

One problematic area that I noticed was his chapter (p. 10) titled "Christ our reconciler." Whereas all the earlier chapters started with OT background, the author skips the OT background in this section where he said before that it should be (cf. p. 275), but the book would have been much richer if he had simply added the few additional pages that it required.

Altogether, the author successfully fulfilled the goal to present all aspects of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Peterson furthermore in this book gives a fresh perspective about how the work of salvation can be understood by looking at the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as a whole. Such a resource will no doubt help Bible students better understand and appreciate Christ's redemptive work.

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The Ellen G. White Letters and Manuscripts with Annotations. Vol. 1, 1845-1859, by Timothy L. Poirier, ed. Hagerstown, MD: Review & Herald, 2014. 986 pp. Hardcover, US\$44.99.

Ellen G. White as an author is probably best known through her many published works such as the *Desire of Ages*, *Steps to Christ*, and *The Great Controversy*. It is not as well known, however, that the many of her faith-inspiring insights came from personal letters and unpublished messages to individuals or groups. By reading these insights and messages in their original form, including their elemental and foundational expressions, gives a much richer context for the serious student of Ellen G. White's life and writings.

This volume is the first in a series that makes available previously unpublished letters and manuscripts written by Ellen G. White from 1845 to 1859. Every known extant letter and manuscript published during this period (approximately 240 texts) is included in this volume.

Another valuable aspect of this book are the annotations provided with each letter and manuscript delivered as footnotes. Although these appear in a fine font, the annotations remain a goldmine of information which help to make them more understandable. The annotation "contains the date of composition, the identity of the addressee, background of the events and issues alluded in the text, and even clarifies the archaic expressions contained in the text" (p. 62). Thus the reader is given enough historical contexts to make it easier to understand and appreciate the content of each text.

The book is not a history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church or a biography of Ellen G. White. Yet reading the book gives rich insights into the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and of course, gives a clearer view of the life and work of White, especially as it is chronologically arranged.

Another important feature of the book is the biographical sketches of individuals mentioned in the letters and manuscripts. Many have not been mentioned in standard reference works such as *The Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia* and a few are not mentioned in *The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia* either (p. 779). The short biographical sketches approximately fifteen percent of the book (313 pages) and describe 220 individuals. Every sketch is accompanied with bibliographical references (p. 779), which makes this a valuable resource for scholars and researchers.

This work is a monumental scholarly research work. Seventh-day Adventist libraries should definitely procure a copy for their research collection. Serious students of Ellen G. White's life and writings will appreciate this first installment in what promises to be a benchmark reference guide to Ellen G. White's unpublished writings.

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The Holy Spirit—In Biblical Teaching, through the Centuries, and Today, by Anthony C. Thiselton. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. 2013. xiii pp. + 500pp. + 21 pp. bibliography + 7 pp. index of modern authors + 18 pp. index of subjects + 19 pp. index of scripture and other ancient sources. ISBN 978-0-8028-6875-6. Softcover, US\$46.00.

The author of this detailed and challenging volume is Professor Emeritus of theology at the University of Nottingham in England, Anthony C. Thiselton. The title of the Thiselton book actually gives a short outline of its content. There are three major sections of the book, each approximately the same length: 1. Biblical teaching on the Holy Spirit, including both Old Testament and New Testament. 2. The Holy Spirit through the ages which covers the period from the Apostolic fathers through the 18th-century. 3. The Holy Spirit in modern theology and today, which covers the 19th to the 21st centuries.

I predict that this careful, extended treatment of the Holy Spirit will become the key source on this topic for most Christians. There are several reasons for this. First, the book is balanced. The broad sweep of Christian-