A Kenotic Christology

Exploring Kenotic Christology: C. Stephen Evans 2006 This collection of essays, by a team of Christian philosophers, theologians, and biblical scholars, explores the viability of a kenotic account of the incarnation. Such an account is inspired by Paul's lyrical claims in Philippians 2:6-11 that Christ Jesus, though God in nature, "emptied himself" or "made himself nothing" by becoming human. The biblical support for such a view can be found throughout the four gospels and the book of Hebrews, as well as in other places. A kenotic account takes seriously the possibility that Christ, in becoming incarnate, temporarily divested himself of such properties as omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence. Several of the contributors argue that this view is fully orthodox, and that it has great strengths in giving us a picture of a God who is willing to become completely vulnerable for the sake of human beings, and one that is completely consistent with the very human portrait of Jesus in the New Testament. The proponents of kenotic Christology argue that the philosophical accounts of God's nature that have led to rejection of this theory ought to be subjected to criticism in light of the biblical data. Some essays test the theory by raising critical questions and arguing that traditional accounts of the incarnation can achieve the goals of kenotic theories as well as kenotic theories can. The book also explores the implications of a kenotic view of the incarnation for philosophical theology in general and the doctrine of the Trinity in particular, and it concludes with essays that examine the validity of the ideal of kenosis for women, and a challenge to traditional Christology to take a kenotic theory seriously. Book jacket.

The Way of the Kenotic Christ: Samuel J. Youngs 1991-10-25 Despite its vast importance to twentieth-century theology, Jürgen Moltmann's Christology has yet to receive the same level of in-depth exploration as other topics in his thought. Samuel Youngs addresses this lacuna, providing the first exhaustive and critical examination of Moltmann's doctrine of kenosis, including its key developments and controversial elements. Youngs argues that Moltmann's doctrine of Christ is best understood as a unique variation of kenotic Christology. This vision of Christ encapsulates not only a series of vibrant ethical and eschatological points, but also serves Moltmann's overarching theological goal of empowering a church that lives and ministers "under the cross." Part I highlights key facets of Moltmann's theological method before unfolding the range of diverse themes that characterize his Christology. Part II explores Moltmann's use of the "kenotic hymns" of Philippians 2, before interrogating Moltmann's relationship to christological tradition. Part III engages in an original systematization of Moltmann's Christology, centered on the theme of manifold, relational kenosis.

Kierkegaard's Kenotic Christology: David R. Law 2013-01-10 The orthodox doctrine of the incarnation affirms that Christ is both truly divine and truly human. This, however, raises the question of how these two natures can co-exist in the one, united person of Christ without undermining the integrity of either nature. Kenotic theologians address this problem by arguing that Christ 'emptied' himself of his divine attributes or prerogatives in order to become a human being. David R. Law contends that a type of kenotic Christology is present in Kierkegaard's works, developed independently of the Christologies of contemporary kenotic theologians. Like many of the classic kenotic theologians of the 19th century, Kierkegaard argues that Christ underwent limitation on becoming a human being. Where he differs from his contemporaries is in emphasizing the radical nature of this limitation and in bringing out its existential consequences. The aim of Kierkegaard's Christology is not to provide a rationally satisfying theory of the incarnation, but to highlight the existential challenge with which Christ confronts each human being. Kierkegaard advances 'existential kenosism,' a form of kenotic Christology which extends the notion of the kenosis of Christ to the Christian believer, who is called upon to live a life of kenotic discipleship in which the believer follows Christ's example of humble, suffering service. Kierkegaard thus shifts the problem of kenosis from the intellectual problem of working out how divinity and humanity can be united in Christ's person to the existential problem of discipleship.

A New Climate for Christology: Salie McFague 2021-11-02 For decades, Salie McFague lent her voice and her theological imagination to addressing and advocating for the most important issues of our time. In doing so, she influenced an entire generation and empowered countless people in their efforts to put religion in the service of meeting human needs in difficult times. In this final book, finished in the year before her death in 2019, McFague summarizes the work of her lifetime with a clear call to live "in such a way that all might flourish." A masterful and life-giving summing-up of a theology that makes a profound difference for us, our communities, and our planet.

Divine Humanity: David Brown 2013-02-11 For almost a century British understanding of the life of Christ was dominated by one particular way of interpreting the incarnation: as a kenosis or 'self-emptying' that involved real change in God. In this controversial and ground-breaking work David Brown argues that the sharp decline in the popularity of such ideas in more recent years is undeserved. There is in fact a rich strain of creative thinking in his original narratives that needs to be re-assessed, at least in the light of the wider intellectual challenges of time to which they were responding. But, going further than this, Brown also attempts a defence of his own. Even if readers disagree with the author's conclusions, they are likely to be impressed by the range of issues considered in pursuit of a fully human incarnate Christ.

Divinity and Humanity: Oliver D. Crisp 2007-02-15 The doctrine of the incarnation lies at the heart of Christianity. But the idea that 'God was in Christ' has become a much-debated topic in modern theology. Oliver Crisp addresses six key issues in the Incarnation defending a robust version of the doctrine, in keeping with classical Christology. He explores the rich idea of kenotic interpretation, with reference to both the Incarnation and Divinity. Over two chapters Crisp deals with the human nature of Christ and then provides an argument against the view, common amongst some contemporary theologians, that Christ had a fallen human nature. He considers the notion of divine kenosis or self-emptying, and discusses non-Incarcerational Christology, focusing on the work of John Hick. This view denies Christ is God Incarnate, regarding him as primarily a moral exemplar to be imitated. Crisp rejects this alternative account of the nature of Christology.

The Incarnation: Robert Stackpole 2019-06-06 A Milestone in Ecumenical Theology: Roman Catholic theologian Robert Stackpole reaches into the heart of the Anglican tradition and finds within that heritage a rich and fruitful way of understanding the doctrine of the Incarnation - a way that needs to be rediscovered by Anglicans themselves, and by the wider Christian community. In the Incarnation: Rediscovering Kenotic Christology. Stackpole offers a comprehensive defence of the Kenotic Theory, rooted primarily in the way that theory has developed within the Anglican tradition since the early twentieth century. This is the notion that in the Incarnation, the divine Son of God, without ceasing to uphold and guide the universe as the universal Word, by a voluntary act restrained the exercise of some of his divine attributes at a particular time and place in human history, limited himself to an historical human consciousness, and human faculties of knowledge and action, and thereby experienced all the joys and sorrows, sufferings and struggles of human life as Jesus of Nazareth. This Kenotic Theory is shown to be not only coherent in itself, but also remarkably powerful in its impact on the wider pattern of Christian belief. Above all, Stackpole focuses on its implications for God's identification with human suffering, for the doctrine of the saving work of Jesus Christ, and for the social witness of Christianity. In short, he makes the case that this incarnational atonement is a special gift that Anglican Christianity can make to the enrichment of the faith of all Christians in our ecumenical age. A founding member of "The Fellowship of Catholics and Evangelicals," Stackpole also draws deeply on Evangelical reflections on the Cross, and Anglican and Roman Catholic understandings of the Trinity, resulting in a remarkable ecumenical synthesis of Christology for our time. Robert Stackpole (BA Williams; M.Litt. Oxford University; STD The Angelicum, Rome), formerly an Anglican priest, has been Director of the John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy since 2000. From 2002-2012 he was also Associate Professor of Theology at Redeemer Pacific College in Vancouver, BC, Canada. He is the author of numerous books and web articles, including Jesus, Mercy Incarnate (Marian Press, 2000), Divine Mercy: A Guide from Genesis to Benedict XVI (Marian Press, 2009), and The Papacy: God's Gift to All Christians (The Chartwell Press, 2015).

The Preexistent Son: Simon J. Gathercole 2006-10-15 In this challenging book, rising New Testament scholar Simon Gathercole contradicts a commonly held view among biblical scholars - that the Gospel of John is the only Gospel to give evidence for Jesus' heavenly identity and preexistence. The Preexistent Son demonstrates that the Gospel of Matthew, Mark, and Luke were also well aware of the Son of God. He supports the Father's preexistence and divinely inspired embryology. Gathercole's carefully researched work should spark debate among Synoptic scholars and extend the understanding of anyone interested in this New Testament context.

Freedom of the Self: Jeffrey F. Kesler 2010-07-01 Freedom of the Self revitalizes the question of identity formation in a postmodern era through a deep reading of Christian life in relation to current trends seen in the Emergent and Missional church movements. By relocating deep identity formation as a primary focus of Christian identity research and released through a renewed awareness of the kenotic Christology in the writings of Continental philosophy (Derrida, Levinas, Marion) and popular culture, Kesler offers a bold vision for what it means to be truly human in contemporary society, as he calls it the "kenotic self." In addition to providing a robust reflection of philosophical and theological understanding of identity formation, from Aristotle and Augustine through to contemporary thinkers, Freedom of the Self suggests some tangible steps for the individual and the church in regard to how everyday concerns such as economics, literature, and urbanization can be part of living into the life of the kenotic self.
A Kenotic Christology - Lucien Richard 1982

Christology in Context - Moly Thomas 2005

A New Climate for Christology - Sailie McGague 2021-11-02 For decades, Sailie McGague lent her voice and theological imagination to advocating for the most important issues of our time. In this final book, finished before her death in 2019, McGague summarizes the work of a lifetime with a clear call to live in such a way that all might flourish.

Christian Philosophical Theology - Stephen Thane Davis 2006-03-16 The author offers a Christian philosopher's look at various crucial topics in Christian theology, including belief in God, the nature of God, the Trinity, christology, the resurrection of Jesus, the general resurrection, redemption and theological method.

Power For: Feminism and Christ's Self-Giving - Anna Mercedes 2011-09-22 Contesting the feminist critique of the dangers of Christianity's self-giving ethics, this book advances a contemporary feminist christology engaging the strength of self-giving power.

The Kenotic Trajectory of the Church in Donald MacKinnon's Theology - Timothy G. Connor 2011-09-29

Christology - Jeff Astley 2009 Part of the Problems in Theology series, this work brings together selected material from classical and contemporary authors on the doctrine of the person of Jesus Christ. Topics include the development of Christology from its biblical roots through the patristic debates and definitions, and its reassessment and restatement in modern theology.

The Incarnation - Stephen T. Davis 2004 This interdisciplinary study follows an international and ecumenical meeting of twenty-four scholars held in New York at Easter 2000 - the Incarnation Summit. After an opening chapter, which summarizes and evaluates twelve major questions concerning the Incarnation, five chapters are dedicated to the biblical roots of this central Christian doctrine. A patristic and medieval section corrects misinterpretations and retrieves for today the significance of the Council of Chalcedon (AD 451) and its aftermath, as well as clarifying Aquinas' enduring metaphysical interpretation of the Incarnation. The volume then moves to theological and philosophical debates: three scholars take up such systematic issues as belief in the Incarnation, the self-emptying that it involves, and its compatibility with divine timelessness. The remaining four essays consider the place of the doctrine of Incarnation in literature, ethics, art, and preaching. There is a fruitful dialogue between experts in a wide range of areas and the international reputation of the participants reflects and guarantees the high quality of this joint work. The result is a well researched, skillfully argued, and at times, provocative volume on the central Christian belief: the Incarnation of the Son of God.

Divine Humanity - David Brown 2011 At times controversial, Divine Humanity expertly repudiates kenosis at the center of Christological discussions. - Brian Hebblethwaite, Queens' College, Cambridge "The Church Times (London)"

Kenosis - Kevin Cronin, O.F.M. 1994-06-01 Warm, personal, honest, and very Franciscan.... The Gospel becomes credible in writings like these.

Some Twentieth Century Aspects of the Kenosis Theory - John Farher Thatcher 1964 The object of this thesis is to see if the kenotic theory still gives the most meaningful Christology for today. This will be attempted by discussing and commenting on the views of a range of twentieth century theologians, comparing those who agree with those who are against kenosis. In an age when not only other religions are making themselves a real force in the world, but also when men are apt to make all sorts of differing statements about God, it seemed necessary to the writer to see just what is our Christian claim. Having completed the work of this thesis, the author feels as strongly as he did at the start as to what faith in Our Lord implies. Because of this faith, Chapter 1 was written and placed first though in a way it should logically be last. It endeavours to set belief that Jesus Christ is unique in a context which can relate to non-Christian men in the world. Chapter II gives a brief survey of the New Testament witness to Jesus. Chapter III gives the early concept of the kenosis theory. Chapter 17 is a review of the Christologies of some leading twentieth century theologians, criticising certain details. Chapter 7 concludes this thesis in a context of worship, saying that only a Christology and a conception of God which draw forth the highest devotion of man can be considered satisfactory. It is argued that only a kenotic Christology achieves this object.

The Work of Love - J. C. Polkinghorne 2001 The development of kenotic ideas was one of the most important advances in theological thinking in the late twentieth century. In The Work of Love eleven foremost theologians and scientists discuss the kenotic view of creation, exploring the implications of this controversial perspective for Christian doctrine and the scientific enterprise generally. The authors' backgrounds are diverse-ranging from systematic theology to neuropsychology-yet each agrees in seeing creation as God's loving act of divine self-restriction. The key concept, kenosis ("self-emptying"), refers to God's voluntary limitation of his divine infinity in order to allow room for finite creatures who are truly free to be themselves. This engaging formulation of God's creative work challenges the common conception of God as a divine dictator and provides a more satisfying response to the perplexing problem of evil and suffering in the world. The fruit of discussions sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation, these stimulating chapters bring a needed interdisciplinary approach to this weighty new trajectory in Christian thought.


The Form of a Servant - Donald G. Dawe 2011-06-17 This is both a historical and a systematic exploration of the basic Christian belief in God's self-emptying in creation and redemption. In Christ, God has emptied himself, taking the form of a servant. Not only does the author review the thinking on the kenotic motif from earliest Christian times (even antedating the Pauline Epistles) to the present, but he views it as a source of fresh insight for Christology today. Kierkegaard introduced the kenotic motif to contemporary theology, which views it as the ultimate paradox. In Barth's doctrine of the freedom of God, kenosis means God is free to become a man. Thus, says Dr. Dawe, kenosis is to be interpreted in dynamic, personalistic modes of thought and is the key to a fresh understanding of creation, history, and redemption. Seminary students will welcome this book for its wealth of biblical and historical theology. But because of its nontechnical vocabulary, adult study groups will find much material for interesting and rewarding discussion.

The Omnipresence of Jesus Christ - Theodore Zachariades 2015-06-01 This important book reassesses the classic Chalcedonian view of Jesus: "one person, two natures". It carefully rejects all forms of kenotic Christology and affirms that Jesus possessed and used all the divine attributes, in particular, that of omnipresence, arguing that evangelical scholars have abandoned this important truth. This has ramifications for our view of the Holy Spirit and of Christ's presence with his people. It challenges us to read the Scriptures again and to live in the presence of Jesus. - Publisher Commendation: "In this important study of orthodox Christology, Dr Zachariades develops an aspect of it that has generally been neglected. How should we understand the universal presence of the risen, ascended and glorified Christ? Starting with the controversies of the early church, he takes us through the questions involved in the discussion and points us to a deeper understanding of how Christ is both God and man at the same time." - Gerald L. Bray, Research Professor of Divinity, History and Doctrine, Reeson Divinity School, USA

Christ the key - Kathryn Tanner 2010 An innovative Christ-centered theology exploring the centrality of Christ for Christian thought and shedding fresh light on major theological issues.

Grace in Auschwitz - Jean-Pierre Fortin 2016-09-01 The postmodern human condition and relationship to God were forged in response to Auschwitz. Christian theology must now address the challenge posed by the Shoah. Grace in Auschwitz offers a constructive theology of grace that
enables twenty-first-century Westerners to relate meaningfully to the Christian tradition in the wake of the Holocaust and unprecedented evil. Through narrative theological testimonial history, the first part articulates the human condition and relationship to God experienced by concentration camp inmates. The second part draws from the lives and works of Simone Weil, Dorothee Soelle, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Alfred Delp, Hans Urs von Balthasar, and Sergei Bulgakov to propose and apply a coherent kenotic model enabling the transposition of the Christian doctrine of grace into categories strongly correlated with the experience of Auschwitz survivors. This model centers on the vulnerable Jesus Christ, a God who takes on the burden of the human condition and freely suffers alongside and for human beings. In and through the person of Jesus, God is made present and active in the midst of spiritual desolation and destitution, providing humanity and solace to others.

**The Origin of Divine Christology**

Andrew Ter Erm Lake 2017-07-03 In recent years, there has been considerable debate concerning the origin of divine Christology. Nevertheless, the proposed theories are beset with problems, such as failing to address the evidence of widespread agreement among the earliest Christians concerning divine Christology, and the issues related to whether Jesus' intention was fulfilled. This book offers a new contribution by addressing these issues using transdisciplinary tools. It proposes that the earliest Christians regarded Jesus as divine because a sizeable group of them perceived that Jesus claimed and showed himself to be divine, and thought that God vindicated this claim by raising Jesus from the dead. It also provides a comprehensive critique of alternative proposals, and synthesizes their strengths. It defends the appropriateness and merits of utilizing philosophical distinctions (e.g. between ontology and function) and Trinitarian concepts by examining cases of utilization of definitions in other contexts.

**An Appraisal of the Kenotic Christology of Martensen and Gore**

Peter McClelland 1949 The kenosis theory as held by Martensen and Gore is inconsistent with orthodox Christianity.

**Eros and the Christ**

David E. Fredrickson 2013-06-01. The self-emptying of Christ (kenosis) in Philippians 2 has long been the focus of attention by Christian theologians and interpreters of Paul's Christology. David E. Fredrickson sheds dramatic new light on familiar texts by discussing the centuries-old language of love and longing in Greek and Roman epistolary literature, showing that a "physics" of desire was related to notions of power and dominance. Paul's kenotic Christology challenged not only received notions of the power of the gods but of the very nature of love itself as a component of human society.

**Kenosis in Theosis**

Sigurd Leifsdottir 2019-12-30 The perennial questions surrounding human identity and meaning have never before been so acute. How do we define ourselves and remain sure of our identity since it determines our conception of society, ethics, sexuality--in short, our very notion of the "good." The traditional Christian teaching of "deification" powerfully addresses this theme by revealing the sacred dignity and purpose of all created life, and providing a comprehensive vision of reality that extends from the individual to the cosmos. Hans Urs von Balthasar is a valuable guide in elucidating the church's teaching on this vital subject. Following the patristic tradition, he focuses his attention on Christology, yet in the context of his orientation toward the classical tradition - an orientation that was both critical and sympathetic. To compare this Christology with the doctrine's history, Sumner suggests first that the Chalcedonian portrait of the incarnation is conceptually vulnerable at a number of points. By recasting the doctrine in actualist terms - the history of Jesus' lived existence as God's fulfillment of His covenant with creatures, rather than a metaphysical uniting of natures - Barth is able to move beyond problems inherent in the doctrine. Despite a number of formal and material differences, however, Barth's position coheses with the intent of the ancient councils and ought to be judged as orthodox. Barth's great contribution is to Theosis in the unapologetic affirmation of 'the humanity of God'.

**The Oxford Handbook of Christology**

Francesca Aran Murphy 2015 The Oxford Handbook of Christology brings together 40 authoritative essays considering the theological study of the role and nature of Christ. This collection offers dynamic perspectives within the study of Christology and provides rigorous discussion of inter-confessional theology, which would not have been possible even 60 years ago. The first of the seven parts considers Jesus Christ in the Bible. Rather than focusing solely on the New Testament, this section begins with discussion of the modes of God's self-communication to us and suggests that Christ's most original incarnation is in the language of the Hebrew Bible. The second section considers Patristics Christology. These essays explore the formation of the patristic doctrine of the person of Christ and the atonement between the First Council of Nicaea in 325 and the end of the Second Council of Nicaea. The next section looks at Medieval theology and addresses the development of the understanding of who Christ was and how his atonement worked. The section on "Reformation and Christology" traces the path of the Reformation from Luther to Bultmann. The fifth section tackles the development of the new theology which has emerged in the modern and the postmodern eras, and the sixth section explains how beliefs about Jesus have affected music, poetry, and the arts. The final part concludes by locating Christology within systematic theology, asking how it relates to Christian belief as a whole. This comprehensive volume provides an invaluable resource for scholars, students, and general readers interested in the study of Christology.

**The Lamb of God**

Sergius Bulgakov 2008-01-02 What is our participation in the divine humanity? In explaining this important doctrine, Sergius Bulgakov begins by surveying the field of Christology with special reference to the divine humanity. He considers the role of the Divine Sophia, examines the foundations of the Incarnation, explores the nature of Christ's divine consciousness, and ponders Christ's ministries while on earth. A profound discussion of Christ's kenosis as a model for humanity rounds out this comprehensive and valuable study. The Lamb of God is one of the greatest works of Christology in the twentieth century and a crowning achievement in the examination of the person and work of Jesus Christ.

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**Kierkegaard's Kenotic Christology**

David R. Law 2013-01-10 An in-depth study of Kierkegaard's thinking on Christology, emphasising the radical nature of his approach to the incarnation, with an emphasis on the call of the Christian believer to a life of 'kenotic' (self-emptying) discipleship in imitation of Christ.

**The Trinitarian Christology of St Thomas Aquinas**

Dominic Legge 2016-12-15 The Trinitarian Christology of St Thomas Aquinas brings to light the Trinitarian riches in Thomas Aquinas's Christology. Dominic Legge, O.P., dispels Karl Rahner's assertion that Aquinas divorces the study of Christ from the Trinity, by offering a stimulating re-reading of Aquinas on his own terms, as a profound theologian of the Trinitarian mystery of God as manifested in and through Christ. Legge highlights that, for Aquinas, Christology is intrinsically Trinitarian, in its origin and its principles, its structure, and its role in the dispensation of salvation. It investigates the Trinitarian shape of the incarnation itself: the visible mission of the Son, sent by the Father, implicating the invisible mission of the Holy Spirit to his assumed human nature. For Aquinas, Christ's humanity, at its deepest foundations, incarnates the very personal being of the divine Son and Word of the Father, and hence every action of Christ reveals the Father, is from the Father, and leads back to the Father. This study also uncovers a remarkable Spiritual Christology in Aquinas: Christ as man stands in need of the Spirit's anointing to carry out his saving work, his supernatural human knowledge is dependent on the Spirit's gift; and it is the Spirit who moves and guides him in every action, from Nazareth to Golgotha.

**The Historical Christ and the Jesus of Faith**

Stephen Evans 1996-04-18 The story of Jesus of Nazareth, as recounted in the New Testament, has always been understood by the church to be historically true. It is an account of the life, death, and resurrection of a real person, whose links with history are firmly signalled in the creeds of the early church, which affirm that Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate. Contemporary historical scholarship has, however, called into question the reliability of the church's version of this story, and thereby raised the question as to whether ordinary people can know its historical truth. This book argues that the historicity of the story still matters, and that its religious significance cannot be captured by the category of 'non-historical myth'. The commonly drawn distinction between the Christ of faith and Jesus of history cannot be maintained. The Christ who is the object of faith must be seen as historical, the Jesus who is reconstructed by historical scholarship is always shaped by commitments of faith. A reconsideration of the Enlightenment epistemologies that underlie much historical scholarship shows that historical knowledge of this story is still possible. Such knowledge can be inferential, based on historical evidence. A careful look at contemporary New Testament studies, and the philosophical and literary assumptions upon which it rests, shows that this scholarship should not undermine the confidence of lay people who believe that they can know that the church's story about Jesus is true.

**Christology**

Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen 2016-04-19 In this revised introduction, an internationally respected scholar explores biblical, historical, and historical, and contemporary developments in Christology. The book focuses on the global and contextual diversity of contemporary theology, including views of Christ found in the Global South and North and in the Abrahamic and Asian faith traditions. It is ideal for readers who desire to know how the global Christian community understands the person and work of Jesus Christ. This new edition accounts for the significant developments in theology over the past decade.
A Kenotic Christology - Keith Ward 2017-09-28 A robust defence of the philosophy of Idealism - the view that all reality is based on Mind - which shows that this is strongly rooted in classical traditions of philosophy.

The Christological Controversy - Richard Alfred Norris 1980 Bringing to a new generation a resource that has been used in theology & church history courses for more than 30 years, this volume features translations of the most important primary documents, introductions to the context of each text & new supplementary materials.

A Kryptic Model of the Incarnation - Andrew Ter Ern Loke 2016-03-03 The Incarnation, traditionally understood as the metaphysical union between true divinity and true humanity in the one person of Jesus Christ, is one of the central doctrines for Christians over the centuries. Nevertheless, many scholars have objected that the Scriptural account of the Incarnation is incoherent. Being divine seems to entail being omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent, but the New Testament portrays Jesus as having human properties such as being apparently limited in knowledge, power, and presence. It seems logically impossible that any single individual could possess such mutually exclusive sets of properties, and this leads to scepticism concerning the occurrence of the Incarnation in history. A Kryptic Model of the Incarnation aims to provide a critical reflection of various attempts to answer these challenges and to offer a compelling response integrating aspects from analytic philosophy of religion, systematic theology, and historical-critical studies. Loke develops a new Kryptic model of the Incarnation, drawing from the Greek word Krypsis meaning 'hiding', and proposing that in a certain sense Christ's supernatural properties were concealed during the Incarnation.

Christ the Heart of Creation - Rowan Williams 2018-09-06 In this wide-ranging book, Rowan Williams argues that what we say about Jesus Christ is key to understanding what Christian belief says about creator and creation overall. Through detailed discussion of texts from the earliest centuries to the present day, we are shown some of the various and subtle ways in which Christians have discovered in their reflections on Christ the possibility of a deeply affirmative approach to creation, and a set of radical insights in ethics and politics as well. Throughout his life, Rowan Williams has been deeply influenced by thinkers of the Eastern Christian tradition as well as Catholic and Anglican writers. This book draws on insights from Eastern Christianity, from the Western Middle Ages and from Reformed thinkers, from Calvin to Bonhoeffer - as well as considering theological insights sparked by philosophers like Kierkegaard and Wittgenstein. Christ the Heart of Creation concerns fundamental issues for Christian belief and Williams tackles them head-on: he writes with pellucid clarity and shows his gift for putting across what are inevitably complex ideas to a wide audience.
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