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✓ **CHITTICK, William C.** *The self-disclosure of God: principles of Ibn al-'Arabi's cosmology.* Albany: State Univ. of New York Press, 1998. xl, 483 p. (SUNY series in Islam) \$74.50. 0-7914-3403-6. Pap. \$24.95. 0-7914-3404-4.

William Chittick is professor of comparative studies at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. This book continues the investigation he began in *The Sufi Path of Knowledge* (1989). He presents the cosmology of Ibn al-'Arabi (1165-1240) in ten chapters arranged under three headings: God and the Cosmos, The Order of the Worlds, and The Structure of the Microcosm. Ten more chapters are planned as *The Breath of the All-Merciful: Ibn al-'Arabi's Articulation of the Cosmos*. Professor Chittick presents many new translations in the text and includes an index of technical terms and six other indexes.

**CHRISTIAN FAITH SEEKING HISTORICAL UNDERSTANDING: Essays in honor of H. Jack Forstman.** Edited by James O. Duke and Anthony L. Dunnivant. Macon, GA: Mercer Univ. Press, 1997. 314 p. \$40.00. 0-86554-560-X.

These 15 essays celebrate the career of Jack Forstman on the occasion of his retirement. He is professor emeritus of theology and dean emeritus of the Vanderbilt Divinity School. He currently teaches at Brite Divinity School. The essays in Part I deal with the meaning of Christian faith in light of its historical character. They treat theologians such as Schleiermacher, Feuerbach, Tillich, and Lessing; biblical universalism; and 19th-century views of blacks. Part II focuses on the "New Reformation" of the Disciples of Christ with essays on theology, worship, unity, division, and ecumenism.

**CHRISTIAN MISSION AND MODERN CULTURE.** Cragg, Kenneth. *The secular ex-*

*perience of God.* viii, 82 p. 1-56338-223-7. Hoedemaker, L. A. (Bert). *Secularization and mission: a theological essay.* x, 82 p. 1-56338-224-5. Harrisburg, PA: Trinity Press International, 1998. Pap. \$8.00 each. [British publisher = Gracewing]

Kenneth Cragg, an expert in the history and theology of Islam, has taught in Great Britain, the Middle East, and North America. He clarifies the meaning of "secularity" and discusses culture in its relation to human relationships, the shape of the religious mind, and the missionary vocation. Bert Hoedemaker teaches missions and ecumenics at the State University of Gronigen, the Netherlands. He argues "that missionary thinking must be reconstructed against the background of the global experience of secularization."

**CHRISTIANITY AND MISSIONS, 1450-1800.** Edited by J. S. Cummins. Brookfield, VT: Ashgate, Variorum, 1997. xxxviii, 381 p. (An Expanding world: the European impact on world history, 1450-1800, v. 28) \$124.95. 0-86078-519-X.

This volume contains 17 articles previously published from 1920-1988. Topics include Dominican beginnings in India; Antonio Possevin and world evangelization; the founding of the Congregatio de Propaganda Fide; Benedict XV's apostolic letter on the propagation of the faith; Bartolomé de Las Casas and America; baptism in the Philippines; Portuguese missionary methods; the problem of native clergy; the Guarani missions and the Spanish crown; missionary interpretations of Confucianism; The African Catholic Church in the Congo; Christianizing Tupi-Guarani cosmology; Leibniz and the missions; an early Protestant mission in Latin America; and Indian conversions in North America.

**CLEMENTS, C. Justin.** *The steward's way: a spirituality of stewardship.* Kansas City, MO: Sheed & Ward, 1997. x, 106 p. Pap. \$13.95. 1-58051-011-6.

Justin Clements is director of the Office of Stewardship and Development for the Diocese of Evansville, Indiana. This is his guide to understanding and applying the principles set forth in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral on stewardship (1992) and to promoting the joys of stewardship as a way of life. As he deals with the stewardship of money, he also suggests ways of improving parish life on all fronts.

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