianity has kept the mind alive.
- The Imitation of Christ; ed. by E. J. Klein. New York, Harper, 1941. \$3.00
A classic devotional book presented in the vigor and freshness of the original English translation of Richard Whitford, which doubtless influenced the authorized version of the Bible. The editor's introduction is an important contribution to the immense literature on this great book. A very attractive edition.
- Jones, Rufus. A Small Town Boy. New York, Macmillan, 1941. \$2.00
A delightful autobiographical sketch of an influential American religious leader, popularly told but religiously helpful.
- Kelly, T. R. A Testament of Devotion. New York, Harper, 1941. \$1.00
A stirring record of the growth in spiritual understanding and mystical experience of the author, told with clarity and force. An excellent devotional book, as well as a document in the study of mysticism.
- Kepler, T. S. Contemporary Religious Thought. New York, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1941. \$3.50
An anthology of sixty selections by some of the leading religious thinkers of today. The articles have been well chosen and cover six general themes, viz., the nature of religion, the finding of religious truth, the idea of God, the problem of evil, the meaning of worship, and immortality.
- Komroff, Manuel. In the Years of Our Lord. New York, Harper, 1942. \$2.50
Reverently and vividly told story of our Lord. In our own day a work of fiction of this sort may well be an effective way of presenting its subject to the larger reading public.
- Latourette, K. S. The Unquenchable Light. New York, Harper, 1941. \$2.00
Answers the question why the influence of Jesus has spread, persisted and increased in some areas and not in others; why it has gone forward like a tide with a successive flow and ebb; and what of the future of Christianity in the light of the past.

Maritain, Jacques. Ransoming the Time. New York, Scribner, 1941. \$3.00

A book of real importance for the serious reader in the field of the philosophy of religion, by one of the greatest of Catholic thinkers. The essays range from Pascal and Bergson to mysticism and the question "Who is my neighbor?"

Maritain, Raissa. We Have Been Friends Together. New York, Longmans, 1942. \$2.50

The account of a brilliant Jewish girl from her early days in Russia, through her life in France and up to the present time in America. Her meeting with Jacques Maritain, their marriage, their conversion to the Catholic Church, their friendship with Bergson, Charles Peguy, Leon Bloy and many others, make a story of unusual interest and charm.

Maynard, Theodore. The Story of American Catholicism. New York, Macmillan, 1941. \$3.50.

An invaluable book for students of American history and for students of the history of religious institutions in America. Despite some obvious shortcomings in its treatment of details it is fascinating, describing the rise and growth of the Catholic Church in the United States, and offering any reader a vivid insight into the contribution of the church as an institution to the development of American democracy.

Miller, Hugh. Christian Truth in History. New York, Harper, 1941. \$2.50

A study of the causal connection between Christianity and what is best and most enduring in our civilization with emphasis on the role of Christianity in the future reconstruction of the world.

Miller, R.C. What We Can Believe. New York, Scribner, 1941. \$2.00

An empirical approach to Christian theology, intended for people who have turned skeptic but are not happy about it.

The New Testament; a revision of the Challoner-Rheims version, edited by Catholic scholars. Paterson, N. J., St. Anthony Guild, 1941. \$1.00.

A new and greatly needed revision of the English translation from the Latin Vulgate, replete with valuable notes together with introductions to the several books. The publication of this volume marks a fine achievement of the Roman Catholic Church in America.

Oxnam, G. B. Ethical Ideals of Jesus in a Changing World. New York, Abingdon Cokesbury, 1942. \$1.00

A vigorous and challenging application of the ideals of Jesus to the modern situation, particularly to international and economic affairs.

Paton, William. The Church and the New Order. New York, Macmillan, 1941. \$1.50

A view of Christian principles regarding the world reconstruction after the war, from one of the best informed and ecumenically-minded religious leaders of today. The author, a British churchman, is secretary of the International Missionary Council.

Pfeiffer, R. H. Introduction to the Old Testament. New York, Harper, 1941. \$4.00

A comprehensive and authoritative introduction to the Old Testament, embodying the tested religious, literary and historical insights of contemporary scholarship. Includes a critical analysis of the structure and religious ideas of each book of the Hebrew Bible.

Robinson, B. W. Jesus in Action. New York, Macmillan, 1942. \$1.50.

A successful attempt to point out the positive and constructive features of Jesus as man of action - dynamic, positive, aggressive in his methods of work and assertion of leadership.

Scott, E. F. Nature of the Early Church. New York, Scribner, 1942. \$2.00

Competent scholarly answers to questions as to how the early church was organized, how it functioned, and how the immediate followers of Christ conducted their religious services. Stresses the tension between the expected Kingdom of God and the non-fulfillment of this apocalyptic hope which is fundamental to the understanding of early Christianity.

Sharpe, D. R. Walter Rauschenbusch. New York, Macmillan, 1942. \$2.75.

A competently written biography of an important figure in the history of American Protestantism. It reveals the sturdily attractive character of this original and forward looking theologian and social philosopher.

Sheen, F. J. A Declaration of Dependence. Milwaukee, Bruce, 1941. \$1.75

An incisive and vivid analysis of some of the root evils of our time, together with an equally vivid and incisive statement of the principles that must be applied in order to cure these evils. It is a stimulating and provocative work by an outstanding religious leader and spokesman.

Smith, H. S. Faith and Nurture. New York, Scribner, 1941. \$2.00

A healthy protest against the preoccupation of religious educators with the techniques and methods of teaching religion, largely adopted from the current secular pedagogy, to the detriment of the content of such teaching.

Sockman, R. W. Highway of God. New York, Macmillan, 1942. \$2.00

These Lyman Beecher lectures look at the subject of preaching through Jesus' estimate of John the Baptist. Popular in style, thoughtful in content, they discuss realistically the place and function of Christianity in the contemporary world.

Tigner, H. S. No Sign Shall be Given. New York, Macmillan, 1942. \$1.75

A shrewd analysis of many of the evils that beset our times. Stresses the importance of a united effort of the churches to work against the "disruptive forces of secularism, paganism and barbarism."

Tittle, E. F. The Lord's Prayer. New York, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1942. \$1.00

The prayer of Jesus re-examined and applied to our time by a minister of deep piety and sensitive social outlook.

Torrey, C.C. Documents of the Primitive Church. New York, Harper, 1941. \$3.50

A recognized Biblical scholar presents new evidence for his thesis that the Gospels are derived from Aramaic originals. This is a volume intended primarily for scholars, and must be considered by those who do not agree with the author's basic contentions as well as by those in agreement with him.

Trueblood, D. E. Logic of Belief. New York, Harper, 1942. \$2.75

A Quaker teacher examines the structure and types of belief, the theological significance of aesthetic experience and the difficulties of belief.

The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia; an authoritative and popular presentation of Jews and Judaism since the earliest times; ed. by Isaac Landman. New York, The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, Inc., v.5-6, 1941-42. To be completed in 10 volumes. \$100.00.

More popular in treatment than The Jewish Encyclopedia and more attractive in format, this is an up-to-date, comprehensive, objective presentation of material on Jewish subjects.

Whale, J. S. Christian Doctrine. New York, Macmillan, 1941. \$2.00

A condensed middle-of-the-road statement of the major doctrines of historic Christianity by one of the younger English theologians. For the general reader.

Wieman, R. W. The Family Lives Its Religion. New York, Harper, 1941. \$2.00

A valuable contribution to the problem of religion in the home, marked by sound psychological knowledge and religious insight.

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