

doing theology. The smooth transition from essay to essay is unusual in edited collections, but here the diversity of experiences and knowledge articulated in the articles merge very well and complement one another.

This work is a valuable resource that serves both novices and professionals alike. It is a must-read for scholars interested in the Latin American region and studying *Gaudium et spes*; it is also relevant to anyone working on social issues with Christian-based communities.

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*The Second Vatican Council: Celebrating Its Achievements and the Future.* Edited by Gavin D'Costa and Emma Jane Harris. London: Bloomsbury, 2013. Pp. xi + 178. \$27.95.

This collection of ten essays represents very different approaches to Vatican II about topics, depth, methodology, and theological orientation. Focusing on the council's hermeneutic and on particular aspects of the council's corpus, the book ends with main editor Gavin D'Costa's interview of Cardinal Godfried Danneels. While D'C. is inclined to give Vatican II an interpretation leaning toward a purely "continuist" view of the conciliar tradition, not all the authors share his view. There is no real debate between the very polemical lead essay by Matthew Lamb and the other chapters dealing with the Virgin Mary, divine revelation, liturgical reform, pastoral strategies, ecumenism, and interreligious dialogue.

Surprising, to say the least, are the direct attacks made by one author of these chapters against another, who is bluntly accused of willful ignorance of the specific literature on the subject. What is clear is that some authors comment on "the achievements and the future" of Vatican II without having a basic knowledge of the historiographical and theological debate on the council during these last two decades. It is enough to glance at the index: John O'Malley and Giuseppe Alberigo are mentioned cumulatively the same number of times as Bishop Agostino Marchetto, while Joseph Komonchak is not even noticed.

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*Scanning the Signs of the Times: French Dominicans in the Twentieth Century.* By Thomas F. O'Meara and Paul Philibert. Preface by Jean-Pierre Jossua. Dominican Series 9. Adelaide: ATF Theology, 2013. Pp. xx + 152. \$49.62; \$29.95.

The remarkable theological achievement of Vatican II was the result of a great confluence of ideas and influences merging together from many sources. O'Meara and