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Kaufmann, Thomas

## Die Mitte der Reformation

Eine Studie zu Buchdruck und Publizistik im deutschen Sprachgebiet, zu ihren Akteuren und deren Strategien, Inszenierungs- und Ausdrucksformen

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In this work, Thomas Kaufmann provides micrological analyses of the collaboration between the various actors (authors, printers, publishers, book dealers, xylographers etc.) in the communication process of the early Reformation. Based on observations of the reformers as »book people,« as representatives of the generation of »printing natives,« the author shows that most of them had very close contact with the book trade and the book market from their childhood. He then identifies the printers as the ones who shaped and presented reformatory literature. In many cases it becomes evident that they put their mark on the works they printed and reacted very creatively to the challenges presented by the rapidly changing book market. Using various types of books such as prayer books and hymnals, religious tracts or scholarly works, the author outlines the literary and journalistic reconstruction of the Reformation.

Peterson, Paul Silas

## The Early Karl Barth

Historical Contexts and Intellectual Formation 1905–1935

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Paul Silas Peterson presents Karl Barth (1886–1968) in his sociopolitical, cultural, ecclesial and theological contexts from 1905 to 1935. The time period begins in 1905, as Barth began to prepare for a speech on the »social question« (which he held in 1906). It ends in 1935, the year he returned to Switzerland from Germany. In the foreground of Peterson's inquiry is Barth's relation to the features of his time, especially radical socialist ideology, WWI, an intellectual trend that would later be called the Conservative Revolution, the German Christians, the Young Reformation Movement, and National Socialism. Barth's view of and interaction with the Jews is also analyzed along with other issues, such as radical thinking, anti-liberalism, alterity, anti- or trans-historicism, Expressionism, and New Objectivity. The author also addresses specific questions disputed in the secondary literature, such as Barth's theological development, the place of WWI in his intellectual development, his role in the Dehn Case, his reaction to the rise of fascism in Europe, his relationship to 19<sup>th</sup> century modern liberal Protestantism, his relationship to the Leonhard Ragaz-wing of the Religious Socialists, and his relationship to the Weimar Republic.

Bohnert, Daniel Wolfgang

## Wittenberger Universitätstheologie im frühen 17. Jahrhundert

Eine Fallstudie zu Friedrich Balduin (1575–1627)

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As pastor, superintendent and professor in Wittenberg, Friedrich Balduin (1575–1627) was one of the most influential theologians in the Electorate of Saxony in the early seventeenth century. More than 800 exams and ordinations were held during his two decade term of office. As an academic teacher, Balduin placed particular emphasis on a biblical interpretation of the Bible as well as the preaching of biblically-bound sermons, which the preacher was to deliver anew and independently each time. In his case study, Daniel Wolfgang Bohnert analyses the quantitative and qualitative dimensions of instructing future preachers: the function of the Leucorea as the hub of theological knowledge for territories and cities in northern, north eastern and east central Europe as well as Balduin's role as representative of a consistent methodization and application of the Lutheran scriptural principle.

Löhdefink, Jan

## Zeiten des Teufels

Teufelsvorstellungen und Geschichtszeit in frühreformatorischen Flugschriften (1520–1526)

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Jan Löhdefink looks into how perception of the devil changed during the early days of the Reformation and how this affected time consciousness. He describes the reformatory remodulation of interpreting the past, understanding the present and future prospects, which because of their strongly polemical contrasts with conflicting concepts reveal their own constitution-requirements of time perception and indicate a fundamental shift of the understanding of time. Perceptions of the devil are generally attributed to the backward-looking aspects of the Reformation. However, with an eye on the inherent new configurations of the contemporary temporal structures specific to reformatory devil-perceptions, the results are reversed: as unmodern as the devil may appear to the Modern Age, he has a key position in its origins.

Pecina, Björn

## Mendelssohns diskrete Religion

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One of the most fascinating characteristics of the Age of Enlightenment is that processes of rationalization and self-reflection were able to transcend denominational boundaries. This often resulted in an opening of the concept of religion which proved to be extraordinarily capable of integration. Based on this, Björn Pecina develops an understanding of religion by dealing with the works of two distinguished scholars in particular: Moses Mendelssohn and Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Jerusalem. Jerusalem is representative of the Age of Enlightenment and is well suited to embody this era in keeping with its religio-theoretical image and at the same time in revealing consistencies. The study focuses on Mendelssohn, who succeeds in balancing a distinctive religion and an enlightened philosophy of religion.

Görndt, Ruth

## Die Metaphysikkritik Gerhard Ebelings und ihre Vorgeschichte

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The use of metaphysics in Christian theology was, for most of its history, as much taken for granted then as its rejection is today. In contrast to this, Gerhard Ebeling undertook a thorough examination of metaphysics' purpose and functions within theology. His works show how metaphysics was defined in the field and explain why it is to be rejected. The critique of metaphysics is furthermore usually attributed to Reformation theology. And although at first glance this also seems to be the case in Ebeling's work, Ruth Görndt shows that by reconnecting his critique of metaphysics to its contemporary and historical background, it is revealed that it is not only rooted in a specific vein of German protestant theology – namely that of Albrecht Ritschl, Wilhelm Herrmann and Rudolf Bultmann – but rather is also a response to the questioning of theology's modern day validity. Both contexts are essential for the correct understanding of Ebeling's critique of metaphysics asserts the author.

Stievermann, Jan

## Prophecy, Piety, and the Problem of Historicity

### Interpreting the Hebrew Scriptures in Cotton Mather's 'Biblia Americana'

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Jan Stievermann's pioneering study of Cotton Mather's *Biblia Americana* examines this Puritan scholar's engagement with the Hebrew Bible as Old Testament. The author focuses specifically on Mather's struggle to uphold or modify traditional typological and allegorical readings in the face of a growing awareness of the historicity of Scriptures. Other key issues include Mather's interventions in the contemporary debates over the legitimacy of Christian interpretations of the prophets, as well as over the authorship, provenance, genre, and spiritual import of texts such as Ecclesiastes and Canticles. Stievermann's book yields fascinating insights into an underappreciated phase of exegesis that was at once traditionalist and innovative, apologetically oriented, pious, and open to new modes of historical-textual criticism. Moreover, it shows how Mather's biblical exegesis fits into the broader development of Puritan theology and identity.

Schüz, Peter

## Mysterium tremendum

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The essence of religion has always been connected with moments resembling fear and anxiety. These feelings of holy dread and pious fear of God form an essential part of the history of religions' elemental motives. Drawing on Rudolf Otto's famous concept of the »mysterium tremendum«, Peter Schüz seeks to open up theological access to these original forms of religious experience. This in turn aligns with a theory of piety which infers the grounds of religious experience from a reflexion on the forms of religious expression and representation.

Gerber, Simon

## Schleiermachers Kirchengeschichte

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As a protestant theologian, philosopher, Plato translator, churchman and pedagog, Friedrich Schleiermacher (1768–1834) was one of the greatest men of his time, yet his work on church history has been hitherto little investigated. Simon Gerber sets out to change that and offer new avenues into Schleiermacher's work and thinking. The author deals with Schleiermacher's work on church history within the context of his philosophical and theological systems, while also paying attention to the historical and theological debates of the time. Schleiermacher gave three lectures on church history but his work here encompassed much more and included a theological encyclopaedia, teachings on Christian ethics and essays on the history of dogma. According to Schleiermacher, church history reveals Christianity as an effective force in the world for establishing community and creating history. The author portrays how Schleiermacher reconstructed the Christian church's development and how he interpreted and judged characters, occurrences and institutions.

Noordveld-Lorenz, Dorothea-Henriette

## Gewissen und Kirche

### Zum Protestantismusverständnis von Daniel Schenkel

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Daniel Schenkel was one of the most influential Protestant theologians and church politicians in the mid-19th century. During his theological career he developed from a student of de Wette into a pietist before finally becoming one of the leading representatives of theological liberalism during the conflict on church union in Baden. Dorothea Noordveld-Lorenz examines Schenkel's theological thought and his actions as a church politician. Schenkel's theory of Protestantism focused on a specific interpretation of conscience: Schenkel saw man's conscience as the place in which an immediate relationship with God is realized in a way that God is actually present in man's conscience. The essence of Protestantism is to restore and preserve this immediate and non-substitutable relationship between God and a person. Thus Schenkel understood Protestantism as the religion of freedom and as such as the spiritual foundation of a free and modern society.

Stegmann, Andreas

## Luthers Auffassung vom christlichen Leben

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Luther's concept of Christian life has influenced the reformed church right up to the present day. In this study on church history, Andreas Stegmann presents the genesis and structure of Luther's ethics on the basis of his complete works and within the context of reformation history. The book is divided into four parts and deals with Luther's late medieval background, the development of his concept of Christian life between 1513 and 1519, the defining formulation of the main ideas behind reformation ethics of 1519/20 and the further unfolding of these and their compounding since the 1520s. In particular, special attention is paid to the religious dimension of Luther's ethics, which is shaped by the existential communion with Christ and leads to an embrace of this world grounded in the justificatory faith.

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Keßler, Martin

## Das Karlstadt-Bild in der Forschung

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Andreas Bodenstein von Karlstadt (1486–1541) was the first colleague of Martin Luther in Wittenberg to stand up for him academically and publicly in his writings. He was also the first one to have a falling out with him. Thus Karlstadt's significance for the Reformation has always been regarded somewhat ambivalently. Although some saw him as the prototypical betrayer of Reformation unity, for others he became a role model for reformed, congregational or Anabaptist elements in the early Wittenberg Reformation. Martin Keßler emphasizes the exigency of a fundamental revision of Karlstadt's image. He portrays the significant studies written on Karlstadt since the 17th century and examines the major developments in historical and theological research in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Raatz, Georg

## Aufklärung als Selbstdeutung

### Eine genetisch-systematische Rekonstruktion von Johann Joachim Spaldings »Bestimmung des Menschen« (1748)

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Johann Joachim Spalding's (1714–1804) early work »The Determination of Man« (1748) is not only a classic of Enlightenment theology, but also played a large part in the anthropological transition in the 18th century. Based on the fundamental question of man in regard to his determination, Spalding attempted to make morality and religion plausible as functions of subjective self-interpretation. In his biographical and historical analysis, Georg Raatz deals with Spalding's reception of the English philosopher Shaftesbury. Among other things, he focuses on the literary-rhetorical device of the monologue and the consequences of this for Spalding's concept of religion. Raatz shows how Spalding's work on the determination of man is an important contribution to the concept of a modern and enlightened Protestantism, a concept which is still unfinished.

Senkel, Christian

## Patriotismus und Protestantismus

### Konfessionelle Semantik im nationalen Diskurs zwischen 1749 und 1813

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In Germany the national and political demands for unity and freedom are derived to a large extent from Christian traditions. Whereas the customary conception of history is based on a secularization of the religious or a sacralisation of the nation, in his study Christian Senkel reveals a wild mixture of self-assurances which hope for a Protestant taming of nationalism or strive for a nationalization of Christianity. It is mainly the imaginations of literary figures which prove to be significant for this complex image: First Luther precedes a free German republic as a cult(ural) figure, then the Protestant war rhetoric against France and Napoleon puts pressure on the essential national and political terms – thus begins the nationalistic abuse of religious life and expression.

Kobler, Beate

## Die Entstehung des negativen Melanchthonbildes

### Protestantische Melanchthonkritik bis 1560

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Philipp Melanchthon, a theologian, humanist and reformer, was repeatedly evaluated negatively during the past centuries, and this resulted in numerous clichés. He was for example accused of corrupting and betraying Luther's doctrine, and in addition he was characterized as being timid and too compliant. Beate Kobler deals with the question of when and how this negative image originated during Melanchthon's lifetime, what events caused it to be reinforced and which critics influenced it in a particular manner. In doing so, she focuses on the Protestant criticism. This is particularly interesting, since it conflicts with Melanchthon's actual influence and his special impact. The result shows that the negative image of Melanchthon originated much earlier than had been assumed up to now.

Nooke, Christoph T.

## Gottlieb Jakob Planck (1751–1833)

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During the Enlightenment, a transformation process took place in theology, a process which is dealt with in this in-depth study. In examining the life and work of Gottlieb Jakob Planck (1751–1833), Christoph T. Nooke explains those fundamental categorial issues in theology around 1800 which were paradigms for the sustainable transformation of Enlightenment theology. His work was characterized by tolerance and mediation but also by a thoroughly conservative component. He was able to combine neologistic ideas with supranaturalistic convictions as well as orthodox concerns and to give the theological discussion new momentum and new forms based on new methodological access to church history, the theological encyclopedia and comparative symbolism.

Deuschle, Matthias A.

## Ernst Wilhelm Hengstenberg

### Ein Beitrag zur Erforschung des kirchlichen Konservatismus im Preußen des 19. Jahrhunderts

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Ernst Wilhelm Hengstenberg (1802–1869), a Professor of Old Testament Studies at the University of Berlin and editor of the influential Protestant Church Newspaper (*Evangelische Kirchenzeitung*), was one of the most distinguished and controversial advocates of the conservative group in the 19th century church. In this study, the author explores the development of his thinking, using a wide variety of sources, and analyzes the motivation for his actions. He explains Hengstenberg's relationship to revivalism, describes his understanding of theology and the church and deals with the issue of the role politics played in his life and his position in regard to political events. This work makes a substantial contribution to the study of church conservatism which started to grow stronger in the first third of the 19th century.

## Die Jeverschen Pastorenbekenntnisse 1548 anlässlich des Augsburger Interim

Hrsg. v. Rolf Schäfer

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The lordship of Jever was under great pressure due to the Augsburg Interim. In order to combine all their own power the pastors were instructed to give reasons for their personal faith and their rejection of the Interim in writing. The result was a unique collection of 21 pastors' confessions which were preserved due to fortunate circumstances. It provides a comprehensive view of the extent to which the Reformation had penetrated the rural territory far away from the Empire's centers of learning. Some of the authors had a university education, and some of them only had the simple clergyman's training provided in the late Middle Ages. The Latin and Low German confessions have been completely edited for the first time by Rolf Schäfer and been provided with a parallel translation as well as a historical introduction.

Herbst, Magdalena

## Karl von Hase als Kirchenhistoriker

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Karl von Hase (1800–1890) was one of the most influential church historians of his time, and his liberal-Protestant church historiography had a lasting impact, not only on academic theology. Taking into account previously unknown sources, Magdalena Herbst presents a comprehensive study of his complete works. In doing so, she connects various approaches, such as biographical investigations, analyses of the theological and philosophical basis for his concept, the reconstruction of Hase's scholarly controversies as well as observations of how his works were received. In the development of Protestant church historiography since the 18th century, Hase's achievement consisted of overcoming rationalistic, pragmatic church historiography by using an independent concept which centered on his theory of Protestantism.

Ruschke, Johannes M.

## Paul Gerhardt und der Berliner Kirchenstreit

### Eine Untersuchung der konfessionellen Auseinandersetzungen über die kurfürstlich verordnete 'mutua tolerantia'

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Along with Martin Luther, Paul Gerhardt is regarded as the most important Protestant hymn writer. Gerhardt played a decisive role in the church conflict in Berlin, the denominational disputes between Lutheran and Reformed theologians and between Lutheran subjects and the electoral Brandenburg court in the second half of the 17th century, a court which was greatly influenced by the Reformed church. As an advocate of a strict Lutheran orthodoxy, he rejected all attempts by the authorities to end the conflicts between the denominations and to adopt mutual tolerance. Based in part on previously unknown or not yet evaluated sources, Johannes M. Ruschke gives a critical and comprehensive analysis of the conflict, its previous history, significance and effects from an historical and a theological perspective and provides an edition which contains Gerhardt's major reports.

Tatianos

## Oratio ad Graecos / Rede an die Griechen

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Tatian's *Oratio ad Graecos*, written in the second century AD, is of historico-cultural and theological significance. It facilitates the understanding of a Christianity which was increasingly taking hold of the higher social classes and which was no longer willing to accept the sovereignty of a pagan culture in the Greco-Roman world. It is thus early evidence of a growing mood in emerging Christianity that indicated the will to enter into the »battle between the cultures.« In this new critical edition, Jörg Trelenberg provides a reliable source text and a new translation which takes the current state of research into consideration. Numerous explanations contribute to easy understanding; the introduction to the work combines all the scholarly discussions of the last one and a half centuries. At the end of the book the author deals with particular problems, such as the relationship between Tatian and Justin, the question of Tatian's gnostic heresy or the problem of the literary genre of this unusual work.

Rose, Miriam

## Schleiermachers Staatslehre

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Between 1813 and 1833, Schleiermacher gave five lectures on the theory of the state at the newly established University of Berlin, lectures in which he was supportive of the Prussian reforms. Unlike Hegel's philosophy of law, Schleiermacher's political theories had scarcely any effects. It was not until 1998 that a critical edition of the manuscripts and transcripts was published. Miriam Rose provides the first comprehensive and systematic interpretation of Schleiermacher's theory of the state referring to the state discourses after the French Revolution. Schleiermacher's liberal, freedom-oriented attitude is shown in thematic cross-sections of the problems of war and peace as well as the state and the church. Using the issue of individual freedom as an example, the author describes the specific characteristics of this concept. She proves that in spite of its liberal orientation this is not a liberal concept.

Witt, Christian Volkmär

## Protestanten

### Das Werden eines Integrationsbegriffs in der Frühen Neuzeit

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Whereas the term »Protestants« describes several Christian churches, groups and movements today, its history in the Holy Roman Empire of the 16th and 17th century is marked by conflict among these churches which today are included quite naturally under this term. It became a battle cry for Lutherans and for members of the Reformed church as well, since both parties laid claim to this exclusively and supported their claims, which referred to theology, church politics and imperial law, on a terminological level – if nothing else, in order to deny the counterpart from the other denomination any right to exist. Christian Witt shows how the term »Protestants« developed into an integration concept in the 17th century, and how this quite intentionally became a collective term for several Reformed churches, thus taking the decisive step in the direction of its use today.

Wiedenroth, Ulrich

## Krypsis und Kenosis

### Studien zu Thema und Genese der Tübinger Christologie im 17. Jahrhundert

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The »classic« Tübingen Christology, which developed as a result of the kenosis-krypsis controversy starting in 1619, terminated – with its theory of a strictly uninterrupted albeit »hidden« participation of Jesus as mankind in the omnipresent world authority of God – a 50-year consensus of Concordist-Lutheran Christology. Ulrich Wiedenroth studies the theme and origins of this doctrine. In a detailed analysis of previously unknown texts written around the beginning of the 17th century, he shows that the reorientation, at first sight erratic, is deeply rooted in the history of Christological ideas. The person of Christ is merely the continuous process of communication between his natures, the implementation of the reciprocal commitment of God and man. The goal of the resulting final form of Lutheran Christology is to think of the story of Jesus Christ as God's own story – the story of the human God in the world of human beings.

Stengel, Friedemann

## Aufklärung bis zum Himmel

### Emanuel Swedenborg im Kontext der Theologie und Philosophie des 18. Jahrhunderts

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In Immanuel Kant's *Dreams of a Spirit-Seer*, Swedenborg is seen as a candidate for the hospital and at the same time is said to be an arch-hallucinator. This hard verdict may have contributed considerably to the fact that Swedenborg's name has virtually disappeared from official historiography, although the works of Swedenborg, who was a natural philosopher and a theologian, were read by many of his contemporaries. In view of Swedenborg's surprising sources in particular, Friedemann Stengel reconstructs his comprehensive works, which were based on mechanistic natural philosophy, contemporary soul and brain research, Leibniz-Wolff rationalism and Lutheran theology. The origins, and mainly Swedenborg's striking reception, open up an unexpected perspective on the Enlightenment.

Fritz, Martin

## Vom Erhabenen

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Gößner, Andreas

## Der terministische Streit

### Vorgeschichte, Verlauf und Bedeutung eines theologischen Konflikts an der Wende vom 17. zum 18. Jahrhundert

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The terminism controversy is central to the understanding of the debate between Lutheran orthodoxy and pietism. This conflict, which was waged with an enormous journalistic effort and relentless acrimony, focused on the time limit for repentance from sin, after which God no longer grants the salvation of that person (»terminus peremptorius«). Andreas Gößner provides a comprehensive reconstruction of the debate's development, its personal and journalistic dimensions as well as its place in university and territorial history and establishes its significance for the history of theology. This applied not only to a central theological problem, but extended to the field of pastoral care. Using the terminism controversy as an example, the author analyzes the basic crisis in the standardization and governance of the Protestant Church and its institutions in the transition period from the 17th to the 18th century.

Treusch, Ulrike

## Bernhard von Waging (+ 1472), ein Theologe der Melker Reformbewegung

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Ulrike Treusch analyzes the life and writings of Bernard of Waging and discusses his late medieval monastic theology. Bernard († 1472), Benedictine monk of Tegernsee, was one of the leading thinkers of the 15th century reform of Melk (Austria), which more than 100 Benedictine monasteries in Austria, Bavaria and Swabia followed until 1470. His writings as well as his correspondence with Nicolaus Cusanus and Nicholas of Dinkelsbühl show Bernard as a reformer seeking the renewal of monasticism and the Roman church. For the first time, in this book Bernard's partly inedited theological writings are analyzed in their contemporary context as well as in their reception of medieval scholastic and monastic theology. The book is the first monographic study on Bernard, his writings and the theology of the late medieval monastic movement of Melk.



Esch, Tabea M.

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For the first time since the establishment of the Federal Republic of Germany, the FDP, one of the governing parties, questioned the existing relationship between church and state in its church paper »Free Church in a Free State.« Of all the topics in the conflict between church and state or church and politics, it was this which one gave rise to the most detailed and controversial discussions in 1973 and 1974. Tabea M. Esch studies the development and the background of this paper, which in its 13 theses suggested the separation of church and state. She also gives a detailed description of the reactions of the regional Protestant churches and of the Protestant Church in Germany. For the first time, using the available sources, the entire origins as well as the discussion have been almost completely reviewed, described systematically and their contextual relevance has been rendered understandable.

Barth, Friederike

## Die Wirklichkeit des Guten

### Dietrich Bonhoeffer's »Ethik« und ihr philosophischer Hintergrund

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At the beginning of the 1940s, the question of the good became the main theme in Dietrich Bonhoeffer's theology, and this was when he wrote his main theological work, *Ethics*. In her monograph, the author gives a systematic analysis of this work, focusing on its philosophical background, since Bonhoeffer's ethical theology as outlined in *Ethics* is based on a largely unstated, differentiated reception and delimitation procedure by very different thinkers and systems. She also analyzes Bonhoeffer's discussion with modern philosophy, with Kant und idealism, Nietzsche, Kierkegaard, Heidegger and Neothomism, the philosophy of life and dialogical personalism and its significance for the conception of *Ethics* and describes its relationship to Luther's and Barth's thinking, which had a great influence on Bonhoeffer.

Slenczka, Björn

## Das Wormser Schisma der Augsburger Konfessionsverwandten von 1557

### Protestantische Konfessionspolitik und Theologie im Zusammenhang des zweiten Wormser Religionsgesprächs

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The Worms Colloquy of 1557, in which eminent theologians took part, was the last imperial attempt to achieve religious unity in the 16th century. It quickly focused however on the serious conflict between the Protestant delegates concerning the condemnation of false doctrines. This conflict was the reason for the subsequent termination of the colloquy and also for the public rift among the adherents of the Augsburg Confession. In this book, Björn Slenczka reconstructs this rift for the first time on the basis of representative sources and sheds some light on the reasons for it. In doing so, he shows that the explosiveness of this rift led to a downright schism and determines to what extent leading theologians and politicians were responsible for this.

Cordemann, Claas

## Herders christlicher Monismus

### Eine Studie zur Grundlegung von Johann Gottfried Herders Christologie und Humanitätsideal

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In an interdisciplinary discourse with Herder research in the fields of German studies and philosophy, Claas Cordemann focuses on Herder as a theologian and shows he was a distinguished philosopher who picked up on the theological debate of his era and was productive in pursuing it. He incorporates Herder's thinking into the philosophical discourse of the 18th century, which is linked to the names of Descartes, Spinoza and Leibniz. Cordemann shows that with his concept of a »Christian monism« Herder was trying to connect the basic insights of a metaphysics inspired by Spinoza to the basic concerns of Christian theology. He makes it clear that Herder's theory of nature, history and culture and his definition of human beings and the history of humanity focus on Christology and are to be understood on the basis of the concept of God.

Spehr, Christopher

## Luther und das Konzil

### Zur Entwicklung eines zentralen Themas in der Reformationszeit

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As an institution of the church and a Christian authority, the council became a central and, from the perspective of religious policy, highly controversial topic during the Reformation. The discussions, which were held on theological, church and political levels, were triggered by Martin Luther, whose attitude towards the council had up to now not been studied in detail. Christopher Spehr succeeds in providing a differentiated analysis of Luther's attitude towards the councils in the ancient church and the (late) Middle Ages as well as towards those demands for a council in the decades of the Reformation. The author sheds light on how Luther developed his concept of a council and how he modified this during his entire lifetime and also studies the question of Luther's intentions in occasionally calling for a »free, Christian council.« Since the question of a council also affected the problem of church authority at the same time, this study provides insight into the entire structure of Luther's theology, which was centered around the theology of the doctrine of justification.

Dahlke, Benjamin

## Die katholische Rezeption Karl Barths

### Theologische Erneuerung im Vorfeld des Zweiten Vatikanischen Konzils

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Karl Barth's thought was received with great interest not only by Protestants but also by Catholic theologians, who analyzed it in detail. In this study, Benjamin Dahlke outlines how and why this happened in the period prior to Vatican II. He shows that the preoccupation with the 'Epistle to the Romans' and 'Church Dogmatics' triggered a theological renewal. In addition to Hans Urs von Balthasar's critical appropriation of Barth's thought, the author also focuses on the debate over the issue of analogia entis, which was linked to Erich Przywara. In dealing with this, the author makes a new contribution to Karl Barth's biography as well. Benjamin Dahlke has been awarded the Hanns Lilje Prize 2010 by the Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen for this work.

Straßberger, Andres

## Johann Christoph Gottsched und die »philosophische« Predigt

### Studien zur aufklärerischen Transformation der protestantischen Homiletik im Spannungsfeld von Theologie, Philosophie, Rhetorik und Politik

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Andres Straßberger does the first study of the homiletics of Johann Christoph Gottsched (1700–1766), a Leipzig professor of philosophy and literary reformer, by examining his biography and his background in intellectual, cultural and political history. He focuses on a manual of homiletics which he published anonymously in 1740 and which can claim to be the first enlightened homiletics in Germany. Andres Straßberger is interested in the networks and strategies of as well as the social groups responsible for the propagation of Gottsched's »philosophical« homiletics, which used the approach of the Enlightenment philosophy of Christian Wolff (1679–1753). In addition, he deals with the discussion in theological and public circles which were critical of the Enlightenment. He attempts to give a clear picture of the process of (theological) Enlightenment in the first half of the 18th century by using one specific case as an example. For this work, the author received the Hanns-Lilje-Preis 2008 der Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen and the Nachwuchsförderpreis des Fördervereins der Sächsischen Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Leipzig 2008.

Wiggermann, Uta

## Woellner und das Religionsedikt

### Kirchenpolitik und kirchliche Wirklichkeit im Preußen des späten 18. Jahrhunderts

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The »Edict concerning the constitution of religion in the Prussian states,« dated July 9, 1788, was the most significant decree on church policy in late 18th century Prussia. With this edict and the measures that followed, Johann Christoph v. Woellner attempted to counteract the theological Enlightenment in churches, schools and universities. It was not only Woellner himself, but also church policy and church reality in his time, that were characterized by a peculiar entanglement and tension among theological convictions, personal interests, thoughts of political power and religious habits. Based on a wide range of contemporary and largely handwritten sources, Uta Wiggermann describes these complex relationships. This is the first comprehensive description to show that historical reality eludes established schematic classifications.

Marga, Amy

## Karl Barth's Dialogue with Catholicism in Göttingen and Münster

### Its Significance for His Doctrine of God

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Amy Marga studies Karl Barth's early encounter with Roman Catholic theology during the 1920s, especially seen in his seminal set of dogmatic lectures given in Göttingen, and his second set of dogmatic lectures, given in Münster and which remain unpublished. Her analysis demonstrates his search for a concept of God's objectivity – *Gegenständlichkeit* – which would not be dependent upon philosophically-laden concepts such as the *analogia entis*, but which would rather be anchored in God's being alone. The author shows that Roman Catholicism, especially the thought of Erich Przywara, became the key interlocutor that helped Barth bring this clarity to his doctrine of revelation and the triune God.

Wendebourg, Dorothea

## Essen zum Gedächtnis

### Der Gedächtnisbefehl in den Abendmahlstheologien der Reformation

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According to the New Testament, the Lord's Supper is to be held »in remembrance« of Christ. The question of what this commandment actually means is one of the central topics of sacramental theology in all churches as well as in the ecumenical dialogues between them. On all sides, the authoritative theological teachers of the past play a central part in these deliberations. Up to now, however, there has been no comprehensive study which dealt with this question in the Reformation as the author does in this work. After introductory chapters about the Late Middle Ages and Erasmus, she deals with the motif of remembrance in the works of Martin Luther, Andreas Karlstadt, Huldrych Zwingli, Johannes Oekolampad and Philipp Melancthon, the main first generation Continental Reformers. The respective liturgies also come into focus.

Dietz, Thorsten

## Der Begriff der Furcht bei Luther

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The experience of anxiety was a key problem in the development of the young Luther's theology. Using an historical perspective, Thorsten Dietz focuses on Luther's concept of fear against the backdrop of Augustine and the discussion in the Middle Ages. Using present-day dogmatic and psychological approaches, the author reflects on the benefits of Luther's theology for interpreting and coping with fear as a phenomenon of life today. For this thesis Thorsten Dietz has been awarded the Martin-Luther-Preis from the Luther-Gesellschaft (Wittenberg).

Mooney, Hilary A.

## Theophany

### The Appearing of God According to the Writings of Johannes Scottus Eriugena

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Hilary Anne-Marie Mooney investigates the notion of theophany in the writings of the early medieval thinker Johannes Scottus Eriugena. She focuses on the creative impulses which he draws from the Scripture and she investigates the influence of theological and philosophical thinkers of the first six Christian centuries on Eriugena. The author considers those passages of Eriugena's writings in which the precise term 'theophany' is used as well as other passages in which the term does not occur but which are nonetheless imbued with the 'notion' of a theophanic appearing of God. These traces of theophanic understanding of the revealing of God are considered within Eriugena's oeuvre as a whole, including his biblical commentaries. In her study, the author maintains that a theophanic structure characterized by four recurring facets may be unearthed in Eriugena's theology of the revealing of God. In the various contexts within which he writes about this divine revealing (in his theology of creation, his anthropology, his account of the relationship between human beings and God as seen from the perspective of a Christian spirituality), it is the notion of theophany which he uses to illuminate the relationship between that which is created and its creator. In doing so, he bequeaths a rich theological analysis of the appearing of God to subsequent generations of theologians and shows himself to be both a coherent and creative thinker.

Klein, Dietrich

## Hermann Samuel Reimarus (1694–1768)

### Das theologische Werk

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Dietrich Klein's book on Hermann Samuel Reimarus, the famous radical enlightened critic of the Bible, presents a complete overview of Reimarus' theological writings, their contents, their intentions, both critical and apologetic, their historical background and their place in Reimarus' intellectual biography. Klein's study explores the back of Lessing's »Wolfenbüttel Fragments« and focuses on how the Radical Enlightenment in Germany was rooted in Protestant theology and thought. As a learned critic and an apologist for Protestant truth, Reimarus was a distinguished European scholar.

Trelenberg, Jörg

## Augustins Schrift *De ordine*

### Einführung, Kommentar, Ergebnisse

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Where did the evil in the world originate? Was it caused, or at least permitted, by God? Can evil be integrated into the divine world order? These are the central questions of the theodicy to which the philosopher from Cassiciacum seeks an answer in *De ordine*. Augustine offers remarkable approaches to a solution. In this work, Jörg Trelenberg provides an analysis of the Augustinian concept, an analysis which is precise in its philological aspects and provides a comprehensive theological point of view. He focuses on the literary and philosophical traditions on which Augustine relies and which he makes apparent in his dialogue in multiple reminiscences.

Christophersen, Alf

## Kairos

### Protestantische Zeitdeutungskämpfe in der Weimarer Republik

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In the discourses on the interpretation of time in the Weimar Republic, *kairos* experienced a unique career. Flanked by satellites such as »the right moment,« »fulfilled time« and »the special moment,« it enjoyed a string of successes in religious socialism in particular. The fascinating openness of the concept made it very attractive from a linguistic point of view, but it also meant that it was open to a takeover by the intellectual elements connected with the National Socialist seizure of power who wanted to make it their own. Based on a wide variety of previously unknown material from archives, the author studies the role plays of charismatic fighters for different concepts on the stage of political and ethical conflicts between 1919 and 1935. Using texts which had previously gone unnoticed and giving a precise analysis of the various constellations, the author succeeds in giving a clearer, and sometimes surprising, definition of the images of figures such as Troeltsch, George, Barth, Gogarten, Heidegger, Hirsch, Bultmann and especially Tillich.

#### Survey of contents

In den »Augenblicks«-Diskursen der Weimarer Republik erlebte der *Kairos* eine einzigartige Karriere. Flankiert von Trabanten wie »der rechte Augenblick«, »die erfüllte Zeit«, »der besondere Moment«, feierte er zumal im Religiösen Sozialismus Triumphe. Die faszinierende Offenheit des Begriffs verlieh ihm hohe sprachmagnetische Anziehungskraft, lieferte ihn aber auch Aneignungsattacken im intellektuellen Umfeld der nationalsozialistischen Machtübernahme aus. Gestützt auf reiches, weithin unbekanntes Archivmaterial werden die Rollenspiele charismatischer Begriffskämpfer auf den Bühnen politisch-ethischer Konflikte zwischen 1919 und 1935 untersucht. Im Licht lange Zeit unbeachteter Texte und präziser Konstellationsanalysen gewinnt das Profil von Akteuren wie E. Troeltsch, St. George, K. Barth, F. Gogarten, M. Heidegger, E. Hirsch, R. Bultmann und insbesondere P. Tillich schärfere, zum Teil überraschend neue Konturen.

Korthaus, Michael

## Kreuzestheologie

### Geschichte und Gehalt eines Programmbegriffs in der evangelischen Theologie



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»The theology of the cross« is a term which is used often in Protestant theology. It represents the aim of concentrating the theology of the Reformation, which results from the New Testament, on the essence of the Christian faith, the crucifixion of Christ. Michael Korthaus shows that the current importance of the theology of the cross is a modern phenomenon which has its roots mainly in early 20th century Luther research and which ultimately branches out into a large number of surprisingly different ways of thinking and conceptions in regard to the theology of the cross. In the first part of the book, the author describes various theologies of the cross, all of which differ to a large extent, such as those of Kähler, Iwand, Barth, Ebeling, Moltmann and Jüngel, from the perspective of the history of theology. The second part provides a contribution to a current theology of the cross from the perspective of systematic theology.

Krarp, Martin

## Ordination in Wittenberg

### Die Einsetzung in das kirchliche Amt in Kursachsen zur Zeit der Reformation

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Martin Krarp traces the history of the Lutheran ordination in Wittenberg, ranging from Martin Luther's criticism of the Roman ordination in 1520 to its introduction in Wittenberg in 1535, and examines the development of the procedure up to the mid-forties. The author shows that Luther had already carried out ordinations several times during the 1520s. One of the main reasons why ordination was not made obligatory until 1535 was that disputes about a Lutheran ordination would have made an agreement with Rome more difficult. From the reformers' point of view, the ordination was not a necessary prerequisite for the ministerial office, as several cases demonstrate. When it was finally introduced in 1535, its main purposes were to ensure that potential ministers were examined by ordained theologians and to strengthen the ministers' position among the people. Since the ordination was performed at a central location and was not linked to an appointment to a specific place, it had lifelong validity.

Voigt, Friedemann

## Vermittlung im Streit

### Das Konzept theologischer Vermittlung in den Zeitschriften der Schulen Schleiermachers und Hegels

Volume 140  
2006. IX, 222 pages.

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Using the catchphrase 'mediation', theologians in the first half of the 19th century from the Schleiermacher and Hegel schools developed concepts in order to enable a constructive combination of religious and modern scholarly thought, faith and knowledge. In doing so, their purpose was to transcend the contemporary positions of supranaturalism and rationalism and to preclude a wrong alternative of religious faith and modern education. These subjects were dealt with at the same time in academic journals. Based on the debate surrounding the denominational commitment during the disputes in Halle in 1830, Friedemann Voigt studies the discussions on religion, theology and dogmatics which were held in the two journals *Theologische Studien und Kritiken* and *Jahrbücher für wissenschaftliche Kritik*.

Laube, Martin

## Theologie und neuzeitliches Christentum

### Studien zu Genese und Profil der Christentumstheorie Trutz Rendtorffs

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Martin Laube does a systematic reconstruction of Trutz Rendtorff's theory of Christianity, one of the most demanding and powerful theological concepts of the second half of the 20th century. The author begins by describing the different theological, philosophical and sociological sources of the theory of Christianity. Based on the observation that Rendtorff combined a theory of the modern age and theological self-reflections, he characterizes the theory of Christianity as a theological interpretation of the modern world which at the same time also tries conversely to reflect on its own standpoint in the modern world. It is in this context that the modern age appears to be a chapter in the history of the realization of Christian freedom, whereas theology helps this freedom to achieve an awareness of itself.

Deuschle, Matthias A.

## Brenz als Kontroverstheologe

### Die Apologie der Confessio Virtembergica und die Auseinandersetzung zwischen Johannes Brenz und Pedro de Soto



Volume 138  
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Matthias A. Deuschle examines the theology of the German reformer Johannes Brenz in the period after Luther's death. Focusing on The Apology of the Confessio Virtembergica, Brenz's most extensive dogmatic work, the monograph shows how his thought in those years was shaped by the conflict with Rome. The doctrines of scripture, justification and the church are central subjects as well as their role as fundamental principles of the Christian faith.

Stegmann, Andreas

## Johann Friedrich König

### Seine 'Theologia positiva acroamatica' (1664) im Rahmen des frühneuzeitlichen Theologiestudiums

Volume 137  
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The *Theologia positiva acroamatica*, one of the most widely used textbooks for the study of dogmatics in the 17th and 18th centuries, gives a clear and concise view of classic post-Reformation dogmatics. In this work, which is being published at the same time as the edition of the text by Johann Friedrich König, Andreas Stegmann describes König's life, provides an introduction to the teaching of dogmatics in the post-Reformation era and shows how the *Theologia positiva* was a part of the textbook literature which originated with this teaching. The author's analysis of numerous sources of university history shows how Reformation theology and the early modern culture of knowledge influenced the form and the content of König's text and how his textbook was used for teaching for a hundred years.

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Käfer, Anne

## »Die wahre Ausübung der Kunst ist religiös«

### Schleiermachers Ästhetik im Kontext der zeitgenössischen Entwürfe Kants, Schillers und Friedrich Schlegels

Volume 136  
2006. XVI, 319 pages.  
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Anne Käfer studies Schleiermacher's theory of aesthetics in comparison to those of Kant, Schiller and Friedrich Schlegel. She examines each of their concepts of aesthetics, the role of beauty and the sublime and the importance attached to human art. She shows that Schleiermacher's position is to be given preference, since it is based on the insight into the creatureliness of man and thus on the knowledge of the dependence of human experience and human freedom. The awareness of this dependence and thus the religiosity of human beings requires an adequate knowledge of creation as well as the free and true practice of art.

Kubik, Andreas

## Die Symboltheorie bei Novalis

### Eine ideengeschichtliche Studie in ästhetischer und theologischer Absicht

Volume 135  
2006. XIII, 444 pages.  
ISBN 9783161488825  
cloth 134,00 €

Andreas Kubik develops a theological concept of symbols, equally applicable to aesthetics, based on concepts within the philosophy of Friedrich von Hardenberg (Novalis). Novalis' theory of aesthetic and religious symbolization was established in a constant discourse with Fichte's philosophy. The author describes Fichte's early position and reception of Novalis, examining this against the backdrop of the concepts of symbols in the philosophy of the Enlightenment. From the viewpoint of religious theory, Novalis' concept of symbols does permit a consistent theory of religion which is centered around the religious 'mediator'. Novalis belongs neither to the Catholic Restoration nor to Pietism; rather his theory of religion is much closer to enlightened Protestantism, in particular to Schleiermacher.

Weyel, Birgit

## Praktische Bildung zum Pfarrberuf

### Das Predigerseminar Wittenberg und die Entstehung einer zweiten Ausbildungsphase evangelischer Pfarrer in Preußen



Mohr Siebeck

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The introduction of attendance at minister's seminaries and trainee curates made a considerable contribution to the modern professionalization of the ministry. Birgit Weyel studies this period of time from the establishment of the Wittenberg seminary in 1817 to the church law of 1898. Her historical reconstruction of the change from time spent as a curate to a real training phase for Protestant ministers in Prussia is a contribution to current discussions regarding pastoral theology and training concepts. It can also provide the defining debates surrounding the modern image of the ministry and the appropriate educational reforms with the necessary depth and make it easier to understand the current problems.

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VI. Die Reform der Praktischen Theologie als theologisches Bildungsprogramm. Die Hinwendung zur Empirie um 1900

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Rieger, Reinhold

## Contradictio

### Theorien und Bewertungen des Widerspruchs in der Theologie des Mittelalters

Volume 133  
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The theme of contradiction has a multiple and extensive significance for the history of theology in the Middle Ages. It goes far beyond a merely formal aspect, since it concerns the character and the quality of scholastic theology as a whole. It is however necessary to distinguish between the theoretical examination of contradiction and the way of dealing with it. Thus, Reinhold Rieger begins by taking a look at its background in the history of philosophy. In theology itself he applies the philosophical concept of contradiction critically and methodically from the standpoint of the theory of science, the theory of knowledge and material dogmatics. He presents the theoretical and the assessing reflections on the significance of the logical contradiction, thus illustrating an essential methodical feature of medieval theology.

Spehr, Christopher

## Aufklärung und Ökumene

### Reunionsversuche zwischen Katholiken und Protestanten im deutschsprachigen Raum des späteren 18. Jahrhunderts

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In the age of the late Enlightenment there was an unprecedented ecumenical euphoria in Germany. Numerous Catholic and Protestant theologians and laymen tried to bring their religious denominations closer together by planning and carrying out, either as individuals or in groups, attempts at Catholic-Protestant reunions. These attempts at ecumenicalism, which up to now had remained unnoticed in research on church history, and which – unlike the official talks at the end of the 17th century – were largely made by private persons, are the subject of this work. Christopher Spehr studies the origins, the theological argumentation and the connections between the reunion activities. In addition, he examines the literary reactions of prominent Protestant theologians of the Enlightenment as well as Catholic critics of the Enlightenment and outlines their disapproval.

Krauter-Dierolf, Heike

## Die Eschatologie Philipp Jakob Speners

### Der Streit mit der lutherischen Orthodoxie um die »Hoffnung besserer Zeiten«

Volume 131  
2005. XIV, 376 pages.

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Heike Krauter-Dierolf deals with the eschatology of Philipp Jakob Spener, the founder of Lutheran Pietism. Spener was an advocate of the postmillennial concept, the hope for better times for the temporal church, which distinguished him fundamentally from the Lutheran orthodox assumption that their generation was living in the last days prior to Christ's return. The author gives a comprehensive description and analysis of Spener's »Zukunftshoffnung«, focusing on the argument between Spener and orthodoxy in the 1690s, an argument on which up to now insufficient research had been done. In addition to numerous previously unknown and largely unexplored written polemics by orthodox and pietistic theologians, the author also presents and analyzes a large number of Spener's letters, some of which are unedited.



Negrov, Alexander

## Biblical Interpretation in the Russian Orthodox Church

### A Historical and Hermeneutical Perspective

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In the majority of western pre-modern and modern handbooks and surveys of the history of biblical scholarship, Eastern Orthodoxy is mostly and habitually dismissed. A clear orientation towards the western branch of the Christian church is maintained throughout. However, as the Russian Orthodox church is an organic part of the universal church this book attempts to assist in the Orthodox-Protestant interactions and serves as an introduction to Russian Orthodox hermeneutics. Alexander Negrov surveys the development of biblical interpretation within the history of the Russian Orthodox church from the Kiev period of its history (tenth to thirteenth centuries) until the Synodal period (1721–1917). The purpose of his study is to present a coherent analysis of the essential elements of Orthodox biblical hermeneutics as it developed over a period of several centuries which were critical to the defining of the Orthodox church and to present a case study of hermeneutical approach to the New Testament of D. I. Bogdashevskii (1861–1933). The main hermeneutical features of the Russian Orthodox church show that the church and tradition are the indispensable guides to the understanding of Scripture. Christ is considered as the beginning, centre, and end of biblical interpretation and exegesis is based upon cooperation between the Holy Spirit and the human interpreter. The church demands reading of the Scriptures guided by church dogmatics as well as a multi-discipline approach to the text.

Klein, Michael

## Westdeutscher Protestantismus und politische Parteien

### Anti-Parteien-Mentalität und parteipolitisches Engagement von 1945 bis 1963

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Michael Klein examines the relationship between Protestantism and the political parties in West Germany from the immediate post-war period to up to the end of Konrad Adenauer's chancellorship. In doing so, he also takes a look at the previous history, starting in the middle of the 19th century, and draws a critical profile of the way Protestantism came to terms with the parliamentary democracy after 1945. The contribution made by Protestants to party politics can be seen against the backdrop of the developments in various political parties in Germany. The author takes a critical look at the controversy surrounding an interdenominational party in the Christian Democratic Union and the slow and arduous rapprochement of social democracy and the churches.

Osthövene, Claus-Dieter

## Erlösung

### Transformationen einer Idee im 19. Jahrhundert

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