

# BOOK NOTICES

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*Zoroaster's Influence on Greek Thought*, by Rubi Afnan. New York: Philosophical Library, 1965. 436 pages. \$7.50.

Zoroaster and the first generations of his Persian followers were contemporaries of the early Greek thinkers. Confronting the same cultural vacuum that then pervaded the world, their reaction to it was different. If the Greek reaction was rationalistic and dialectic, the Zoroastrian claimed to be divine in origin and revelational in nature. The book shows that the two methods of dealing with the cultural predicament were complementary. The one was a dialectical search for the premises of thought, the other an assertive statement of those premises. The ultimate aim of this book is to demonstrate the complementary nature of divine revelation and human thought and to show that Greek thought could hardly have attained its eminence independent of the stimulus that came from the Zoroastrian world view.

*Adventures of a Deserter*, by Jan Overdeen (transl. by Harry Van Dyke). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1965. 153 pages. \$3.50.

An outstanding pulpiter from the Netherlands and a former prisoner of the Nazis provides an interesting and thought-provoking study of Jonah, emphasizing the universality of the prophet's experience and exploring with real insight its meaning for everyman.

*The Anatomy of Anti-Semitism, and Other Essays on Religion and Race*, by James Daane. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1965. 84 pages. \$1.45 (paperback).

In the belief that anti-semitism has been practiced primarily by Christians, the author insists that "having chosen Israel, God does not change his mind." A timely treatise that deserves a wide reading.

*Inasmuch*, by David O. Moberg. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1965. 216 pages. \$2.45 (paperback).

A provocative discussion of Christian social responsibility in twentieth-century America by one well qualified in the field. The orientation throughout is that of evangelical Protestantism.

*Abandoned to Christ*, by L. E. Maxwell. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1965. 248 pages. \$2.25 (a paperback reprint).

The author treats the theme "Christ made sin for us" in vividly concrete fashion. The Christian life becomes an adventure—a journey of faith involving confession, dedication, challenge, and hope. Death in Christ is shown as the gateway to life and liberty.

*Shield Bible Studies: Book of Deuteronomy, Book of Daniel, Ancient Israel, Epistles of John and Jude*, by C. F. Pfeiffer, C. T. Francisco, P. C. Johnson, and R. A. Ward respectively. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1964-1965. 65-111 pages. \$1.50 each (paperback).

This is a series of manuals designed to serve as guides for the study of the Bible in colleges, Bible schools, and in local church classes. Each is from the pen of a well-qualified student of the Bible. Twenty books in the series are at present available. Other manuals will appear from time to time till the series is complete.

*Of Sex and Saints*, by Donald F. Tweedie. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1965. 73 pages. \$1.00 (paperback).

The virtue of this book is in the fact that the author is a Christian psychotherapist and deals with sex on the basis of God's Word. A useful treatment of the subject by the head of the clinic in pastoral psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary.

*Christian Calling and Vocation*, by H. H. Barnette. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1965. 83 pages. \$1.50 (paperback).

The professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Seminary shows how life takes on new meaning and motivation when we understand that God calls every Christian with a holy calling. The focus of the study is on the calling of God as such rather than on vocation in the sense of daily work. This calling serves to integrate the totality of one's life with the eternal purpose of God in Christ.