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Drawing on postmodern as well as black, feminist, and womanist insights, Weaver shows that peace-oriented Anabaptist-Mennonite thought contains seeds of a theology that is biblical but poses an alternative to the theology of Christendom, which accommodates violence.

Only the Sword of the Spirit

Evangelism for Normal People

Why does God answer some prayers but not others? Why should I pray if God already knows what I need? W. Bingham Hunter explores these and other mysteries of prayer in light of God's character.

Keeping Salvation Ethical

The Anabaptist Vision

This exhaustive theology of missions focuses on theory and biblical mandates for missions as a vital part of theology. George Peters, a foremost missions authority, considers both liberal and conservative views, although his own stance is solidly evangelical.

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This book traces the history of the interpretation of the disobedience of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3 through the biblical period and the church fathers until Augustine. It explains the emergence of the doctrine of original sin with the theology of Augustine in the late fourth century on the basis of a mistranslation of the Greek text of Romans 5:12. The book suggests that it is time to move past Augustine's theology of sin and embrace a different theology of sin that is both more biblical and makes more sense in the postmodern West and in the developing world.

Mennonites in the Soviet Inferno

The Flying Circus Of Physics With Answers

An ideal gift book for leaders, features 30 heartfelt prayers, insightful reflections, and Scripture.

Becoming Anabaptist

It is now [1990] one hundred and thirty years since the birth of the Mennonite Brethren Church and therefore time for someone in that church to take a backward glance to see how things have developed. Who better to do this John B. Toews. His life spans well over half of those years and he has experienced much of what he writes. "JB" as he is affectionately known by both students and colleagues is a patriarchal figure in the Mennonite Brethren Church. Born in Ukraine, the Russian Revolution and its aftermath were the crucible that shaped his youth and young adult years. After studying in Western Europe, Toews immigrated to Canada in the late 1920s. Much of his life has been in Mennonite Brethren educational institutions in Canada and the United States. During ten years as Executive Secretary of the Mennonite Brethren Board of Missions he traveled widely and came to know Mennonite Brethren people around the world. In between educational and mission administrative responsibilities he pastored in Kansas and California. After retiring from the

presidency of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary he became the founding Director of the Historical Commission of the Mennonite Brethren Church.

Baby Boomers and Beyond

Hang in There, Mama! For those moments when you think you'll never live up to the Supermoms around you—when you're elbow deep in the grind of diapers and laundry and peanut butter sandwiches—you need a good dose of Grit and Grace. This refreshing collection of 90 daily devotions comes from two moms who've found themselves face-to-the-floor in need of encouragement and now offer it to you. Through humor and vulnerability, these short messages of truth remove the filters of perfection clouding your vision and bring clarity to your purpose as a mom. As you read the Scripture and prayer that accompany each day's message, you'll discover more fully who you are in Christ and how to raise your children to reflect His love to the world. In giving yourself grace, you will find you have even more grace to give from the One who is present in your life right now and in every moment.

The God Who Hears

God declared through the Apostle Paul that the church would be a place of transformation. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 we find, Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come. Despite this, the church seems increasingly to be a place where transformation fails to occur. Surveying the landscape, however, there are some bright spots where churches are faithfully producing transformed disciples. Furthermore, as shown in Scripture and supported by new research, God designed such transformation to often happen in the context of smaller groups of people. But what characteristics are true of churches that are making transformed disciples through group-based ministry—whether small groups, missional communities, Sunday school, or some other expression of groups? In Transformational Groups, Ed Stetzer and Eric Geiger have created a new scorecard that will provide a map to transformational success for your church's groups ministry. Using data from the largest survey of pastors and laypersons ever done on the condition of groups in the church, they define a simple process to lead your groups from where they are to where God wants them to be.

The Bergthal Colony

Life with a Capital L

Freedom's Delay

In this pioneering work, J. Denny Weaver analyzes late 19th century Mennonite and Amish thought on atonement, an issue of concern for all Christians. He maintains that these Anabaptists did have a theology, displayed in the lived faith and in their writings, but it was threatened by the satisfaction theory of atonement. "Thoroughly documented. . . . An excellent historical background for continuing analysis."--C. Norman Kraus, in the Foreword.

The Bloody Theater

A Biblical Theology of Missions

Becoming Anabaptist tells the story of sixteenth-century Anabaptist origins in terms of recent findings in Anabaptist historical studies. Building in part upon earlier scholarship, the newer work has emphasized the multiple origins and the diversity of early Anabaptism.

None But Saints

This challenging work explores the history of the Christian doctrine of atonement, exposing the intrinsically violent dimensions of the traditional, Anselmian satisfaction atonement view and offering instead a new, thoroughly nonviolent paradigm for understanding atonement based on narrative Christus Victor. The book develops a two-part argument. J. Denny Weaver first develops narrative Christus Victor as a comprehensive, nonviolent atonement motif. The other side of the discussion exposes the assumptions and the accommodation of violence in traditional atonement motifs. The first chapter lays out narrative Christus Victor as nonviolent atonement that reflects the entire biblical story, though paying particular attention to Revelation, the Gospels, and Paul. This biblical discussion also touches on the Old Testament story, Hebrew sacrifices, and the book of Hebrews. Following chapters place narrative Christus Victor in conversation with defenders of Anselm and with representatives of black, feminist, and womanist theologies. These discussions expose an accumulation of dimensions of violence in the several forms of satisfaction atonement. A final substantive chapter analyzes the inadequacy of all attempts to defend Anselm against the recent challenges raised by feminist and womanist perspectives. This analysis lays bare the violent dimensions of satisfaction atonement, which can be camouflaged but not removed. In light of this discussion, Weaver argues that the view of satisfaction atonement must be abandoned and replaced with narrative Christus Victor as the only thoroughly biblical and thoroughly nonviolent alternative.

The Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde Historical Series

The history of the Black Sea littoral, an area of longstanding interest to Russia, provides important insight into Ukraine as a contemporary state. In *Minority Report*, Leonard G. Friesen and the volume's contributors boldly reassess Mennonite history in Imperial Russia and the former Soviet Ukraine. This volume engages scholars from Ukraine, Russia, and North America, and includes translated and accessible contributions by scholars from the Ukrainian-German Institute of Dnipropetrovsk State University. *Minority Report* is divided into four sections: *New Approaches to Mennonite History*; *Imperial Mennonite Isolationism Revisited*; *Mennonite Identities in Diaspora*; and *Mennonite Identities in the Soviet Cauldron*. An appendix is included which recounts for the first time the emergence of Mennonite public history in southern Ukraine after the collapse of the Soviet Union. The volume's contributors reveal that far from being isolated from the larger society, Mennonites played an integral role in shaping the entire region. *Minority Report* successfully places Mennonite history within the recent historiographical insights offered by Ukrainian and Russian scholars and significantly enriches our understanding of minority relations in Soviet Ukraine.

Leadership Prayers

The letters in this collection were written by Mennonite women during the onset of Soviet Russia's most turbulent years, 1925 to 1933. They speak of refugees who survived unspeakable trials of harassment and persecution, of family losses and home dislocation. Most were written by Mariechen Harder to Abram and Anna Harder and family, her relatives who had left Kleefeld for Canada in 1924.

On the Zwieback Trail

The Declaration of Independence proclaimed freedom for Americans from the domination of Great Britain, yet for millions of African Americans caught up in a brutal system of racially based slavery, freedom would be denied for ninety additional years until the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. *Freedom's Delay: America's Struggle for Emancipation, 1776–1865* probes the slow, painful, yet ultimately successful crusade to end slavery throughout the nation, North and South. This work fills an important gap in the literature of slavery's demise. Unlike other authors who focus largely on specific time periods or regional areas, Allen Carden presents a thematically structured national synthesis of emancipation. *Freedom's Delay* offers a comprehensive and unique overview of the process of manumission commencing in 1776 when slavery was a national institution, not just the southern experience known historically by most Americans. In this volume, the entire country is examined, and major emancipatory efforts—political, literary, legal, moral, and social—made by black and white, free and enslaved individuals are documented over the years from independence through the

ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment. *Freedom's Delay* dispels many of the myths about slavery and abolition, including that racial servitude was of little consequence in the North, and, where it did exist, it ended quickly and easily; that abolition was a white man's cause and blacks were passive recipients of liberty; that the South seceded primarily to protect states' rights, not slavery; and that the North fought the Civil War primarily to end the subjugation of African Americans. By putting these misunderstandings aside, this book reveals what actually transpired in the fight for human rights during this critical era. Carden's inclusion of a cogent preface and epilogue assures that *Freedom's Delay* will find a significant place in the literature of American slavery and freedom. With a compelling preface and epilogue, notes, illustrations and tables, and a detailed bibliography, this volume will be of great value not only in courses on American history and African American history but also to the general reading public. Allen Carden is professor of history at Fresno Pacific University in Fresno, California. He is the author of *Puritan Christianity in America: Religion and Life in Seventeenth-Century Massachusetts*.

From Kleefeld with Love

"Matt Heard writes winsomely and compellingly, answering that quiet aching so many people - yes, even Christians - have that there must be more to life.... I highly recommend *Life With a Capital L!*" - Joni Eareckson Tada, Joni and Friends International Disability Center

What is it that you long for? Dream about? Hunger after? We all desire more than just the endurance of our daily routines. But often we feel limited and stuck — like we're merely existing instead of living. That's not the way it was meant to be. God intends the humanity in each of us to be deeply experienced, lavishly enjoyed, and exuberantly celebrated. In fact this is what the gospel is all about. Yes, the gospel. Contrary to conventional thinking — inside and outside the church — following Jesus is not about denying our humanness but embracing it. Rather than acting more spiritual or being more religious, we're called and enabled to become more fully human... and alive. Matt Heard escorts us on a journey of discovery: that Jesus didn't come to save us from our humanity — Christ instead yearns to restore it to what God originally intended. Matt then explores ten key areas where everyday life can become extraordinary Life. Christ promised we could "live life to the full." He didn't just mean eventually. Life with a Capital L is the Life you are longing for. Now.

Minority Report

Walter Kaiser questions the notion that the New Testament represents a deviation from God's supposed intention to save only the Israelites. He argues that--contrary to popular opinion--the older Testament does not reinforce an exclusive redemptive plan. Instead, it emphasizes a common human condition and God's original and continuing concern for all humanity. Kaiser shows that the Israelites' mission was always to actively spread to gentiles the Good News of the promised Messiah. This new edition adds two new chapters, freshens material throughout, expands the bibliography, and includes

study questions.

Anabaptist Theology in Face of Postmodernity

Latino Mennonites

Who Baptized Only Upon Confession Of Faith, And Who Suffered And Died For The Testimony Of Jesus, Their Savior, From The Time Of Christ To The Year A. D. 1660.

Leap Over a Wall

Ted Swartz and his Ted & Company TheaterWorks team are known for blending Bible stories with comedy and poignancy, and pushing the envelope on issues of faith and social justice. But who is Ted Swartz? Follow along in this engaging memoir as Swartz finds his way as a middle child in a Mennonite home in eastern Pennsylvania, to his early work in the family butcher shop, to uprooting his young family to attend seminary, to leaving behind the path of a pastor and embracing life as a writer and actor. Swartz's engaging humor blends with his own stories of triumph and tragedy, and helps readers understand their own sense of place and how they're shaped by those around them.

Becoming Married

Adopted by the General Conference Mennonite Church and the Mennonite Church at Wichita, Kansas, July 1995. The 24 articles and summary statement were accepted by both groups as their statement of faith for teaching and nurture in the life of the church.

Laughter is Sacred Space

Reveals a little-known history of 1917: the Ukrainian anarch-communist Makhnovists

The Nonviolent Atonement

How ministry leaders can help older adults be a vital part of Christian community With the explosion of the older adult population, this important book explores the opportunities and challenges that this presents for the Christian community.

Amy Hanson challenges us to let go of many old stereotypes regarding aging and embrace a new paradigm that sees older adults as active, healthy and capable of making significant contributions. Debunks the myths of aging that keep us from fully embracing the potential of people in life's second half Offers suggestions on how to re-invent ministry with older adults Focuses on unleashing older adults to serve and make an impact on churches and congregations A volume in the Leadership Network series The author shows church leaders how they can unleash the power of the baby boomer population to strengthen their congregations.

Anabaptism in Flanders 1530-1650

Transformational Groups

The Story of Original Sin

Grit and Grace

This new version now contains answers to all the over 600 stimulating questions. Walker covers the entirety of naked-eye physics by exploring problems of the everyday world. He focuses on the flight of Frisbees, sounds of thunder, rainbows, sand dunes, soap bubbles, etc., and uses such familiar objects as rubber bands, eggs, tea pots, and Coke bottles. Many references to outside sources guide the way through the problems. Now the inclusion of answers provides immediate feedback, making this an extraordinary approach in applying all of physics to problems of the real world.· Hiding Under the Covers, Listening for the Monsters· The Walrus Speaks of Classical Mechanics· Heat Fantasies and Other Cheap Thrills of the Night· The Madness of Stirring Tea· She Comes in Colors Everywhere· The Electrician's Evil and the Ring's Magic· The Walrus Has His Last Say and Leaves Us Assorted Goodies

Mennonite Historical Atlas

Of all the characters in the Bible, it is David who is most human. His life is lived on the "rough-edged actuality" of real life, and his relationship with God is an energetic one. Through the passions, the trials, and the lyrical poetry of this beloved figure, we gain powerful insights into the role of God in our own lives. In this inspirational volume, Professor Eugene H. Peterson, translator of *The Message*, uses stories from David's epic life as vivid lessons in everyday faith and spirituality.

Exploring David's experiences of friendship, grief, love, sin, and suffering, as well as sanctuary, beauty, and wilderness, he reawakens us to the enduring truths behind these beloved stories.

Yearbook of German-American Studies

Noted author and teacher John Bowen takes a unique look at what it means to witness to one's faith. Evangelism is something that all Christians can do as a "normal" part of being a follower of Jesus. Witty, wise, and biblically grounded, the book challenges in a gentle way. Includes study questions for congregational use.

A Pilgrimage of Faith

The present volume offers the first comprehensive study of Anabaptism in Flanders in the sixteenth century. Based upon a massive use of the sources, it is thorough, completely objective and fair, and exhaustive. The picture it presents is a new one in its evidence of the surprising extent of the spread of the Anabaptist movement geographically, as well as its depth and tenacity in the face of severest persecution. That Anabaptism persisted in Flanders almost a half century beyond 1600 was not clearly known before. That, apart from certain aberrations at the very beginning, Flemish Anabaptism was completely peaceful, nonresistant, and evangelical, largely after a pattern of Menno Simons, is fully demonstrated. A major gap in our knowledge and understanding of continental Anabaptism has now been closed in an exceptionally competent fashion by a master in the field.

Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective

Felipe Hinojosa's parents first encountered Mennonite families as migrant workers in the tomato fields of northwestern Ohio. What started as mutual admiration quickly evolved into a relationship that strengthened over the years and eventually led to his parents founding a Mennonite Church in South Texas. Throughout his upbringing as a Mexican American evangélico, Hinojosa was faced with questions not only about his own religion but also about broader issues of Latino evangelicalism, identity, and civil rights politics. Latino Mennonites offers the first historical analysis of the changing relationship between religion and ethnicity among Latino Mennonites. Drawing heavily on primary sources in Spanish, such as newspapers and oral history interviews, Hinojosa traces the rise of the Latino presence within the Mennonite Church from the origins of Mennonite missions in Latino communities in Chicago, South Texas, Puerto Rico, and New York City, to the conflicted relationship between the Mennonite Church and the California farmworker movements, and finally to the rise of Latino evangelical politics. He also analyzes how the politics of the Chicano, Puerto Rican, and black freedom struggles of the 1960s and 1970s civil rights movements captured the imagination of Mennonite leaders who belonged to a church

known more for rural and peaceful agrarian life than for social protest. Whether in terms of religious faith and identity, race, immigrant rights, or sexuality, the politics of belonging has historically presented both challenges and possibilities for Latino evangelicals in the religious landscapes of twentieth-century America. In Latino Mennonites, Hinojosa has interwoven church history with social history to explore dimensions of identity in Latino Mennonite communities and to create a new way of thinking about the history of American evangelicalism.

The Church in Mission

" The maps of the new Mennonite Historical Atlas follow the road of development and expansion of the Mennonite faith community from Switzerland, Holland and Germany to Russia, the United States, Canada, and to Latin America. Some maps of the first atlas have been revised and errors eliminated where reliable data became available." -- p. v.

Mennonites in Canada, 1920-1940

This book examines the issues surrounding the process of forming the marriage bond, and is "a delightful mix of sophisticated theology, solid family systems theory, and clear practical guidelines for pastors, all illustrated by numerous wonderful stories" (Charles W. Taylor, professor, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California).

Mission in the Old Testament

"Judged by the reception it met at the hands of those in power, both in Church and State, equally in Roman Catholic and in Protestant countries, the Anabaptist movement was one of the most tragic in the history of Christianity; but, judged by the principles, which were put into play by the men who bore this reproachful nickname, it must be pronounced one of the most momentous and significant undertakings in man's eventful religious struggle after the truth. It gathered up the gains of earlier movements, it is the spiritual soil out of which all nonconformist sects have sprung, and it is the first plain announcement in modern history of a programme for a new type of Christian society which the modern world, especially in America and England, has been slowly realizing-an absolutely free and independent religious society, and a State in which every man counts as a man, and has his share in shaping both Church and State." These words of Rufus M. Jones² constitute one of the best characterizations of Anabaptism and its contribution to our modern Christian culture to be found in the English language.

Family Matters

Only the Sword of the Spirit reconstructs the development of Menno Simon's "anabaptist Vision and methodically traces its evolution through the entire northern stream of Mennonites in Holland, Prussia, North Germany, Russia, and North America. It concludes with an appeal for the recovery of a relevant version of Menno Simon's 16th century vision for our own times.

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