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Atonement and Incarnation An Essay in Universalism and Particularity [CUP Archive](#) In this book Vernon White sets out to address the crisis of credibility that increasingly has affected traditional claims made for the Atonement, and attempts to explain how the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ can have a universal saving significance. The present work stands as something of a sequel to the author's earlier book *The Fall of a Sparrow*, which attempted to show how God might be conceived as being universally and specially active in the world. In this study, White concentrates on the saving nature of that activity, and the coherence which he feels emerges if this is grounded in the particularity of the Christ-event. In defending the constitutive nature of Christ's role in the salvation of the world, without relying on Anselmian or penal substitutionary models of atonement, White proposes an atonement model which could rehabilitate such a belief without offending moral and conceptual sensibilities. A supporting chapter is provided outlining the kind of christology required to sustain this model, while the final chapters of the book discuss the ethical implications of the position adopted. **Human Experience and the Triune God A Theological Exploration of the Relevance of Human Experience for Trinitarian Theology** [Peter Lang](#) The overarching aim of this work is to develop a new account of the doctrine of the Trinity that is more attentive to human experience. It will be argued that such an approach is overdue because contemporary trinitarian theology pays insufficient attention to the fact that theology as linguistic discourse is inescapably embedded in human experience. This neglect is particularly worrying because many theologians who favour a kind of social doctrine of the Trinity claim that the Trinity is a doctrine with practical consequences for human life. The main thrust of this project, therefore, is to link the doctrine of the Trinity more creatively with human experience and to develop an understanding of how and who the triune God is in relation to human life as it is lived and experienced by human beings. The discussion is divided into five chapters. Chapter One highlights the need for a new approach engaging in a critical discussion with some trinitarian theologians. By giving close attention to the concepts of experience and revelation and their embeddedness in language. Chapter Two aims at establishing an understanding of experience that underlies all human linguistic discourse. This account will lead to the conclusion that trinitarian discourse must pay proper attention to both the human condition as experienced by human beings and religious experience which is expressed in biblical narratives. Consequently, while Chapter Three, drawing on contributions from contemporary literature, the human sciences (Frankl, Weizsäcker) and philosophy (Lévinas), gives an account of what it is to be human. Chapter Four, engaging with biblical narratives, tries to spell out how biblical experience might inform Trinitarian discourse. In conclusion, Chapter Five offers an interstitial trinitarian theology that maintains such discourse as creative tension. An account of the Trinity in relation to human life will emerge and draw the whole argument to a close. **The Gagging of God Christianity Confronts Pluralism** [Zondervan Academic](#) The Gold Medallion Award-winning book that presents a persuasive case for Christ as the only way to God in light of contemporary religious pluralism. A great majority of social commentators attempting to define modern Western culture land on a common characteristic: pluralism. This isn't unique to secular culture. Many modern approaches to Christian hermeneutics, or biblical interpretation, have given credence to contemporary pluralism. What began as a refreshing restraint and humility in modern theology has fallen more and more into irresoluteness. It's no secret that the contemporary challenges to Christianity are complex and serious. Yet, far from simple fear-mongering, or cultural warmongering, *The Gagging of God* takes a hard look at the background and intricacy—of pluralism, postmodernity, and hermeneutics—and equips thoughtful Christians to have intelligent, culturally sensitive, and passionate fidelity to the gospel of Jesus Christ. In his contemplative, even-handed approach, Carson provides a structure of Christian thought capable of facing the philosophies of today and piercing their surface. It invites Christians to grapple responsibly with urgent questions of biblically-grounded theology, spirituality, and the defining lines of Christianity, along with its range of challenges from without and within. *The Gagging of God* offers an in-depth look at the big picture, shows how the many ramifications of pluralism are all parts of a whole, and provides a systematic Christian response. **Revelation and Reconciliation A Window on Modernity** [Cambridge University Press](#) A striking new interpretation of theological discussions of modernity. **Philosophical Theology and Christian Doctrine** [John Wiley & Sons](#) *Philosophical Theology and Christian Doctrine* surveys and comments on recent work by philosophers of religion in the analytic tradition on the doctrines of the Christian creed. Topics covered include creation, Incarnation, Trinity, salvation and eschatology, and the ultimate future of creation. **Comprehensive survey of core Christian doctrines In the Fullness of Time** [Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing](#) Over the course of his distinguished career Richard Bauckham has made pioneering contributions to diverse areas of scholarship ranging from ethics and contemporary issues to hermeneutical problems and theology, often drawing together disciplines and fields of research all too commonly kept separate from one

another. In this volume some of the most The Encyclopedia of Christianity Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing "The Encyclopedia of Christianity is the first of a five-volume English translation of the third revised edition of Evangelisches Kirchenlexikon. Its German articles have been tailored to suit an English readership, and articles of special interest to English readers have been added. The encyclopedia describes Christianity through its 2000-year history within a global context, taking into account other religions and philosophies. A special feature is the statistical information dispersed throughout the articles on the continents and over 170 countries. Social and cultural coverage is given to such issues as racism, genocide, and armaments, while historical content shows the development of biblical and apostolic traditions. This comprehensive work, while scholarly, is intended for a wide audience and will set the standard for reference works on Christianity."--"Outstanding reference sources 2000", American Libraries, May 2000. Comp. by the Reference Sources Committee, RUSA, ALA. Representation and Substitution in the Atonement Theologies of Dorothee Sölle, John Macquarrie, and Karl Barth Peter Lang How does what happened 2000 years ago in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ radically alter the human nature and life situation of men and women in every generation up to the present day? Pursuit of this question provided the initial impetus for this book, a study of two vital themes pertaining to the doctrine of atonement - representation and substitution. The author explores their meaning and role within the theologies of three significantly diverse contemporary theologians - Dorothee Sölle, John Macquarrie, and Karl Barth - concluding with a comparative analysis of all three perspectives in relation to each other. Network Church A Pentecostal Ecclesiology Shaped by Mission BRILL Drawing on pentecostal experience of growing church networks, this book offers a systematic ecclesiology that provides a fresh approach to catholicity, church structures, partnership and contextualisation. F. D. Maurice and Unitarianism Oxford University Press F.D. Maurice was one of Victorian Britain's most controversial thinkers. An Anglican theologian, he uneasily combined Unitarian ideas with the teaching of the Establishment, and led a movement to improve working men's education. This is a portrait of Maurice from the perspective of Unitarianism. The Analogy of Love Divine and Human Love at the Centre of Christian Theology Andrews UK Limited This book offers an overview of Christian theology organized around the twin themes of divine and human love. The book covers the traditional theological topics as well as basic questions of theological method. It seeks to integrate a focus on love throughout. While love is regularly canvassed as a dominant theme in Christian thought, it has rarely been the focus of Christian theological construction or a constraint on theological formulation. The book seeks to suggest, chapter by chapter, how a given topic relates to the broad theme of love. The book is written in a way designed to make it accessible to university students and educated laypersons. At the same time, it takes positions on controverted scholarly issues, and the methodological approach outlined at the beginning will be of interest to academic theologians. The Nature and Limits of Human Understanding A&C Black This book is an exploration of human understanding, from the perspectives of psychology, philosophy, biology and theology. The six contributors are among the most internationally eminent in their fields. Though scholarly, the writing is non-technical. No background in psychology, philosophy or theology is presumed. No other interdisciplinary work has undertaken to explore the nature of human understanding. This book is unique, and highly significant for anyone interested in or concerned about the human condition. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Reflections on the Atonement Wipf and Stock Publishers The essays that follow attempt to address the important issues that must be addressed if we are to speak about atonement in a manner that is faithful to the biblical narrative. Chapter One asks, "Is substitutionary atonement biblical?" Chapter Two rehearses the traditional problems associated with substitutionary atonement. Chapter three looks at the soteriology of P.T. Forsyth, and Chapter Four details his kenotic theory. Chapter Five addresses the problem of appropriation as expressed through the writings of Paul Fiddes, a contemporary theologian. Chapter Six summarizes what we have learned from the other essays and lays out how we might now speak about atonement.-- From the Introduction Against the Trend The Spirituality of William Kelly (1821-1906) Wipf and Stock Publishers William Kelly (1821-1906) was much more than a Brethren theologian who was a leader of the Moderate Exclusive Brethren movement, and also much more than an indiscriminate follower of John Nelson Darby (1800-1882). He was highly regarded not only within the Brethren but also by Christian leaders of other denominations. In this book Dr. Critchlow examines Kelly's lively and scholarly appraisal of the German "School of Higher Criticism" and his commentary on a range of works of contemporary Anglican and non-conformist theologians. She argues that Kelly's exegesis was meticulous and scholarly and demonstrated his understanding of the whole canon of Scripture. Despite his ecclesiology, his theology was nuanced and cannot easily be stereotyped. As an expositor of the controversial topics, "the Atonement" and "the After-Life," he can be described as a Biblical literalist, but in his understanding of Biblical language and literary genre and philosophy, he can be seen as a conservative intellectual. While belonging to the evangelical school of thought, his theology shows itself to be much more complex than many of his evangelical contemporaries and gives him links with later Christian traditions. Through his deep spirituality, Kelly can inspire the reader's own spiritual aspirations. SCM Studyguide: Christian Doctrine SCM Press An accessible textbook for all engaging with Christian doctrine for the first time. A valuable resource and suitable for all clergy and all training for ministry. Individuum, Society, Humankind The Triadic Logic of the Species according to Hajime Tanabe BRILL An important work on Hajime Tanabe and his Kyoto School of Philosophy, the more as the reader becomes acquainted with Ozaki's own creative synthetic view of the main problems of Christian-Buddhist theological, resp. philosophical encounter. The Groaning of Creation God, Evolution, and the Problem of Evil Westminster John Knox Press Pain, suffering, and extinction are intrinsic to the evolutionary process. In this book Christopher Southgate shows how the world that is very good is also groaning in travail and subjected by God to that travail. Southgate then evaluates several attempts at evolutionary theodicy and argues for his own approach that takes full account of God's self-emptying and human beings special responsibilities as created cocreators. Christopher Southgate is Honorary University Fellow in Theology at the University of Exeter, England, and Visiting Scholar at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. Originally trained as a biochemist at the University of Cambridge, he is the general editor and principal

author of *God, Humanity and the Cosmos* (3rd ed.). *Encyclopedia of Protestantism 4-volume Set* [Routledge](#) For more information including sample entries, full contents listing, and more, visit the *Encyclopedia of Protestantism* web site. [Routledge](#) is proud to announce the publication of a new major reference work from world-renowned scholar Hans J. Hillerbrand. The *Encyclopedia of Protestantism* is the definitive reference to the history and beliefs that continue to exert a profound influence on Western thought. Featuring entries written by an international team of specialists and scholars, the encyclopedia traces the course of Protestantism from its beginnings prior to 1517, when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg Cathedral, to the vital and diverse international scene of the present day. *Mapping Atonement The Doctrine of Reconciliation in Christian History and Theology* [Baker Books](#) This introduction traces the origins, development, and divergent streams of atonement theology throughout the Christian tradition and proposes key criteria by which we can assess their value. The authors introduce essential biblical terms, texts, and concepts of atonement; identify significant historical figures, texts, and topics; and show how various atonement paradigms are expressed in their respective church traditions. The book also surveys current "hot topics" in evangelical atonement theology and evaluates strengths and weaknesses of competing understandings of atonement. *The Cause of Our Salvation Soteriological Causality According to Some Modern British Theologians, 1988-1998* [Gregorian Biblical BookShop](#) This dissertation offers an in depth study of the soteriologies of Colin Gunton, Paul Fiddes, Vernon White and John McIntyre and attempts to identify and evaluate their contribution to constructing an ecumenically sensitive soteriology for the twenty-first century. The book focuses on a crucial question: just how are we saved by Jesus Christ? Is the church right in claiming that salvation comes about through the suffering and death of Christ on the cross as is expressed so often in her liturgical prayers? *Science, Religion, and the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence* [Oxford University Press](#) This book is about the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, taking seriously the current scientific arguments and its implications for religion. *C.S. Lewis at Poets' Corner* [ISD LLC](#) On the fiftieth anniversary of his death, C.S. Lewis was commemorated in Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey, taking his place beside the greatest names in English literature. Oxford and Cambridge Universities, where Lewis taught, also held celebrations of his life. This volume gathers together addresses from those events into a single anthology. Rowan Williams and Alister McGrath assess Lewis's legacy in theology, Malcolm Guite addresses his integration of reason and imagination, William Lane Craig takes a philosophical perspective, while Lewis's successor as Professor of Medieval and Renaissance English, Helen Cooper, considers him as a critic. Others contribute their more personal and creative responses: Walter Hooper, Lewis's biographer, recalls their first meeting; there are poems, essays, a panel discussion, and even a report by the famous 'Mystery Worshipper' from the Ship of Fools website, along with a moving recollection by Royal Wedding composer Paul Mealor about how he set one of Lewis's poems to music. Containing theology, literary criticism, poetry, memoir, and much else, this volume reflects the breadth of Lewis's interests and the astonishing variety of his own output: a diverse and colourful commemoration of an extraordinary man. *The Kenotic Trajectory of the Church in Donald MacKinnon's Theology From Galilee to Jerusalem to Galilee* [A&C Black](#) *Almighty God A Study of the Doctrine of Divine Omnipotence* [Peeters Publishers](#) (Peeters 1993) *The Rule of Faith Scripture, Canon, and Creed in a Critical Age* [Church Publishing, Inc.](#) This collection of essays presented at the 1997 Scholarly Engagement with Anglican Doctrine (SEAD) Conference counters some of today's New Testament scholarship, particularly that of the Jesus Seminar. Asserting that only canon and creed can render knowledge of God, two generations of scholars speak for a retrieval of more traditional modes of interpretation by and for today's church. *The Rule of Faith* features three keynote addresses by eminent New Testament scholar the Rev. Dr. Brevard S. Childs, Sterling Professor of Divinity at Yale University, one of the most notable Biblical theologians in contemporary American Christianity. It also contains works by several younger scholars, many of whom studied with Dr. Childs and represent an emerging generation of orthodox Christian leadership for the Episcopal Church, including Ephraim Radner, George Sumner, Kathryn Greene-McCreight, Stephen Holmgren, R.R. Reno, Christopher Seitz, Kendall Harmon, William Witt, and Chris Brown. Their writings give voice to scholarly engagement with the creedal Christian faith in the Episcopal Church. The Rev. Dr. Ephraim Radner is Rector of Church of the Ascension, Pueblo, Colorado, and co-editor of *Reclaiming the Faith: Essays on Orthodoxy in the Episcopal Church* and *Inhabiting Unity: Theological Perspectives on the Proposed Lutheran-Episcopal Concordat*. The Rev. Dr. George Sumner is Rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, New York, and co-editor of *Reclaiming the Faith: Essays on Orthodoxy in the Episcopal Church*. *Atonement and Self-Sacrifice in Nineteenth-Century Narrative* [Cambridge University Press](#) Explores the tensions raised by ideas of sacrifice in literature at a time of significant legal and theological change. *Elenchus of Biblica* [Gregorian Biblical BookShop](#) *Exploring Mormon Thought Volume 2, The Problems of Theism and the Love of God* [Greg Kofford Books](#) In volume 2 of the series, *Exploring Mormon Thought: The Problems of Theism and the Love of God*, Blake Ostler explores issues related to soteriology, or the theory of salvation. He argues that the commitment that God loves us and respects our dignity as persons entails that God must leave us free to choose whether to have a saving relationship with him. He explores the "logic of love" and argues that the LDS doctrine of a "war in heaven" embodies the commitment that God leaves us free to choose whether to enter into relationship with God. He explores the nature of inter-personal prayer and the contributions of LDS beliefs to a robust prayer dialogue. He offers a view consistent with LDS commitments that makes sense out of asking God to assist others, to alter the natural environment and to grow in relationship with God. He then turns to the concept of grace and argues that the traditional views lead to insurmountable problems. He argues that though God does not owe any obligation to us to give us grace, God does so out of love. However, because divinity arises from loving relationships, he argues that God could not fail to give sufficient grace to all persons and remain a loving God. *Faith Thinking, Second Edition The Dynamics of Christian Theology* [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) *Faith Thinking* provides a stimulating introduction to some vital questions of method in Christian theology. The book argues that faith commitments are necessary not in theology alone but in all serious acts of our knowing anything at all as human beings. Knowledge, in other words, is always bound to be the outcome of some process of "faith seeking

understanding.” Fresh consideration is given too in this book to relationships obtaining between the authoritative canon of Scripture, tradition, and “reason” in the theological task. Finally, in this new edition an important reevaluation is undertaken of the potentially explosive impact of “truth claims” in a post-truth world. Reward, Punishment, and Forgiveness The Thinking and Beliefs of Ancient Israel in the Light of Greek and Modern Views [BRILL](#) This comparative study provides a fascinating insight into understanding the central themes of reward, punishment and forgiveness within the Hebrew Bible, Greek literature and in modern interpretation. The emphasis is both on the intrinsic operation of reward and punishment and on the ultimate personalist reason for God's mercy and forgiveness. Understanding Christian Doctrine [John Wiley & Sons](#) The comprehensive and engaging introduction to contemporary Christianity, revised and updated The second edition of Understanding Christian Doctrine presents a completely updated and revised edition that builds on the most popular features of the first edition to offer a lively overview to the central beliefs of Christianity. Ian S Markham, a noted authority of Christianity, discusses the great thinkers of the Christian tradition and puts them in conversation with contemporary progressive theologies in a book that goes from Augustine, Aquinas, and Luther to Liberationist, Feminist, and Queer theologies. Designed to be a basic primer, the text is written in a manner that assumes the reader has no prior knowledge of theology or Christian doctrine. The book is designed to present the basic options in all the key areas of Christianity as well as information on how to make complex theological decisions. The author tackles all the key questions from creation to eschatology. Furthermore, Markham makes his own distinctive contribution: he argues that theodicy (traditionally seen as a major difficulty with belief) is actually a theme that links many aspects of Christian doctrine. The revised second edition includes a wealth of new information, including: A lively and comprehensive introduction to Christianity that assumes no prior knowledge of the faith An overview to the great thinkers of Christian tradition that puts them in conversation with progressive liberationist theologies Suggestions that help even the most skeptical to learn to understand and possibly embrace theological assertions Breakout boxes that explain the significance of the text's various philosophical ideas and positions The text is ideal for anyone interested in learning about the foundations of Christianity as well as new ideas about the faith. Christianity is presented in a manner that embraces the richness of the tradition and affirms the central claims of the historical creeds, while engaging with liberationist challenges to the tradition. Jesus Our Redeemer A Christian Approach to Salvation [OUP Oxford](#) Jesus Our Redeemer examines what it means when Christians call Jesus their 'Redeemer' or 'Saviour'. It tackles such questions as: How can redemptive events in the past (Christ's life, death, and resurrection) bring about saving effects in the present? Why do human beings need redemption, both individually and collectively? What images of God are implied by the saving action of God and by human needs? Gerald O'Collins SJ draws on the scriptures, Christian hymns and texts for worship, literature, the visual arts, and other sources. He examines four major models of how redemption through Christ has been thought to work: theories of deliverance, penal substitution, sacrifice, and transforming love. He concludes by considering the outworking of salvation in the life of the Church, the situation of non-Christians, and the final consummation of human life and the created world at the end of time. Exotheology Theological Explorations of Intelligent Extraterrestrial Life [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) Speculation regarding the plurality of worlds and the existence of intelligent extraterrestrials has remained an important question for Christian theology from antiquity until modernity. Advancements in space science now reveal a vast universe containing trillions of galaxies, and new discoveries of exoplanets, providing an unprecedented greater context and perspective in consideration of the place of humanity, possible intelligent extraterrestrials, and the role of divinity in relation to creatures. These scientific discoveries have increased the importance of understanding the relation of extraterrestrials to the Christian doctrines of the incarnation and redemption. An examination of the history of developments in scientific and theological thought on extraterrestrials, from antiquity to the twenty-first century will demonstrate a consistent pattern of theological formulations of extraterrestrials and their relation to Christian theology, however, without sufficient resolution. En route, this book explores ideas of extraterrestrial 'anthropology', psychology, morphological possibilities, sociological compositions, extraterrestrial religions, implications of contact, and argues for a 'divine pedagogy' of potential modalities of supernatural presence and action with extraterrestrial intelligences. Love, Violence, and the Cross How the Nonviolent God Saves us through the Cross of Christ [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) Does God use violence to redeem us? What is the relationship between divine love and violence in regard to the saving significance of the cross of Christ? In Love, Violence, and the Cross, Gregory Love dialogues with two responses to this question, while presenting a third alternative in which Jesus's death is simultaneously a crime and an element of God's saving actions. Through familiar stories in history, literature, and film, Love presents five constructive models that cumulatively affirm God's saving act in the person and work of Christ while letting go the myth of redemptive violence. They affirm redemption, but one with a different shape: Instead of exacting the absolute punishment, God redeems by "making good" God's promise to humanity to secure human life. Love argues that God is nonviolent, while retaining the core idea presented in the New Testament witnesses: that reconciliation occurs in the work of Christ, and that the cross plays a role in that divine work. Unbounded Love A Good News Theology for the 21st Century [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) A Man of the Church Honoring the Theology, Life, and Witness of Ralph del Colle [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) Ralph del Colle was born in New York City on October 3, 1954 and was raised in Mineola, Long Island. He attended Xavier High School in Chelsea and received a BA in History and Literature of Religions from New York University, and MDiv, MPhil, and PhD degrees from Union Theological Seminary. Ralph taught for 17 years in the Marquette University Theology Department; prior to that he taught at Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida and at St. Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire. Ralph's lively Christian faith and interest in church unity led to his participation in ecumenical dialogues. He served as a representative to the International Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue for the Pontifical Council on Christian Unity for 12 years and also served on the Catholic-Reformed Dialogue and Catholic-Evangelical Dialogue, both for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He was invited by the Pontifical Council to serve as a representative to the World Council of Churches Assembly in Harare,

Zimbabwe in 1998. In 2002-2003, he served as the President of the Society for Pentecostal Studies and in 2003 Ralph received the Archbishop's Vatican II Award. Ralph's scholarly work, especially his work on the Holy Spirit, made significant contributions to the field of Systematic Theology. Ralph died in July of 2012, slightly more than four weeks after he was diagnosed with a rare form of liver cancer. He was fifty-seven.

Revival Death Liturgy and Ritual (2003): Volume I: A Pastoral and Liturgical Theology [Taylor & Francis](#) This title was first published in 2003: **Death Liturgy and Ritual** is a two-volume study of Christian funerary theology and practice, presenting an invaluable account of funeral rites and the central issues involved for compilers and users. Paul Sheppy writes from direct experience of conducting funerals and of drafting liturgical resources for others. In **Volume I: A Pastoral and Liturgical Theology**, Sheppy argues that the Church ought to construct its theological agenda in dialogue with other fields of study. He proposes a Christian statement about death that finds its basis in the Paschal Mystery, since human death must be explained by reference to Jesus' death, descent to the dead, and resurrection. Using the three phases of van Gennep's theory of rites of passage, the author shows how the Easter triduum may be seen as normative for Christian liturgies of death. The companion volume, **Volume II: A Commentary on Liturgical Texts**, reviews a wide range of current Christian funeral rites and examines how they reflect both the Church's concern for the death and resurrection of Christ and the contemporary secular demand for funerals which celebrate the life of the deceased.

The Radical Evangelical Seeking a Place to Stand [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) The gospel we profess is the most radical power on earth, reaching to the depths of our personal, social, and political existence. It needs a radical people to embody and proclaim it. This book examines the nature of evangelical theology, dealing with areas of persistent disagreement and controversy, such as the status of the Bible, the nature of Christ's achievement on the cross, and the meaning of "hell." It offers a new way forward that remains committed to the fundamentals of faith while retaining a flexible response to the challenges of the future.

Christology Key Readings in Christian Thought [Westminster John Knox Press](#) Part of the **Problems in Theology** series, this work brings together selected material from classical and contemporary authors on the doctrine of the person of Jesus Christ. Topics include the development of Christology from its biblical roots through the patristic debates and definitions, and its reassessment and restatement in modern theology.

Phenomenology or Deconstruction? The Question of Ontology in Maurice Merleau-Ponty, Paul Ricoeur and Jean-Luc Nancy [Edinburgh University Press](#) **Phenomenology or Deconstruction?** challenges traditional understandings of the relationship between phenomenology and deconstruction through new readings of the work of Maurice Merleau-Ponty, Paul Ricur and Jean-Luc Nancy. A constant dialogue with Jacques Derrida's engagement with phenomenological themes provides the impetus to establishing a new understanding of 'being' and 'presence' that exposes significant blindspots inherent in traditional readings of both phenomenology and deconstruction. In reproducing neither a stock phenomenological reaction to deconstruction nor the routine deconstructive reading of phenomenology, Christopher Watkin provides a fresh assessment of the possibilities for the future of phenomenology, along with a new reading of the deconstructive legacy. Through detailed studies of the philosophy of Merleau-Ponty, Ricur and Nancy, he shows how a phenomenological tradition much wider and richer than Husserlian or Heideggerean thought alone can take account of Derrida's critique of ontology and yet still hold a commitment to the ontological. This new reading of being and presence fundamentally re-draws our understanding of the relation of deconstruction and phenomenology, and provides the first sustained discussion of the possibilities and problems for any future 'deconstructive phenomenology'.