



Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy and Theologian

“Am I then really all that which other men tell of?” – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, “Who Am I?”

The 21st annual Wheaton Theology Conference in April 2012 centered on the theological mind of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, one of the most celebrated Christian thinkers of the 20th century, and how his views have shaped the evangelical landscape today. *Bonhoeffer, Christ and Culture*, pulling its name and content from the lectures and papers presented at the conference, provides readers with an understanding of why Bonhoeffer is so sought after today, seventy years after his death.

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“We chose to focus on Bonhoeffer because his work is being read as much or more than ever – and that is saying something, since in the years following his death he became one of the most widely read and respected Christian thinkers of the twentieth century,” write editors and Wheaton professors Keith Johnson and Timothy Larsen. “He also has become one of those rare figures who is read and cited widely both inside and outside the academy.”

Keith L. Johnson is assistant professor of theology at Wheaton College. His research focuses on the theology of the Reformers; the doctrines of the Trinity and Christology; modern theology; and the relationship between Protestant and Roman Catholic theology.

By including studies on higher education, technology, vocational realities of today, spiritual disciplines and the pattern of congregational life, this text brings Bonhoeffer’s theological questions into conversation with contemporary issues throughout the church and academy. These ten essays open a new window into evangelical interpretations of his theology, giving a sense of how Bonhoeffer himself struggled as well as where the future of Bonhoeffer studies may be headed.

Like all of the Wheaton Theology Conferences and associated volumes, *Bonhoeffer, Christ and Culture* aims to bridge the gap between the church and the academy by providing academic essays that are relevant to the life and work of the church.

Timothy Larsen is McManis Professor of Christian Thought at Wheaton College. He has been a visiting fellow at Trinity College, Cambridge University, and All Souls College, Oxford University.

“Bonhoeffer, Christ and Culture has its origin within the North American evangelical scholarly community, though not all its authors would identify themselves as such,” writes John W. de Gruchy, emeritus professor of Christian studies, University of Cape Town. “What unites them is their deep appreciation for Bonhoeffer’s life, witness and theology, the integrity of their scholarship, and their recognition of Bonhoeffer’s continuing significance for the church in the twenty-first century. Having spent the past fifty years of my life engaged in dialogue with Bonhoeffer’s legacy, I am delighted to be introduced to new perspectives and interpretations, and to learn again from those whose contribution to Bonhoeffer studies is now well established. I commend it to all who want to know Bonhoeffer better.”

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