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NUWE TESTAMENT \ NEW TESTA- MENT

Greenlee, J Harold 1986. **A concise exegetical grammar of New Testament Greek.** Fifth edition. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pp 79. Verkrygbaar van Lux Verbi.

Hierdie is 'n deeglik hersiene uitgawe van die kompakte Griekse grammatika van die bekende Harold Greenlee. Dit is bedoel om 'n inleidende handboek vir die beginner te wees, en veronderstel dus eintlik dat die gebruiker reeds 'n inleidende kursus agter die rug het.

Die bedoeling is kennelik dat hierdie publikasie as 'n handige naslaanwerk met die oog op die eksegetiese diens kan doen. Maar aan die ander kant veronderstel dit tog ook dat 'n volledige Griekse grammatika van die Nuwe Testament vir verdere besonderhede geraadpleeg sal moet word. Dit kan dus 'n sekere doel dien, maar of dit werklik nodig is om dit aan te skaf as 'n mens reeds oor 'n standaard-grammatika (soos Blass-Debrunner) beskik, is tog 'n vraag.

Greenlee was vir baie jare professor in Nuwe Testament aan die Ashbury Theological Seminary, en is tans 'n sendeling van OMS International en 'n internasionale vertalingskonsultant van Wycliffe Bible Translators.

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Aland, Kurt & Barbara 1987. **The text of the New Testament. An introduction to the critical editions and the theory and practice of modern textual criticism.** Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pp 338. Verkrygbaar van Lux Verbi.

Hierdie vertaling van die Duitse teks wat alreeds in 1982 gepubliseer is, is in verskillende opsigte bygewerk, onder meer die klassifisering van die manuskripte van die vierde eeu en later in vyf kategorieë op grond van hulle tekstuele karakter.

Hier word die nuweling op die gebied van die tekskritiek van die Nuwe Testament stelselmatig ingelei in al die faktore wat ter sake is met die oog op die verstaan van die oorleweringsgeskiedenis van die teks van die Nuwe Testament, sowel as die hantering van die verskillende moderne standaard-teksuitgawes van die Griekse Nuwe Testament. Veral met die oog op die praktiese hantering van Nestle-Aland 26 is dit 'n onontbeerlike handleiding vir elke teologiese student. Inmiddels is K Aland ook nog besig om 'n meer gevorderde handboek vir die spesialis in die tekskritiek voor te berei.

Die teks is geïllustreer met 65 foto's, asook verskeie tabelle en grafiese voorstellings.

Kurt Aland is reeds sedert die 1940s mederedakteur en later redakteur van die Nestle-Aland-teks van die Nuwe Testament, en redakteur van die **Greek New Testament**. Barbara Aland is mederedakteur van die Nestle-Aland-teks sedert 1979, en van die **Greek New Testament** sedert 1983. Sy is ook Direkteur van die Instituut vir Nuwe-Testamentiese tekskritiese navorsing in Münster.

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Burge, Gary M 1987. **The anointed community. The Holy Spirit in the Johannine tradition.** Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

Pp 269, including two indexes: authors and scripture.
Available from Lux Verbi at R43,20.

Recent research on the Johannine literature has concluded that behind these writings stands a flourishing community of Christians who lived under the tutelage of the Beloved Disciple, preserved his writings, and venerated his memory. In this book, Gary Burge examines one feature of this community's belief and experience: the role of the Spirit in its view both of Christ and of the Christian experience.

Burge carefully examines all the Spirit passages in the Fourth Gospel and the Johannine Epistles, and argues that the Johannine community elevated Spirit-experience to the forefront of Christian life and found in Christ the model of the Spirit-filled person.

Thoroughly researched and well-argued, Burge's systematic study of the pneumatology of John will be valuable to scholars, ministers, and seminary students.

Gary Burge is Assistant Professor of Bible and Religion and Chairman of the Department of Humanities at King's College, Bristol, Tennessee.

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Perry, Charles Austin 1986. **The resurrection promise. An interpretation of the Easter Narratives.** Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pp 139. Available from Lux Verbi at R19,80.

Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is essential to the Christian faith. But, while most Christians today profess belief in the Easter event, they often approach the subject with skepticism and naiveté, perplexed and unable to apply its significance to their own lives.

In this book Charles Perry sets out to 'breathe new life into the resurrection narratives and the events behind them that are the basis for the Easter proclamation.'

He begins by discussing the historicity of the resurrection - what he calls the re-creation. He concludes that although the act of re-creation itself is 'beyond history', the early church's account of Christ's appearances after his death is 'plausible, credible, and intelligible'.

On this basis, Perry examines the resurrection narratives and surveys scholarly opinion about them. He discerns in the appearance narratives a pattern that provides a paradigm for the life of faith. A new understanding of Christ's appearances to the first believers, says Perry, can 'illuminate the meaning of our encounters with him today.'

The Reverend Charles Austin Perry is Provost of Washington Cathedral.

OU TESTAMENT / OLD TESTAMENT

Goldingay, John 1987. **Theological diversity and the authority of the Old Testament**. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pp 308.
Available from Lux Verbi at R40,45.

In this book John Goldingay examines how the diverse viewpoint reflected in the Old Testament may be acknowledged, interrelated, and allowed to function theologically. In doing so, he analyzes as well as synthesizes, treating both the Biblical text and scholarly interpretations of it.

Following an introductory overview of the theological diversity in the Old Testament and the questions raised by this diversity, Goldingay examines three approaches: the contextual or historical approach, the evaluative or critical approach, and the unifying or

constructive approach. In each case he denotes one chapter to explaining the particular approach, and immediately follows with a chapter applying that approach to a particular Old Testament theme.

A thoroughly researched and original work, this book will appeal to students and scholars interested in ways of moving from acknowledgment of diversity in the Old Testament to a creative but disciplined recognition that those diverse viewpoints belong to one canon.

John Goldingay teaches Old Testament and is vice-principal at St John's College, Nottingham. His previous books include **Approaches to Old Testament interpretation.**

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Verhoef, Pieter A 1987. **The books of Haggai and Malachi. The international commentary on the New Testament.** Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pp 364. Price at Lux Verbi R57.82.

Written from the perspective of evangelical scholarship, this commentary by P A Verhoef offers a thorough exegesis and exposition of the books of Haggai and Malachi.

Verhoef's introductions to each book elucidate the authorship, unity, style, text, structure, historical background, and message. Making extensive use of structural analysis, the author argues for the authenticity, unity, and integrity of both books.

Verhoef brings his knowledge of the ancient Near East, the Old Testament, and past and current Biblical scholarship to bear on the relevant points without overwhelming the reader with detail. In addition he displays theological acumen and pastoral sensitivity, writing as much for the student and pastor as for the scholar.

P A Verhoef, a well-known South African Old Testament scholar, is Professor of Old Testament, Emeritus, University of Stellenbosch. He is the author of numerous books and articles.

SWART TEOLOGIE / BLACK THEOLOGY

Mbali, Zolile 1987. **The churches and racism. A black South African perspective.** London: SCM Press. Pp 228. Available from Oxford University Press at approximately R 45,25.

Zolile Mbali is a black South African Anglican priest now living in England. His book is about how the churches are challenged to oppose apartheid, what has been achieved and what has still to be done. He wants it to be read by black people seeking to know what churches in Europe and North America are doing about apartheid, and by white people who are involved in the debates but do not realize how some of the arguments look to black South Africans. He is especially interested in transcultural interaction.

His study is focussed on the well-known Programme to Combat Racism (PCR), embarked on by the World Council of Churches, which was widely publicized under such headings as 'Churches give aid to terrorists'.

After introducing himself and giving a portrait of apartheid, Zolile Mbali describes how PCR was set up, what it did, and the reactions of churches both inside South Africa and outside, with explanations of pro-apartheid ideology as well as of liberation theology. He then goes on to look at some of the specific matters taken up by PCR: violence and non-violence; boycotts, disinvestment, bank loans: the fear of communism and the vested interests in maintaining the **status quo**. As he analyzes the public debate and media coverage of these issues, he raises questions about bias, the disinformation campaign and the manipulation of news. In the final section he high-

lights the problems for theology which emerge from this PCR case-study.

Nothing like this book has yet appeared. It is not cheerful reading: it is about the struggle for the human rights of black people. It also shows a new style of applied theology, revealing a critique of Western Christian culture which has implications beyond the South African crisis.

SUID-AFRIKA / SOUTH AFRICA

Santmire, H Paul 1987. **South African testament. From personal encounter to theological challenge.** Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Available from Lux Verbi at R16,90.

Good theology, says Paul Santmire, is written, first and foremost, in the lives of faithful disciples. 'The word has its primordial power, always, as it takes on flesh.' In this book Santmire recounts his intense, three-week visit to South Africa in an attempt to read the revelation of God in the lives of fellow Christians struggling in a life and death situation.

As one of a group of North American Christians, Santmire met with church people throughout South Africa in order to learn more about their situation, to offer them spiritual support, and to bring a message from them back to North America. The message is an urgent one for Christians everywhere. The 'shrieking irony' in the South African situation, says Santmire, is that apartheid was invented, and is being administered, in the name of Christianity.

Santmire's **Testament** moves from personal encounter with the lives of other Christians to reflections about the Gospel and its meaning. His moving account of the suffering of the South African people is a challenge to all Christians to take their own discipleship more seriously in light of the South African experience.

Paul Santmire is Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Hartford, Connecticut.

KERK EN STAAT / CHURCH AND STATE

Eller, Vernard 1987. **Christian anarchy. Jesus' primacy over the powers.** Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pp 267. Price at Lux Verbi R30, 20.

A far-ranging study of the Christian relationship to the state and all worldly powers, this book is as provocative as its unusual title. 'Christian anarchy,' says Vernard Eller, 'is the faith in God's primacy as sovereign Lord and orderer of history which is given such weight that all big claims of self-confident human scheming and power-play become sheer distraction.'

Eller's thesis is that Christian anarchy is actually a major theme in church history. He locates a strong Old Testament background, but identifies Jesus as the true founder of the tradition. Paul carried on the idea, but when the church became institutionalized as the official religion of the Roman empire, the concept was all but lost. It resurfaced in the Anabaptism of the Reformation's radical wing. For the modern period Eller traces the tradition through Kierkegaard, the Blumhardts, Barth, Bonhoeffer, and Ellul.

Written in Eller's lively and inimitable style, this book is a radical challenge for contemporary Christendom to turn away from its current love affair with the ideologies of partisan politics and back to the Biblical norms of the Christian anarchy.

Vernard Eller is Professor of Religion at the University of LaVerne, California. He has written several other books.

SISTEMATIESE TEOLOGIE / SYSTEM- ATIC THEOLOGY

Wells, David F 1987. **God the Evangelist. How the Holy Spirit works to bring men and women to faith.** Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pp 128. Price at Lux Verbi R 15,10.

'The Holy Spirit' and 'Evangelism' are topics frequently discussed separately but seldom in relation to one another. This study places the preaching and believing of the gospel in the wider context of the Holy Spirit's work in creation, history, and the church.

Of particular interest are the ways the three important and debated issues are treated. First, how can church life model the truths expressed in the preached gospel? Second, is there a 'theology of the miraculous' which can be found in Scripture and applied to the modern world? Third, in the search to make our preaching effective, have we lost sight of the place of spiritual and moral authenticity?

Combining insights from theologians and pastors working in the First, Second and Third Worlds, this book is a testimony to the power of God's Word to unite people of different languages and cultures. It will appeal to clergy and serious readers interested in seeing the gospel preached authentically in the modern world.

David Wells is the Andrew Mutch Professor of Historical and Systematic Theology at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Massachusetts. He is the author of several books, and co-editor of Eerdmans' **Handbook to Christianity in America.**

PASTORALE TEOLOGIE / PASTORAL THEOLOGY

Peterson, Eugene H 1987. **Working the angles. The shape of pastoral integrity.** Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pp 137. Price at Lux Verbi R 17,20.

American pastors, says Eugene Peterson, are becoming 'a company of shopkeepers,' preoccupied with image and standing, with administration, measurable success, sociological impact, and economic viability.

In **Working the angles** Peterson calls the attention of his fellow pastors to three basic acts - prayer, reading Scripture, and giving spiritual direction - that are so critical to the pastoral ministry that they determine the shape of everything else. Only by being attentive to these three acts, says Peterson, can pastors fulfil their prime responsibility of keeping the religious community attentive to God.

Written out of the author's own experience as pastor of a single-pastor church, this well-written, provocative book will be stimulating reading for lay Christians and pastors alike.

Eugene Peterson, the author of several books, is Pastor of Christ Our King Presbyterian Church in Bel Air, Maryland.

ETIEK / ETHICS

Granberg-Michaelson, Wesley 1987. **Tending the garden. Essays on the Gospel and the earth.** Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pp 150. Price at Lux Verbi R 24.50.

The church has been notably uninvolved with the task of serving God's creation. Indeed, Western Christianity has been quick to stress humanity's responsibility to 'rule over and subdue the earth,'

providing the rationale for the onslaughts of modern technology, and offering little if any safeguard against the desecration of God's creation.

Tending the garden calls the church back to its Biblical and theological roots, so that it may understand freshly its task of stewardship. Rich in Biblical insight and creative theological work, the book examines the relationship of God, humanity, and all creation. The author's goal is to develop a specifically Biblical environmental ethic, not merely to lend unqualified support to the increasingly popular cultural ethic to preserve the earth.

Loren Wilkinson provides the framework for the discussion with his exploration of the New Age movement. He argues that while the New Age movement has generated much-needed concern for the preservation of the earth and its finite resources, the quasi-pantheistic religion of the earth that often characterizes New Age thought makes it necessary for Christians to define their own environmental ethic, firmly rooted in Biblical teaching.

The rest of the book is devoted to articulating this Biblical ethic. Following a chapter in which Robert Meye develops a theology of nature, three authors articulate the Biblical concept of earthkeeping: William Dyrness on the Old Testament, Robert Johnston on wisdom literature, and Paulos Mar Gregorios on the New Testament. Contributions by Mary Evelyn Jegen and Larry Rasmussen define the role of the church and the Christian in earthkeeping. The book concludes with a powerful six-part poem by John Leax entitled "Thirst," and an evocative story by Paul Brand entitled 'A handful of mud': a personal history of my love for the soil.'

Wesley Granberg-Michaelson is President of the New Creation Institute, Missoula, Montana.

SOSIALE TEOLOGIE / SOCIAL THEOL- OGY

Neuhaus, Richard John (ed) 1987. **Democracy and the renewal of public education**. Encounter series. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pp 170. Price at Lux Verbi R21,00.

'Dialogue' is one of American religion's shopworn terms. Although there is much talk about dialogue, very little of it actually takes place. Religious discourse - especially about politics and public affairs - is increasingly polarized: there is much contestation, but little conversation. If truths are to be tested, however, there is no substitute for dialogue.

Arising out of conferences sponsored by the Center on Religion & Society in New York City, the **Encounter Series** presents the dialogue of a diverse group of theologians, ethicists, philosophers, and public policy experts from across the political and religious spectrum. The subjects under discussion are as varied as evangelical political theory, Jews in unsecular America, the renaissance of religion in the public arena, church-state conflict, the changing mission of the Black Church, and the idea of virtue in the modern world. Each volume includes not only the essays presented at the conference, but also a lively narrative of the subsequent discussion, which allows the reader to experience more fully the actual give-and-take of genuine dialogue.

ALGEMEEN / MISCELLANEOUS

Lundin, Roger & Noll, Mark A (eds) 1987. **Voices from the heart. Four centuries of American piety**. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pp 396. Available from Lux Verbi at R43,20.

As Roger Lundin and Mark Noll point out in their introduction to this book, 'piety' is often used today as a pejorative label. "The term

points to complacent attituded and moralizing practices, to an ethereal, bogus "spirituality" that is to be shunned at all costs.'

Voices from the heart serves as a corrective to this narrow definition of piety. Piety at its best, say the editors, is public as well as private. It embraces the lived world as well as the secret realm of the heart. And it can inspire a broad range of service to God and humankind as well as encourage a deeper personal religion.

The editors have limited this collection to American piety for the sake of convenience, and to Christian piety for the sake of conceptual coherence. But their broad definition of piety within these boundaries keeps this collection from being narrow and predictable.

The piety explored in this volume is multifaceted. It comes to expression in religious conversions, mystical experiences, and struggles of faith. It is often related to domestic relationships, occasionally to national affairs. It is sometimes formally ecclesiastic, and sometimes not. It arises from highly personal spiritual experience and from evangelistic activity and social service. And it is expressed in many different genres - diaries, letters, sermons, poems, stories, novels, political treatises, and autobiographies.

This wide-ranging anthology includes selections by both well-known and obscure Americans, beginning with the Puritans and ending with such twentieth-century figures as Flannery O'Connor, Martin Luther King, Jr, and John Updike. A sampling of the selections illustrates the collection's diversity: a sermon and a speech by John Winthrop, poems by Anne Bradstreet, entries from David Brainerd's journal, excerpts from Charles Finney's memoirs, selections from Abraham Lincoln, a chapter from Harriet Beecher Stowe's **Uncle Tom's Cabin**, poems by Emily Dickenson, an excerpt from Faulkner's **The Sound and the Fury**, a selection from Elton Trueblood's autobiography, an excerpt from Merton's **Seven Story Mountain**, letters from Flannery O'Connor, and a short story by John Updike.

There are fifty-five such selections in all - each introduced with a brief sketch of the author that places him or her in religious history. A compelling celebration of the richness and complexity of Christian spiritual experience will confront every reader with a piety that is fresh, diverse, and deeply felt.

Roger Lundin is Associate Professor of English at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. He is co-author of **The responsibility of hermeneutics**.

Mark A Noll is Professor of History at Wheaton College. He is co-editor of Eerdmans' **Handbook to Christianity in America**.

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Frank, W Douglas 1986. **Less than conquerors. How evangelicals entered the twentieth century**. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pp 310. Price at Lux Verbi R33,05.

Although evangelicals enjoyed respect and leadership in American society in the decades before the Civil War, their fortunes declined precipitately in the wake of the industrialism, modernism, and secularism of the next half-century. By the 1920s evangelicals felt like an embattled minority within a largely unbelieving culture, and perceived that history was very much out of their control.

Douglas Frank examines the spiritual significance of these events by placing them against a Biblical understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He sees in the confidence and self-congratulation of the turn-of-the-century evangelicals a portrait of the spiritually rich of the Bible, who must lose their riches before they can come to know God truly.

Frank discusses in detail three of the most popular responses of American evangelicals to their loss of power: dispensational premillennialism, the 'victorious life' theology, and the popular revivalism

of Billy Sunday. Each of these, he believes, betrayed a harmful misuse of the gospel.

Less than conquerors is a call to replace the blurred and self-serving gospel of a besieged subculture with the genuine gospel of Jesus Christ.

Douglas Frank is Associate Professor of History, Trinity College, Deerfield, Illinois, and has since 1975 been teaching an undergraduate, interdisciplinary study program near Ashland, Oregon.

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Jeffrey, David Lyle (ed) 1987. **A burning and shining light. English spirituality in the age of Wesley.** Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pp517. Available from Lux Verbi at R36,50.

An anthology of some of the best English spiritual writing in the age of the Great Evangelical Revival, this book is an unprecedented gathering of representative witnesses to the work of the Spirit in the eighteenth century.

Emphasizing complete shorter texts, the book crosses denominational lines, including spiritual writings from Isaac Watts, Philip Doddridge, Elizabeth Rowe, William Law, Christopher Smart, John and Charles Wesley, George Whitefield, John Fletcher, John Newton, William Cowper, Hannah More, and William Wilberforce. The works range from sermons and tracts to thoughtful meditative devotional pieces, hymns, poetry, and pastoral counsel on every aspect of inner life from daily prayer to the most practical consequences of Gospel obedience.

Through these selections the reader will recognize that, then as now, the real worker of revival is the Holy Spirit. As is always true of human instruments, these writers were 'not that Light, but sent to bear witness to the Light.' In that they were willing to **be in-**

struments, it may be said of them, as it was of John the Baptist, that they became as 'a burning and a shining light' to their own and subsequent generations.

David Lyle Jeffrey is Professor of English Literature at the University of Ottawa. The author of many books, he serves as General Editor of **The Dictionary of Biblical Tradition in English Literature** (in preparation).

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Land, Gary (ed) 1986. **Adventism in America. A history.** Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pp 301. Price at Lux Verbi R33,05.

Seventh-day Adventism emerged out of the social and religious turmoil of mid-nineteenth-century America, an era that also produced - directly or indirectly - the Latter-day Saints, Christian Science, Jehova's Witnesses, and Pentecostals. Like most of these groups, Seventh-day Adventism had a charismatic figure, Ellen G White, who shaped its identity, and the group has maintained its sectarian character into the twentieth century.

Although a dynamic, if relatively small, entity on the religious scene, Seventh-day Adventism has a history that is neither well known nor very well understood. This situation has resulted largely because until recently Seventh-day Adventists, who look to an imminent Second Coming of Christ, have taken little serious interest in their history.

Written by Adventist scholars who felt a need to better establish and understand their denominational identity and the foundation of their theological beliefs, this book offers a comprehensive, non-apologetic history of the denomination. Accurate in scholarship, comprehensive in scope, and objective in tone, it synthesizes present knowledge of the history of the Adventist church in America, and lays the basis for further investigation.

Gary Land is Professor of History at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

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Holmes, Arthur F 1987. **The idea of a Christian college.** (Revised edition.) Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pp 106. Available from Lux Verbi.

More than ten years after its publication in 1975, **The idea of a Christian college** has become, in the prophetic words of Nicholas Wolterstorff, 'a classic, a standard.' Widely used by students, lay readers, teachers, administrators, it provides a concise case for the Christian college and defines its distinctive mission and contribution.

This revised edition is Holmes' response to the many professors and students who have read the work enthusiastically and urged the author to clarify certain ideas and to address further aspects of the overall subject.

The author has extensively revised several chapters, has eliminated one-gender language, and has included two new chapters: Liberal arts as career preparation, and The marks of an educated person.

Arthur Holmes is Professor and Chair of Philosophy at Wheaton College, Illinois. He has written several other books.

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Marshall, Michael 1987. **The restless heart. The life and influence of St Augustine.** Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Pp 151. Available from Lux Verbi at R43,20.

It is ironic, says Michael Marshall, that while the world of Islam still recognizes Augustine, the great saint of the late antiquity (354-430), as Rumi Kabir, 'the Great Christian', many Christians today know scarcely anything about him. St Augustine, says Marshall, has been too long 'buried beneath the dust and debris of much brilliant scholarship,' kept from speaking, as he always did in life, to 'the man and woman in the pew.'

The restless heart grew out of Marshall's longstanding enthusiasm for the life and work of Augustine - an enthusiasm that was sparked by his reading of Peter Brown's biography of the saint. In 1985 Marshall was able to undertake a long-awaited pilgrimage to the streets Augustine trod, the cities in which he lived and in a sense continues to live: Hippo, Thagaste, Djemila, Rome, Milan, and Florence. Fresh from the experience, Marshall wrote this popular biography of the saint in the hope of interesting others in the life and work of this important Church Father.

Marshall was accompanied on his pilgrimage by his assistant priest, the Reverend Charles Bewick, a gifted photographer. Nearly sixty of Bewick's photographs - most in full color - illustrate the text, providing a pictorial record of the journey.

Published to commemorate the 1600th anniversary of Augustine's baptism, this volume is the first fully illustrated biography of St Augustine in English. Although it is clearly the work of an 'unapologetic enthusiast,' **The restless heart** is not a picture of an other-worldly saint, but of a colorful human being who was also a decisive figure in the history of the church.