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Christian, Jewish, and Islamic Encounters, 5th–8th Centuries
edited by Hagit Amirav and Francesco Celia

Building on and echoing Averil Cameron's series of articles entitled New Themes, New Styles, the contributors to this volume revisit the phenomenon of enhanced, renewed, or invented literary and artistic modes of expression in the period after the great authorities of the patristic age until early Islamic times. In the period under investigation (5th–8th centuries) scholars may point to a transformation of artistic expressions in a number of ways. One such example is a marked increase in reductionist activity on the one hand, and the disappearance of classicizing historiography on the other. In this volume, a number of experts from a variety of disciplines have come together to form a unique platform where the dynamic nature of Late Antique societies is portrayed against the background of the advent of Islam. Some rich encounters are revealed.

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Identity and Identities in the Art of Middle Eastern Christianity
by M. Immerzeel

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Mystagogy in Cyril of Alexandria’s Festal Letters
by Hans van Loon

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L’interpretazione della Parola per la fine dei giorni
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John Smith on Spiritual Sensation
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by B. Hoon Woo

The doctrine of the *pactum salutis* (covenant of redemption) offers the idea of a covenant between the very persons of the Trinity for the redemption of humanity. The doctrine received most of its attention in 17th-century Reformed theology, and has been criticized and almost totally forgotten in dogmatics since the 18th century. The doctrine of the *pactum salutis* of these five Reformed theologians clearly shows that the doctrine is both promised and promising for theology and the life of faith.

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The Church Caspar Coolhaes Wanted

by Linda Stuckrath Gottschalk

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Implications of Pneumatology for Ecclesiology in John Calvin's Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles

by Herman Hendrik van Alten

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Early Stuart Polemical Hermeneutics
Andrew Willet's 1611 Hexapla on Romans

by Darren M. Pollock

Darren M. Pollock examines the 1611 Romans *hexapla* commentary by the prolific Church of England preacher and controversialist Andrew Willet. While some have considered Willet's later biblical commentaries to have been a retreat from his earlier engagement in religious controversy, the author argues that his exegetical work maintained a significant element of anti-Catholic polemics, only expressed in a different genre. This polemical hermeneutic served as an organizing principle and as a means by which to clarify the presentation of traditional Reformed readings in relief against a body of Roman Catholic theology that Willet believed threatened the gospel of grace.

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The Prohibition of Killing in Ancient Religions and Cultures
edited by Jacobus Cornelis de Vos and Hermut Löhr

“You shall not kill” seems to be a self-evident norm, both in modernity and in antiquity. But what does this prohibition exactly mean? Does it only apply to humans or also to non-human beings? And what about indirect or unintentional killing? Is killing legitimate under certain circumstances? The prohibition of killing was most likely a prohibition of homicide, in its original context of the Decalogue (Exod 20:13 and Deut 5:17). However, as we all know, many other texts in the Bible refer to killing humans. Moreover, killing others in war or death penalty for capital crimes does not seem to be problematic in the biblical world. The contributors stem from different research fields such as ancient law, Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, New Testament, ancient Judaism, ancient history, and the church fathers. The volume covers a time spanning from the Ancient Near East up to the Christian patristic era with a look forward to Martin Luther.

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edited by Armin Lange

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The Faces of Torah
Studies in the Texts and Contexts of Ancient Judaism in Honor of Steven Fraade
edited by Christine Hayes, Tzvi Novick and Michal Bar-Asher Siegal

This volume is a festschrift in honor of Steven Fraade, the Mark Taper Professor of the History of Judaism at Yale University. The contributions to the volume, written by colleagues and former students of Professor Fraade, reflect many of his scholarly interests. The scholarly credentials of the contributors are exceedingly high. The volume is divided into three sections, one on Second Temple literature and its afterlife, a second on rabbinic literature and rabbinic history, and a third on prayer and the ancient synagogue.

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Biblical Women in Patristic Reception / Biblische Frauen in patristischer Rezeption
edited by Agnethe Siquns

Biblical women play an important role in different genres of patristic texts and in rabbinic texts: as role models for women or sometimes for both women and men, as exemplifications of certain virtues or vices, as authorities in arguments, as references for specific practice etc., always reflecting the contemporary social, cultural and religious context, especially with respect to women. This volume asks for the presence and visibility/audibility and the image of biblical women in late antique texts. The volume provides contributions dealing with women in the Hebrew Bible, apocryphal literature and the New Testament – Rahab, Solomon’s Egyptian wife, the woman in Song of Songs, Judith, the four daughters of Philip and the myrrh bearers. German text.

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