

the files of the FBI, and also on the U.S. State Department files on Jonestown. Dr. Chidester describes in detail Jim Jones and his followers, their beliefs, their social organization, and the final events. Although he admits that controversy continues over the question of whether the Jonestown deaths were murder or suicide, he seeks to show "how those who did die willingly could have died meaningfully within the context of the public discourse, symbolic universe, or religious worldview of the Peoples Temple and Jonestown."

**CHITTICK, William C.** *The Sufi path of knowledge: Ibn al-'Arabi's metaphysics of imagination.* Albany: State Univ. of New York Press, 1989. xii, 478 p. \$74.50. 0-88706-884-7. Pap. \$24.50. 0-88706-885-5.

William Chittick, a professor of religious studies at the State University of New York, Stony Brook, spent twenty years preparing this study of the thought of Ibn al-'Arabi (1165-1240), "Magister Magnus," the "Great Master." A notoriously difficult writer, Ibn al-'Arabi is one of the most important of the Islamic mystical writers. Professor Chittick seeks to answer for the modern Western reader such questions as: What was he actually talking about? What are his basic teachings? What was the goal of his writings? and What can he contribute to the intellectual and spiritual needs of the present age? After an introduction and a chapter on "The Divine Presence" and the goal of "Finding God," he treats Ibn al-'Arabi's theology, ontology, epistemology, hermeneutics, and soteriology. He concludes with a chapter on the "Consummation" of the spiritual life. He provides translations of more than 600 passages from Ibn al-'Arabi's major work, a bibliography, and indices of sources, Koranic verses, Hadiths and sayings, and names and terms.

**CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY: five views of sanctification.** Edited by Donald L. Alexander, with contributions by Sinclair B. Ferguson [et al.] Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1988. 201 p. Pap. \$9.95. 0-8308-1278-4.

"How do we harmonize God's sovereign work in conquering sin with our responsibility to live a life of consistent holiness?" How can we "appropriate Christ's victory in the daily struggle against sin?" This symposium,

monitored by Donald Alexander, of Bethel College, presents five answers to these questions: 1) Lutheran (Gerald O. Forde, Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminary); 2) Reformed (Sinclair B. Ferguson, Westminster Theological Seminary); 3) Wesleyan (Laurence W. Wood, Asbury Theological Seminary); 4) Pentecostal (Russell F. Spittler, Fuller Theological Seminary); 5) Contemplative (E. Glenn Hinson, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary). Each presentation is followed by a brief response from each of the other participants.

**CHRISTIANITY AND GOVERNMENT IN RUSSIA AND THE SOVIET UNION: reflections on the millennium.** [By] Sergei Pushkarev, Vladimir Rusak, and Gleb Yakunin. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1989. xii, 166 p. (CCRS series on change in contemporary Soviet society) Pap. \$21.95. 0-8133-7524-X.

These three essays were written over the course of more than forty years by three critical observers of official Soviet policy toward the Russian Orthodox Church. Sergei Pushkarev, a Russian emigre historian who taught at Yale University for twenty-seven years, reviews the main themes of church-state relations in Russia before 1917. Vladimir Rusak, for many years editor of the *Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate*, recently spent two years in prison for his views. He recounts the systematic persecution of the church by Soviet authorities. Gleb Yakunin, a founding member of the Committee for the Defense of the Rights of Believers in the Soviet Union, was also imprisoned for his religious activism. In a report prepared in 1979, he describes the mechanisms used by the Soviet state to ensure the subservience of clerics.

**THE CHURCH AND WOMEN, a compendium.** Edited by Helmut Moll. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1988. 277 p. Pap. \$14.95. 0-89870-164-3.

This volume contains sixteen essays, most of which are translated from German. They deal with the identity and role of women in the church "in a context which remains faithful to the data of Scripture, the witness of Catholic tradition, and the Magisterium of the Church." The issues discussed include: women in theological anthropology, Mary and the mission of women in the church, the

**CARRIER, Hervé, S.J.** *Gospel message and human cultures: from Leo XIII to John Paul II.* Translated by John Drury. Pittsburgh: Duquesne Univ. Press, 1989. xiii, 178 p. (Institute for World Concerns series) \$29.95. 0-8207-0206-4. Pap. \$14.95. 0-8207-0207-2.

Hervé Carrier is secretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture and a professor of sociology at the Gregorian University. He begins by noting how Christians, in the wake of Vatican Council II, are taking a new look at the world and its relationship to the gospel message, and in particular, the meeting of the gospel message and living cultures. The questions he considers include: culture as an instrument of social analysis and a category of action; why the expression "Christian civilization" has given way to the concept of culture; how the "fight for culture" involves the "fight for justice"; the precise meaning of the term "evangelization of cultures"; how Christians in newly developed countries are living through experiences of inculturation; cultural pluralism in the church; and how the church stands in relation to science and the arts.

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S MESSAGE TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY.** Proceedings of the tenth convention of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars. Edited by Paul L. Williams. Pittston, PA: Northeast Books, a division of the Cultural Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania, 1988. 256 p. Pap. \$10.95. 0-937374-04-0.

The Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, founded in 1976, is made up of scholars from a variety of fields who believe "that in this time of transition and spiritual confusion, scholars owe a special debt of service to Christ and his Church." The twenty-one papers in this collection are arranged under seven headings: 1) The Church's Socio-Economic Teaching; 2) The Church and United States Politics; 3) The Church, Culture and Media; 4) The Church, Science and the Arts; 5) The Church and the Family; 6) The Church and Lay Ministry; 7) The Church, Universal and Particular.

**CHAMBERLAIN, Gary L.** *Fostering faith: a minister's guide to faith development.* Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1988. x, 214 p. Pap. \$10.95. 0-8091-3028-9.

Gary Chamberlain is director of SU-MORE, a graduate program in ministry and religious education, and a teacher of Christian ethics at Seattle University. He is "firmly convinced not only of the usefulness of faith development theory as a tool in a variety of ministries but also of the essential dimension that growth in faith plays in the formation of the minister." After a discussion of faith development theory, he looks at its implications for a variety of ministries: Christian education; family and parish life; ministry to the sick, the elderly, and those in prison; and, finally, "the broad areas of justice, spirituality and worship as the concrete embodiment of the Spirit which animates our lives, hopes, and visions of gospel realities."

**CHAMPLIN, Joseph M.** *The marginal Catholic: challenge, don't crush.* Notre Dame, IN: Ave Maria Press, 1989. 155 p. 0-87793-406-1.

Fr. Champlin, the author of more than twenty-five books, is vicar for parish life and worship in Syracuse, New York. He addresses the delicate and complex issues which arise when marginal, non-practicing Catholics seek the services of the church, especially the baptism of their children and marriage. Writing primarily for those involved in pastoral ministry, he begins with biblical, legal, liturgical, psychological, and theological questions, and then applies these general principles to baptism and marriage. He presents many case histories. A good number of these surfaced through responses to his article on marginal Catholics in *Our Sunday Visitor* (January 31, 1988).

**CHIDESTER, David.** *Salvation and suicide: an interpretation of Jim Jones, the Peoples Temple, and Jonestown.* Bloomington: Indiana Univ. Press, 1988. xv, 190 p. (Religion in North America) \$18.95. 0-253-35056-5.

David Chidester is a lecturer at the University Cape Town, South Africa. This is the first attempt to interpret Jim Jones, the Peoples Temple, and Jonestown in the light of the religious worldview that animated the church, the movement, and the utopian community that self-destructed on November 18, 1978. The analysis depends heavily on the over nine-hundred recordings of sermons, rallies, conversations, and related material in