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ReSourcing Theological Anthropology Chalice Press

Gandolfo constructs a theological anthropology that begins with the condition of human vulnerability as a site to answer why human beings experience and inflict terrible suffering. This volume argues that vulnerability is a dimension of human existence that causes us great anxiety, which forms the basis for violence but also affords the possibility of human openness to the redemptive work of divine love. Poised paradoxically between tragic and redemptive vulnerability, human beings need existential resources and empowering practices to cope with and manage our vulnerability in more compassionate ways.

Theologische Anthropologie Brazos Press

Asceticism and Anthropology in Irenaeus and Clement examines the ways in which Irenaeus and Clement understood what it means to be human. By exploring these writings from within their own

theological perspectives, John Behr also offers a theological critique of the prevailing approach to the asceticism of Late Antiquity. Writing before monasticism became the dominant paradigm of Christian asceticism, Irenaeus and Clement afford fascinating glimpses of alternative approaches. For Irenaeus, asceticism is the expression of man living the life of God in all dimensions of the body, that which is most characteristically human and in the image of God. Human existence as a physical being includes sexuality as a permanent part of the framework within which males and females grow towards God. In contrast, Clement depicts asceticism as man's attempt at a godlike life to protect the rational element, that which is distinctively human and in the image of God, from any possible disturbance and threat, or from the vulnerability of dependency, especially of a physical or sexual nature. Here human sexuality is strictly limited by the finality of procreation and abandoned in the resurrection. By paying careful attention to these two writers, Behr offers challenging material for the continuing task of understanding ourselves as human beings.

The Dynamics of Grace Bloomsbury Publishing

Christians have traditionally claimed that humans are created in the image of God (imago Dei), but

they have consistently defined that image in ways that exclude people from full humanity. The most well-known definition locates the image in the rational soul, which is constructed in such a way that women, children, and many persons with disabilities are found deficient. Body Parts claims the importance of embodiment, difference, and limitation--not only as descriptions of the human condition but also as part of the imago Dei itself. This thesis is inspired by a parallel claim in an Indian tradition that posits the reflection of the divine body in humanity. Its thirty-six parts invite Christians to consider how consciousness, limitations, mental and emotional capacities, organs of sensation and action, and elements are reflections of divinity. Each chapter pursues openings in the Christian theological tradition in order to imagine these sets of ""body parts"" as the image of God.

God and Humanity Wipf and Stock Publishers

This volume considers the New Testament in the light of anthropological study, in particular the current trend towards theological anthropology. The book begins with three essays that survey the context in which the New Testament was written, covering the Old Testament, early Jewish

writings and the literature of the Greco-Roman world. Chapters then explore the anthropological ideas found in the texts of the New Testament and in the thought of its writers, notably that of Paul. The volume concludes with pieces from Brian S. Roser and Ephraim Radner who bring the whole exploration together by reflecting on the theological implications of the New Testament's anthropological ideas. Taken together, the chapters in this volume address the question that humans have been asking since at least the earliest days of recorded history: what does it mean to be human? The presence of this question in modern theology, and its current prevalence in popular culture, makes this volume both a timely and relevant interdisciplinary addition to the scholarly conversation around the New Testament.

Anthropology and Theology Wipf and Stock Publishers

English summary: Pannenberg is of the opinion that life is inevitably religiously defined. This assumption provides a basis for his description of the human identity. In this context Pannenberg also considers comprehensive topics of cultural anthropology. German description: Diese erste umfassende Anthropologie seit den bedeutenden Darstellungen von Scheler, Plessner, Gehlen und Roth geht von der Beobachtung aus, dass menschliches Leben unentrinnbar religiös bestimmt ist, und ordnet von daher eine Fülle wissenschaftlicher Einzelbeobachtungen zu einem klaren und herausfordernden Gesamtentwurf. Ausgehend vom Widerspruch zwischen Weltoffenheit und Ichzentriertheit des Menschen wird die Frage nach seiner Identität verfolgt. Wolfhart Pannenberg behandelt dabei nicht nur die Probleme der persönlichen Identitätsbildung in Selbstbewusstsein, Affektivität und Gewissen, sondern wendet sich auch den übergreifenden kulturalanthropologischen Themen wie Spiel und Sprache, Institutionenbildung und Geschichtlichkeit zu. V&R macht diesen Klassiker wieder verfügbar.

Christian Anthropology Wipf and Stock Publishers

Eine aktuelle Einführung in die theologische Anthropologie – aus katholischer Perspektive und in ökumenischer Ausrichtung: Im Gespräch mit schulbildenden Entwürfen des 20. Jahrhunderts werden zentrale Themenfelder wie die Empfänglichkeit des Menschen für Gott, das Menschsein Jesu Christi, Schuld und Sünde, Gnade und Freiheit neu beleuchtet. Dabei werden die philosophischen Herausforderungen der Moderne konstruktiv einbezogen. Aus dem Inhalt: • subjekt- und sinnkritische Herausforderungen in der fortgeschrittenen Moderne • Denkformanalysen bedeutsamer Ansätze und Perspektiven ihrer Vermittlung • Grundlinien einer theologischen Anthropologie in der Gegenwart

An Ecological Christian Anthropology Bloomsbury Publishing

What, exactly, does it mean to be human? It is an age-old question, one for which theology, philosophy, science, and medicine have all provided different answers. But though a unified response to the question can no longer be taken for granted, how we answer it frames the wide range of different norms, principles, values, and intuitions that characterize today's bioethical discussions. If we don't know what it means to be human, how can we judge whether biomedical sciences threaten or enhance our humanity? This fundamental question, however, receives little attention in the study of bioethics. In a field consumed with the promises and perils of new medical discoveries, emerging technologies, and unprecedented social change, current conversations about bioethics focus primarily on questions of harm and benefit, patient autonomy, and equality of health care distribution. Prevailing models of medical ethics emphasize human capacity for self-control and self-determination, rarely considering such inescapable dimensions of the human condition as disability, loss, and suffering, community and dignity, all of which make it difficult for us to be truly independent. In *Health and Human Flourishing*, contributors from a wide range of disciplines mine the intersection of the secular and the religious, the medical and the moral, to unearth the ethical and clinical implications of these facets of human existence. Their aim is a richer bioethics, one that takes into account the roles of vulnerability, dignity, integrity, and relationality in human affliction as well as human thriving. Including an examination of how a theological anthropology—a theological understanding of what it means to be a human being—can help us better understand health care, social policy, and science, this thought-provoking anthology will inspire much-needed conversation among philosophers, theologians, and health care professionals.

The Image of God in an Image Driven Age A&C Black

- What does it mean to be human? - How does a right understanding of personhood affect decisions on critical life situations? - What implications does a biblical perspective on personhood have for the pastoral ministry of healing and hope? In answering these questions, Ray S. Anderson focused on the person as determined by and sustained by the creative power of God. He explored the implications of a biblical understanding of personhood for such critical issues as human sexuality, family relationships, abortion, and death. He broke new ground in relating pastoral care and counseling to contemporary issues which challenge Christians and their understanding of the meaning of human life.

The Power and Vulnerability of Love Wipf and Stock Publishers

This is a fascinating, major articulation of a contemporary theology of the cross in response to the soteriological challenge of Karl Marx's anthropological 'Weltanschauung.' The author focuses primarily on the much neglected 'Early Writings' (1844 Manuscripts), in which Marx himself provides a necessary humanistic critique of official Marxism. The theology of the cross, which the author articulates, is centered in Luther's 'theologia crucis,' Moltmann's crucified God, and Latin American (liberation) theology's divine identification and solidarity with the poor and oppressed. Specifically, the context of the work is the Caribbean and the Americas.

Recreating the Church Routledge

Recent research in the philosophy of religion, anthropology, and philosophy of mind has prompted the need for a more integrated, comprehensive, and systematic theology of human nature. This project constructively develops a theological accounting of human persons by drawing from a Cartesian (as a term of art) model of anthropology, which is motivated by a long tradition. As was common among patristics, medievals, and Reformed Scholastics, Farris draws from philosophical resources to articulate Christian doctrine as he approaches theological anthropology. Exploring a substance dualism model, the author highlights relevant theological texts and passages of Scripture, arguing that this model accounts for doctrinal essentials concerning theological anthropology. While Farris is not explicitly interested in thorough critique of materialist ontology, he notes some of the significant problems associated with it. Rather, the present project is an attempt to revitalize the resources found in Cartesianism by responding to some common worries associated with it.

Gathered on the Road to Zion Hyperion Books

Revision of author's thesis (Ph. D.)--University of Chicago, 1989.

Created in God's Image Wipf and Stock Publishers

"Treated thematically under the headings 'The Gnostic Movement,' 'Christian Platonism,' and 'Fourth Century Developments,' it is possible to see how different ideas of humanity could lead to varieties of theological interpretation."--Donald Skyes

Anthropology of the Old Testament Baker Academic

What is the place and vocation of human beings in the earth community? This is the central question that this contribution towards a Christian ecological anthropology addresses. In ecological theology this question is often answered by the affirmation that 'We are at home on earth'. This affirmation rightly responds to the widespread sense of alienation from nature, to the anthropocentrism that pervades much of the Christian tradition and to concerns about the scope of environmental devastation. This book challenges the affirmation that we are at home on earth, examining natural suffering, anxieties concerning human finitude and especially the pervasiveness of evil. The book investigates contributions to ecological theology, South African and African theology, reformed theology and contemporary dialogues between theology and the sciences in search of a thoroughly ecological Christian anthropology.

Theological Anthropology: A Guide for the Perplexed Fortress Press

A guide to the most challenging issues that face anyone studying theological anthropology.

Anthropologie als Thema der Theologie Springer Science & Business Media

Drawing on the wisdom and teaching experience of highly respected theologians, the Engaging Theology series builds a firm foundation for graduate study and other ministry formation programs. Each of the six volumes--Scripture, Jesus, God, Discipleship, Anthropology, and Church--is concerned with retrieving, carefully evaluating, and constructively interpreting the Christian tradition. Comprehensive in scope and accessibly written, these volumes, used together or independently, will stimulate rich theological reflection and discussion. More important, the series

will create and sustain the passion of the next generation of theologians and church leaders. What does it mean to be human in the twenty-first century? Susan Ross explores this question through the lens of human desires: for God, freedom, knowledge, love, and pleasure, but also for power, consumer goods, self-gratification, and money. Beginning with biblical narratives of human desires, she goes on to consider how ancient, medieval, and modern thinkers have wrestled with the various ways that human beings have sought fulfillment in the world and in God. The twenty-first century brings new questions and continuing challenges: In a world of increasing complexity and fragmentation, can we still talk about the self? How have feminism and new thinking about sexuality changed the ways we think about ourselves? How do we maintain our humanity in the face of monstrous human evil? What do the findings of science say about our uniqueness as human beings? *Anthropology: Seeking Light and Beauty* offers a path through the many conflicting views of humanity, suggesting a fuller way of living as we try to follow the example of Jesus.

Asceticism and Anthropology in Irenaeus and Clement Liturgical Press

Originally published in 1967 (the German title of the original volume translates to *The Whole in the Fragment*), *A Theological Anthropology* is described by the author as "an essay." Indeed, it is man's history of theology, without firm conclusions, but brilliantly written by one of the foremost theologians of his time.

Born from Above Zondervan Academic

With the profound changes in today's intellectual and scientific landscape, traditional ways of speaking about human nature, sin, and the image of God have lost their explanatory power. In this volume F. LeRon Shults explores the challenges to and opportunities for rethinking current religious views of humankind in contemporary Western culture. From philosophy to theology, from physics to psychology, we find a turn to the categories of "relationality." Shults briefly traces this history from Aristotle to Levinas, showing its impact on the Christian doctrine of anthropology, and he argues that the biblical understanding of humanity has much to contribute to today's dialogue on persons and on human becoming in relation to God and others. Shults's work stands as a potent effort to reform theological anthropology in a way that restores its relevance to contemporary interpretations of the world and our place in it.

Anthropology and the Old Testament Fortress Press

The Apologetic Value of Human Holiness begins by providing the first comprehensive account of the model of human holiness developed by the leading theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar. In so doing, the book also provides the first detailed explication of his Christocentric philosophical anthropology. Part 2 argues that von Balthasar anticipates some key developments in late twentieth-century Anglo-American analytical philosophy, and that certain of these developments - in particular, the 'internal realism' of Hilary Putnam - provide powerful support for von Balthasar's theological philosophy. The final part elucidates von Balthasar's core intuition that human holiness is of immense apologetic value for religious faith, and concludes with a new, 'internalist' theory of religious pluralism. The Apologetic Value of Human Holiness will be seen as an important and original contribution to both Philosophy of Religion and Theology, and is likely to prove essential reading in upper-level undergraduate and postgraduate courses in both subjects.

Anthropology and New Testament Theology Wipf and Stock Publishers

After years of discussion within the field of anthropology concerning how to properly engage with theology, a growing number of anthropologists now want to engage with theology as a counterpart in ethnographic dialogue. *Theologically Engaged Anthropology* focuses on the theological history of anthropology, illuminating deeply held theological assumptions that humans make about the nature of reality, and illustrating how these theological assumptions manifest themselves in society. This volume brings together leading anthropologists and theologians to consider what theology can contribute to cultural anthropology and ethnography. It provides anthropologists and theologians with a rationale and framework for using theology in anthropological research.

On Being Human Fortress Press

Humans are created in the image of God, yet by choosing to rebel against God we become unfaithful bearers of his image. But Jesus, who is the image of God, restores the divine image in us. At the intersection of theology and culture, these essays offer a unified vision of what it means to be truly human and created in the divine image in the world today.

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