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BARBARA BIŠICKÝ-EHRLICH

The Rabbi without Shoes

CURIOSITIES FROM MY NEARLY KOSHER LIFE


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Chaotic and a little bit meshuga – a Jewish family in Germany

The world's best hairdresser, beef tongue for breakfast, a rabbi without shoes and, above all, the question of what Karel Gott was doing at her wedding – Barbara Bišický-Ehrlich chronicles the "normal" everyday life of a Jewish family in Germany. Close (usually too close) family ties play just as important a role as the perennial issue of whether the refrigerator is sufficiently stocked. Here are humorous stories with a good portion of self-irony for readers who would like to get a taste of how it is to be Jewish in Germany.

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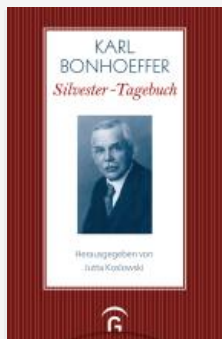


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Karl Bonhoeffer's New Year's Diary

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The life paths of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's family through almost 50 years in their historical highlights


Karl Bonhoeffer, Dietrich Bonhoeffer's father, had made it a habit to write down a short overview of the past year every New Year's Eve. This "New Year's Eve Diary" recounts the life of the family from which four eminent opponents of the Hitler regime were to emerge during the period of Nazi terror, all of whom paid for their resistance with their lives. What made this family special? Why did they prove upright and resilient when most others were simply indifferent?

This meticulous and comprehensive first edition of the entire journal of Karl Bonhoeffer provides revealing perspectives into these questions. It presents the realities of everyday life, the social networks, and the constellation of values of an upper-middle-class family in the first half of the 20th century.

- Karl Bonhoeffer's New Year's journal in a scholarly first edition
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer and his siblings through their father's perspective

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LUDWIG BURGDÖRFER

My Empathy!

BEING THERE AND BEING A PART – A WORKBOOK FOR ACCOMPANYING THOSE IN MOURNING

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Encouraging texts, helpful methods, and proven approaches

Commiseration pities. Empathy mourns. Commiseration stops by, looks around, offers condolences, and then slips away. Empathy comes and stays and is silent.


Only when people experience true empathy will they come to be solaced.

For all those who encounter and accompany the bereaved, this workbook offers paths and possibilities, expressions, contexts, and methods that encourage and thereby help experience, express, and impart sympathy. A book full of words, gestures, tokens, and approaches as a way to be close to those who are in mourning. An encouragement to set out on a path to those who are deeply shaken by death.

- Solid support for all who are consoling and accompanying people in mourning
- A workbook filled with encouraging texts, helpful tips, and proven approaches

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JEAN-OTTO DOMANSKI

Words that Work

AN INTRODUCTION TO HYPNOSYSTEMIC COUNSELLING

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How to convey trust, appreciation and hope

Quick and sustainable solutions for long-lasting and seemingly unsolvable problems and emotional distress? What sounds impossible can be achieved in hypnosystemic counselling. In this short-term procedure, psychological and physical self-healing powers are activated and integrated into traditional forms of pastoral care.


Jean-Otto Domanski, pastor, hypnosystemic counsellor and counselling trainer, presents the basics of hypnosystemic counselling and shows with many examples how the solution- and resource-oriented counselling session can be successful.

The first comprehensive introduction to hypnosystemic counseling, with numerous practical examples.

- Suitable for laypersons as well as professionals

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And God Saw That It Was Bad

HOW CHRISTIAN BELIEF BESTOWS UPON US THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROTECTING CREATION

Date of publication: November 02, 2022

Taking on the responsibility for creation – an objective of the Christian faith

Climate and environmental protection and the preservation of biodiversity can be maintained only if we place ourselves in the roles of earnest followers of Jesus Christ, and this means never to remain complacent, but instead to always proceed courageously, to stand firm and make a crucial difference!

For God has long since ceased to approve of humanity's treatment of creation: meter-high mountains of garbage, oceans full of plastic, monocultures as far as the eye can see. For far too long and too relentlessly fueled by Christianity, humans have succumbed to the hubris of regarding themselves as the "crown of creation". At the same time it has long been evident to everyone that humankind in particular has a certain responsibility in shaping a future in harmony with all existence. Peacefully preserving instead of exploiting and subjugating! This is the book for everyone who believes in the beauty and wonder of creation. It is a book that will initiate a paradigm shift, one towards a doctrine of creation of the 21st century, which illustrates the necessary action for all Christians.

- Taking the legacy of Jesus Christ earnestly – protecting creation demands action, even when it is inconvenient
- Christianity: part of the problem of species extinction – how it can become part of the solution




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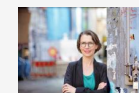
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KERSTIN GÄFGEN-TRACK

To Believe God

THEOLOGY AND SPIRITUALITY

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A communicative Christianity in a secular world

What does it mean to be a Christian while at the same time holding an office in the church? How can one deal with the tension between proclaiming “the faith” as a member of the church council and having to struggle with this faith as simply a Christian? And where does something new and modern emerge from this stress? Kerstin Gäfgen-Track tells us which parts of the Christian faith are most meaningful to her and why, and how such things can offer direction, clarity and hope to her own Christianity and humanness – especially in times of doubt and conflict. An authentic, intelligent report from the reality of leadership in the church in the context of a secular world.

- Personal belief and official in the church – an authentic witness

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KLAAS HUIZING

Teachings for Life

A THEOLOGY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

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With a 16-page colour section

A fresh, long overdue theology for present times

When it comes to a person's relationship with God, theology has so far focused almost entirely on "guilt" and the notion that a person's salvation lies in the redemption from sin. Most people, however, do not regard themselves as sinful – and thus Christianity has become somewhat uninteresting for them.


Klaas Huizing takes a new approach. He has taken the theological wisdom in the Bible to develop a new way of speaking about God. Central to his concept is the physicality of the human being. It is the bodily existence in the world that enables people to experience the sacred, and it is the traditions of wisdom in the Bible that lend shape to these experiences and thus provide orientation for life. To rediscover these traditions is to become a student of life itself.

An eye-opening book about the unwavering power of the Bible and faith for the 21st century.

- For readers of Hartmut Rosa and Navid Kermani

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JOACHIM KUNSTMANN

A Place for Living

THE PATH TOWARDS A RELIGIOUS RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH

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Religion: meaning for life instead of just a museum

Some 2000 years ago, a profound event set people's lives on a new foundation. From this event experience Christianity emerged. Yet now, such existential experiences and their meanings have faded out of the church – just as has religious experience. Churches now practice doctrines of faith and ritual routines that show very little inclination of being oriented to contemporary life.


Can this change?

It must change – if the church and Christianity are to have a future and want to reach people again. That is the thesis of this book. Joachim Kunstmann demonstrates that the church can once again become a place for a religion of the people. It only has to take on this crucial task and dare to make long overdue changes.

- Religious experience instead of dusty tradition
- Countering the tendencies of the church to let experience slip into oblivion
- Reforming the church as a place of living experiences

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YUVAL LAPIDE (EDITOR), PINCHAS LAPIDE

Who's Preaching in the Synagogue?

A JEWISH PERSPECTIVE ON JESUS OF NAZARETH

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Pinchas Lapides's most important writings on the interpretation of Jesus from a Jewish perspective


He was one of the most important bridge builders in the process of bringing about some understanding between Jews and Christians in Germany following the Holocaust. His interpretations of the Gospels from a Jewish perspective and his work on translating the Bible have found hundreds of thousands of readers. He has demonstrated to Christians that Jesus was not in fact the first Christian, but first and foremost a Jew.

This book brings together his most important texts on the interpretation of Jesus as a Jewish rabbi and prophet – an important work on the foundations of Christian identity.

- A pivotal topic in the Jewish–Christian dialogue, and an illuminating work on the question of Christian identity

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KLAUS-RÜDIGER MAI

Edith Stein: A Story of Arrival

THE LIFE AND THOUGHTS OF THE PHILOSOPHER, MARTYR, AND SAINT

Date of publication: June 27, 2022

The biography of an extraordinary woman

The historian Klaus-Rüdiger Mai explores the multifaceted life of Edith Stein, who has thus far been unfairly overshadowed by her male contemporaries.

Intentionally avoiding a hagiography, he instead relates the gripping story of the life of this extraordinary woman.

Edith Stein was born Jewish, but converted to the Christian faith. She died in the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in 1942. For her tireless efforts to reconcile Judaism and Christianity, she was beatified as Teresia Benedicta of the Cross in 1987 and canonized in 1998.

Edith Stein was not only a nun but an intellectual. She studied philosophy, history, German language and literature, and psychology in Göttingen and Freiburg. She earned her doctorate under Edmund Husserl, and while working as his assistant made a significant contribution to the history of modern philosophy. In spite of this, she was initially denied her post-doctoral qualification four times. Her post-doctoral thesis, in which she brilliantly devoted herself to Thomas Aquinas, Husserl, and Martin Heidegger, was not published until after the war, and thus post mortem. Her search for the meaning of being, her strong will, and her engagement with philosophy and women's rights can serve today as a paradigm for continuing to follow one's own path despite enormous opposition.

- Edith Stein: interconfessional bridge builder, feminist champion, source of inspiration, and a force for change




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SANDESH MANUEL

The Dear Lord Laughed

MY LIFE WITH HIP-HOP IN THE MONASTERY

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The rapping Franciscan

Franciscan robe, cap, and rap – Brother Sandesh Manuel goes beyond many clichés and, precisely through this unconventional style, inspires people for the faith in Jesus Christ.


His medium for this is YouTube, where every Friday he puts one of his new songs online. As a trained musician, he is not content to merely preach the word of God: he packs his message into raps.

Imparting joy and love, discovering the extraordinary in the simple, encountering people accessibly – these principles, to which Francis of Assisi also felt committed, are what lend this young monk his melodious appeal. Beyond just imparting his message with his songs, he entertains. He deliberately takes the risk of creating a stir in conservative church circles, because for him the church has a future only if it finds new ways to reach out to people, and young people in particular. And he does this with great openness and self-irony.

- A monk beyond all clichés, and a life between provocation and loyalty to the church

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RAINER OBERTHÜR



Jesus – The Story of a Man Who Questioned

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With 4c illustrations

The story of Jesus as never told before

“With those who seek and those who are small, with those who wonder and those who ask questions, that’s where Jesus is at home, that’s where God shows himself more clearly and more closely than anywhere else.”

In the Bible, there are over 220 questions that Jesus asks his disciples, friends, and strangers. People who find faith through these questions also have questions, specifically for Jesus himself. This is how it was then and how it is today: Those who believe will ask questions.

Rainer Oberthür has taken this unusual approach for his personal account of Jesus. In 33 chapters of questions, he portrays – in simple but demanding sentences, in a loose narration, yet faithful to the Bible – the image of an individual who poses questions and in turn is questioned by others. The author presents the stories of that time as though they are the stories of today. His narrative starts off with the new beginning that came about upon Jesus’ death and then reflects on His public life, in which Jesus consistently meets us as a friend to humankind, in peace, and close to the least of those among us.

- A new and extraordinarily inspiring approach to Jesus
- For children aged 9 and older, and all people who ask questions about faith




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SIMONE PAGANINI, CLAUDIA PAGANINI

The Creatures of the Bible

WHY THE HOLY SCRIPTURES HAVE NO CATS, BUT A KILLER COW

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Biblical animal life, entertainingly presented


Did you know that unicorns are found in the Bible? That not only the snake was capable of speech? And why certain animals never appeared in the Holy Scriptures, even though the people in Biblical times were quite familiar with them?

Claudia and Simone Paganini take their readers into a realm of fantastical animal beings, revealing the mostly unnoticed secrets of the biblical bestiary. Here is a reading safari into the Book of Books that is as enjoyable as it is instructive.

- The curious bestiary of the Bible
- Biblical wisdom through the zoological back door

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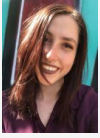


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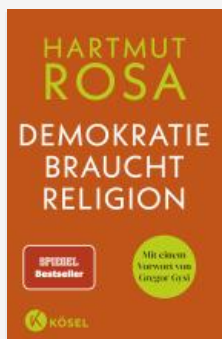
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Democracy Needs Religion

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Where would modern life be without religion?

What role does religion have in the structure of our modern society? Is it nothing more than an anachronism that hampers the course of growth in global economic competition? Is it merely a kind of superstition that people are welcome to indulge in privately, but should refrain from speaking about in public? It is no secret that the Christian churches in Western societies have massive problems – even apart from the recent scandals. The shrinking membership is only one symptom of this resonance problem. What happens when religion as a whole no longer elicits any resonance at all in democratic society?


Rosa asks groundbreaking questions concerning the development of our modern era: What do society and democracy lose if religion no longer plays a role in them? What is the potential of religion for the future of democracy? Is it really so sensible to dispense with the rich resource of religion?

In his usual incisive style, Rosa analyzes our modern age and dares to ponder what will happen when the reservoirs of ideas of centuries-old religions are lost to an ultra-modern society.

- A manifest for religion
- A concise, passionate treatise for a vital religiosity in our democracies

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DIETRICH RUSAM

The Evangelist

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF LUKE

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On the trail of the evangelist Luke – a riveting novel, as suspense-filled as any mystery story


The Feast of Tabernacles, Jerusalem, in the year 41. In this vibrant city, the young physician Luke hears for the first time the name that will radically change his life: Jesus of Nazareth. After being baptized by the apostles, he becomes one of them. What he doesn't yet know: he will have a fundamental influence on the emerging Christianity through his thoughts and writings.

In this fictional autobiography, Dietrich Rusam tells the story of Luke, who, as Paul's companion, became a chronicler of early Christianity and its theological and human conflicts. Here is a book that is both at the level of biblical scholarship and as exciting as a thriller.

- The story of Luke, told as never before
- Based on current scholarly research
- For all readers of Gerd Theißen, Klaus Wengst, Alois Prinz, and Emmanuel Carrère

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Living with Death

FOUR ESSAYS AGAINST BEING SILENT ABOUT DEATH

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A theology of death for the 21st century

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