

Theology Desert

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIANITY AS A GLOBAL CULTURE. Edited by Karla Poewe. Columbia, SC: Univ. of South Carolina Press, 1994. xiv, 300 p. (Studies in comparative religion) \$34.95. 0-87249-996-0.

These eleven chapters stem from a conference held in 1991. Karla Poewe, who teaches anthropology at the University of Calgary, treats "The Nature, Globality, and History of Charismatic Christianity." Other papers treat the normalization of Pentecostal religious experience; charismatic churches in South Africa; the charismatic movement in Latin America; the Korean Pentecostal mission to Japan; "Are Pentecostals and Charismatics Fundamentalists?"; cases of the translation of oral into literary culture; and experience, metonymy, and routinization among Flemish Catholic charismatics. Karla Poewe concludes with an essay on "Rethinking the Relationship of Anthropology to Science and Religion."

CHERVIN, Ronda de Sola & Pollard, Joseph. *Tell me why: answering tough questions about the faith.* Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor, 1994. 160 p. Pap. \$8.95. 0-87973-647-X.

Msgr. Pollard teaches theology and Ronda Chervin teaches philosophy at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, California. Each chapter of their book begins "Tell me why I should be a Catholic when . . . ?" The thirteen chapters then treat such problems as: the attractiveness of the New Age, pain in the world, the uncertainty that Jesus was divine, the strictness of the Church's moral teaching, the Church's neglect of the Bible, the changes introduced since Vatican Council II, and the second-class status of women in the Church.

✓ **CHITTICK, William C.** *Imaginal worlds: Ibn al-'Arabi and the problem of religious diversity.* Albany: State Univ. of New York Press, 1994. vii, 208 p. (SUNY series in Islam) \$57.50. 0-7914-2249-6. Pap. \$18.95. 0-7914-2250-X.

Ibn al-'Arabi, the "Greatest Master," is probably the most influential thinker of the second half of Islamic history. William Chittick, who teaches at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, wrote these ten essays on his thought between 1984 and 1992. They have been drastically revised for publication here. Part I, outlines Ibn al-'

Arabi's understanding of the role of human beings in the universe. Part II illustrates the role of imagination in the cosmos, the human psyche, and language. Part III discusses Ibn al-'Arabi's teaching on the nature of belief and religious diversity. A final chapter treats the basic elements of his theory of religion.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS: a case method approach. Second edition. [By] Robert L. Stivers [et al.] Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1994. vi, 298 p. Pap. \$16.95. 0-88344-973-0.

This introductory textbook, which features the case method approach commonly used in business and law, contains sixteen studies. Each consists of an extended account of a real-life situation followed by a commentary and suggestions for further readings. This second edition presents seven new cases which treat such areas as sexuality, assisted suicide, land reform, and business practices. Material from the first edition (1989) has been updated.

CLARK, Henry B. (Henry Balsley). *Serenity, courage, and wisdom: the enduring legacy of Reinhold Niebuhr.* Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 1994. xii, 223 p. Pap. \$14.95. 0-8298-1004-8.

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971) was "the most famous Protestant thinker of twentieth-century America." Henry Clark, who teaches social ethics at the University of Southern California, and who studied under Niebuhr and knew him over many years, believes he has much to say to a new generation of students. He treats Niebuhr's life, his theological development, his mature thought as founder of the school of thought known as "Christian Realism" or "Christian Pragmatism," the major criticisms leveled against him; and his enduring legacy.

CLENDENIN, Daniel B. *Eastern Orthodox Christianity: a western perspective.* Grand Rapids: Baker Books, a division of Baker Book House, 1994. 176 p. Pap. \$14.99. 0-8010-2588-5.

Daniel Clendenin, an evangelical student of Eastern Orthodoxy, has taught at Moscow State and other Eastern European universities. This volume is designed to be used with its companion, *Eastern Orthodox Theology: a Contemporary Reader* (Baker Books,

0-8240-4632-3.

This bibliography is designed for students of literature and linguistics as well as of biblical studies and religion. After an introduction on the Book of Ruth as oral history, political tool, feminist statement, literary masterpiece and religious story, Dr. Caspi presents a selection of 240 books, essays, and articles in several languages. Each entry is followed by an annotation, some of them a page or more in length.

CATHOLIC CHURCH. Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. *Guide for catechists*. Vatican City, 1993 [Distr.: Office for Publishing and Promotion Services, United States Catholic Conference, 3211 Fourth St., NE, Washington, DC 20027-1194] 60 p. Pap. \$5.95. 1-55586-824-X.

Based on a wide-ranging consultation with bishops, this guide "treats in a doctrinal, existential and practical way the principal aspects of the catechists' vocation, identity, spirituality, selection and training, missionary and pastoral tasks, and remuneration, along with the responsibility of the People of God towards them, in today's conditions and those of the immediate future."

CATHOLIC CHURCH. Archdiocese of Los Angeles (Calif.). Archival Center. *Calendar of documents and related historical materials in the Archival Center, Archdiocese of Los Angeles for the Right Reverend Francisco Garcia Diego, O.S.F., 1840-1850, and Right Reverend Joseph Sadoc Alamy, O.P. 1850-1852*. Prepared by Sister Mary Rose Cunningham, C.S.C. With prefaces and historical introductions by Msgr. Francis J. Weber. 15151 San Fernando Mission Blvd., Mission Hills, CA 91345: St. Francis Historical Society, 1995. x, 153 p. Gratis for researchers and research institutes.

This is a new addition to a series of calendar volumes of material in the archives of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The series provides a descriptive account, in chronological order, of the correspondence to and from the bishops and archbishops of the dioceses of Monterey-Los Angeles and Los Angeles.

CAVARNOS, Constantine. *Immortality of the soul*. 1993. 96 p. Pap. 5.95. 0-914744-96-8. *Orthodox Christian terminology*. 1994. 80 p. Pap. \$5.95. 0-914744-89-4. Bel-

mont, MA: Institute for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies.

Dr. Cavarinos is the author of some fifty books, one-third in Greek, others in English. *Immortality of the Soul* presents "The Testimony of the Old and New Testaments, Orthodox Iconography and Hymnography, and the works of Eastern Fathers and other writers of the Orthodox Church." *Orthodox Christian Terminology* seeks to develop "a satisfactory, acceptable, standardized English-language terminology in Eastern Orthodox theology, hagiology, Church services, and the sacred arts." The discussions of terminology are followed by Greek-English and English-Greek glossaries.

CAVARNOS, Constantine. *Blessed Elder Philotheos Zervakos (1884-1980)*. Belmont, MA: Institute for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, 1993. 240 p. (Modern Orthodox saints, 11) \$15.95. 0-914744-93-3. Pap. \$9.50. 0-914744-94-1.

Archimandrite Philotheos Zervakos served for fifty years as Abbot of the Holy Monastery of Longovarda in Greece and was for decades Greece's foremost confessor and spiritual guide. This illustrated volume contains an account of Dr. Cavarinos' meetings with him: a life; a list of his books and pamphlets; reviews of them by Dr. Cavarinos; English translations of articles he wrote on St. Nectarios, Papadiamantis, and Kontoglou; and translations of selections from his other writings.

CERESKO, Anthony R., O.S.F.S. *Psalmists and sages: studies in Old Testament poetry and religion*. Malleswaram West P.O., Bangalore - 560-055, India: Institute Publications, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, 1994. (Indian theological studies, supplements, 2) 250 p. Pap. \$5.00.

Anthony Ceresko, a member of the Congregation of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, is professor of OT at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute. This is a collection of his articles on the OT published between 1976 and 1993. The topics treated include chiasm in Hebrew poetry; aspects of Psalms 63, 105, 34, 149, and 21; David's boast (1 Sam 17:34-37); recent study of Hebrew poetry; the option for the poor in Job; Gustavo Gutiérrez on Job; the sage in the Psalms; the strategy of Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth); and the challenge of the tenth commandment.