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## DIGITAL SOUL

Mind Uploading, Virtual Consciousness and the Hope for Resurrection

by **L. Jansen, Re. A. Klein**

**Pustet, 152 p**

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## MORAL THEOLOGY COMPACT

Basics and current challenges

by **Karl-Heinz Menke**

**Pustet, 368 p**

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The technical advances of the last years and of the impending future raise a lot of questions concerning human consciousness. Questions that are not merely scientific, but philosophical and spiritual in nature, as well.

Can we achieve eternal life by technical means? Can a person's spirit be stored as a dynamic data structure and preserved as a functional unit beyond the ephemeral body?

Such technical utopias are now not just a playful motif in literature and film, but also a serious goal for computer scientists and tech start-ups. Is this project feasible? What impact would a successful implementation of mind uploading have on our ideas of human individuality and personal identity?

How is the project to be evaluated ethically and how does it relate to the Christian hope of a resurrection and eternal life that follows? The volume illuminates these questions from a philosophical, theological and socio-ethical perspective.

**Ludger Jansen** is an adjunct professor at the Institute for Philosophy at the University of Rostock, where he heads a research project on the philosophy of science in bionics.

**Rebekka A. Klein** is a professor of Systematic Theology with a focus on ecumenism and dogmatics at the Protestant Theological Faculty of the Ruhr University in Bochum.

*Moral Theology Compact* is aimed at readers who deal with moral theology in the context of school, study and work. In a topic-oriented manner, it facilitates the initial contact with the indispensable conceptual, factual and argumentative foundations of moral theology and can thus stimulate and support one's own ethical judgment in the context of Christian belief in God. Focus is on fundamental morality, medical ethics and sexual ethics.

The fundamentally revised new edition takes into account the latest literature and the latest socio-political, scientific and church developments. Contributions by renowned experts broaden the overall horizon. Individual subject areas such as the Bible and morality, truth and lies, egg cell donation, genome editing, ethical challenges of the pandemic, homosexuality and gender, but also technology issues and animal ethics have been newly included.

**Alexander Merkl**, dr. theol., is a professor of theological ethics at the University of Hildesheim.

**Kerstin Schögl-Flierl**, dr. theol., is a professor of moral theology at the University of Augsburg.

With contributions by Franz-Josef Bormann, Stephan Ernst, Alexander Flierl, Bernhard Koch, Gerhard Marschütz





## A SMALL HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

by **Jürgen Bärsch**

**Pustet, 207 p**

**2nd edition**

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## BENEDIKT XVI His Life, His Thoughts, His Message

by **Christian Feldmann**

**Pustet 204 p**

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With his history of the Christian liturgy, Jürgen Bärsch offers a compact overview of the major stages and developments in the liturgical life. He also conveys the cultural-historical influences on and through the liturgy in all its facets.

In short, poignant chapters, he shows the numerous and sometimes massive changes in worship in the history of Christianity. For the concrete form of the liturgical celebration has changed many times in its interaction with ecclesial and social upheavals, and it has been influenced by changes in culture and mentality.

**Jürgen Bärsch** is professor of Liturgical Science at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt.

How can human dignity and the absolute right to life be justified? Who sets the standards? Is reason enough? And who decides just what reason is? Are all religions worth the same?

Pope Benedikt XVI was full of surprises. His questions were so profound, his arguments so sophisticated, that it is worth examining them even for those who did not share his worldview.

Why was he elected? Why did he resign? Why did his visions disappear behind the glitches of the Vatican's apparatus? Christian Feldmann describes the breaks and miracles in this life, Joseph Ratzinger's bold concentration on the essentials, his fear of his own courage and his greatest concern: that Christians will lose their passion for the truth because of their fear of being seen as intolerant.

**Christian Feldmann** studied theology in Regensburg - among others, under Joseph Ratzinger himself - and sociology. As a journalist he worked for newspapers, radio and television. He wrote more than 50 biographies and portrait collections translated into 17 languages.



## HEBREWES

Words for Christians in crisis

by **Dirk Visser**

**Brevier**, 223 p

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## FLOATING ON GRACE

The Joy of Predestination

by **John van Eck**

**Brevier**, 128 p

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According to dr. Dirk Visser, Western Christianity is in a crisis of faith: decline in faith and church attendance, and apostasy from God.

A similar crisis occurred in the congregation of the Hebrews. The Bible book of Hebrews can therefore give us insight into our own situation and be a remedy to combat the ailment.

*Hebrews* may be a spicy book of the Bible, but it is also fascinating and has great depth. dr. Visser gives a careful and accessible explanation of the ways in which the Hebrews have dealt with the problem, keeping the current situation in mind. In a concluding chapter he summarizes the message of Hebrews for the church in the crisis.

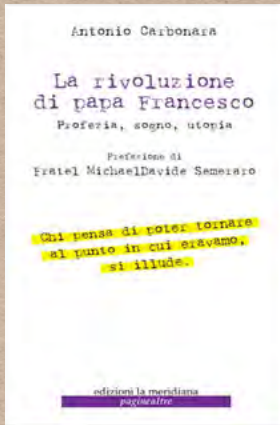
dr. **Dirk Visser** is an emeritus minister in the Christian Reformed Churches. He is also the author of *Is Jesus coming back soon?*

Predestination is high on the list of spurned theological themes. The doctrine not only gave rise to ecclesiastical strife, it also hindered many from believing. Most people are glad you don't hear much about it in the 21st century.

But theologian John van Eck thinks otherwise. Talking about predestination may be 'out', but for the good listener the theme is still 'in'. That is why, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, Van Eck compiled a collection on request with articles and sermons that he wrote about it in recent decades. They are a glowing testimony to the election, which shines a light on ordinary life.

'The most beautiful thing, that which deeply determines your life, the decisive, that happens to you.'

dr. **John van Eck** is a classicist and theologian. From 1981 to 2008 he served as an army chaplain. He published New Testament in the field of Reformed confession and exegesis.

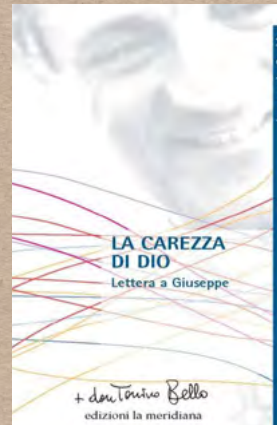


## POPE FRANCIS' REVOLUTION Prophecy, Dream, Utopia

by **Antonio Carbonara**

**La Meridiana, 82 p**

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## GOD'S CARESS

Sharing, Gratuitousness and  
Service in the throwaway Society

by **Antonio Bello**

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The image of a Pope who, as the bishop of Rome, wants to be the parish priest of a community is indicative of the reformist scope in Bergoglio's proposal for ecclesiastical conversion.

It's a sort of an upside-down careerism: rather than aspiring to dominate, one should aspire to become servant; rather than aspiring to be the first, one should rush to be the last, on the steps of Christ's example.

It is a total revolution.

**Antonio Carbonara**, A former head teacher, professor of Italian and Latin literature and mayor of Fasano where he founded the Leisure University "S. Francesco d'Assisi", he is the author of technical articles, poems and short stories.

On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Saint Joseph's being declared patron of the universal Church, the Pope announced a special "Year of Saint Joseph", during which - as stated in the Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary, which grants the gift of special Indulgences - "may each believer follow his example and daily strengthen his own life in faith fulfilling God's will".

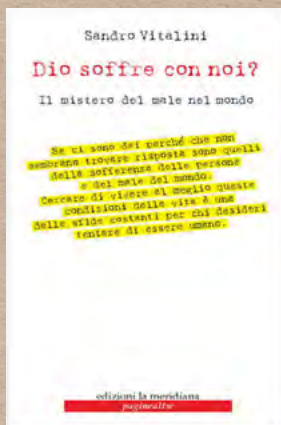
To guide and accompany our reflections, Francis published an apostolic letter illustrating one of St. Joseph's aspects: paternity. The document opens: "With the heart of a father: this is how Joseph loved Jesus, called in all four Gospels "The son of Joseph".

Hence the initiative to republish a large text by God's Servant Antonio Bello in which the figure of Saint Joseph is the narrative thread. This is the speech he made in Assisi on the occasion of the 42nd Youth Conference in 1987 on the theme: "Captured by the ephemeral?" This explains the subtitle "In the throwaway society", which is the background to the speech and, in some way, inspires its drafting.

(From the preface by Card. Marcello Semeraro)

Mons. **Antonio Bello** was bishop of Molfetta and National President of Pax Christi. His pastoral choice to radically opt for the last, and his commitment to the promotion of peace, nonviolence, justice and solidarity, make him among the most daring prophets of our days.





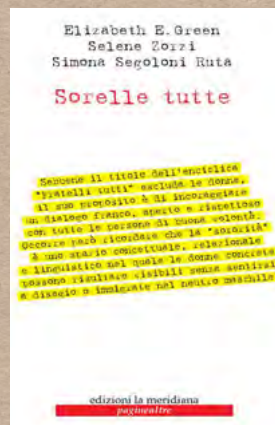
## DOES GOD SUFFER WITH US?

The Mystery of Evil in the  
World

by **Sandro Vitalini**

**La Meridiana, 112 p**

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## ALL SISTERS

by **E.E. Green, S. Segoloni  
Ruta, S. Zorz**

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The God of Abraham, Moses and Jesus continues to suffer with human beings, to be with them and lead them to a life without limits.

Starting from this existential trust, many people have found the strength to live with their limitations and sufferings and to hope. This faith and hope cannot be demonstrated forcefully nor on a theoretical and argumentative level only. Those who do have this hopeful belief may be called to bear witness with their own experience before those who are painfully experiencing its limits.

If on these reflections, readers shall feel that they ought to oppose every form of evil with the vital impulse of a love capable of a total self-gift, if necessary, then these pages will not have been written in vain.

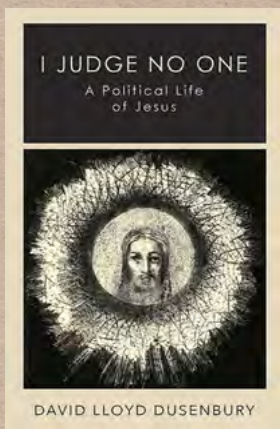
**Sandro Vitalini** was a professor of Dogmatic Theology and pro-vicar general of the Lugano Diocese. For several decades he carried out a widespread pastoral activity in favour of the cultural and spiritual formation of believers and non-believers. Covid-19 stole him from the earthly dimension of existence in 2020.

Pope Francis' Encyclical "All Brothers" deals with a plurality of topics in which the word "brothers", although meant to be inclusive of all, lends itself all too easily to the exclusion of many. There is, in fact, an important silence concerning women.

"Sorority" is not simply the equivalent and feminine parallel of fraternity. It is a word for breaking with a presumed "neutral and universal" world which actually is only masculine. Although overlooked in the ecclesial tradition, the rigid male-female gender binarism is something else altogether than being evenly witnessed in traditional spirituality and theology, Bringing the "sisters" to light even though in language only would mean influencing the patriarchal conception of relational and symbolic power relations between the sexes, where the feminine is defined and recognized only and exclusively by subtraction.

It is necessary to overcome - with truth and mercy - what divides us and keep alive "a fundamental sense of belonging", bearing in mind that conditions of injustice prevent peace.

**Elizabeth E. Green** carries out the pastoral ministry at the Christian Evangelical Baptist Union of Italy. She is a member of the Italian Women Theologians Coordination. **Simona Segoloni Ruta** is a layman (Perugia Diocese), and permanent teacher of Systematic Theology at the Assisi Theological Institute. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the ATI and vice-president of the Coordination of Italian Women Theologians. **Selene Zorz** is professor of Patrology at the Theological Institute of the Marches, and teacher of Philosophy, History and Human Sciences.



## I JUDGE NO ONE

A Political Life of Jesus

by **David L. Dusenbury**

**Hurst**, 312 p

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## THE INNOCENCE OF PONTIUS PILATE

How the Roman Trial of Jesus  
Shaped History

by **David Lloyd Dusenbury**

**Hurst**, 456 p

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How can the narratives of the gospels, and their interpretation through the centuries, explain the highly political death of a deeply spiritual figure?

Why was Jesus, who said 'I judge no one', put to death for a political crime? Of course, this is a historical question - but it is not only historical. Jesus's life became a philosophical theme in the first centuries of our era, when 'pagan' and Christian philosophers clashed over the meaning of his sayings and the significance of his death. Modern philosophers, too, such as Immanuel Kant and Friedrich Nietzsche, have tried to retrace the arc of Jesus's life and death.

*I Judge No One* is a philosophical reading of the four memoirs, or 'gospels', that were fashioned by early Christ-believers and collected in the New Testament. It offers original ways of seeing a deeply enigmatic figure who calls himself the Son of Man.

Dusenbury suggests that Jesus offered his contemporaries a scandalous double claim. First, that human judgements are pervasive and deceptive; and second, that even divine laws can only be fulfilled in the human experience of love. Though his life led inexorably to a grim political death, what Jesus's sayings revealed - and still reveal - is that our highest desires lie beyond the political.

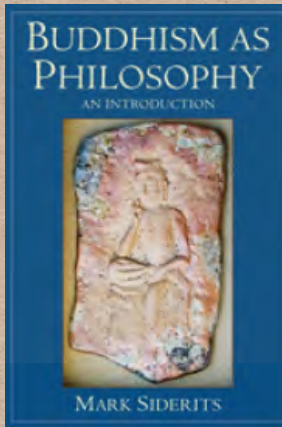
**David Lloyd Dusenbury** is a philosopher and historian of ideas, whose books include *The Innocence of Pontius Pilate* (also published by Hurst) and *Platonic Legislations*. He writes for *The Times Literary Supplement*, *La Lettura*, and others.

The gospels and ancient historians agree: Jesus was sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate, the Roman imperial prefect in Jerusalem. To this day, Christians of all churches confess that Jesus died 'under Pontius Pilate'. But what exactly does that mean?

Within decades of Jesus' death, Christians began suggesting that it was the Judaeen authorities who had crucified Jesus - a notion later echoed in the Qur'an. In the third century, one philosopher raised the notion that, although Pilate had condemned Jesus, he'd done so justly; this idea survives in one of the main strands of modern New Testament criticism. So what is the truth of the matter? And what is the history of that truth?

David Lloyd Dusenbury reveals Pilate's 'innocence' as not only a neglected theological question, but a recurring theme in the history of European political thought. He argues that Jesus' interrogation by Pilate, and Augustine of Hippo's North African sermon on that trial, led to the concept of secularity and the logic of tolerance emerging in early modern Europe. Without the Roman trial of Jesus, and the arguments over Pilate's innocence, the history of empire - from the first century to the twenty-first - would have been radically different.

**David Lloyd Dusenbury** is a research fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is the author of *Platonic Legislations: An Essay on Legal Critique in Ancient Greece* and *The Space of Time: A Sensualist Interpretation of Time in Augustine*.



## BUDDHISM AS PHILOSOPHY

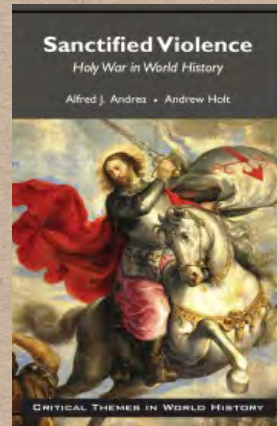
An Introduction

by **Mark Siderits**

**Hackett**, 304 p

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## SANCTIFIED VIOLENCE

by **Alfred J. Andrea** and **Andrew Holt**

**Hackett**, 208 p

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In *Buddhism As Philosophy*, Mark Siderits makes the Buddhist philosophical tradition accessible to a Western audience.

Offering generous selections from the canonical Buddhist texts and providing an engaging, analytical introduction to the fundamental tenets of Buddhist thought, this revised, expanded, and updated edition builds on the success of the first edition in clarifying the basic concepts and arguments of the Buddhist philosophers.

**Mark Siderits** is professor emeritus, Department of Philosophy, Illinois State University.

*"Buddhism As Philosophy* makes an excellent text for advanced undergraduate students. [A] main strength of this book is the way it brings Indian Buddhist philosophy into active dialogue and debate with well-established currents of Anglo-American analytical philosophy." - Evan Thompson, *Philosophy East and West*

A comprehensive and readable overview, it provides a lively introduction to the subject of holy war in its broadest sense - as 'sanctified violence' in the service of a god or ideology.

With Andrea and Holt as sure-footed guides, *Sanctified Violence* tackles a vast subject: the global history of holy war in its many forms across the millennia. From cosmic struggles between forces of good and evil at the dawn of mythic time to apocalyptic battles at history's end, this book explores the transcendental impulses and religious ideologies that fuel and shape collective violence in virtually every culture and age. Modern military chaplains and armed Buddhist monks keep company with medieval Templars and Aztec Flower warriors. *Sanctified Violence* never pretends to have all the answers to difficult questions about warfare and the sacred, but rather invites reflective readers to appraise their complicated relationship for themselves. Richly illustrated, each chapter offers a detailed commentary on its major historical sources and poses questions for further analysis, making the volume ideal for the classroom.

**Alfred J. Andrea** is emeritus professor of History, The University of Vermont, and general editor of Hackett's *Critical Themes in History* series. Among his other books: *The Medieval Record: Sources of Medieval History*, and *Seven Myths of the Crusades*.

**Andrew Holt** is associate professor of History at the Florida State College at Jacksonville.





## WHIRLING DANCE IN ETERNITY'S WAITING ROOM

A Dialogue with Rumi and Sufi  
Mysticism

by **Michael Gmelch**

**Echter, 180 p**

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## ECOLOGY AND POST-COLONIALISM

Theological Contributions

by **Stefan Silber**

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The Sufi mystic Rumi is one of the most important Persian poets.

This year, his followers around the world are commemorating the 750th anniversary of his death. He became known in particular for his sensual, erotic love poetry and the whirling dervishes. The fascination for him is unbroken to this day. His catchy verses address the core elements of humanity: questions about the meaning of existence and the fulfillment of deep longings. Many spiritual seekers today find answers from him that encourage and guide them.

Michael Gmelch has visited Sufi mystics in various countries. He asks: What contribution can you make in the sense of an interreligious dialogue not only for the churches, but also for spiritually interested people who are looking for experiences of God elsewhere?

**Michael Gmelch** is a theologian born 1959. Priest and author, his activities as a pastor in parishes, clinics, universities and as a pastor in the German-speaking Catholic community took him abroad in India.

What contribution can theology make when people are on the way to working for liberation from ecological and postcolonial injustices? What changes in theology are necessary for this? In view of the global entanglement of ecological crises, global injustices and multiple exclusions, such questions also arise in a networked manner.

In this book they are discussed from a theological perspective. To this end, the author particularly emphasizes the concept of synodality as an ecclesiological principle and invites people to listen to indigenous theologies worldwide. Through this global perspective, European theologies can be empowered to dare the necessary changes to develop answers to the pressing questions of ecology and post-colonialism.

As a private lecturer, **Stefan Silber** represents the professorship for dogmatics at the University of Vechta. He taught as a professor for systematic theology at the Catholic University in Paderborn and as a visiting professor at the Catholic Universities in San Salvador, Cochabamba and Quito. Previously he worked as a pastoral officer in the Diocese of Würzburg; From 1997 to 2002 he founded and directed the Diocesan Catechist Center in Potosí (Bolivia). In 2017 he was awarded the Erwin-Kräutler Prize for his habilitation thesis.



## SAINT FRANCIS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by **Hans Mendl**

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## BACK TO PARADISE

About the Happiness of a  
Reconciled Life

by **Helmut Schlegel**

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Francis of Assisi is closer to today's people than you might think at first glance! Based on the current issues of young people and on what we know about Francis, similar needs, desires and attitudes are described in his biography, for example: celebrating exuberantly - getting off track - dreaming of success - being restless - talking and acting provocatively - being amazed - going all in - loving until it hurts. On the one hand, astonishing parallels become clear - and on the other hand, contrasts time and again.

The appeal of Francis of Assisi is that you can approach him again and again. Sometimes you understand him, sometimes he repels you. This book is an invitation to a constructive and critical examination of Francis of Assisi - with the aim of receiving inspiration, questions, answers and tasks for your own life: for work in school, in preparing for confirmation, in youth work or as a inspiration during a stay in Assisi.

Dr. **Hans Mendl** teaches and researches at the University of Passau in the field of religious education and didactics of religious education. He has numerous publications on learning from other people's biographies and on performative religious education to his name.

Why are people happy? Not because they have a lot of money and can afford everything.

The happy ones are people who live reconciled. Reconciled with themselves, with their fellow human beings, with their fate, with God. Reconciliation is an outstretched hand, a constructive debate, a tender hug, but also a hopeful struggle against the causes of injustice and the destruction of creation.

This book follows the biblical trail of good and bad luck, of guilt and forgiveness. It also answers the question: what helps us to reconcile with our fractures?

The return to paradise is not a promise of the "after" or a utopian fiction.

Despite all wounds and disturbances, reconciliation is a way to be happy in the here and now.

**Helmut Schlegel** OFM, former head of the in Hofheim/ Taunus Retreat and Education Center and former provincial of the Thuringian Franciscan Province, then head of the Center for Christian Meditation and Spirituality in Frankfurt-Bornheim. Since 2019 retreat guide in Hofheim. He is a book and radio author.



## GROWING LIFE

Pregnancy and Spirituality

by **Annette Jantzen**

**Echter**, 140 p

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## DISAGREEMENT

### IN HEAVEN

Curiosities from the lives  
of the saints

by **Josef Imbach**

**Pustet**, 168 p

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Pregnancy is a special time - a time of anticipation and new experiences, and these are neither cute nor obvious. The becoming of life is both fragile and powerful, and as such pregnancy is also a time for spirituality and the experience of being part of a life force that is greater than humanity itself.

This book accompanies women in this special time and thus combines the topics of "pregnancy" and "spirituality". It opens up spaces and gives words for the beautiful and the stressful times of pregnancy and for the experience of taking part in the development of life.

**Annette Jantzen**, born 1978, studied catholic theology in Bonn, Jerusalem, Tübingen and Strasbourg. She works as a pastoral consultant and as a pastoral worker for women in the diocese of Aachen.

Why does love upset some people and get on the nerves of others? How did a saint become a whore? What should grumpy Christians think about? This is what anyone who studies the lives and legends of saints learns.

Saints are considered role models. But not all of them are worth imitating. For example, the line between religious zeal and fanaticism is often blurred. Several "saints" who at times enjoyed great veneration never existed. Others owe their stay in the holy heaven less to their way of life than to the legend, which is known for its unreliability and leaving out or outright changing unpleasant details.

In his humorous, relaxed presentation, the author follows Paul's advice: "Check everything and keep the good!"

**Josef Imbach** was professor of fundamental theology at the Pontifical Theological Faculty of San Bonaventura in Rome and lecturer in Catholic theology at the University of Basel. He works at the Senior University of Lucerne, in adult education and in practical pastoral care.





## THE CHURCH IS BURNING

Crisis and Future of Christianity

by **Andrea Riccardi**

**Echter**, 288 p

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## TO SERVE, NOT TO RULE

The foundation of Church offices according to the New Testament

by **Michael Theobald**

**Pustet**, 336 p

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The Church is in a difficult situation today. Are we experiencing one of the many crises in the history of Christianity or the final decline?

This question also worries those who look at Christianity from the outside. But a crisis does not necessarily mean the end. It can be an opportunity to open up to the future, aware of the great risk of being content with surviving and mourning a better past. The solution is to live through this crisis. Today the church is called to fight - not against external enemies, but against indifference and discredit.

**Andrea Riccardi** is Professor of Contemporary History at the University of Rome III and has been President of the Società Dante Alighieri since 2015. He is the founder of the Community of Sant'Egidio, a lay movement that works in more than 70 countries to spread the Gospel, serve the poor and promote peace.

How and why did church offices develop in the early days of the church? Against what socio-historical background did this happen, and how were the newly created offices interpreted theologically?

What social and individual skills did the exercise of the office require? What role did women play in building, shaping and leading communities in the 1st and 2nd centuries? How did people get into ministry - by election, or by calling?

Is the development of the ministries complete or can it continue today according to the New Testament model? - These are just a few of the hot questions to which the renowned New Testament scholar Michael Theobald gives understandable and comprehensible answers based on his profound research on the New Testament.

**Michael Theobald** is professor emeritus for New Testament studies at the Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Tübingen.



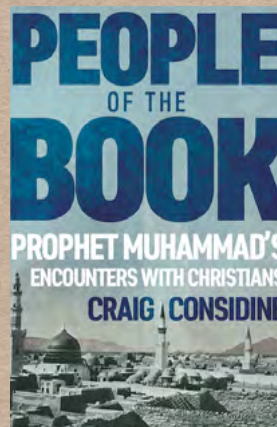
## THE SPIRIT LEADS THE WAY

To an Attractive Church and a  
Just Society

by **Marius Noorloos**

**Brevier**

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## PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

Prophet Muhammad's  
Encounters with Christians

by **Craig Considine**

**Hurst, 232 p**

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A concise but rich book on diversity in the Christian community.

The churches are losing more and more members, partly as a result of not dealing well with differences and disputes. There are also many problems in society due to a lack of solidarity and cooperation. That is why Rev. Marius Noorloos, who has earned his spurs with very successful books on missionary church building, wrote *The Spirit leads the way*, in which he answers the question of how the church can become attractive. How can the church become attractive and society righteous? To this end he develops ten steps that are necessary and possible.

**Marius Noorloos** is a community preacher & Church consultant in Gelderland, as well as the Dutch authority on Church development. His books on this theme have sold thousands of copies.

A considered study of Muslim - Christian coexistence and dialogue in the time of Prophet Muhammad.

The Christians that lived around the Arabian Peninsula during Muhammad's lifetime are shrouded in mystery. Some of the stories of the Prophet's interactions with them are based on legends and myths, while others are more authentic and plausible. But who exactly were these Christians? Why did Muhammad interact with them as he reportedly did? And what lessons can today's Christians and Muslims learn from these encounters?

Scholar Craig Considine, one of the most powerful global voices speaking in admiration of the prophet of Islam, provides answers to these questions. Through a careful study of works by historians and theologians, he highlights an idea central to Muhammad's vision: an inclusive Ummah, or Muslim nation, rooted in citizenship rights, interfaith dialogue, and freedom of conscience, religion and speech. In this unprecedented sociological analysis of one of history's most influential human beings, Considine offers groundbreaking insight that could redefine Christian and Muslim relations.

**Craig Considine** is a lecturer in sociology at Rice University and a global speaker, who has contributed to The New York Times, The Washington Post, CNN, the BBC, Foreign Policy and more. An American Catholic of Irish and Italian descent, he has written numerous books and articles on Christian-Muslim relations.



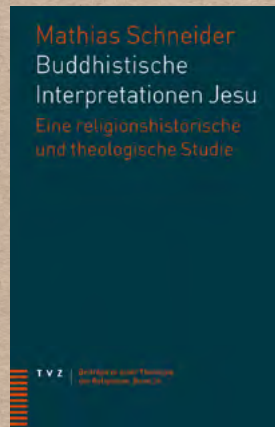
## GET UP AND GO!

The Gospel of Mark laid out  
for today

by **Josef Imbach**

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## BUDDHIST INTERPRETATIONS OF JESUS

A religious-historical and  
theological study

by **Mathias Schneider**

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Get up, take your stretcher and go! – this is how Jesus speaks in the Gospel of Mark to a paralyzed man who can, from then on, walk again.

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