

Creative Faith: Religion as a Way of Worldmaking. By Don Cupitt. Salem, OR: Polebridge, 2015. Pp. viii + 139. \$19.

Assuming a religiously pluralistic, post-philosophical, and post-traditional cultural context, Cupitt invites the reader to listen anew to the sayings attributed to the Jesus of history. Arguing that secular humanitarianism is a product of the ethical teachings of Jesus lived out in the public sphere, he challenges Christians who have privatized the moral imperatives of the historical Jesus to deal with the following question: What does it take to move from a metaphysics-led way of life to an ethics-led engagement with the world?

Weaving highlights from the example of the life of Nelson Mandela into various chapters of the book, C. seeks to advance an activist Christianity that not only interprets the world, but also seeks to change it in pursuit of “a new moral world, [Jesus’s] kingdom based on non-violent love” (6). In eighteen brief chapters, C. succinctly and creatively engages the reader’s moral imagination by putting a contemporary twist on key biblical and theological themes as well as significant historical points of reference. Beginning with the ethical teachings of Jesus, C. delves into themes such as the Kingdom of God, the interactive dynamics of worship and ethics, creation and eschatology, divinity and humanity, faith and hope, the priorities and worth of everyday life, reality and the Dream, morality and mortality, and finally, the philosophy of life and fundamental theology. In addition to his considerations of the differing logics present in diverse interpretations of the Christian tradition that pertain to the themes discussed, C. also provides helpful observations regarding specific contrasts in belief and behavior that exist between Christianity and other religious traditions such as Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism.

Readers with substantial background in theological and religious studies will find the book provocative and challenging. Those with limited or no background will be introduced to important interpreters of the Christian tradition as well as significant debates, divisions, and distinctions that have informed and influenced Christian life and practice. This book will lead curious minds to further inquiry and restless hearts to deeper reflection. While bold in his claims, C. insightfully anticipates the predictable responses and contrary opinions of his critics. In doing so, he creates the necessary conditions for serious discussion and robust dialogue.

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Catholic and Mormon: A Theological Conversation. By Stephen H. Webb and Alonzo L. Gaskill. New York: Oxford University, 2015. Pp. xi + 218. \$27.95.

Historically, many Protestants have grouped Catholics and Mormons together as dangerous examples of church authority gone awry. In their thoughtful and deftly written exchange, Stephen Webb, a Catholic, and Alonzo Gaskill, a Latter-day Saint, show