

# Constructive Theology A Contemporary Approach To Classic Themes A Project Of The Workgroup On Constructive Christian Theology

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in christ and reconciliation veli matti karkkainen develops a constructive christology and theology of salvation in dialogue with the best of christian tradition with contemporary theology in its global and contextual diversity and with other major living faiths karkkainen s constructive christian theology for the pluralistic world is a five volume project that aims to develop a new approach to and method of doing christian theology in our pluralistic world at the beginning of the third millennium topics such as diversity inclusivity violence power cultural hybridity and justice are part of the constructive theological discussion along with classical topics such as the messianic consciousness incarnation atonement and the person of christ with the metaphor of hospitality serving as the framework for his discussion karkkainen engages judaism islam buddhism and hinduism in sympathetic and critical mutual dialogue while remaining robustly christian in his convictions never before has a full scale doctrinal theology been attempted in such a wide and deep dialogical mode

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religious pluralism of scientific knowledge and historical understanding in face of mystery draws these two worlds together in a full scale reconception of christian theology theology gordon kaufman suggests is an imaginative construction the creation of a symbolic world for ordering life as it has been constructed so it can be reconstructed and kaufman does so in a way that clarifies both the historic roots and the present day applications of christian symbolism he works with a biohistorical interpretation of human life one that portrays humanity as a product of biological evolution and historical development while taking account of cultural and religious pluralism and while providing criteria for making comparative assessments and judgments this interpretation of human historical existence also situates human beings with their capacities for freedom and creativity within the ecological web that sustains all life human beings kaufman argues have created religious symbolism as a necessary part of their attempt to orient themselves in the world he shows how christianity as a system of symbols has figured in this effort and he carefully examines the separate elements of the christian perspective foremost among them god how does the concept of god as an ultimate point of reference enhance our understanding of today s world and how does the symbol christ qualify this concept the answers kaufman proposes clarify the changing relevance of the symbolic world of christianity firmly embedded in physical and social science and in the tradition of american pragmatism this thorough reconception of a christian worldview offers insight into the most basic questions confronting humanity today questions of value meaning and self identity

to date constructive theology hasn t been viewed or conceptualized as a movement or trend in theology on its own as a whole questions arise as to what constructive theology is where it came from why it considers itself constructive and why constructive is something different from the ways in which theology has been done in the past this book traces the overall historical arc of constructive theology from proto movement through the present inklings of constructive theology emerged well before it began to take any formalized shape at the same time an important shift occurred when a group of theologians decided to create the workgroup on constructive theology further even as the workgroup continues to work collectively producing textbooks statements and methodologies concerning theology many theologians who are not part of the workgroup or may not even know it exists have adopted the moniker of constructive theologian the book also considers the term constructive itself offering possible reasons and historical contexts that led to this distinction being made in contrast to systematic theology and its subcategories constructive theology speaks to a very specific historically situated emergence in the academy generally and in theology s attempts to engage those shifts specifically

coordinated by serene jones of yale divinity school and paul lakeland of fairfield university fifty of north america s top teaching theologians members of the workgroup on constructive christian theology have devised a text that allows students to experience the deeper point of theological questions to delve into the fractures and disagreements that figured in the development of traditional christian doctrines and to sample the diverse and conflicting theological voices that vie for allegiance today

this essential introduction to contemporary constructive theology charts the most important disciplinary trends of the moment it gives a historical overview of the field and discusses key hermeneutical and methodological concerns the contributors apply a constructive perspective to a wide range of approaches ranging from biblical hermeneutics and postcolonial studies to comparative political and black theology what is constructive theology shows how diverse and interdisciplinary constructive theology can be by exploring key themes in the field the contributors explore the porous boundaries between

christianity and other religions reflect on contextual liberation and constructive theologies from africa and from black british perspectives explore the connection between embodiment epistemology and hermeneutics and take a constructive approach to the dangerous memories and theologies of colonial histories in belgium and native americans in the united states this sampler of the field will help you rethink theologies and find constructive alternatives

this fourth volume in veli matti kärkkäinen s ambitious five volume systematic theology develops a constructive christian pneumatology and soteriology in dialogue with the christian tradition with contemporary theology in all its global and contextual diversity and with other major living faiths judaism islam buddhism and hinduism kärkkäinen constructs a wide and deep theology of the holy spirit examining creation and the sciences other cosmic powers and beings the concepts of spirits in other religions and the spirit s place in society and politics he also goes beyond traditional ways of understanding salvation election forgiveness justification sanctification and glorification and includes discussions of spirit baptism healing and restoration reconciliation liberation and peace building carefully comparing christian perspectives with the salvific views of other religions

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the culmination of kärkkäinen s multivolume magnum opus this fifth and final volume of veli matti kärkkäinen s ambitious five volume systematic theology develops a constructive christian eschatology and ecclesiology in dialogue with the christian tradition with contemporary theology in all its global and contextual diversity and with other major living faiths judaism islam buddhism and hinduism in part one of the book kärkkäinen discusses eschatology in the contexts of world faiths and natural sciences including physical cosmological and neuroscientific theories in part two on ecclesiology he adopts a deeply ecumenical approach his proposal for greater christian unity includes the various dimensions of the church s missional existence and a robust dialogical witness to other faith communities

in this book pentecostal theologian veli matti karkkainen develops a constructive theology of triune revelation and the triune god in dialogue with christian tradition with contemporary theology in its global and contextual diversity and with other major living faiths karkkainen s constructive christian theology for the pluralistic world is a five volume project that aims to develop a new approach to and method of doing christian theology in a pluralistic world at the beginning of the third millennium with the metaphor of hospitality serving as the framework for his discussion karkkainen engages judaism islam buddhism and hinduism in sympathetic and critical mutual dialogue while remaining robustly christian in his convictions never before has a fullscale doctrinal theology been attempted in such a wide and deep dialogical mode

selected by christianity today as one of the 100 most important books on religion of the twentieth century leading theological ethicist stanley hauerwas shows how discussions of christology and the authority of scripture involve questions about what kind of community the church must be to rightly tell the stories of god he challenges the dominant assumption of contemporary christian social ethics that there is a special relation between christianity and some form of liberal democratic social system

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attention to embodiment and the religious significance of bodies is one of the most significant shifts in contemporary theology in the midst of this however experiences of disability have received little attention this book explores possibilities for theological engagement with disability focusing on three primary alternatives challenging existing theological models to engage with the disabled body considering possibilities for a disability liberation theology and exploring new theological options based on an understanding of the unsurprisingness of human limits the overarching perspective of this book is that limits are an unavoidable aspect of being human a fact we often seem to forget or deny yet not only do all humans experience limits most of us also experience limits that take the form of disability at some point in our lives in this way disability is more normal than non disability if we take such experiences seriously and refuse to reduce them to mere instances of suffering we discover insights that are lost when we take a perfect or generic body as our starting point for theological reflections while possible applications of this insight are vast this work focuses on two areas of particular interest theological anthropology and metaphors for god this project challenges theology to consider the undeniable diversity of human embodiment it also enriches previous disability work by providing an alternative to the dominant medical and minority models both of which fail to acknowledge the full diversity of disability experiences most notably this project offers new images and possibilities for theological construction that attend appropriately and creatively to diversity in human embodiment

an exploration of different issues in the doctrine of the trinity throughout the last century theologians gave great attention to the doctrine of the trinity and they largely succeeded in restoring it to a central place in christian thought but as they highlighted the novelty of the revolutionary new trinitarianism a number of generalizations crept into the discussion that requires a careful reevaluation of the classical tradition trinitarian theology the subject of the second annual los angeles theology conference sought to make constructive progress in the doctrine of the trinity by aligning the trinitarian revival with the ongoing task of retrieving the classical doctrine of the trinity the nine diverse essays in this collection include discussions on ways to clarify the doctrine of the trinity without sacrificing its essential mystery the ways in which trinitarian theology applies practically to the christian life and mission highlighting the counter revolutionary trends in the most recent trinitarian thought discourse on the role karl barth played in advancing trinitarian thought each of the essays collected in this volume engage with scripture as well as with

others in the field theologians both past and present from different confessions in order to provide constructive resources for contemporary systematic theology and to forge a theology for the future

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