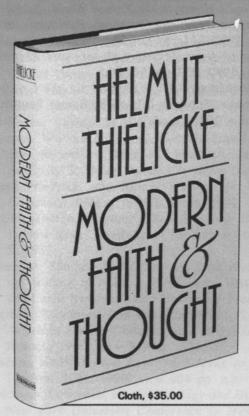
VINTAGE THIELICKE



The fruit of many years of thinking and teaching, this book offers the reflections of one of this century's bestknown theologians on a crucial topic in theology today. Helmut Thielicke surveys and evaluates significant developments in modern theology, doing so not from a strictly historical perspective but rather from the standpoint of specific issues. particularly the interrelationship between faith and thought.

A comment on the original, German edition:

"The book is vintage Thielicke: his erudition and long theological experience find broad scope. . . . In a sense this book is a splendid epilogue and eulogy. No theological library should be without it."

-Martin Rumscheidt* in Religious Studies Review



∼ Now in Paperback ∼

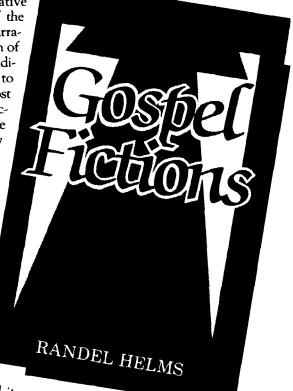
GOSPEL FICTIONS

by Randel Helms

ccording to this provocative book, the four Gospels of the New Testament are fictional narratives, composed as the culmination of an extensive literary and oral tradition—idealistic writings produced to serve a theological vision. The most familiar and powerful of these fictions are analyzed as literature: the stories of Christ's birth, his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, his betraval by Judas, his crucifixion. death, and resurrection. Scholarly yet accessible, this book reveals the Gospels as works of literary art-contrived, creative interpretations of doctrine and literary precedent that have become the supreme fictions of our culture.

Randel Helms, a noted biblical scholar, is professor of English at Arizona State University.

"This book represents scholarship well communicated."



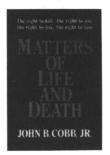
—Joe E. Barnhart, University of North Texas

154 pages • Cloth \$24.95 • Paper \$14.95 Call toll free (800) 421-0351 (24 Hours)

Prometheus Books

59 John Glenn Drive • Amherst, New York 14228-2197

THEOLOGY FOR TODAY



Matters of Life and Death

John B. Cobb, Jr.

Theologian John Cobb tackles four of the most controversial issues facing society and the church today: animal rights, death with dignity, abortion, and sexual activity outside of marriage (including premarital sex and homosexuality).

Paper \$9.95

Technology, Theology, and the Idea of Progress David H. Hopper

"Technology" and "progress" have become synonymous in our time. David Hopper shows how this transition of thought has come about —and why we should insist that the two concepts are in fact quite different.

Paper \$14.95





Genesis and Apocalypse

A Theological Voyage Toward Authentic Christianity Thomas J. J. Altizer

"No thinker has thought through the implications of Christian apocalypticism more radically than Thomas J. J. Altizer. In his new work, Altizer extends his theological analysis from the end to the beginning. The result is a seminal work that will provoke heated debate."—Mark C. Taylor, Williams College, Department of Religion, Williamstown, Massachusetts

Hard \$18.95



Available from your local bookstore or direct from the publisher. (Please include \$1.50 per book for postage and handling.)

WESTMINSTER/JOHN KNOX PRESS

100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202-1396

Harvard Dissertations

The Christian Life

Traditional Metaphors and Contemporary Theologies

Harriet Crabtree

Servanthood, stewardship, bearing fruit, athletic contests, Christian warring, pilgrimage, running the raceover the centuries such vivid models and metaphors have exercised enormous sway in the attitudes, piety, and behavior of Christian believers.

Harriet Crabtree explores ten such traditional metaphors in modern theologies and evaluates their relative merit as particular symbols of God,



world, and humanity. She also assesses the manner in which such symbolic structures are utilized in religious life and thought, and gauges their viability in the contemporary context. Harriet Crabtree taught at Harvard University and the University of Massachusetts before returning to London, where she works for the Inter Faith Network for the United Kingdom.

ISBN 0-0006-7083-3 May \$13.95 paper

RECENT TITLES IN THE SERIES:

The Jew in the Court of the Foreign King Ancient Jewish Court Legends Lawrence M. Wills \$14.95 paper

Spiritual Guides of the Third Century A Semiotic Study of the Guide-Disciple Relationship in Christianity, Neoplatonism, Hemetism, and Gnosticism Richard I. Valantasis \$16.95 paper

Charles Augustus Briggs and the Crisis of Historical Criticism Mark S. Massa, S.J. \$16.95 paper

Tradition and Composition in the Epistula Apostolorum \$12.95 paper

Iulian Hills

The Emperor and the Gods Images from the Time of Trajan Daniel N. Schowalter March \$14.95 paper

A Church in Crisis Ecclesiology and Paraenesis in Clement of Rome Barbara Bowe \$14.95 paper

FORTRESS PRESS Ar bookstores on from 426 South Fifth Street Minnespolis, MN 55440 Box 1209 1.800.328.4648

Harvard Theological
Harvard Studies H

HDR HIR

The Legacy of H. Richard Niebuhr



Edited by Ronald F. Theimann

One of America's most distinguished but often overlooked theologians, H. Richard Niebuhr (1894-1962) forged a distinctive theological approach that is receiving renewed attention in this post-foundational era.

Essayists in this volume include Hans Frei, Gordon Kaufman, Francis Schüssler Fiorenza, James Gustafson, Harry S. Stout, Linnell Cady, and Robin Lovin, who review and assess Niebuhr's contributions in four areas: confessional identity, theological method, church history, and social ethics. A full bibliography is published, too.

Ronald F. Thiemann, Dean and John Lord O'Brian Professor of Divinity at Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, is author of *Revelation and Theology*. April \$13.95 paper

Other Titles in the Series:

Bultmann—Retrospect and Prospect Edited by Edward Hobbs \$11.95 paper

Schleiermacher's Early Philosophy of Life Albert Blackwell \$13.95 paper Sayings Traditions in the Apocryphon of James Ronald D. Cameron \$13.95 paper

At bookstores or from RESS

At