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edited by Brad Stoddard
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A Brief History of Jerusalem
From the Earliest Settlement to the Destruction of the City in AD 70
by Klaus Bieberstein
Jerusalem has been the site of some of the most intensive archaeological research. The last excavation reports have only been published in recent years and show findings which do not fit into the established picture. Moreover, there have been new excavations which are likely to call the current picture into question even further. This volume creates a synthesis of the latest findings in order to present a new paradigm for discussion. 181p, 36 illus (Harrassowitz Verlag, May 2017, Abhandlungen des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins 47) hardcover, 9783447107822, $65.00. Special Offer $52.00

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Contemporary Puritan Salafism
A Swedish Case Study
by Susanne Olsson

This volume addresses issues of authority and authenticity related to contemporary interpretations of Islam in a minority setting. Salafism is a contemporary multifaceted and global phenomenon that represents a fundamentalist interpretative stance which appears to be growing among minority Muslims. This book studies a Salafi group in Sweden that is puritan in the sense of avoiding political participation and rejecting jihadism. They strive to imitate the lives of the first generations of Muslims and the prophet Muhammad within their own minority setting, surrounded by a society which in their view is characterized by immorality and capitalism. The group recommends segregation, or even emigration, as a strategy in order to enable people to live proper Muslim lives, in preparation for the Hereafter.

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edited by Matt Sheedy

Based partly on a series of posts coming out of the Bulletin for the Study of Religion blog, this volume includes greatly expanded essays by Ruth Mas, Sarah Imhoff and James Crossley as well as new pieces by Devin Stewart, Carlos Segovia, Alexandre Caeiro and Emmanuelle Stefanidis, Russell McCutcheon and Salman Sayyid, bringing together a variety of scholars both inside and outside of Islamic Studies in order to grapple with such questions as: what, if anything, is unique about Islamic Studies? How should Islamic studies as religious studies engage with postcolonial critique? What is the role of identity politics in such endeavors? What are the lines between descriptive (hermeneutic) work and theoretical explanations of Islamic texts? What can scholars in related areas offer to this conversation by way of analogy? Can ethical, political, or theological concerns function critically to help theorize Islam?

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edited by Dylan M. Burns and Almut-Barbara Renger

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by Ayedh S. Aldosari

This book provides an analytical study of the Māturīdite school of theology. Affiliated with the Hanafiite school of jurisprudence, the Māturīdites represented one of the most influential schools of scholastic theology (kalam) in Sunni Islam. Attempting to fill the historical gaps in the study of early and classical Māturīdite thought and scholarship, it also offers key insights into the literary legacy of the school, covering the work of its founder and later Māturīdite theologians. The study includes a critical Arabic edition of the treatise entitled al-Hādī (The Guide).

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by Russell T. McCutcheon
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T.G.H. Strehlow and the Repatriation of Australian Indigenous Knowledge
by James L. Cox
This book describes and analyzes the writings and records compiled by the notable linguist, T.G.H. Strehlow (1908-1978), on Australian Aboriginal religions, particularly as practiced by the Arrernte of the central desert region. During numerous research trips between 1932 and 1966, the local Indigenous Arrernte Elders entrusted him with sacred objects, allowed him to film their secret rituals and record their songs, partly because he was regarded as one of them, an ‘insider,’ who they believed would help preserve their ancient traditions in the face of threats posed by outside forces. The volume documents how Strehlow’s works are contributing to the current repatriation by Australian Aboriginal leaders of rituals, ancient songs, meanings associated with sacred objects and genealogies, much of which by the 1950s had been lost.
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An Exegetical Study of John 13:1–20
by Bincy Mathew

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by Michael J. Morris

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Discovering a New Approach to Paul’s Argument
by Marcus A. Mininger

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Gender and Inspired Speech in First Corinthians
by Jill E. Marshall

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The Divine Name in the Gospel of John
Significance and Impetus
by Joshua J. F. Coutts

One of the distinctive features of the Fourth Gospel is the emphasis it places on the “name” of God. Joshua J. F. Coutts argues that the divine name acquired particular significance through the Evangelist’s reading of Isaiah, which, in combination with the polemical experience and pastoral needs of early Christians, formed the impetus for his interest in and emphasis on the divine name.

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Wechselnde Materialisierungen und Kontexte
by Daniela C. Luft

Osiris, a god of the dead and a dead god, was praised and characterized in numerous hymns by the ancient Egyptians. These hymns, however, are always functional texts, created with the goal of usage, preserved due to intentional recording. In this study, Daniela C. Luft traces the previous types of usage and contexts of four groups of hymns and describes their varied history in the form of textual biographies. German text.

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Figurines in Achaemenid Period Yehud
Jerusalem’s History of Religion and Coroplastics in the Monotheism Debate
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