

er accepted as social equals. Although against injustice, the denomination and churches remained silent, thus failing global breakthrough reversal of thought at mid-20th century. A seminal statement "Missio Dei" (1958), a arena of activity was not the church but orders acknowledged the church's failure to all people. The author declares this critical of the turning points in world Christianity" his is critical history with a vision for the

Highly recommended. Upper-division ty and professionals.—*W. L. Pitts Jr.*

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Permanence: the theological vision of Kierkegaard. Alan J. Torrance and Andrew B. Torrance. Index ISBN 9780802868039 cloth, \$49.99; e, contact publisher for price

Alan J. Torrance (father and son, respectively), an incisive and well-researched comparison between Kierkegaard and Karl Barth. The breadth covering both primary and secondary sources, is ideal. The authors first examine Hegel's

of Kierkegaard: both were anti-idealist, held to the theory of social constitution of religion, and theology. After a thorough study of Kierkegaard's works show his promotion of a faith incarnated in Christ. For Kierkegaard's relation to Barth, the notion of a "Kierkegaard-Barth trajectory" both thinkers are shown to have affirmed and established in Christ, which then engagement with secular society. This engagement is to inform social, ethical, and political theory. It lays apologetics, argumentation, and theology, and instead promotes openness and dialogue as the basis for all Christian faith

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the identity construction of bikers. Although the language is technical and full of academic jargon, numerous ethnographic stories and examples (and sometimes pictures) of motorcycles, bikers, mechanics, repair shops, road infrastructures, transportation bureaucracies, etc., keep readers motivated and engaged. Jderu's inclusion of women bikers and female mechanics refreshingly broadens the scope of automobility studies. Centered in Romania, the volume provides a unique commentary on the cultural and social relations of a post-repair society. **Summing Up: ★★** Recommended. Graduate students and faculty.—*L. B. Jabs, Seattle Pacific University*

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Rice, James C. **Downwind of the atomic state: atmospheric testing and the rise of the risk society**. New York University, 2023. 365p bibl index ISBN 9781479815340 cloth, \$38.00; ISBN 9781479815364 ebook, contact publisher for price

This disturbing book brought up many facets of US government nuclear interactions previously unknown to this reviewer, despite his heavy involvement in such interactions throughout his professional career. Unfortunately, it will increase the number of people currently growing suspicious of the government's role in American life. After a useful introduction to the topic in a summary chapter, Rice (sociology, New Mexico State Univ.) inserts a long chapter on the relationships among science, nature, and humanity written with a lot of sociological jargon. The first historical chapter, on the Trinity Test, i.e., the initial nuclear explosion in New Mexico and its unanticipated radioactive fallout, is both interesting and informative. The remaining nine chapters cover the creation and interactions of the Atomic Energy Commission (and its Nevada National Testing Site) with the military and the US population, including its continuing attempts to minimize and/or diminish public impact and awareness of the radioactive fallout from the many nuclear tests. Rice's work makes the urgent case for greater awareness: "The willingness to confront uncomfortable lessons is a bulwark against a disoriented influence of mythology. We need to rig up a line between past and present lest we lose our way into the future" (p. 9). **Summing Up: ★★** Highly recommended. Advanced undergraduates through faculty.—*A. M. Saperstein, emeritus, Wayne State University*

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fixed. Spoiler alert: discrimination has not been fixed. **Summing Up: ★★** Essential. All readers.—*D. J. Van Domelen, Amarillo College*

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After Apollo: cultural legacies of the race to the moon, ed. by JBR Bennington and Rodney F. Hill. University Press of Florida, 2023. 210p bibl index ISBN 9781683403579 cloth, \$90.00; ISBN 9781683403653 ebook, contact publisher for price

Readers familiar with the history of the Space Age will find little new in this interdisciplinary collection wrapped up as a retrospective on the Apollo program, yet some contributions have merit as elaborations on familiar themes. Among the interesting contributions is Sabina Sobel's chapter on the innovations in chemistry that had important commercial and technological benefits but were too often reduced to the powdered, orange-flavored beverage Tang. Sobel does an admirable job of explaining to a lay audience how advances in rocket fuel and space suit construction found practical application in the cryogenics necessary for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), fire-resistant protective clothing, and scuba rebreathers. Chris Robinson's chapter treats the media partnership between Wernher von Braun and Walt Disney to promote a compelling vision of human space exploration. It highlights the significance of this vision for agenda setting in space policy making and details the feedback between the public understanding of space exploration cultivated in news and entertainment media and actual space mission selection. Rosanna Perotti's chapter on the participation of immigrants and second-generation Americans in NASA's work and more recent commercialization of space is notably upbeat. These standout essays will surely interest newcomers to the history of the US space program. **Summing Up: ★★** Recommended. All readership levels.—*J. C. Hickman, Berry College*

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Brodie, Janet Farrell. **The first atomic bomb: the Trinity Site in New Mexico**. Nebraska, 2023. 318p bibl index ISBN 9781496232977 cloth, \$60.00; ISBN 9781496236555 ebook, contact publisher for price

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