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**EPISCOPAL WOMEN:** gender, spirituality, and commitment in an American mainline denomination. Edited by Catherine M. Prelinger. New York: Oxford Univ. Press, 1992. xii, 363 p. (Religion in America series) \$24.95. 0-19-507433-5.

The late Catherine Prelinger was assistant editor of the Benjamin Franklin Papers Project at Yale University. This volume stems from a project undertaken at the request of the Lilly Foundation which was designed to explore the situation of women in mainline Protestantism using the Episcopal Church as a case study. The subjects treated include lay women's participation in Episcopal Church councils, the growing presence of women priests and elderly women, the interaction of lay men and women in leadership roles, the contrast between Episcopal and Evangelical women, women's denominational loyalty, the impact of ordained women, and African American women in the Episcopal Church.

**ETHICS, RELIGION, AND THE GOOD SOCIETY:** new directions in a pluralistic world. Joseph Runzo, editor. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992. xxiii, 200 p. Pap. \$23.99. 0-664-25285-0.

This volume evolved out of the eleventh annual Philosophy of Religion Conference at Claremont Graduate School where Joseph Runzo, professor of philosophy and religion at Chapman College, has been a visiting professor. The first six essays deal with fundamental questions of the nature of the good, and of the good or moral life. The next six address the question of what makes for a

good society, vis-à-vis religion, and what ethical problems we confront in attempting to achieve a good society. The last five essays center on dialogue, taking up the ethical dimensions of the problem of global religious pluralism.

**EVANS, Craig A.** *Jesus*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1992. 152 p. (IBR bibliographies, n. 5) Pap. \$9.95. 0-8010-3218-0.

This is the first volume in a new series sponsored by the Institute for Biblical Research. Craig Evans teaches biblical studies at Trinity Western University in Langley, British Columbia. This is an updated and abridged edition of his *Life of Jesus Research: an Annotated Bibliography* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1989). It retains only the most important foreign language items and adds new items which appeared between 1988 and 1991. The focus is on the most significant scholarship concerned with the problem of the historical Jesus. The 566 entries are classified under forty headings and are briefly annotated. The Institute plans to update each bibliography every five years.

**EVANS, Donald.** *Spirituality and human nature*. Albany: State Univ. of New York Press, 1992. x, 314 p. (SUNY series in religious studies) \$44.95. 0-7914-1279-2. Pap. \$14.95. 0-7914-1280-6.

Donald Evans is professor of philosophy at Victoria College, University of Toronto. His courses have been called "weird." He agrees that his book is "deviant," because it proposes a controversial conception of spirituality, one that not only focuses on "the underlying motivation and orientation we bring to whatever we experience or do," but also "includes becoming aware of spiritual presences and spiritual energies, as it did for our 'primitive' ancestors." Dealing with spirituality in relation to depth psychology, skepticism, ethics, and religion, he ranges over personal experience, para-normal phenomena, and Eastern and Western mysticism.

**EVANS, G. R. (Gillian Rosemary).** *Problems of authority in the Reformation debates*. New York: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1992. xv, 328 p. \$59.95. 0-521-41686-8.

Gillian Evans, lecturer in history in the University of Cambridge, shows how the failure of the theological debates of the Reformation period can help toward present-day