

selection and organization of their quite well-written published essays does give a good overview of some of the more important developments and ongoing debates in the areas of moral theological method and contested applications in the area of sexual ethics. The authors' own preference for what they term the "Revisionist School" of moral theology is clearly presented, but their treatment of contrasting approaches is always carefully and honestly presented—something that is often difficult to do in the face of a perennial *odium theologicum* that too often marks the discipline. While probably not geared toward an undergraduate audience, graduate students and professionals will profit by reading the collection and it would serve well for adult education audiences of various types.

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Fruit of the Spirit: Pauline Mysticism for the Church Today. By Michael H. Crosby. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2015. Pp 336. \$24.

One of the most inspiring things about the Good News is the information it includes about the fruits of the Spirit—that they are real and that they grow in people and that the Spirit is their author. But by and large these fruits are not noticed, nor discussed with much clarity or celebrated with any degree of frequency in Christian circles. This book could affect that record positively. C., a Capuchin Franciscan, gathers much of the relevant commentary on the subject matter, which, truth be told, is amazingly sketchy. He gives these few writings their due attention so that the drama of the fruit of the Spirit can become more of an object of attention, edification, and admiration.

Prior to his coverage of the distinct fruits, C. registers two important caveats. One concerns "covenantal nomism," by which he means any of the ways of reducing and centralizing the faith around something short of what Christ's Spirit produces, as in a patriarchal hierarchy. The other caveat, related to the first, is a searching examination about whether we read the fruits with a sexist bias.

There is some slight variation in the tradition about which fruits should be placed on the list, but C. covers nine of them thoroughly and, having achieved this, one knows what they should look like in practice. C. gathers information from scholarly sources, and the result, far from abstract, is a spiritually valuable treatise.

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Christian Practical Wisdom: What It Is, Why It Matters. By Dorothy C. Bass, Kathleen A. Cahalan, Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore, James R. Nieman, and Christian B. Scharen. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2016. Pp. vii + 352. \$30.