

BOOK BRIEFS

A New Breed of Clergy, by Charles Prestwood. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1972. 108 pages. \$1.95, pb.

Many who attended seminary have not found their way into the pulpit. Many who entered the ministry as preachers and pastors are leaving it for positions in social service and in educational institutions. Disillusionment has produced a new breed of clergy. The author, himself a 'changeling', explains why, in his opinion, all this has come about. A realistic, sometimes painful, exposition.

Christ In The Psalms, by John E. Hunter. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1972. 145 pages. \$1.25, pb.

Psalms For All Seasons, by David Alan Hubbard. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1971. 96 pages. \$1.25, pb.

With this key, finding Jesus in the Psalms, the author leads us to the discovery of new treasures. The living Christ grows more real to us in the setting of these studies of fifteen Psalms.

The second book exposes something of the unrivalled range and power of expression of the Psalms. "From praise to lament, from petition to complaint, . . . all the emotions of the human spirit are expressed." These thirteen messages will help all sorts and conditions of men to identify with the Psalms.

The Power of Positive Preaching to the Lost, by John R. Bisagno. Nashville: Broadman, 1972. 128 pages. \$3.50.

A highly successful pastor-evangelist brings twelve "hard-hitting" revival sermons—simple, direct, and evidently preached in the heat of revival campaigns. There is no compromising the truth in these messages. The preacher balances grimly realistic exposition of the sins of contemporary man with a clear and appealing presentation of the way of salvation.

All the Apostles of the Bible, by Herbert Lockyer. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1972. 278 pages. \$5.95.

Another volume in the author's "All" series of biblical expositions. Here is a rather comprehensive reference and resource book on the lives and times of the apostles, presenting evidence relating to the character, personality, ministry, and unique contribution of each apostle, together with expository notes on the New Testament books written by some of them.

The Jesus People, Old-Time Religion in the Age of Aquarius, by R. M. Enroth, E. E. Ericson Jr., C. Breckenridge Peters. Grand Rapids: Zondervan. 1972. 249 pages. \$5.95.

This is no doubt the most factual account of the Jesus Movement thus far. Carefully researched and highly readable, it is the first objective comprehensive attempt to answer questions raised concerning the Jesus People. For all the diversity found among them, certain basic tenets are held in common.

The RSV Handy Concordance. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1972. 191 pages. \$1.25, pb.

Although this limited concordance cannot be expected to meet the needs of everyone, it will prove useful to the average reader. It is "the result of an extensive investigation of ways in which such helps to Bible study can be made truly reflective of Scripture content."

A Place to Belong, by Robert A. Williams. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1972. 175 pages. \$3.95.

It is the author's conviction that if the church is to be the living 'community' to which the individual feels he really 'belongs,' the solution lies in the direction of 'Koinonia.' The book seeks to set forth the "Spirit" of real biblical fellowship. Chapter titles include The Power of Friendship, The Bridge of Self-exposure, A Christian Availability, and the Need of Creative Silence.

Preacher Aflame, by Donald E. Demaray. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1972. 87 pages. \$1.25, pb.

The author's excitement about preaching is contagious. Here the essence of Christian preaching is laid bare. "True preaching is revelation The miracle consists of God breaking through by means of the spoken word" (p. 33). This is a truth that preachers need increasingly to keep at the seat of consciousness. Chapter titles come in this sequence: I—The Incendiary, II—The Communicator, III—The Listener, IV—The Expositor.

Pray: A Study of Distinctively Christian Praying, by C. F. Whiston. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1972. 154 pages. \$2.95, pb.

After a seven-year study of the place of prayer in the curriculum and life of seminary students and faculty, the author, Professor Emeritus at Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, decides that Christians need to be taught to pray. With the aid of a grant from the Lilly Endowment, and with the cooperation of some sixty seminaries, he here sets forth the results of his study under these chapter headings: Foundation of Prayer, Facets of Praying, The Relevance of Prayer, and The Discipline of Prayer.

Satan: Is Alive and Well on Planet Earth, by Hal Lindsey with C. C. Carlson. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1972. 255 pages. \$2.25, pb.

This book purports to be an exposé of the contemporary quest for supernatural other-world experiences. Are witchcraft and Satan-worship to be taken seriously? What about Jeanne Dixon, Christian (?) spiritualism, the resurgence of tongues? These and a score of other epidemics that are erupting and disrupting our society are seen as the work of Satan, alive and well on planet earth.

Confronting Popular Cults, by M. Thomas Starkes. Nashville: Broadman, 1972. 122 pages. \$1.95, pb.

In lucid and vivid style, the author presents a rather balanced and objective interpretation of cults such as Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses,

Anglo-Israelism and the Armstrongs, Unitarianism-Universalists, and the Black Muslims. The point of view throughout is that we must understand the cults if we are ever to find common ground for communication. Moreover, they may have something to teach us.

Extremism Left and Right, edited by E. S. West, Jr. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1972. 152 pages. \$2.95, pb.

Eight seminary professors deal with the explosive issue of extremism. Beginning with a discussion of the anatomy of extremism, and with a brief survey of leading figures among professional extremists, the study pursues the sources, psychological dimensions and tactics of extremists. The relationship between extremists and mass media is followed by a discussion of the role of the gospel in coping with this phenomenon.

Genesis in Space and Time, by Francis A. Schaeffer. Downers Grove: Inter-Varsity Press, 1972. 167 pages. \$2.25, pb.

The author challenges the view that Genesis is a collection of myths, useful for understanding the Hebrew mind, perhaps; but certainly not a record of actual happenings. Genesis is here presented as a book of origins—the origin of the universe, the origin of life, and the origin of man. It sees man in his cosmic setting, shows his particular uniqueness, explains his greatness and his weakness. Without a proper understanding of the first eleven chapters of Genesis, the author believes we have no answer to the problems of metaphysics, morals, or epistemology. It is the aim of this volume to give us this understanding.

The New Compact Topical Bible, compiled by Gary Wharton. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1972. 536 pages. \$4.95.

This volume is a compact edition of *The Zondervan Topical Bible*, reputedly the most extensive topical Bible available. All texts relating to a given subject are in both editions, listed and organized in one location. Compared with a concordance, a topical Bible offers a complete reference to the concepts as well as the words found

throughout the Bible. All Scripture verses, printed in full in the parent volume, have been deleted here, with only the references given. The book will be a useful tool for Bible students and teachers.

There's No Other Way, by E. A. Fitzgerald. Nashville and New York: Abingdon, 1970. 144 pages. \$3.50.

The author has no time for the kind of advice that recommends "Try God," as one would experiment with a new medicine that might prove to have therapeutic value. The solution to the perplexing problems of modern life is to be found in the timeless wisdom of the Sermon on the Mount—not one of the options confronting modern man, but man's only alternative for survival. Here is life-related preaching of a high order.