

*The Preferential Option for the Poor: A Short History and a Reading Based on the Thought of Bernard Lonergan.* By Rohan Michael Curnow. Milwaukee: Marquette University, 2013. Pp. 232. \$23.

Curnow's clear, cogent argument shows why Latin American liberation theology and Lonergan studies are not theological ships passing in a postconciliar, pluralist night. Lonergan studies can learn from and offer new grounds for supporting the preferential option for the poor in all cultural contexts. Moreover, three excellences commend C.'s study to those outside Lonergan studies.

First, two fascinating chapters trace the genealogy of the option for the poor from the little-known meetings and document of the Group of the Nations of the Poor Church during Vatican II up to the document from the 2007 meeting of the Latin American Episcopal Conference. Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI taught the option as charity. Liberation theology argued for comprehensive analysis, interpretation, and practice. C. takes up the latter in the propitious moment of Pope Francis's attention to economic justice.

Second, C.'s book has unexplored potential for dialogue with black liberation theology and studies on poverty. He points out (144–54) how Lonergan addressed subliminal organizations of experience and preconscious imagery, which Robert Doran has expounded as psychic conversion. Grappling with race and poverty surely involves change in entrenched, subliminal stereotypes.

Third, C.'s study moves into constructive missiology. Discussion of Doran's *Theology and the Dialectics of History* (1990) explains integral conversion that incorporates the option for the poor and makes common cause with integral liberation while privileging cultural praxis in building for the kingdom of God, symbol of the fullness of human flourishing with God.

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*Walter Wink: Collected Readings.* Edited by Henry French. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2013. Pp. xxxii + 311. \$34.

This judicious and substantial selection is an excellent introduction to the core works of Walter Wink. I highly recommend it for biblical, theological, or ethics courses at the seminary and collegiate level.

A warm foreword by Marcus Borg signals Wink's participation in the Jesus Seminar, to which his magisterial work, *The Human Being*, effectively responds. That remarkable book on the "son of man" sayings in the Gospels (which French himself assesses as the most important) is well represented in the final section. Its hermeneutical framing takes up themes from the very first selection, truly important and happily included, from *The Bible in Human Transformation*. That little tract, beginning with the declaration, "Historical biblical criticism is bankrupt" (3), assails the myth of objectivity,