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## **CHARLES WESTON**

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Introduction to  
Sacramental Theology

Evangelische  
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A crucial topic in Catholic-  
Orthodox ecumenical  
dialogue is the nature  
**The Reality of Biblical**

**Theology** CUA Press  
Siegfried Wiedenhofer,  
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Ratzingers an den  
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Theologie Ratzingers vor,  
die in ihrer  
Differenziertheit und  
zwischen "pro-  
gressistischen" und

"traditionalistischen"  
Positionen vermittelnden  
Darstellung ihresgleichen  
sucht. Der Autor  
objektiviert und analysiert  
das umfassende Werk  
seines Lehrers, befragt es  
auf seine Stimmigkeit und  
vergleicht es mit  
Alternativen. Die  
exzeptionelle theologie-  
und kirchengeschichtliche  
Größe dieses Werks sieht  
Wiedenhofer darin, dass

es in den größten Umbruchzeiten der Kirchengeschichte Kontinuität und Erneuerung, Einheit und Vielheit, Innerlichkeit und Äußerlichkeit des Glaubens und der Kirche so verbunden hat, dass ein Auseinanderbrechen der Kirche bisher verhindert worden ist.

Theologische Prinzipienlehre BRILL

This book is about ecumenism, from a Catholic point of view. The first part, chapters 1 and 2, describe the history of divisions within the

Church, as well as of the efforts to bring about Christian unity. The second part examines Ecumenism from a systematic theological perspective. This first part takes into account the different factors that led to definitive ruptures within the Church, which usually are not only theological. The text gives useful information about what happened after the respective divisions as well as about the various attempts to restore unity, the development of the Ecumenical Movement in

the 20th Century, and the current situation of ecumenical dialogue within the Catholic Church. While offering insight into the sad history that has led to the present disunity, this work also highlights the way Christians have sought to bring to fulfill the petition of Christ that his disciples might be one, as He and the Father are one. The second part—chapters three, four and five—offers a systematic theological analysis of unity in the Church, from the point of view of

dogmatic theology. We find here an explanation of the Catholic concept of ecumenism, of how Catholic theology understands the unity of the Church, and, finally, of the Catholic principles which sustain the efforts for regaining unity in the Church. The Second Vatican Council, and particularly the Constitution *Lumen gentium* and the Decree *Unitatis redintegratio*, are at the foundation of these reflections. At the same time, since the theology of the Church and the life

of the Church are intimately connected, there is a profound link between this dogmatic section and the earlier historical section. The last chapter, about the practice of ecumenism, is also written from a theological perspective, but with more links with life and spirituality. The chapter recalls that ecumenism can never simply remain a set of theological principles, but rather inspires an attitude and action in charity which are essential to the Christian life.

**Disputed Truth** Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing  
 Few books in theology have faced the twentieth century with all its horrors and yet revoiced the redemptive Christian antidote as convincingly as Joseph Ratzinger's 1968 masterpiece, *Introduction to Christianity*. In *Gift to Church and World*, John Cavadini and Donald Wallenfang present papers from the conference held at the University of Notre Dame to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of this classic

book's publication and, through it, Ratzinger's lasting influence on the world of Christian theology. Bishops, priests, and lay men and women set their hands to 'the trowel of tribute,' honoring the legacy of Joseph Ratzinger and the pivotal role he has played in the recent history of the Catholic Church. Covering Ratzinger's work on fundamental theology, philosophical theology, dogmatic theology, spiritual theology, and pedagogy, the essays gathered here shed new

light on Ratzinger's theological genius. Throughout, the authors return to his compelling expression of the divine call to reawaken to our true identity as beloved children of God. Altogether, readers will deepen their appreciation and understanding of the theological contributions of Joseph Ratzinger, and his continued relevance to mission and evangelisation today. **"The Church as the Image of the Trinity"** BRILL  
What is Ecumenism? Is

Christian unity a legitimate hope or just a pious illusion? The aim of this book is to analyze the real obstacles that stand in the path to unity and to propose solutions, where these are possible. Distinguished authors from the main Christian denominations offer a unique insight into the problem of Christian divisions and the relationships between Christian communities. This work is not a politically correct exercise in diplomacy; rather, it informs the reader about

the actual state of the ecumenical dialogue.

*The Encyclopedia of Christianity* BRILL

Over the past forty years Europe has grown as a global presence and today it plays an important role in a variety of ways: politically, socially, economically, and culturally. European theologians have no choice but to take cognizance of this fact and respond to the broad social challenges by clarifying their views on God and being a prophetic voice in cultural, political

and social decision-making. The authors in this volume take up four main contemporary global challenges, i.e. globalization, violence, gender, and the environment, and the volume provides its readers with first-rate theological reflections in Europe. The articles offered here are the result of an intensive workshop held in Leuven in September 2004 and are sponsored by the European Commission and the VLIR, as part of a three-year study program

on the understanding of God in Europe.

Theologische Prinzipienlehre Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

A resurgence of Trinitarian interest gained momentum in the twentieth century and it is showing little sign of abating in the twenty-first century. This research endeavors to critically evaluate Miroslav Volf's ecclesial model for "the church as the image of the Trinity," one that he presents with the English title, *After Our Likeness*. Volf proposes a social

doctrine of the Trinity, one that is heavily influenced by the theological writings of Jurgen Moltmann, and he puts forward that this nonhierarchical Trinity should be reflected in the structures and theology of the church. If Volf is correct, then a radical reshaping is needed for the church to conform to an egalitarian pattern, one that is "after the likeness" (Gen 1:26) of an egalitarian God. In this critical examination, Kevin J. Bidwell begins by stating the theological

influences that are pertinent to Volf's thesis in *After Our Likeness* and the assumptions that undergird and inform his whole theological paradigm. An important theological excursus is offered to assess the theology of John Smyth, the first English Baptist, who is Volf's representative figure for the location of his own ecclesiology, the Free Church. A critical analysis follows of Volf's engagement with his two chosen dialogue partners who represent both

Western and Eastern theological traditions: Joseph Ratzinger and John D. Zizioulas. Volf presents five theses for "the church as the image of the Trinity," which could be labeled as Volf's Free Church in the image of Volf's revised doctrine of the Trinity. This monograph offers extensive insight into the contemporary debate on the doctrine of the Trinity, but it also assesses many aspects of ecclesiology from both Eastern and Western perspectives.  
**Theology at the**

**Crossroads of  
University, Church and  
Society** Peeters

Publishers

`An invaluable, unique resource for readers of Roman Catholic theology'  
PHILIP ENDEAN, S.J.,  
CAMPION HALL, OXFORD,  
UK `First as a theologian,  
then bishop and later the  
Prefect of the  
Congregation for the  
Doctrine of the Faith,  
Joseph Ratzinger is often  
thought to have moved  
steadily to the right. In  
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Mannion and Lieven  
Boeve dispel such easy

generalizations. With  
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suitably lengthy extracts  
from Ratzinger's writings,  
accompanied by helpful  
editorial comments, these  
two leading European  
Catholic theologians  
demonstrate the  
continuity of the one  
Ratzinger and  
consequently shed light  
on the complexity of his  
present-day role as Pope.  
Anyone who wishes to  
understand better the  
current face of Roman  
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BRADFORD HINZE,  
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY,  
USA `Anyone attempting  
to gain serious familiarity  
with the theology of  
Joseph Ratzinger will find  
this book invaluable. It is



not just a conventional reader but a uniquely structured, signposted guide through the terrain of Ratzinger's theology as a whole. It comes at exactly the right time in emerging Ratzinger scholarship, providing a pathway for the uninitiated as well as a compact one-volume resource for those who are further along the road. I recommend it highly.'- JAMES CORKERY, S.J., MILLTOWN INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY, DUBLIN, IRELAND

Die Theologie Joseph Ratzingers/Benedikts XVI.  
LIT Verlag Münster  
An innovative study of the thought and writings of Jean-Fran.ois Lyotard in relation to theology.  
The Sacrament of Confession as a CUA Press  
The second volume of riveting memoirs from Hans Kung, the leading - and controversial - theologian. Hans Küng has been a major influence on post-war Christianity by any reckoning. A peritus for the second Vatican council, he then went on

to publish a number of controversial books, including Infallible? An Enquiry (1971), which enraged the Vatican and caused him to lose the ecclesiastical approval of his teaching at the university of Tübingen. However, he remains a respected priest in good standing with his bishop. Throughout all the upheavals that the Catholic Church has undergone in recent decades, Küng has been an outspoken observer, turning himself from enfant terrible to bête

noire. However his world influence has been great. Whether speaking at the United Nations or consorting with politicians and religious leaders, he is always listened to with respect and enthusiasm. A string of recent books has added to his reputation-notably *On Being a Christian* (1974) and *Does God Exist? An Answer for Today* (1980). What is not so well known is that, as a young man, Küng was a close friend and confidant of Joseph Ratzinger (Benedict XVI). Over the years, however,

they increasingly came to represent exactly what the other most despised. On being appointed to the Holy See, Ratzinger had a long private meeting with Küng, the consequences of which may resonate within the Catholic Church for many years. In these thrilling memoirs Küng gives his personal account of all these struggles and ambitions. The result is a book of major importance for any student of the church in the 20th century. This second volume covers the period following the close of the

Second Vatican Council right up to the present day.

### **Christ, Our Joy**

Bloomsbury Publishing  
Introduction to Sacramental Theology presents a complete overview of sacramental theology from the viewpoint of the body. This viewpoint is supported, in the first place, by Revelation, for which the sacraments are the place where we enter into contact with the body of the risen Jesus. It is a viewpoint, secondly, which is firmly rooted in

our concrete human bodily experience, thus allowing for a strong connection between faith and life, creation and redemption. From this point of view, the treatise on the sacraments occupies a strategic role. For the sacraments appear, not as the last of a series of topics (after dealing with Creation, Christ, the Church), but as the original place in which to stand in order to contemplate the entire Christian mystery. This point of view of the body, which resonates with

contemporary philosophy, sheds fruitful light on classical themes, such as the relationship of the sacraments with creation, the composition of the sacramental sign, the efficacy of the sacraments, the sacramental character, the role of the minister, or the relationship of the sacrament with the Church as a sacrament. As a result of this approach, the Eucharist takes on a central role, since this is the sacrament where the body of Jesus is made

present. The rest of the sacraments are seen as prolongations of the eucharistic body, so as to fill all the time and space of the faithful. This foundation of the theology of the sacraments in eucharistic theology is supported by an analysis of the patristic and medieval tradition. In order to support its conclusions, Introduction to Sacramental Theology examines the doctrine of Scripture (especially St. John and St. Paul), the main patristic and medieval authors (St.

Augustine, Hugh of St. Victor, St. Bonaventure, St. Thomas Aquinas), the response of Trent to the protestant challenges, up to modern authors such as Scheeben, Rahner, Ratzinger, or Chauvet, including the teaching of Vatican II about the Church as a kind of sacrament.

Liotard and Theology

A&C Black

The Roman Catholic papacy has long been a thorny issue dividing the ecumenical church. In this book several outstanding Lutheran and Catholic

theologians, known collectively as the Group of Farfa Sabina, present the results of their five-year dialogue, showing how the papal (Petrine) ministry might actually serve to unify the worldwide communion of churches. Offering biblical, historical, and canonical analyses of key Vatican texts, this volume opens up paths to new and surprising Lutheran-Catholic convergences. The volume as a whole reflects the mutual commitment of Farfa Sabina members to

shaping declarations of intent into effective realities.

*The Thought of Pope Benedict XVI* Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

"...This, the first study of its kind in English, is a meticulously researched, lucid account of Ratzinger's thought."

[from back cover]

Key Theological Thinkers

A&C Black

Today many books appear regarding Vatican II. Yet, only very few of them manage to locate this crucial event in the life of the twentieth century

Roman Catholic Church against the broad horizon of both its prehistory and its aftermath. This book does just that. In seven chapters, this volume offers a survey of the evolution of Post-Enlightenment Catholicism, in the period spanning from ca. 1830 to the present, tying together the renewals proposed by the first and the Second Vatican Councils. Each phase in this evolution is discussed from a double angle: on the hand from the viewpoint of theological

developments and milieu's, and on the other hand from an institutional and Church historical perspective, thus binding together these two perspectives and tracing the evolutions within Catholicism in all their pluriformity. Kneeling Theology Ignatius Press In *After Our Likeness*, Miroslav Volf explores the relationship between persons and community in Christian theology. He seeks to counter the tendencies toward individualism in Protestant

ecclesiology and give community its due. *Gift to the Church and World* Universal-Publishers Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, has been the most visible member of the Catholic clergy in the world second only to Pope John Paul II. His status as the head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith made him one of the most discussed churchmen in recent history. On the occasion of Ratzinger's seventy-fifth birthday, his former students selected

essays, lectures, letters, and conferences that Ratzinger has written in recent years- writing that they feel best represents his position on issues of theology, the modern world, secularism, non-Christian religious, and other key topics of the Catholic Church. This book, characterized by Ratzinger's concisely reasoned style, is an invaluable resource to those who wish to understand the modern Church and the thinking of Pope Benedict XVI, as well as a treasured

volume for those who are students of Ratzinger's theology.

The Thought of Pope Benedict XVI New Edition  
Wipf and Stock Publishers  
Jan-Heiner Tück presents a work that explores the sacramental theology, lived spirituality, and Eucharistic poetry of the Church's doctor communis, St. Thomas Aquinas. Although Aquinas' Eucharistic poetry has long occupied an important place in the Church's liturgical prayer and her repertoire of sacred music, the depth

of these poems remains hidden until one grasps the rich sacramental theology underlying it. Consequently, Tück first offers a detailed but approachable primer of Aquinas' theology of the sacraments, before diving deeply into the Angelic Doctor's theology and poetry of the Eucharist. The Scriptural accounts stand at the heart of the systematic framework developed by Aquinas, and thus significant attention is devoted to showing the harmony between the accounts of

Christ's passion and the detailed exposition of the Summa theologiae. Moreover, the Eucharistic controversies of the ninth and eleventh centuries provide the contrapuntal context in which Aquinas did his thinking, praying, and writing. Not surprisingly, therefore, the response he crafts to these controversies draws upon both speculative powers and contemplative prayer, brought together in the unity of Aquinas' theology and spirituality. The net result is a twofold treasure for the Church: a

careful systematic presentation of Eucharistic theology and the lived devotional expression of the same in the carefully constructed—and now much beloved—stanzas of Pange lingua gloriosi, Lauda Sion, Adoro te devote, etc. By revealing the lively interplay of the saint's powerful speculative intellect and a heart steeped in love for the Eucharistic Lord, Tüch offers a sophisticated exposition of Aquinas' Eucharistic poetry and the roots it sinks into a wider

theological framework. Finally, the contemporary significance and power of Aquinas' work is drawn out, not only in the rarefied realm of intellectual inquiry but also in the everyday expanse of ordinary life.

**Canon Law** BRILL

\*An examination of the survival of cultural values in a postmodern environment\*

Communion of Churches and Petrine Ministry

James Clarke & Company  
Wer ist Jesus von Nazareth – für Joseph Ratzinger/Benedikt XVI.?

Dieser Frage geht die Autorin nach, indem sie nicht nur Werke Ratzingers, die unmittelbar christologische Fragestellungen betreffen, sondern sein Gesamtwerk zu dieser Frage auswertet und systematisiert und dabei auch Predigten, Vorträge und Ansprachen einbezieht. Im ersten Hauptteil untersucht sie die Offenbarungstheologische Rolle Jesu Christi und legt dabei den bibelhermeneutischen Ansatz Ratzingers dar. In

theologiegeschichtlicher Perspektive hat der zweite Hauptteil das "Wesen der Person Jesus Christus" zum Gegenstand. Im anschließenden Teil kommen soteriologische Aspekte zur Sprache, insbesondere die Frage nach der Bedeutung des Kreuzestodes sowie der Stellvertretungsgedanke. Im letzten Teil wird schließlich der existenzielle Anspruch der Christologie herausgearbeitet, der auf dem inneren Zusammenhang von Christologie und

Anthropologie gründet. **Eschatos Adam** Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing  
This important and illuminating book focuses on Ratzinger's status as one of the preeminent Catholic theologians of the 20th century. Aidan Nichols provides a full-scale investigation of his theology as it develops from the 1950s onward. The book presents a chronological account of the development of Ratzinger's writing which reflects a wide range of historical and theoretical interests such as:



Augustine's ecclesiology, early Franciscanism and the idea of salvation history, Christian brotherhood, the unfolding of the Second Vatican Council, the Apostles' Creed, explorations of the concept of the Church, preaching, liturgy and Church music, eschatology, the foundations of dogmatic and moral theology, and

the problem of pluralism. This third edition, as well as providing a two-chapter-long biography of Joseph Ratzinger/Benedict XVI, and amplifying the account already given of his later pre-papal writings, describes the new thinking that belongs to the years of Benedict's pontificate. That comprises his trilogy of books on Jesus of

Nazareth, his quartet of encyclicals, and the set of major speeches he gave at global venues, chiefly on the contribution of faith to culture and civil society. An expanded Conclusion, weighing the lasting significance of his work, leads into a presentation of the themes of his posthumous essay collection - the 'curtain-call' he entitled 'What is Christianity?'