

**The Moral State We're In** by **Julia Neuberger**. A study of the moral state of the nation – the acid test of this being how we treat the weakest among us. Rabbi Julia Neuberger will assess the situation in the UK from her own unique viewpoint, and promises to draw some challenging and thought-provoking conclusions. **Publ by HarperCollins ISBN: 0007181671 £16.99**

**Point of Purchase** by **Sharon Zukin** Why does shopping have such a powerful influence on our lives? As shoppers attest, it provides a terrific balm for the soul. But shopping offers us an even greater bargain than that: as the public face of consumer society, it keeps the modern economy afloat, linking the family looking for jeans at Wal-Mart in California to factories in China and Bangladesh. As we push our wire carts around the supermarket or stroll through the mall, shopping provides a normal means of taking part in social life. This book shows the incredible impact shopping has had on American life, stretching from the mid-nineteenth century to today's shopping trends from the internet to Zagat guides.

**Published by Taylor & Francis Ltd ISBN: 0415950430 £9.99**

**Street Saints: Renewing America's Cities** by **Barbara J. Elliott**. Based on eight years of hands-on experience and more than 300 interviews, this book of motivational stories about unsung heroes and a sociological study of the 'faith factor', documenting faith based programmes that are treating social maladies in America. It takes readers on a tour of communities and institutions where faith-based initiatives are making a difference. It offers inspiration, role models and guidelines for people who would like to give back to their own communities.

**Published by Templeton Foundation Press ISBN: 1932031766 £13.99**

**Urban Regeneration Community Power and the (In)Significance of 'Race'** by **Paul Maginn** examines 'race' in the strategies and implementation of regeneration programmes in three London neighbourhoods. **Published by Ashgate ISBN: 075464166X £50**

## PUBLICATIONS

### Faith in an Urbanising World

**Colossians Remixed: Subverting the Empire** by **Brian J. Walsh, Sylvia C. Keesmaat**. In this innovative and refreshing book Brian J. Walsh and Sylvia C. Keesmaat explain our own sociocultural context to then help us get into the world of the New Testament and get a sense of the power of the gospel as it addressed those who lived in Colossae two thousand years ago. Their reading presents us with a radical challenge from the apostle Paul for today. **Published by InterVarsity Press ISBN: 0830827382 £12**

**Worship in Ancient Israel — An Essential Guide** by **Walter Brueggemann**. In an engaging style, characteristic of Brueggemann, this essential guide describes the leading motifs of ancient Israel's worship traditions in the Old Testament. The author guides the reader through the themes, central texts, prayers, festivals, and practices of that worship. He sees throughout the Old Testament a central emphasis on worship as a covenantal gesture and utterance by the community in the presence of God. This book is intended to be in the service of current theological and practical issues concerning worship of the church in its ecumenical character. **Publ. by Abingdon Press ISBN: 0687 343364 £7.99**

**Prophecy Past and Present — An exploration of the prophetic ministry in the Bible and the church today** by **Clifford Hill**. With the growing interest in 'Prophetic Evangelism' Clifford Hill's thorough and extensive study which he revised and updated in 1995 is worth revisiting. Hill explores the role of prophecy in ancient Israel, then prophecy in the early church and prophecy today. Coming from within the charismatic church he critiques what goes for a good deal of 'prophecy' and 'prophesying' in many churches as little more than wish fulfilment of those who make unsubstantiated claims and offer their opinions as received inspiration. Particularly valuable is 'Testing Prophecy'. If Clifford's balanced & biblically rooted understanding were more widely known and applied much unnecessary heartache and criticism would be avoided.

**Published by Eagle ISBN: 0863471706**

**God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It** by **Jim Wallis**. In God's Politics, the author dissected the problems of the gross misinterpretation of Christian Ethic by the Religious Right and the Republican party, as well as the little attachment to religious discourse by the Democratic Party. Through his fair and balanced analysis of the two parties, Wallis made a strong conclusion and came up with suggestions on several things that should be done if we want to see a new dawn in political discussions. This is a must read for Americans and the rest of the world. **Published by Harper San Francisco ISBN:0060558288 £13.99**

**Church After Christendom** by **Stuart Murray**. This book offers a vision of church life that is healthy, sustainable, liberating, peaceful and missional. Murray does not view the current challenges gloomily but rather he identifies the opportunity before us to recover a more biblical and more Christian way of being God's people in God's world. **Published by Paternoster Press ISBN: 184227 292 6 £8.99**

**Asylum and Immigration — A Christian Perspective on a Polarised Debate.** by **Nick Spencer**. A timely and unusual book where the author combines a good working knowledge of the asylum and immigration system with a thoughtful examination of the

application of Christian principles. As a result, his recommendations for a policy approach are soundly based in reality. Concern for the 'alien' runs central to Christian teaching, which also places a strong emphasis on social cohesion, refuses to sacrifice moral values for the sake of the individual, and recognises the importance of a sense of communal identity. **Publ by Paternoster Press ISBN: 1842272713**

**Good as New — A radical retelling of the Scriptures** by **John Henson** is a radical new translation of the early Christian scriptures for the new century which conveys the kind of impact they would have had in the idiom of today. **ISBN: 19038167340 £ 19.99**

**Churches that make a difference** by **Ronald Sider, Philip Olson & Heidi Rolland Unruh**. This is about reaching out to the community with Good News and Good Works. It is timely because after years of faith-based communities being seen as having no role in the solving of social problems, the situation today is dramatically different. The findings suggest that helping people to develop a strong faith and ties to a church community engenders better quality of life. Not all is well however but many more people are ministering to the social needs. **ISBN: 19038167340 £ 19.99**

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