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Dying in the Land of Promise

A.J. Tomlinson (1865-1943) ranks among the leading figures of the early Pentecostal movement, and like so many of his cohorts, he was as complex as he was colorful. Arriving in Appalachia as a home missionary determined to uplift and evangelize poor mountain

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whites, he stayed to become the co-founder and chief architect of the Church of God (Cleveland, TN) and the Church of God of Prophecy, which together with their minor offspring now constitute the third-largest denominational family within American Pentecostalism. R.G. Robins's biography recreates the world in which Tomlinson operated, and through his story offers a new understanding of the origins of the Pentecostal movement. Scholars have tended to view Pentecostalism as merely one among many anti-modernist movements of the early twentieth century. Robins argues that this is a misreading of the movement's origins—the result of projecting the modernist/fundamentalist controversy of the 1920s back onto the earlier religious landscape. Seeking to return the story of Pentecostalism to its proper historical context, Robins suggests that Pentecostalism should rightly be seen as an outgrowth of the radical holiness movement of the late nineteenth century. He argues that, far from being anti-modern, Pentecostals tended to embrace modernity. Pentecostal modernism, however, was a working class or "plainfolk" phenomenon, and it is the plainfolk character of the movement that has led so many scholars to mislabel it as anti-modern or fundamentalist. Through the compelling narrative of Tomlinson's life story, Robins sheds new light on late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century American religion, and provides a more refined lens through which to view the religious dynamics of our own day.

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In *Shalom, the Spirit and Pentecostal Conversion*, Grace Milton offers a distinctly Pentecostal model of conversion based on practical-theological methods, employing the biblical concept of *Shalom* as an interpretive lens.

By Way of Searching

Do you sometimes feel you have to check your intellect at the church door, leaving reason behind to embrace the Christian faith? Do you hunger for a “full gospel” that includes the mind as well as heart and Spirit? *Full Gospel, Fractured Minds?* challenges charismatic and Pentecostal believers to discover the power of a well-maintained mind—a mind on fire—to match a heart on fire and to create a life that operates within the full counsel of God. Nañez shows how human reason helps us understand and interpret God’s Word as well as defend the gospel. He shows what the Bible teaches about the mind, and explores the backgrounds of nineteenth-century and modern culture, anti-intellectualism, Pentecostal history and beliefs, and popular misconceptions about human intellect in relation to the Christian faith. *Full Gospel, Fractured Minds?* helps men and women practice a Christian faith that reflects the whole person and the full gospel. “Rick Nañez calls Pentecostals and charismatics to seek a balance between mind and Spirit. This book will stir you to seek all that God has for you.” —From the Foreword by Stanley M. Horton, PhD

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Do you want to become too hot to handle by your enemies? Then, get this book!

Immersed in the Lord & Lovin' It

This is a breathtaking autobiography of Ludmila Plett, who has authored the widely known book *Revival Begins with Me* in Russian language. It makes a reader evaluate his life, find a narrow way of following the Lord with all his heart just as the scripture says, and walk in it together with the author. The book is a breakthrough after a 9 year period of silence from the author. Ludmila reveals the amazing horizon of faith and obedience to the Heavenly Father, while sharing her own personal spiritual treasures and passing on her personal experience of searching for God and His will. The way is inevitably strung with heights and pitfalls, victories and defeats, fiascoes and successes, which at the end are all crowned with incomparable riches of the knowledge of the Lord and serving Him in accordance with His plan and desires.

The Full Blessing of Pentecost

Theology and the Experience of God is an implicit, critical dialogue with Hegel's philosophy of religion and Anglo-American experientialist traditions. It suggests that the ancient Christian tradition of theology as faith seeking understanding (*fides quaerens intellectum*) should be reinterpreted today as the experience of God seeking understanding (*experientia Dei quaerens intellectum*). It presents fundamental theology in this light and then reflects on

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aspects of three specific experiences of God - namely, the charismatic experience of the Spirit, the call of the risen One to a renewed Christian ecumenism, and the role of the aging in reminding the Christian community that God is its goal. This book continues with further, more systematic theological reflections on faith, hope and love, on the reality of sin, and on the experience of the Trinity and ends with a reflection on the reign and realm of God as movement of enriching experience or spirit.

Full Gospel, Fractured Minds?

How and why is Christianity's center of gravity shifting to the developing world? To understand this rapidly growing phenomenon, Donald E. Miller and Tetsunao Yamamori spent four years traveling the globe conducting extensive on-the-ground research in twenty different countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Europe. The result is this vividly detailed book which provides the most comprehensive information available on Pentecostalism, the fastest-growing religion in the world. Rich with scenes from everyday life, the book dispel many stereotypes about this religion as they build a wide-ranging, nuanced portrait of a major new social movement.

Too Hot to Handle

A confession and manifesto from a senior leader in the emerging church movement. A Generous Orthodoxy calls for a radical, Christ-centered orthodoxy of faith and practice in a missional,

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generous spirit. Brian McLaren argues for a post-liberal, post-conservative, post-protestant convergence, which will stimulate lively interest and global conversation among thoughtful Christians from all traditions. In a sweeping exploration of belief, author Brian McLaren takes us across the landscape of faith, envisioning an orthodoxy that aims for Jesus, is driven by love, and is defined by missional intent. A Generous Orthodoxy rediscovers the mysterious and compelling ways that Jesus can be embraced across the entire Christian horizon. Rather than establishing what is and is not “orthodox,” McLaren walks through the many traditions of faith, bringing to the center a way of life that draws us closer to Christ and to each other. Whether you find yourself inside, outside, or somewhere on the fringe of Christianity, A Generous Orthodoxy draws you toward a way of living that looks beyond the “us/them” paradigm to the blessed and ancient paradox of “we.”

Theology and the Experience of God

Rites in the Spirit is a book about spirituality, ritual, and Pentecostal experience. The volume presents a careful and innovative study of Pentecostal practices and experiences. Focusing on the very important, but often intriguing worship rites that express the spirituality of Pentecostals, Albrecht discovers that these Pentecostal/charismatic rites and their attending sensibilities also function to shape, nurture, authenticate and even transform the spiritual lives of these Christians. Rites in the Spirit seeks to guide Pentecostals, and the charismatically-inclined, toward

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self-interpretation and a more nuanced conception of, and a deeper appreciation for, their Pentecostal experience. The volume also aims to make a sometimes exotic spirituality more accessible and understandable to those who have had limited contact with Pentecostal/charismatic forms and expressions.

The Epworth Herald

This book articulates a contextual pneumatology from a perspective of the Eastern idea of ch'i (ki in Korean). Rather than understanding the Spirit from a Westernized philosophical perspective, this book utilizes East Asian categories rooted in the I Ching and Asian religions in dialogue with such prominent Western theologians as Barth, Pannenberg, Moltmann and Harvey Cox. The result is an exciting interaction between the Bible, traditions of the West, and experiences of the Spirit rooted in East Asia. Yun argues that the formal dimension of the Spirit (sangjeok) is present and active in all cultures and religions while the material dimension of the Spirit (muljeok) is categorically revealed and embodied through the life of Jesus Christ, the event of Pentecost, and Charisms given to the church. In making his case, he mediates a creative balance between countercultural and exclusivist models on the one hand, and pluralistic and anthropocentric models on the other.

Pentecostal Hermeneutics

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Transsexualism is a phenomenon of our time. At other times and in other places, there have been, or still are, people not living in the sex of their origin and having a special status. In Western culture, however, hormones and surgery have become available through advances in medical science which have made sex change a reality.

Moody Bible Institute Monthly

The Holy Bible, Containing the Old & New Testaments

In the Days of Caesar is a constructive political theology formulated in sustained dialogue with the Pentecostal and charismatic renewal one of the most vibrant religious movements at the beginning of the twenty-first century. Amos Yong here argues that the many tongues, practices, and gifts of renewal Christianity offer up new resources for thinking about how Christian community can engage and transform the social, political, and economic structures of the world. Yong has three goals here. First he seeks to correct stereotypes of Pentecostalism, both political and theological. Secondly he aims to provoke Pentecostals to reflect theologically from out of the depths of their own Pentecostalism rather than merely to adopt some framework for theological or political self-understanding. Finally Yong shows that a distinctively Pentecostal form of theological reflection is not a parochial activity but has constructive potential to illuminate Christian belief and practice.

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This book's engagement with political theology from a Pentecostal perspective is the first of its kind.

I Believe in Miracles

This book explores the ordinary beliefs and practices of Pentecostal and Charismatic Christians in relation to the Holy Spirit. It does this by means of a congregational study of a classical Pentecostal church in the UK, using participant observation, focus groups and documentary and media analysis. This approach develops a framework in which the narratives of informants can be interpreted. Focusing on specific areas of interest, such as worship, conversion, healing and witness, each contribution from respondents is situated within the context of the congregation and interpreted by means of the broader Christian tradition. This book makes a unique contribution to scholarship by offering a rich and varied picture of contemporary Christians in the Pentecostal and Charismatic traditions, enabling a greater understanding to be appreciated for both academic and ecclesial audiences.

"Pentecost in My Soul"

A Liberating Spirit

This book views the triune God from a Pentecostal viewpoint. In so doing, it offers a fresh articulation of the theology of the Trinity that starts with Pentecost and with the Spirit. It concludes that the Trinity

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cannot be adequately appreciated using any single model--whether social, modal, or psychological. Instead, it presents three models--relational, instrumental, and substantial--that need to be held in paradoxical tension with one another. Of these, the relational is the foremost. Pentecost offers rich potential for seeing these relations between the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as a dynamic reciprocal "dance" in which each person empties self in order to exalt the other.

An Amos Yong Reader

Efforts to construct a Christian theology of religions have inevitably stumbled on the Christian scandal of particularity--the historical Jesus of Nazareth. What, however, if we began by focusing on the universal presence and activity of God in the world as symbolized by the Holy Spirit? Yong develops just such a pneumatological approach to religions, drawing, by way of resource, on the Pentecostal-charismatic experience of the Spirit. This book thus invites Pentecostals, charismatics and other Christians to conceive of how a pneumatological approach to religions can invigorate the wider ecumenical conversation. At the same time, it also brings recent Pentecostal-charismatic scholarship into dialogue with a broader audience, including those interested in philosophical theology, world religions, global spiritualities, and comparative religion and theology.

Moody Monthly

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In this, the first critical study of the major theologians of pentecostalism, Christopher A. Stephenson establishes four original categories that classify recent pentecostal theologians' methodologies in systematic/constructive theology.

A. J. Tomlinson

This book is a constructive attempt at formulating a contemporary Pentecostal theology grounded in worship and witness. The theological vision expounded here is grounded in the Pentecostal story with its emphasis upon the fivefold Gospel. The doxological confession of Jesus as Savior, Sanctifier, Spirit Baptizer, Healer, and soon coming King provide the basic organizational structure of a Pentecostal narrative theology. Each chapter takes seriously these central convictions and allows them to shape, form, and reform various theological loci. Important issues such as methodology, hermeneutics, and theology as embodied worship and witness are addressed. The result is a vibrant and integrative theology fueled by a dynamic spirituality.

Theological Hermeneutics in the Classical Pentecostal Tradition

In *Theological Hermeneutics in the Classical Pentecostal Tradition*, L. William Oliverio Jr. accounts for the development of Classical Pentecostal theological hermeneutics through four hermeneutical types and concludes with a philosophical basis for future Pentecostal theological hermeneutics within

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the contours of a hermeneutical realism.

The Dialogical Spirit

This mesmerizing book is the story of one man's yearning to be used by God in a supernatural ministry and chronicles the 50-plus-year ministry that God granted him as a result. Consisting of various vignettes ranging from personal miracles of healing and preservation and progressing to the incredible supernatural events that occurred during great crusades, these true (and sometimes humorous) accounts will keep readers engrossed and will encourage them to also believe God for a Holy Spirit-saturated ministry. ..".This book will inspire you and stir your faith to believe for miraclesYou will receive a blessing just by reading it!" Dr. John Eckhardt, Author; Apostolic Overseer, Crusaders Church Chicago and IMPACT Network ..".A must read for everyone who yearns to see the miraculous power of God at workOnce you start reading it you won't want to put it down!" Apostle Trevor M. Newport, Author; Founder, Life Changing Ministries Global Outreach, UK For the past half-century, Rev. Seavey's evangelistic travels have taken him throughout the United States and overseas to 26 countries of the world where he has been used by God to minister healing to thousands of people and been privileged to have witnessed many miraculous events. He has functioned in the office calling of Prophet since the inception of his ministry and, by virtue of his training and mentoring of other prophetic ministries, he was accepted as a member of the International Coalition of Apostles. Married for

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over fifty years, the Seaveys have five grown children and six grandchildren. Together, they have served as pastors of five churches. The main focus of their ministry, both evangelistic and pastoral, has always been to encourage believers to become active participants in the work of the Lord by developing a sound biblical foundation combined with keen sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leading.

Global Pentecostalism

Power in Powerlessness

Contemporary proposals for Christian theology from postliberalism to Radical Orthodoxy and beyond have espoused their own methodological paradigms. Those who have ventured into this domain of theological method, however, have usually had to stake their claims vis-a-vis trends in what may be called the contemporary "post-al" age, whether of the postmodern, post-Christendom, post-Enlightenment, post-Western, or postcolonial varieties. This volume is unique among offerings in this arena in suggesting a way forward that engages on each of these fronts, and does so from a particularistic Christian perspective without giving up on Christian theology's traditional claims to universality. This is accomplished through the articulation of a distinctive dialogical methodology informed by both pentecostalism and evangelicalism, one rooted in the Christian salvation-history narrative of incarnation and Pentecost that is yet open to the world in its many and various cultural,

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ethnic, religious, and disciplinary discourses. Amos Yong here engages with twelve different interlocutors representing different ecumenical, religious, and disciplinary perspectives. The Dialogical Spirit thus not only proffers a model for Christian theological method suitable for the twenty-first-century global context but also exemplifies this methodological approach through its interactions across the contemporary scholarly, academic, and theological landscape.

He Who Gives Life

Trinity After Pentecost

Shalom, the Spirit and Pentecostal Conversion

The historical ambivalence among Pentecostals about their relationship to culture and society needs evaluation. How do we understand Pentecostal engagement with society, and how are Pentecostals in North America engaging issues of race, class, gender, and ecology? What theologically motivates North American Pentecostals to respond to social issues? What categories best explain Pentecostal responses to social issues in North America? How do they compare to Pentecostal responses elsewhere? Recently, scholars of global Pentecostalism have proposed that the experience of the Spirit among Pentecostals has elicited the development of a

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Pentecostal "theology of liberation," which has implications for understanding Pentecostal responses to social issues. These projects primarily explore the Pentecostal response to cultural issues in areas outside of North America and especially focus on Africa, Asia, and Latin America. This volume assesses whether the categories of social liberation applied to non-Western Pentecostalism characterize Pentecostalism in North America. Is there evidence of a Pentecostal "theology of liberation" that explains Pentecostal engagement in North America? Do social-liberation categories fit the North American Pentecostal responses to social issues or are others more suitable? These and other important questions about the relation between liberation theology and North American Pentecostalism are thoroughly explored in this important collection of essays.

In the Days of Caesar

The title, Knight of Faith, is taken from Fear and Trembling by Soren Kierkegaard. This knight is an ordinary man who believes Gods word to him against all appearances like Abraham, the original knight of faith, did with Isaac. He enters this narrow way of faith, where few venture. Kierkegaard says he is very different from the knight of infinite resignation who believes the answer will come sometime, if not in this life then in the next. About this knight of faith Kierkegaard writes, But if I knew where there was such a knight of faith, I would make a pilgrimage to him on foot, for this prodigy interests me absolutely. I would not let go of him for an instant, every moment I

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would watch to see how he managed to make the movements, I would regard myself as secured for life and would divide my time between looking at him and practicing the exercises myself, and thus would spend all my time admiring him. This knight of faith is found in Norman Percy Grubb. He looked the ordinary man, such as any ordinary man, but he had discovered the keys of the kingdom and shared it with all. As you read his letters you too will find a remarkable, yet very human, person who spent a lifetime seeking God's face, believing by virtue of the absurd and relentlessly sharing in every way possible that which God had given him. The world will not always recognise the true knight, but he is there butcher, baker or candlestick maker or a housewife with a vision of the impossible!

Herald of Gospel Liberty

In *Pentecostal Hermeneutics: A Reader* Lee Roy Martin presents fourteen significant publications on Pentecostal biblical interpretation, a new introduction to Pentecostal hermeneutics, and an extensive bibliography. These essays trace the development of Pentecostal hermeneutics as an academic discipline.

Prevailing Westerlies

Often the most misunderstood, and therefore ignored, member of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit deserves our attention and understanding. God the Father and God the Son rightfully garner much explanation and exploration, and God the Holy Spirit ought to be given

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the same studiousness, curiosity, and scholarship. In this addition to Crossway's Foundations of Evangelical Theology series, Dr. Graham Cole has written a work that offers a comprehensive theology of the Holy Spirit. This book shows the ultimate selflessness of the Holy Spirit as the member of the Trinity who always works for the glory of God the Father and God the Son and the good of the saints. Ideal for pastors, teachers, and students of theology, this book is a superb theology of the Holy Spirit. Part of the Foundations of Evangelical Theology series.

Knight of Faith, Volume 1

In this study of a Pentecostal denomination in urban Chile Martin Lindhardt steps back from classical instrumentalist explanations of Pentecostal growth in Latin America and offers a comprehensive analysis of the ritual and quotidian practices through which adherents live their religiosity on an everyday basis.

Types of Pentecostal Theology

A Generous Orthodoxy

We believe it, we preach it, we strive for it—but still for many, the kind of free-flowing life in the fullness of the Spirit is more dream-like than reality.

The Holy Spirit and Ch'i (Qi)

Tongues of Men and Angels

The joy of serving the Lord Jesus comes as we learn to do it in his grace. The church can be equipped to do the works of the ministry in the community around us. We can become Spirit-led and Spirit-empowered sons and daughters that heal the sick, preach the kingdom of God, and make disciples. Christians can learn how to hear and obey the Spirit. We can be immersed in the love of God and leak His love as we go about our daily activities.

Testimony in the Spirit

Using the riches of traditional liturgical texts and classic hymns, together with the role of the natural world, this book examines the living reality of the liturgical year.

Rites in the Spirit

The Gospel Revisited

Amos Yong is the most prolific pentecostal theologian to date, and his published works are so many that it is difficult to find an amiable entry point into his thought. An Amos Yong Reader is the first introduction to Yong's theology in his own words. It brings into one volume representative samples of the broad range of Yong's scholarship, including theology of religions, religion and science, theology and disability, political theology, Luke-Acts, and

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theological method. Christopher A. Stephenson, perhaps Yong's most insightful interpreter, provides an introductory essay that both orients readers to Yong's extensive theological program and identifies the most important key to understanding Yong's theology as his most neglected work, *Spirit-Word-Community*, a book with implications far beyond the boundaries of Pentecostalism. An *Amos Yong Reader* provides an overview of Yong's thought and a starting point for more thorough study in any of the major themes in his expansive corpus.

History of the Kingdom of God, Part 1

Spirit and Power

Journey Into the Heart of God

The times have long passed when Pentecostals were viewed as Protestantism's untouchables. Today, the shock waves from Azusa Street have influenced countless Evangelicals worldwide. But if dialogue between Pentecostals and Evangelicals has awakened within the latter a thirst for the power of God's Spirit, it has challenged Pentecostals to examine their theology more deeply in the light of his Word. Just how firm is the biblical foundation on which they stand? *Spirit and Power* provides a cutting-edge look at Pentecostal theology. It addresses the concern expressed by its authors and echoed throughout charismatic churches today: "Although our

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Pentecostal forefathers intuitively grasped the correlation between the reality they experienced and the promise of Acts 1:8, they did not always articulate their theology in a manner that was convincing to other believers committed to the authority of Scripture.” In response, theologians William and Robert Menzies explore Pentecostalism in a scholarly and current light. *Spirit and Power* is no mere paraphrase of dated approaches. It is a fresh and penetrating look at the whys and wherefores of Pentecostal doctrine that sets a new standard for Spirit-filled theology. Whatever your persuasion may be as a Christian, this book’s thoughtfulness, balance, and biblical integrity will help you appreciate more fully the strengths of the Pentecostal stance. Laying the groundwork for an accurate understanding of Luke’s writings in particular, the authors help you grasp the foundations of Pentecostal theology from the standpoints of history, hermeneutics, and exegesis. Then, in Part Two, they give you an in-depth look at specific Pentecostal concerns: the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a blessing subsequent to salvation, evidential tongues, signs and wonders, healing in the atonement, and more. You’ll deepen your understanding of the basis for Pentecostal beliefs. And you’ll gain a feel for the mutually beneficial dialogue that continues between Pentecostals and Evangelicals today.

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