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A Reader Routledge

This volume sheds light on the transformed post-Holocaust relationship between Catholics and Jews. Once implacable theological foes, the two traditions have travelled a great distance in coming to view the other with respect and dignity. Responding to the horrors of Auschwitz, the Catholic Church has undergone a "reckoning of the soul," beginning with its landmark document *Nostra Aetate* and embraced a positive theology of Judaism including the ongoing validity of the Jewish covenant. Jews have responded to this unprecedented outreach, especially in the document *Dabru Emet*. Together, these two Abrahamic traditions have begun seeking a repair of the world. The road has been rocky and certainly obstacles remain. Nevertheless, authentic interfaith dialogue remains a new and promising development in the search for a peace.

The Road to Holocaust Westminster John Knox Press

It is hubris to claim answers to unanswerable questions. Such questions, however--as part of their burden and worth--must still

be asked, investigated, and contemplated. How there can be a loving, all-powerful God and a world stymied by suffering and evil is one of the unanswerable questions we must all struggle to answer, even as our responses are closer to gasps, silences, and further questions. More importantly, how and whether one articulates a response will have deep, lasting repercussions for any belief in God and in our judgments upon one another. Throughout this wide-ranging, interdisciplinary work, Peter Admirand draws upon his extensive research and background in theology and testimonial literature, trauma and genocide studies, cultural studies, philosophy of religion, interreligious studies, and systematic theology. As David Burrell writes in the Foreword: ". . . [T]he work's intricate structure, organization, and development will lead us to appreciate that the best one can settle for is a fractured faith built on a fractured theodicy, expressed in a language explicitly fragmented, pluralist, and broken."

The Female Face of God in Auschwitz A&C Black

In *Repentance for the Holocaust*, C. K. Martin Chung develops the biblical idea of "turning" (*tshuvah*) into a conceptual framework to analyze a particular area of contemporary German history, commonly referred to as *Vergangenheitsbewältigung* or "coming to terms with the past." Chung examines a selection of German

responses to the Nazi past, their interaction with the victims' responses, such as those from Jewish individuals, and their correspondence with biblical repentance. In demonstrating the victims' influence on German responses, Chung asserts that the phenomenon of *Vergangenheitsbewältigung* can best be understood in a relational, rather than a national, paradigm. By establishing the conformity between those responses to past atrocities and the idea of "turning," Chung argues that the religious texts from the Old Testament encapsulating this idea (especially the Psalms of Repentance) are viable intellectual resources for dialogues among victims, perpetrators, bystanders, and their descendants in the discussion of guilt and responsibility, justice and reparation, remembrance and reconciliation. It is a great irony that after Nazi Germany sought to eliminate each and every single Jew within its reach, postwar Germans have depended on the Jewish device of repentance as a feasible way out of their unparalleled national catastrophe and unprecedented spiritual ruin.

Syracuse University Press

Sendyk is the last member of a Jewish family of 12 from Chrzanow, Poland, only three of whom survived the Holocaust. This is her moving story of how each of the others died and of what happened to her and her one sister who survived a German labour camp.

*A Guest in the House of Israel* Syracuse University Press

Holocaust Theology A Reader NYU Press

**Jewish Dimensions** NYU Press

Where was God when six million died? The twentieth century has never presented a more serious theological question. Over the past forty years it has haunted a series of writers. In this study, Dan Cohn-Sherbok explores the work of eight major Holocaust theologians. He argues that all ultimately fail to reconcile, as they must, the reality of suffering with the loving kindness of God. In the final chapter, he quarries from the Jewish tradition his own solution, which confronts the evil of Nazism but still leaves room for hope.

*Hope in an Age of Terror* Syracuse University Publications in Continuing Education

Mission at Nuremberg is Tim Townsend's gripping story of the American Army chaplain sent to save the souls of the Nazis incarcerated at Nuremberg, a compelling and thought-provoking tale that raises questions of faith, guilt, morality, vengeance, forgiveness, salvation, and the essence of humanity. Lutheran minister Henry Gerecke was fifty years old when he enlisted as an Army chaplain during World War II. As two of his three sons faced danger and death on the battlefield, Gerecke tended to the battered bodies and souls of wounded and dying GIs outside London. At the war's end, when other soldiers were coming home, Gerecke was recruited for the most difficult engagement of his life: ministering to the twenty-one Nazis leaders awaiting trial at Nuremberg. Based on scrupulous research and first-hand accounts, including interviews with still-living participants and featuring sixteen pages of black-and-white photos, *Mission at Nuremberg* takes us inside the Nuremberg Palace of Justice, into the cells of the accused and the courtroom where they faced their crimes. As the drama leading to the court's final judgments unfolds, Tim Townsend brings to life the developing relationship between Gerecke and Hermann Goring, Albert Speer, Wilhelm Keitel, Joachim von Ribbentrop, and other imprisoned Nazis as they awaited trial. Powerful and harrowing, *Mission at Nuremberg* offers a fresh look at one most horrifying times in human history, probing difficult spiritual and ethical issues that continue to hold meaning, forcing us to confront the ultimate moral question: Are some men so evil they are beyond redemption?

*Reading the Bible After the Holocaust* Simon and Schuster

Unlike many Holocaust books, which deal primarily with the concentration camps, this book focuses on Jewish life before Jews lost their autonomy and fell totally under Nazi power. These essays concern various aspects of Jewish daily life and governance, such as the Judenrat, the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, religious life, housing, death, smuggling, art, and the struggle for survival while under siege by the Nazi regime. Written by survivors of the ghettos throughout Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary, this collection contains historical and cultural articles by prominent scholars, an essay on Holocaust theatre, and an article on teaching the Holocaust to students.

*Strange Fire* Psychology Press

How Christians can find hope in today's world of violence and uncertainty by following the model of the Trinity. This theological reflection on evil and suffering, violence and revenge, and identity and otherness attempts to answer an urgent question of our time: "What are we to do now that they have done this to us? How should we respond to this injury, this evil?"

**The Holocaust, the Church, and the Law of Unintended Consequences** Routledge

Five decades after the end of World War II, issues relating to the history and meaning of the Holocaust, far from fading from social consciousness, have, if anything intensified. New generations probe the past and its implications for understanding human behavior. As fresh information about the particularities of the Holocaust comes to light, we know more and more about how these events happened, but the deeper question of "why" remains unanswered. In this compelling volume, Jewish and Christian thinkers from Israel, Germany, and Eastern Europe, as well as the United States and Canada, among them scholars from the fields of history, theology, ethics, genetics, the arts, and literature, confront the legacy of the Holocaust and its continuing impact from the perspectives of their disciplines. The issue of religion is central, as the Vatican's 1998 statement *We Remember: Reflections on the Shoah* prompts Jewish and Christian contributors to address issues of responsibility, evil, and justice within their concrete historical and social settings. The essays in this important interfaith, international, and interdisciplinary volume will leave readers pondering the unavoidable question: what, in view of the crimes of the Holocaust, is the nature of human nature? -- Amazon.com.

*A Theology of Auschwitz* NYU Press

Williamson challenges churches and theologians to become aware of the inherited ideology of anti-Judaism that has distorted their teaching, even on such key matters as Jesus, the Scriptures, the church, and God, and suggests a radical, constructive alternative to the "teaching of contempt".

*Survivor of Auschwitz, Challenger of Rocky Marciano* Bantam

Is Judaism a religion, a culture, a nationality - or a mixture of all of these? This title tells the story of how Judaism came to be defined as a religion in the modern period - and why Jewish thinkers have fought as well as championed this idea.

*People of the Book* Jessica Kingsley Publishers

Where was God during the Holocaust? And where has God been since? How has our religious belief been changed by the Shoah? For more than half a century, these questions have haunted both Jewish and Christian theologians. *Holocaust Theology* provides a panoramic survey of the writings of more than one hundred leading Jewish and Christian thinkers on these profound theological problems. Beginning with a general introduction to Holocaust theology and the religious challenge of the Holocaust, this sweeping collection brings together in one volume a coherent overview of the key theologies which have shaped responses to the Holocaust over the last several decades, including those addressing perplexing questions regarding Christian

responsibility and culpability during the Nazi era. Each reading is preceded by a brief introduction. The volume will be invaluable to Rabbis and the clergy, students, scholars of the Holocaust and of religion, and all those troubled by the religious implications of the tragedy of the Holocaust. Contributors include Leo Baeck, Eugene Borowitz, Stephen Haynes, Abraham Joshua Heschel, Steven T. Katz, Primo Levi, Jacob Neusner, John Pawlikowski, Rosemary Radford Reuther, Jonathan Sarna, Paul Tillich, and Elie Wiesel. *The End of Days* Westminster John Knox Press

The first full-length feminist dialogue with Holocaust theory, theology and social history. Considers women's reactions to the holy in the camps at Auschwitz.

**How Christian Anti-Judaism Spawned Nazi Anti-Semitism, A Judge's Verdict** Holocaust TheologyA Reader

What is the role of scripture in illuminating the lives of the faithful today? In this book, three experts in Judaism, Christianity and Islam respectively discuss and debate this question, by exploring the core messages of the Torah, Bible and Qu'ran. Taking a deeper look at the wide range of theological, political and social issues that divide (and sometimes unite) their religions, they reveal how inspiration and guidance can be drawn not only on life's big questions such as sin and the afterlife, but also on societal issues including war, suffering, marriage and justice. *Survival* Syracuse University Press

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*A Reader* Princeton University Press

In recent decades Christians and Jews are beginning to ask questions about one another's traditions, to break down centuries-old barriers of prejudice, and to explore not only our differences, but our similarities of faith as well. This book walks the reader through rich but controversial terrain--the Bible, the Holocaust, the state of Israel, anti-Judaism, theology, Christology, intermarriage, feminism, and approaches to education. In each area the reader is asked to listen, to be open, to stretch, and to wrestle with the deeply felt beliefs that unite as well as divide us. The authors, representing Jewish, Protestant, and Catholic traditions, introduce the reader to the terms, content, and intricacies of inter-religious dialogue, the quest for better relations among all those who worship the God of Abraham and Sarah.

*An American Army Chaplain and the Trial of the Nazis* Indiana University Press

"I admire greatly the way in which Deacon Sciolino has been able to absorb a vast amount of material and weave it into a coherent account of the R. C. Church vis-à-vis the Holocaust. ... Telling the story 'from the inside' has an especial relevance and importance." —Rev. Hubert G. Locke, cofounder of the Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches The image of Jews as "God-killers" and their refusal to convert to Christianity has fueled a long tradition of Christian intolerance, hatred, and violence. It is no surprise, then, that when Adolf Hitler advocated the elimination of Jews, he found willing allies within the Catholic Church and Christianity itself. In this study, author Anthony J. Sciolino, himself a Catholic, cuts into the heart of why the Catholic Church and Christianity as a whole failed to stop the Holocaust. He demonstrates that Nazism's racial anti-Semitism was rooted in Christian anti-Judaism. While tens of thousands of Christians risked their lives to save Jews, many more—including some members of the hierarchy—aided Hitler's campaign with their silence or their participation. Sciolino's solid research and comprehensive interpretation provide a cogent and powerful analysis of Christian doctrine and church history to help answer the question of what went wrong. He suggests that Christian tradition and teaching systematically excluded Jews from "the circle of Christian concern" and thus led to the tragedy of the Holocaust. From the origins of anti-Judaism and anti-Semitism and the controversial position of Pope Pius XII to the Catholic Church's current endeavors to hold itself accountable for their role, *The Holocaust, the Church, and the Law of Unintended Consequences* offers a vital examination of one of history's most disturbing issues. [theholocaustandchurch.com](http://theholocaustandchurch.com)

*The Life and Thought of Hans Jonas* Rhinegold Publishing Ltd Twenty contributions written by university-affiliated scholars of religious studies, philosophy, and other fields address the implications of the Shoah (Holocaust) for interpretation of the Hebrew Bible. Contributors include Richard Rubenstein, Elie Wiesel, and Walter Brueggemann. Annotation copyrighted by Book News Inc., Portland, OR

*Repentance for the Holocaust* Wipf and Stock Publishers

The dominant theme of post-Holocaust Jewish theology has been that of the temporary hiddenness of God, interpreted either as a divine mystery or, more commonly, as God's deferral to human freedom. But traditional Judaic obligations of female presence, together with the traditional image of the Shekhinah as a figure

of God's 'femaleness' accompanying Israel into exile, seem to contradict such theologies of absence. The Female Face of God in Auschwitz, the first full-length feminist theology of the Holocaust, argues that the patriarchal bias of post-Holocaust theology becomes fully apparent only when women's experiences and priorities are brought into historical light. Building upon the published testimonies of four women imprisoned at Auschwitz-Birkenau - Olga Lengyel, Lucie Adelsberger, Bertha Ferderber-

Salz and Sara Nomborg-Przytyk - it considers women's distinct experiences of the holy in relation to God's perceived presence and absence in the camps. God's face, says Melissa Raphael, was not hidden in Auschwitz, but intimately revealed in the female face turned towards the other as a refractive image of God, especially in the moral protest made visible through material and spiritual care for the assaulted other.

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