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Editorial Review

From the Author

We commissioned and collected these essays to show the range of process theology's use and applicability. In addition to providing readable introductions to process theology's key insights on the divine, the world, and the human condition, this handbook provides process perspectives on ethics, politics, interreligious dialogue, the arts, economics, and other unexpected areas. We hope that the essays reveal the promise of process theology for religious growth, and that readers will be spurred to dig deeper into the rich and diverse literature of process thought.

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"Here finally may be the answer to a long-standing prayer: for an introduction to process theology that really will work for the theological classroom. This finely organized collection, with its mix of founding authorities and fresh varieties, captures the excitement, scope, and doctrinal depth of process theology. Indeed precisely as the communication of a complex community of voices, it mirrors the process vision of an interrelated, open, and pluralist universe. I look forward to sharing it with my seminarians."

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"These essays cover a range of topics you might expect in a systematic theology, and more—from God, salvation, spirituality, and the Bible, to economics, politics, sexuality, and ecology, and on to process connections with Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, and womanist and evangelical theologies. This collection constitutes an important advance in works on process theology."

—C. Robert Mesle, Graceland College

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