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practical importance of biblical theology to ministry he begins with an examination of a pastor's tools of the trade exegesis and biblical and systematic theology the book distinguishes between the power of narrative in biblical theology and the power of application in systematic theology but also emphasizes the importance of their collaboration in ministry having laid the foundation for pastoral ministry lawrence uses the three tools to build a biblical theology telling the entire story of the bible from five different angles he puts biblical theology to work in four areas counseling missions caring for the poor and church state relations rich in application and practical insight this book will equip pastors and church leaders to think preach and do ministry through the framework of biblical theology faces are all around us and fundamentally shape both everyday experience and our understanding of people to lose face is to be alienated and experience shame to be enfaced is to enjoy the 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draws on the writer's experience and invites the readers to engage their own the philosophical and theological study of aesthetics has a long and rich history stretching back to platos identification of ultimate goodness and beauty together representing the eternal form recent trends in aesthetic theory however characterised by a focus on the beautiful at the expense of the good have made it an object of suspicion in the orthodox church in its place greek theologians have sought to emphasise philokalia as a truer theological discipline seeking to reverse this trend chrysostomos stamoulis brings into conversation a plethora of voices from church fathers to contemporary poets and from a marxist political theorist to a literary critic out of this dialogue stamoulis builds a model for the re appropriation of orthodoxys patristic and byzantine past that is no longer defined in antithesis to the western present the openness he proposes allows us to perceive afresh the world shot through with divinity if only we can lift our gaze to see it dismantling the false dichotomy philokalia or aesthetics is the first step this book charts the changing role of hospital chaplains and examines through detailed case studies the realities of practice and the political debates which either threaten or sustain the service this second edition includes a new introduction and updated material throughout to present fresh insights and research about chaplaincy including in relation to new atheism and the developing debate about secularism and religion in public life through the unique chaplain's eye view of the significance of their experience for understanding the ethics of war this book offers clearer understanding of chaplaincy in the context of the changing nature of international conflict shaped around insurgency and non state forces and explores the response of faith communities to the role of the armed services it makes the case for relocating understandings of just war within a theological framework and for a clear understanding of the relationship between the mission of chaplaincy and that of the military as humans we all express our grief differently acknowledging this truth dr james harrichand examines old testament accounts of grief and mourning alongside the experiences of marginalized guyanese and vietnamese immigrant communities in canada he explores both biblical and pastoral theology through an anthropological lens bridging the horizons of scripture and culture in a hermeneutically and pastorally sensitive manner dr harrichand's focus on prosaic prayers in the old testament fills a significant gap in the scholarship but this book is also significant for its immense practicality sensitizing readers to grief's varied expressions and equipping culturally intelligent pastoral caregivers he presents five compassionate intercultural care

practices for coping with grief grounding each in the living hope of the redemptive work of jesus christ the one who bore our griefs and carries our sorrows asylum seeking migration and church addresses one of the most pressing issues confronting contemporary society how are we to engage with migrants drawing on studies of church engagement with asylum seekers in the uk and critical immigration and refugee issues in north america snyder presents an extended theological reflection on both the issue of asylum seeking and the fears of established populations surrounding immigration this book outlines ways in which churches are currently supporting asylum seekers encouraging closer engagement with people seen as other and more thoughtful responses to newcomers creatively exploring biblical and theological traditions surrounding the stranger snyder argues that as well as practising a vision of inclusive community churches would do well to engage with established population fears trends in global migration and the dynamics of fear and hostility surrounding immigration are critically and creatively explored throughout the book inviting more complex nuanced responses to asylum seekers and immigrants this book offers invaluable insights to those interested in christian ethics practical theology social work mission and faith and social action as well as those working in the field of migration sharing friendship represents a post liberal approach to ecclesiology and theology generated out of the history practices and traditions of the anglican church drawing on the theological ethics of stanley hauerwas this book explores the way friendship for the stranger emerges from contextually grounded reflection and converses with contemporary anglican theologians within the english tradition including john milbank oliver o donovan rowan williams daniel hardy and anthony thiselton ordinary christology is defined as the account of who jesus was is and what he did does that is given by christian believers who have received no formal theological education in this fascinating study ann christie analyses and offers a theological appraisal of the main christologies and soteriologies operating in a sample of ordinary churchgoers christie highlights the formal characteristics of ordinary christology and raises questions about how we should respond to the beliefs about jesus held by ordinary churchgoers empirical findings have important pastoral theological and missiological implications and raise important questions about the importance or otherwise of right belief for being christian this book presents a model for how the study of ordinary theology can be conducted with the in depth theological analysis and critique which it both requires and deserves grappling with theological issues raised by abuse this book argues that the church should be challenged and ministered to by survivors paying careful attention to her interviews with christian women survivors shooter finds that through painful experiences of transformation they have surprisingly become potential agents of transformation for others shooter brings the survivors narratives into dialogue with the story of job and with medieval mystic marguerite porrete s spirituality of annihilation culminating in an engagement with contemporary feminist theology concerning power and powerlessness there emerges a set of principles for authentic community spirituality which crosses boundaries with god supports appropriate human boundaries and crucially listens attentively appealing to church leaders students practitioners and practical theologians this book offers a creative and ethical theological enquiry as well as some spiritual anchor points for survivors bonaventure was a great pastor and preacher and also a very effective teacher his writing shows clarity and conviction and his authority arose from his profound grasp of scripture and patristic monastic tradition the force behind how he wrote sprang from his keen sense of the significance of francis and clare and all that flowed from them not least into his own spiritual life and experience as a person of deep contemplative and mystical prayer way back to god is a comprehensive conspectus and study of how bonaventure taught christian theology and applied it to spiritual life it is intended to be a guide through most of his writings though not as a substitute for reading them it provides a bridge into his thought and also a remarkable hand book of christian theology in its bearing upon spiritual life douglas dales new work enables bonaventure s distinctive spiritual theology to be seen as a whole as well as making his writings in latin or english accessible and attractive identifying illuminating and enhancing understanding of key aspects of women and girls faith lives the faith lives of women and girls represents a significant body of original qualitative research from practitioners and researchers across the uk contributors include new and upcoming researchers as well as more established feminist practical theologians chapters provide perspectives on different ages and stages of faith across the life cycle from a range of different cultural and religious contexts diverse spiritual practices beliefs and attachments are explored including a variety of experiences of liminality in women s faith lives a range of approaches ethnographic oral history action research interview studies case studies and documentary analysis combine to offer a deeper understanding of women s and girls faith lives as well as being of interest to researchers this book presents resources to enhance ministry to and with women and girls in a variety of settings silence is long established as a spiritual discipline amongst people of faith however its examination tends to focus on depictions within texts emerging

from religious life and the development of its practices latterly feminist theologians have also highlighted the silencing of women within christian history consequently silence is often portrayed as a solitary discipline based in norms of male monastic experience or a tool of women s subjugation in contrast this book investigates chosen practices of silence in the lives of christian women today evidencing its potential for enabling profound relationality and empowerment within their spiritual journeys opening with an exploration of christianity s reclamation of practices of silence in the twentieth century this contemporary ethnographic study engages with wider academic conversations about silence its substantive theological and empirical exploration of women s practices of silence demonstrates that for some silence based prayer is a valued space for encounter and transformation in relationships with god with themselves and with others utilising a methodology that proposes focusing on silence throughout the qualitative research process this study also illustrates a new model for depicting relational change finally the book urges practical and feminist theologians to re examine silence s potential for facilitating the development of more authentic and responsible relationality within people s lives this is a unique study that provides new perspectives on practices of silence within christianity particularly amongst women it will therefore be of significant interest to academics practitioners and students in theology and religious studies with a focus on contemporary religion spirituality feminism gender and research methods we live in an age of enormous and rapid change but how do people organisations even whole cultures and societies change and where is god in such transformations for more than a hundred years anthropology has taught us that entering a chaotic awesome and fraught threshold or liminal space is fundamental to our renewal as human beings yet none of us goes willingly into such places we need to be held in liminal movement so that it is safe enough to change crossing thresholds is the first inter disciplinary theological treatment of the universal phenomenon of liminality developing practical wisdom from foundations in the work of victor turner donald winnicott and bruce reed the authors explore the place of liminality in the worship mission and hermeneutics of the church and reflect on its usefulness to a wide range of christian practice for all those who strive to think theologically about the great transitions of life this comprehensive work offers unique insight into what it is to safely cross the threshold of chaos and embrace the future with courage leadership in unknown waters invites organizational leaders and their teams to engage powerful questions amidst ambiguity and uncertainty as they move from the way things were to an emerging future this liminality a threshold in space and time allowing for transition from something old to something new is fraught with both difficulty and opportunity leaders teams and individuals who navigate this space skillfully will land in surprisingly dynamic places encountering stories metaphors and inspiration for traversing the threshold not only competently but with curiosity and confidence in this way futures are created that are not possible with fear based planning or quick fixes withrow s method intersects the human imagination through a visual living metaphor water with attention to space liminality or transitional space and focus on role leadership development for powerful engagement with what organizational learning theorists call the emerging future here the theoretical meets the practical and research informs the how to and why diving into unknown waters with tools and wisdom can create a better future for all who face change whether within corporations not for profit organizations faith communities family systems or interpersonal relationships recent and current crises in health ecology society and spirituality have lent the whole arena of liminality a new urgency and relevancy those who traverse the great transitions are rediscovering new ways of interpreting life through the liminal lens a way to make sense of the great voluntary and unchosen transitions that characterize modern life this anthology provides a unique overview of liminality as it gathers a diverse coterie of authors disciplines and contexts to explore its many facets distinct in its interdisciplinary approach the liminal loop serves as an important source book for general readers teachers students artists counselors spiritual guides and social transformers from liminal poetry and musical traditions to the strange vertical world of the rock climber the liminal loop explores the swirling chaos on the other side of critical thresholds and suggests a pathway through the daunting middle passages of the in between with what can only be described as courage the many authors of this collection dare to look uncertainty in the eye knowing that this is a necessary journey and that it is better to travel with a common band of pilgrims than to go it alone this book has two goals to educate healthcare professionals about the effect of identity based adversity on the health of their lgbt patients and to outline how providers can use the clinical encounter to promote lgbt patients resilience in the face of adversity and thereby facilitate recovery toward this end it addresses trauma in lgbt populations factors that contribute to resilience both across the lifespan and in specific groups and strategies for promoting resilience in clinical practice each chapter includes a case scenario with discussion questions and practice points that highlight critical clinical best practices the editors and contributors are respected experts on the health of lgbt people and the

book will be a first of its kind resource for all clinicians who wish to become better educated about and provide high quality healthcare to their lgbt patients this book introduces catholic social teaching cst and its teaching on the common good to the reader and applies them in the realm of public health to critically analyze the major global issues of covid 19 that undermine public interest it uses the sociotheological approach that combines the moral principles of cst and the holistic analysis of modern sociology and also utilizes the secondary literature as the main source of textual data specifically it investigates the corporate moral irresponsibility and some unethical business practices of big pharma in the sale and distribution of its anti covid vaccines and medicines the injustice in the inequitable global vaccine distribution the weakening of the united states congress s legislative regulation against the pharmaceutical industry s overpricing and profiteering the inadequacy of the world health organization s who law enforcement system against corruption and the lack of social monitoring in the current public health surveillance system to safeguard the public good from corporate fraud and white collar crime this book highlights the contribution of sociology in providing the empirical foundation of cst s moral analysis and in crafting appropriate catholic social action during the pandemic it is hoped that through this book secular scholars social scientists religious leaders moral theologians religious educators and catholic lay leaders would be more appreciative of the sociotheological approach to understanding religion and covid 19 this book brings into dialogue two bodies of literature documents of catholic social teaching and modern sociology and its core thinkers and texts the author does especially well to describe how taking the sociotheological turn will benefit the credibility and dissemination of catholic social thought rev fr thomas massaro s j professor of moral theology jesuit school of theology santa clara university berkeley california as a people of faith inspired by the belief that every human person is created in the image and likeness of god catholics have a responsibility to be champions for racial justice racism and structural sin invites readers to not only confront racism on a personal level but also to examine the root causes and perpetuated structures of this sin grounded in church teaching and pastoral practice this book is a resource for catholics especially white catholics looking to wrestle with the challenges of race in the united states today through the eyes of their faith this is a feast for theologians historians and christian counselors pietsch examines 21 of luther s letters of comfort to explore luther s pastoral care for souls suffering with depression pietsch uses interdisciplinary tools of inquiry artfully to examine the letters luther s pastoral care approaches and the history of the melancholy tradition the practice of seelsorge emerges as an amalgam of art spiritual gift and understanding of affliction all resting comfortably within the authority of scripture and the lutheran confessions pietsch s volume is a significant contribution to spiritual care literature underscoring the conviction of the early church that individual soul care is an essential response to serve those who despair offering pivotal pastoral care insights that are often lost discredited or entirely absent in the work of caring for those who suffer with depression pietsch concludes that luther has given us excellent tools to examine learn and to teach as we assist souls to find hope strength and healing in the gospel of jesus christ professor beverly yahnke concordia university wisconsin executive director of christian counsel doxology lutheran centre for spiritual care and counsel this book is an arresting interdisciplinary publication on christian education comprising works by leading scholars professionals and practitioners from around the globe it focuses on the integrated approaches to christian education that are both theoretically sound and practically beneficial and identifies innovative pedagogical methods and tools that have been field tested and practice approved it discusses topics such as exploring programmes and courses through different lenses learning challenges and opportunities within organisational management theology of business christian models of teaching in different contexts job preparedness developing different interpretive or meaning making frameworks for working with social justice people with disability non profit community organisations and in developing country contexts it offers graduate students teachers school administrators organisational leaders theologians researchers and education practitioners a fresh and inspiring reimagining of christian education perspectives and practices and the ramifications of their application to life long learning si el dios cristiano es un dios de amor y de justicia la corrupción como abuso del poder otorgado mina esta imagen e impide la correspondiente experiencia de la presencia divina en la vida humana así pues la corrupción es un mal personal y social fundamental que socava al agente moral y destruye el alma de los individuos y de las instituciones por eso este problema se encuentra en el núcleo de la identidad cristiana en este mundo este número de concilium se abre con una reflexión del papa francisco que se publicó y se reeditó cuando era arzobispo de buenos aires mucho antes de que hablara de estos asuntos a la curia romana 20

Pastoral Theology and Care

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Practical Theology and Pierre-André Liégé

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Mothering as a Metaphor for Ministry

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drawing together original research which weaves together ideas from theology philosophy feminism and writing on mothering and child development percy affirms and encourages aspects of good practice in ministry that are in danger of being over looked because they are neither well articulated nor valued offering a fresh look at parish ministry this book uses a maternal metaphor to provide an integrated image of being and doing

Poetry, Practical Theology and Reflective Practice

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Recognizing Other Subjects

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how do we care justly when the self suffers because of the identity that they inhabit pastoral theologian katharine e lassiter approaches this interdisciplinary question from a feminist perspective in order to understand how suffering subject formation and social injustice are connected lassiter identifies the challenges of identity in developing a pastoral theological anthropology reflecting on tensions in her own experiences of caring for selves drawing from theories of recognition she argues that doing just care requires recognizing the need for recognition as well as acknowledging the impediments to receiving interpersonal social and theological recognition bringing together resources from pastoral theology and social theory she develops a feminist pastoral theology and praxis of encounter in order to advance a care that does justice scholars social justice practitioners and pastoral caregivers will be able to use this resource to discover not only how and why recognition affects human development but also how we might implement a liberative theological praxis that is attentive to the role of recognition in subject formation

The Structure of Second Corinthians

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Moving Beyond Individualism in Pastoral Care and Counseling

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Reweaving the Ministries

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Love Does Not Seek Its Own

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concluding reflections consider what the church in our time might learn from these aspects of augustine s teaching regarding the formation of a common life as members are drawn together in love of god and neighbour

Exploring Ordinary Theology

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ordinary theology characterizes the reflective god talk of the great majority of churchgoers and others who remain largely untouched by the assumptions concepts and arguments that academic theology takes for granted astley coined the phrase in his innovative study ordinary theology looking listening and learning in theology arguing that speaking statistically ordinary theology is the theology of god s church exploring ordinary theology presents fresh contributions from a wide range of authors who address the theological empirical and practical dimensions of this central feature of ordinary christian existence and the life of the church

Biblical Theology in the Life of the Church (Foreword by Thomas R. Schreiner)

2010-04-01

capitol hill baptist church associate pastor michael lawrence contributes to the ixmarks series as he centers on the practical importance of biblical theology to ministry he begins with an examination of a pastor s tools of the trade exegesis and biblical and systematic theology the book distinguishes between the power of narrative in biblical theology and the power of application in systematic theology but also emphasizes the importance of their collaboration in ministry having laid the foundation for pastoral ministry lawrence uses the three tools to build a biblical theology telling the entire story of the bible from five different angles he puts biblical theology to work in four areas counseling missions caring for the poor and church state relations rich in application and practical insight this book will equip pastors and church leaders to think preach and do ministry through the framework of biblical theology

Saving Face

2013-10-28

faces are all around us and fundamentally shape both everyday experience and our understanding of people to lose face is to be alienated and experience shame to be enfaced is to enjoy the fullness of life in theology as in many other disciplines faces as both physical phenomena and symbols have not received the critical appreciative attention they deserve this pioneering book explores the nature of face and enfacement both human and divine pattison discusses questions concerning what face is how important face is in human life and relationships and how we might understand face both as a physical phenomenon and as a series of socially inflected symbols and metaphors about the self and the body examining what face means in terms of inclusion and exclusion in contemporary human society and how it is related to shame pattison reveals what the experience of people who have difficulties with faces tell us about our society our understandings of and our reactions to face exploring this ubiquitous yet ignored area of both contemporary human experience and of the christian theological tradition pattison explains how christian theology understands face both human and divine and the insights might it offer to understanding face and enfacement does god in any sense have a physically visible face what is the significance of having an enfaced or faceless god for christian life and practice what does the vision of god mean now if we want to take face and defacing shame seriously and to get them

properly into perspective we may need to change our theology thought and practice changing our ways of thinking about god and about theology

Using the Bible in Practical Theology

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exploring how the bible may be appropriately used in practical and public theology this book looks at types of modern practical theology with specific emphasis on the use of the bible bennett juxtaposes the diversity of modern practical theology with the work of leading nineteenth century public theologian john ruskin and then assesses the contribution of this analysis to some modern issues of public importance in which the bible is used the final chapter offers a framework for a biblically informed critical practical theology which draws on the writer s experience and invites the readers to engage their own

Holy Beauty

2022-08-25

the philosophical and theological study of aesthetics has a long and rich history stretching back to platos identification of ultimate goodness and beauty together representing the eternal form recent trends in aesthetic theory however characterised by a focus on the beautiful at the expense of the good have made it an object of suspicion in the orthodox church in its place greek theologians have sought to emphasise philokalia as a truer theological discipline seeking to reverse this trend chrysostomos stamoulis brings into conversation a plethora of voices from church fathers to contemporary poets and from a marxist political theorist to a literary critic out of this dialogue stamoulis builds a model for the re appropriation of orthodoxys patristic and byzantine past that is no longer defined in antithesis to the western present the openness he proposes allows us to perceive afresh the world shot through with divinity if only we can lift our gaze to see it dismantling the false dichotomy philokalia or aesthetics is the first step

Hospital Chaplaincy in the Twenty-first Century

2014-02-28

this book charts the changing role of hospital chaplains and examines through detailed case studies the realities of practice and the political debates which either threaten or sustain the service this second edition includes a new introduction and updated material throughout to present fresh insights and research about chaplaincy including in relation to new atheism and the developing debate about secularism and religion in public life

Military Chaplaincy in Contention

2013-06-28

through the unique chaplain s eye view of the significance of their experience for understanding the ethics of war this book offers clearer understanding of chaplaincy in the context of the changing nature of international conflict shaped around insurgency and non state forces and explores the response of faith communities to the role of the armed services it makes the case for relocating understandings of just war within a theological framework and for a

clear understanding of the relationship between the mission of chaplaincy and that of the military

Compassionate Intercultural Care Practices for Coping with Grief

2024-03-31

as humans we all express our grief differently acknowledging this truth dr james harrichand examines old testament accounts of grief and mourning alongside the experiences of marginalized guyanese and vietnamese immigrant communities in canada he explores both biblical and pastoral theology through an anthropological lens bridging the horizons of scripture and culture in a hermeneutically and pastorally sensitive manner dr harrichand s focus on prosaic prayers in the old testament fills a significant gap in the scholarship but this book is also significant for its immense practicality sensitizing readers to grief s varied expressions and equipping culturally intelligent pastoral caregivers he presents five compassionate intercultural care practices for coping with grief grounding each in the living hope of the redemptive work of jesus christ the one who bore our griefs and carries our sorrows

Asylum-Seeking, Migration and Church

2012-11-01

asylum seeking migration and church addresses one of the most pressing issues confronting contemporary society how are we to engage with migrants drawing on studies of church engagement with asylum seekers in the uk and critical immigration and refugee issues in north america snyder presents an extended theological reflection on both the issue of asylum seeking and the fears of established populations surrounding immigration this book outlines ways in which churches are currently supporting asylum seekers encouraging closer engagement with people seen as other and more thoughtful responses to newcomers creatively exploring biblical and theological traditions surrounding the stranger snyder argues that as well as practising a vision of inclusive community churches would do well to engage with established population fears trends in global migration and the dynamics of fear and hostility surrounding immigration are critically and creatively explored throughout the book inviting more complex nuanced responses to asylum seekers and immigrants this book offers invaluable insights to those interested in christian ethics practical theology social work mission and faith and social action as well as those working in the field of migration

Sharing Friendship

2015-06-28

sharing friendship represents a post liberal approach to ecclesiology and theology generated out of the history practices and traditions of the anglican church drawing on the theological ethics of stanley hauerwas this book explores the way friendship for the stranger emerges from contextually grounded reflection and converses with contemporary anglican theologians within the english tradition including john milbank oliver o donovan rowan williams daniel hardy and anthony thiselton

Ordinary Christology

2012-08-01

ordinary christology is defined as the account of who jesus was is and what he did does that is given by christian believers who have received no formal theological education in this fascinating study ann christie analyses and offers a theological appraisal of the main christologies and soteriologies operating in a sample of ordinary churchgoers christie highlights the formal characteristics of ordinary christology and raises questions about how we should respond to the beliefs about jesus held by ordinary churchgoers empirical findings have important pastoral theological and missiological implications and raise important questions about the importance or otherwise of right belief for being christian this book presents a model for how the study of ordinary theology can be conducted with the in depth theological analysis and critique which it both requires and deserves

How Survivors of Abuse Relate to God

2012-09-01

grappling with theological issues raised by abuse this book argues that the church should be challenged and ministered to by survivors paying careful attention to her interviews with christian women survivors shooter finds that through painful experiences of transformation they have surprisingly become potential agents of transformation for others shooter brings the survivors narratives into dialogue with the story of job and with medieval mystic marguerite porrete s spirituality of annihilation culminating in an engagement with contemporary feminist theology concerning power and powerlessness there emerges a set of principles for authentic community spirituality which crosses boundaries with god supports appropriate human boundaries and crucially listens attentively appealing to church leaders students practitioners and practical theologians this book offers a creative and ethical theological enquiry as well as some spiritual anchor points for survivors

Way Back To God

2019-01-01

bonaventure was a great pastor and preacher and also a very effective teacher his writing shows clarity and conviction and his authority arose from his profound grasp of scripture and patristic monastic tradition the force behind how he wrote sprang from his keen sense of the significance of francis and clare and all that flowed from them not least into his own spiritual life and experience as a person of deep contemplative and mystical prayer way back to god is a comprehensive conspectus and study of how bonaventure taught christian theology and applied it to spiritual life it is intended to be a guide through most of his writings though not as a substitute for reading them it provides a bridge into his thought and also a remarkable hand book of christian theology in its bearing upon spiritual life douglas dales new work enables bonaventure s distinctive spiritual theology to be seen as a whole as well as making his writings in latin or english accessible and attractive

The Faith Lives of Women and Girls

2013-12-28

identifying illuminating and enhancing understanding of key aspects of women and girls faith lives the faith lives of women and girls represents a significant body of original qualitative research from practitioners and researchers across the uk contributors include new and upcoming researchers as well as more established feminist practical theologians chapters provide perspectives on different ages and stages of faith across the life cycle from a range of different cultural and religious contexts diverse spiritual practices beliefs and attachments are explored including a variety of experiences of liminality in women s faith lives a range of approaches ethnographic oral history action research interview studies case studies and documentary analysis combine to offer a deeper understanding of women s and girls faith lives as well as being of interest to researchers this book presents resources to enhance ministry to and with women and girls in a variety of settings

Women Choosing Silence

2019-01-22

silence is long established as a spiritual discipline amongst people of faith however its examination tends to focus on depictions within texts emerging from religious life and the development of its practices latterly feminist theologians have also highlighted the silencing of women within christian history consequently silence is often portrayed as a solitary discipline based in norms of male monastic experience or a tool of women s subjugation in contrast this book investigates chosen practices of silence in the lives of christian women today evidencing its potential for enabling profound relationality and empowerment within their spiritual journeys opening with an exploration of christianity s reclamation of practices of silence in the twentieth century this contemporary ethnographic study engages with wider academic conversations about silence its substantive theological and empirical exploration of women s practices of silence demonstrates that for some silence based prayer is a valued space for encounter and transformation in relationships with god with themselves and with others utilising a methodology that proposes focusing on silence throughout the qualitative research process this study also illustrates a new model for depicting relational change finally the book urges practical and feminist theologians to re examine silence s potential for facilitating the development of more authentic and responsible relationality within people s lives this is a unique study that provides new perspectives on practices of silence within christianity particularly amongst women it will therefore be of significant interest to academics practitioners and students in theology and religious studies with a focus on contemporary religion spirituality feminism gender and research methods

Crossing Thresholds

2021-01-28

we live in an age of enormous and rapid change but how do people organisations even whole cultures and societies change and where is god in such transformations for more than a hundred years anthropology has taught us that entering a chaotic awesome and fraught threshold or liminal space is fundamental to our renewal as human beings yet none of us goes willingly into such places we need to be held in liminal movement so that it is safe enough to change crossing thresholds is the first inter disciplinary theological treatment of the universal phenomenon of liminality developing practical wisdom from foundations in the work of victor turner donald winnicott and bruce reed the authors explore the place of liminality in the worship mission and hermeneutics of the church and reflect on its usefulness to a wide range of christian practice for all those who strive to think theologically about the great transitions of life this comprehensive work offers unique insight into what it is to safely cross the threshold of chaos and embrace the future with courage

Leadership in Unknown Waters

2020-01-01

leadership in unknown waters invites organizational leaders and their teams to engage powerful questions amidst ambiguity and uncertainty as they move from the way things were to an emerging future this liminality a threshold in space and time allowing for transition from something old to something new is fraught with both difficulty and opportunity leaders teams and individuals who navigate this space skillfully will land in surprisingly dynamic places encountering stories metaphors and inspiration for traversing the threshold not only competently but with curiosity and confidence in this way futures are created that are not possible with fear based planning or quick fixes withrow s method intersects the human imagination through a visual living metaphor water with attention to space liminality or transitional space and focus on role leadership development for powerful engagement with what organizational learning theorists call the emerging future here the theoretical meets the practical and research informs the how to and why diving into unknown waters with tools and wisdom can create a better future for all who face change whether within corporations not for profit organizations faith communities family systems or interpersonal relationships

The Liminal Loop

2022-02-24

recent and current crises in health ecology society and spirituality have lent the whole arena of liminality a new urgency and relevancy those who traverse the great transitions are rediscovering new ways of interpreting life through the liminal lens a way to make sense of the great voluntary and unchosen transitions that characterize modern life this anthology provides a unique overview of liminality as it gathers a diverse coterie of authors disciplines and contexts to explore its many facets distinct in its interdisciplinary approach the liminal loop serves as an important source book for general readers teachers students artists counselors spiritual guides and social transformers from liminal poetry and musical traditions to the strange vertical world of the rock climber the liminal loop explores the swirling chaos on the other side of critical thresholds and suggests a pathway through the daunting middle passages of the in between with what can only be described as courage the many authors of this collection dare to look uncertainty in the eye knowing that this is a necessary journey and that it is better to travel with a common band of pilgrims than to go it alone

Trauma, Resilience, and Health Promotion in LGBT Patients

2017-06-05

this book has two goals to educate healthcare professionals about the effect of identity based adversity on the health of their lgbt patients and to outline how providers can use the clinical encounter to promote lgbt patients resilience in the face of adversity and thereby facilitate recovery toward this end it addresses trauma in lgbt populations factors that contribute to resilience both across the lifespan and in specific groups and strategies for promoting resilience in clinical practice each chapter includes a case scenario with discussion questions and practice points that highlight critical clinical best practices the editors and contributors are respected experts on the health of lgbt people and the book will be a first of its kind resource for all clinicians who wish to become better educated about and provide high quality healthcare to their lgbt patients

A Sociotheological Approach to Catholic Social Teaching

2022-10-31

this book introduces catholic social teaching cst and its teaching on the common good to the reader and applies them in the realm of public health to critically analyze the major global issues of covid 19 that undermine public interest it uses the sociotheological approach that combines the moral principles of cst and the holistic analysis of modern sociology and also utilizes the secondary literature as the main source of textual data specifically it investigates the corporate moral irresponsibility and some unethical business practices of big pharma in the sale and distribution of its anti covid vaccines and medicines the injustice in the inequitable global vaccine distribution the weakening of the united states congress s legislative regulation against the pharmaceutical industry s overpricing and profiteering the inadequacy of the world health organization s who law enforcement system against corruption and the lack of social monitoring in the current public health surveillance system to safeguard the public good from corporate fraud and white collar crime this book highlights the contribution of sociology in providing the empirical foundation of cst s moral analysis and in crafting appropriate catholic social action during the pandemic it is hoped that through this book secular scholars social scientists religious leaders moral theologians religious educators and catholic lay leaders would be more appreciative of the sociotheological approach to understanding religion and covid 19 this book brings into dialogue two bodies of literature documents of catholic social teaching and modern sociology and its core thinkers and texts the author does especially well to describe how taking the sociotheological turn will benefit the credibility and dissemination of catholic social thought rev fr thomas massaro s j professor of moral theology jesuit school of theology santa clara university berkeley california

Racism and Structural Sin

2023-04-29

as a people of faith inspired by the belief that every human person is created in the image and likeness of god catholics have a responsibility to be champions for racial justice racism and structural sin invites readers to not only confront racism on a personal level but also to examine the root causes and perpetuated structures of this sin grounded in church teaching and pastoral practice this book is a resource for catholics especially white catholics looking to wrestle with the challenges of race in the united states today through the eyes of their faith

Of Good Comfort

2016-09-16

this is a feast for theologians historians and christian counselors pietsch examines 21 of luther s letters of comfort to explore luther s pastoral care for souls suffering with depression pietsch uses interdisciplinary tools of inquiry artfully to examine the letters luther s pastoral care approaches and the history of the melancholy tradition the practice of seelsorge emerges as an amalgam of art spiritual gift and understanding of affliction all resting comfortably within the authority of scripture and the lutheran confessions pietsch s volume is a significant contribution to spiritual care literature underscoring the conviction of the early church that individual soul care is an essential response to serve those who despair offering pivotal pastoral care insights that are often lost discredited or entirely absent in the work of caring for those who suffer with depression pietsch concludes that luther has given us excellent tools to examine learn and to teach as we assist souls to find hope strength and healing in the gospel of jesus christ professor beverly yahnke concordia university wisconsin executive director of christian counsel doxology lutheran centre for spiritual care and counsel

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