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SELECTED BOOKS IN PRINT ABOUT LUTHER—IN ENGLISH AND IN GERMAN, 1983

AN ANNOTATED REVIEW¹

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The celebration of Martin Luther's 500th birthday has become a publishing event as well. While the book market generally is sharing the present economic difficulties, the number of new publications and reprints indicate that high hopes have again been placed on Luther's ability to appeal to many readers.

In this brief survey our main attention will be directed to books about Luther rather than Luther's own writings.

RECENT STUDIES OF MARTIN LUTHER

Althaus, Paul. *The Theology of Martin Luther*, Fortress, 1966, and *The Ethics of Martin Luther*, Fortress, 1972. A perfect directory to the entire thought of Luther. Knowledge of Luther scholarship is assumed, and rapid reading is very difficult. For the mature scholar.

Bainton, Roland. *Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther*. Mentor, 1950, paper. The best biography: insightful, charming, truthful. It has not been updated to include the research of the last 30 years.

Boehmer, Heinrich. *Luther in the Light of Recent Research*, trans. 1916, rpr. Gordon, 1977, and *Road to Reformation*, written 1925, trans. 1946, rpr. by Porcupine Press. Scholarly, still respectable but in many regards outdated.

Bornkamm, Heinrich. *Luther in Mid-Career: 1521-1530*, trans. by E. Theodore Bachmann, Fortress, 1983. An exciting, very detailed, and most illuminating phase of Luther's career. It really is worth the US \$36.95.

Brockhoff, John R. *Luther Lives! Preaching Resources on the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's Birth*, Lima, Ohio: The C.S.S. Publ. Co., 1983, paper, 97 pp. A master craftsman of preaching. Supplies brief biographical data, useful quotations, and very fine sermons for the kind of preacher who does not have time to write his own sermons.

Ebeling, Gerhard. *Luther: An Introduction to His Thought*, Fortress, 1972, paper. A semi-popular outline which will stimulate the thoughtful non-theologian.

Edwards, Mark and George H. Tavard. *Luther: A Reformer for the Churches - An Ecumenical Study Guide*, Fortress, 1983, paper, 94 pp.

Edwards, Mark U. Jr. *Luther and the False Brethren*, 1975, Stanford Univ. Press, 1975. The latest, and most excellent account of Luther's relationship to the variegated Anabaptist movement of the 16th century.

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Elert, Werner. *Structure of Lutheranism: The Theology and Philosophy of Life of Lutheranism, 16th and 17th centuries*, vol. I, Concordia, trans. from the 1931 and 1952 eds., 1974, paper. Panoramic and profound, but now somewhat dusty and certainly dreary.

Erikson, Erik H. *Young Man Luther*, Norton, 1958, paper. The most widely read biography of Luther by history students. Written by a famous psychiatrist. The major assumption that from the early childhood experiences it is possible to decipher Luther's true character and life-style for later years has indeed been much questioned. Cf. Roger Johnson, ed., *Psychohistory and Religion* which contains brilliant articles by Bainton, Spitz et al. But Erikson has been well informed about Luther's later life and need not have deduced everything from Luther's childhood; his insights are very often valuable.

Ferm, Vergilius. *Cross-Currents in the Personality of Martin Luther*, 1972, Christopher Publ. House, 1972. By a well-known editor of popular theological texts, submitted in 1923 as a M.A. thesis at Yale Univ., but originally written at Iowa State Univ. under Prof. E.D. Starbuck, and reflects the understanding of psychology at that date.

Forde, Gerhard O. *Where God Meets Man: Luther's Down-to-Earth Approach to the Gospel*, Augsburg, 1972, paper. A very popular statement by a brilliant Lutheran scholar and preacher.

Forde, Gerhard O. *Justification By Faith - A Matter of Death and Life*, Fortress, 1982, paper. A scintillating account, but inadequate on sanctification.

Forell, George W. *Faith Active In Love: An Investigation of the Principles Underlying Luther's Social Ethics*, Augsburg, 1954, paper. A very exciting introduction to Luther's ethical thought.

Gerrish, Brian. *Grace and Reason: A Study in the Theology of Luther*, Univ. of Chicago, 1979, paper. Despite Luther's outrageously critical statements about reason, Luther was not an irrationalist and could ascribe to reason a positive role as well. A first rate study.

Gisar, Hartmann, S.J. *Martin Luther: His Life and Work*, 1930, trans. and abridged from a 3-volume German work. Quite pre-ecumenical, but learned, and insightful with occasionally erroneous statements. Although surpassed by more recent Catholic scholarship, still of value for the scholar.

Gritsch, Eric W. *Martin - God's Court Jester: Luther In Retrospect*, Fortress, Announced for November, 1983. Prof. Gritsch, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, is known for his deep wisdom and great wit, as well as his ability to challenge accepted views. An eagerly expected book.

Hacker, Paul. *Ego In Faith: Martin Luther and the Origins of Anthropocentric Religion*, an abridged version of *Das Ich im Glauben bei Martin Luther*. The warts of Luther's thought eagerly explored under a magnifying glass by a Roman Catholic convert (formerly Lutheran). Though some insights are, no doubt, of value, the main significance of the study is that it allows us to see how Luther appears from a very conservative Catholic point of view.

Haendler, Gert. *Luther on Ministerial Office and Congregational Function*, Fortress, 1981. Incisive, helpful and very readably translated by Ruth Gritsch and edited by Eric W. Gritsch.

Haile, H.G. *Luther: An Experiment in Biography*, Doubleday, 1980. Pays major attention to the older Luther, soundly based on primary sources, but sparing in the use of needed secondary sources. Beautifully written.

Headley, John M. *Luther's View of Church History*, rpr. Elliotts Books, 1963, paper. By a Renaissance expert for the wise reader.

Hendrix, Scott H. *Luther and the Papacy: Stages in a Reformation Conflict*, Fortress, 1981. By a former student of H.A. Oberman, a young American scholar of major stature, teaching at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, S.C. His earlier study *Ecclesia in Via*, 1974, was an outstanding contribution to Luther's early ecclesiology.

Hoffman, Bengt R. *Luther and the Mystics: A Re-Examination of Luther's Spiritual Experience and His Relationship to the Mystics*, Augsburg, 1976. An often overlooked perspective, presented thoroughly and readably.

Hoffman, Bengt R., ed. *The Theologia Germanica of Martin Luther*. Luther wrote a preface to it and published this anonymous tract, because he valued it very highly.

Holl, Karl. *The Reconstruction of Morality*, Augsburg, 1979, paper, and *What Did Luther Understand by Religion?*, Fortress, 1977, paper, are very much belated translations of the great German Luther scholar from the early part of this century. Still readable and very much worth reading.

Hordern, William. *Experience and Faith*, Augsburg, 1983, paper.

Johnson, Wayne G. *Theological Method in Luther and Tillich: Law-Gospel Correlation*, Univ. Press of America, 1982, paper. Although it compares two giants and jumps over centuries, the work will be of interest to Tillich admirers and Luther readers.

Kerr, Hugh T., Jr., ed. *Compend of Luther's Theology*, Westminster, 1966, paper. Luther's thought is so deep that he can offer rather contradictory statements without actually contradicting himself. Selected quotations, which fail to note the context (and to observe what else did Luther say that appears to be something different) are harmful to sound Luther scholarship.

Kirchner, Hubert. *Luther and the Peasants' War*, Fortress, 1972, paper. A sober account by an East German author.

Leaver, Robin A. *Luther on Justification*, Concordia, 1975, paper. A sound but pedestrian statement without the sparkle of Gerhard O. Forde.

Letis, Theodore P. *Martin Luther and Charismatic Ecumenism*, Reformation Research Press, 1979. On a timely topic but an unusually ill prepared and insightful pamphlet.

Lienhard, Marc. *Luther: Witness to Jesus Christ: Stages and Themes of the Reformer's Christology*, Augsburg, 1982. Outstanding - will be much appreciated by those who already enjoyed D.K. Siggins' *Martin Luther's Doctrine of Christ*, Yale, 1970.

Loeschen, John R. *Wrestling With Luther*, Concordia, 1976. A re-written Ph.D. diss. from Graduate Theological Union. Great enthusiasm and dedication, but occasionally rather thin grasp of contemporary Luther research.

McGoldrick, J.E. *Luther's English Connection*, Northwest Publ., 1979, paper. A study of the theologies of Barnes and Tyndale.

Manns, Peter and Harding Meyer in collaboration with Carter Lindberg and Harry McSorley, with forewords by James R. Crumley, Bishop of the L.C.A. and John R. Roach, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. *Luther's*

Ecumenical Significance: An Interconfessional Consultation, promised by Fortress for October, 1983, paper.

Manns, Peter. *Martin Luther*, Fortress, 1982. A beautiful picture book for adults with brief but generally reliable explanations. Deluxe ed. US \$50.00, new popular ed. cloth US \$14.95.

Maritain, Jacques. *Three Reformers: Luther-Descartes-Rousseau*, 1928, rpr. 1970, Kennikat and Greenwood. The great French Thomist viewed Luther pre-ecumenically and failed to appreciate him.

Montgomery, John W. *In Defense of Luther*, Northwest Publ., 1970, 175 pp, essays on hermeneutics, science, libraries, politics, missions - passionate, filled with learned footnotes, obviously diligent, but nevertheless myopic and vacuous.

Nestingen, James A. *Martin Luther: His Life and Teachings*, Fortress, 1982, paper, 80 pages. For the person who does not want to read much; basically reliable and insightful.

Olivier, David. *The Trial of Luther*, Concordia, 1979, paper. By a French Dominican, thorough, positively supportive. Cf. also James Atkinson, *The Trial of Luther*, London: B.T. Batsford, 1971.

Pelikan, Jaroslav J. *Luther the Expositor*, Concordia, 1959. A companion volume to *Luther's Works* and the best book on Luther's hermeneutics.

Prenter, Regin. *Luther's Theology of the Cross*, Fortress, 1971, paper. A magisterial presentation of the most central theme of Luther's theology.

Preus, Herman A. *A Theology To Live By*, Concordia, 1977, paper. A popularly cast introduction to Luther's thought.

Preus, James S. *From Shadow to Promise: Old Testament Interpretation from Augustine to the Young Luther*, Harvard, 1969. An outstanding diss. supervised by the famous H.A. Oberman.

Preus, Samuel J. *Carlstadt's Ordinationes and Luther's Liberty*, Scholar's Press, Calif., 1974, paper. An outstanding introduction to the very sources of magisterial reformation's split with the radicals, appropriately complex, yet very readable.

Ritter, Gerhard. *Luther: His Life and Work*, 1963, rpr. Greenwood, 1978. A brief scholarly statement by a highly regarded German historian.

Schwiebert, Ernest G. *Luther and His Times: The Reformation Era From a New Perspective*, Concordia, 1950. A detailed and well organized study with major emphasis on historical matters yet without neglect of theology. Written with immense love for Luther; pre-ecumenical in perspective, yet still very valuable as a reference work.

Siggins, Ian. *Luther and His Mother*, Fortress, 1981, paper. Scholarly, well written.

Steinmetz, David C. *Luther and Staupitz: An Essay in the Intellectual Origins of the Protestant Reformation*, Duke, 1980. A remarkably clear and most fascinating statement by a mature Luther scholar of renown. Cf. also his earlier and equally outstanding *Misericordia Dei: The Theology of Johannes von Staupitz in Its Late Medieval Setting*, E.J. Brill, 1968.

Steinwede, Dietrich. *Reformation: A Picture Story of Martin Luther*, Fortress, 1983, paper, 56 pp. For those who like small booklets with black and white as well as colored pictures. Admittedly, such as these are not all that readily found elsewhere.

Strauss, Gerald. *Luther's House of Learning: Indoctrination of the Young in the German Reformation*, Johns Hopkins, 1979. A scholarly and sober evaluation of the positive results of the reformation. His conclusions challenge many a glib assertion about the tremendous success of the Lutheran Reformation.

Todd, John. *Luther, A Life*, Crossroads, 1982. With a minimum of scholarly sources, a generally accurate and popular statement by an ecumenical Catholic layman.

Wicks, Jared, S.J. ed. *Catholic Scholars Dialogue With Luther*, Loyola, 1970, paper. The very best introduction in English to the ecumenically concerned Catholic scholars of note.

REPRINTS OF OLDER WORKS

Although often quite useful for the scholar, older works are ordinarily of little value for the general reader. If the general reader, however, already finds them in his library, they can be used in conjunction with more recent studies. Hence references to the latter are immediately supplied.

Bruce, Gustav. *Martin Luther as an Educator*, rpr. of 1928 ed, Greenwood, cf. above, Gerald Strauss.

D'Aubigne, J.H. *Life and Times of Martin Luther*, Moody, paper. Hopelessly out-of-date. (Also out-of-date, but still respectable is Thomas A. Lindsay, *A History of the Reformation*, 1906, 2 vols.). Cf. instead Harold Grimm, *The Reformation Era 1500-1650*, Macmillan, 1965, with special attention to social problems and political issues; the truly learned and wise Hans J. Hillerbrand, *The Reformation: A Narrative History*, 1964, *Men and Ideas in the Sixteenth Century*, 1969, *Protestant Reformation*, 1968, *Christendom Divided: The Protestant Reformation*, 1971, *The World of the Reformation*, 1973; Steven Ozment, *The Age of Reform 1250-1550: An Intellectual and Religious History of Late Medieval and Reformation Europe*, Yale, 1980; and the brilliant Stanford historian Lewis W. Spitz who, offers deep learning in beautiful style, *The Renaissance and Reformation Movements*, Rand McNally, 1971.

Davis, Rupert E. *The Problem of Authority in the Continental Reformers: A Study of Luther, Zwingli, and Calvin*, 1946. rpr. Greenwood, 1978. Superficial, though sincere, and occasionally reliable.

Fife, Robert H. *Young Luther*, 1928, rpr. AMS Press, 1970. The recent study of late scholasticism in a very intensive way has profoundly affected our understanding of Luther and the reformation. Cf. Steven Ozment, ed. *The Reformation in Medieval Perspective*, Quadrangle Books, 1971.

Freytag, Gustav. *Martin Luther*, 1897, rpr. AMS Press. For more recent biographies see Roland H. Bainton, above, and Richard Friedenthal, *Luther*, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1970.

Froude, James A. *A Comparative Analysis of the Philosophies of Erasmus and Luther*, 1868. rpr. 1981. For a more reliable understanding of Luther, read the suggestions of this bibliography; for Erasmus, see Roland H. Bainton, *Erasmus of Christendom*, Scribner's, 1969.

Hyma, Albert. *Luther's Theological Development from Erfurt to Augsburg*, 1928. rpr. AMS Press. Of interest for the patient scholar.

Jacobs, Henry E. *Martin Luther the Hero of the Reformation*, 1898. rpr. AMS Press. Cf. for substance Roland H. Bainton, above. For popular but still respectable enthusiasm, read Hanns Lilje, *Luther Now*, Muhlenberg, 1952, Hanns Lilje, *Luther and the Reformation: An Illustrated Review*, Fortress, 1967; Edith Simon, *Luther Alive*, Doubleday, 1968; Oskar Thulin, *A Life of Luther Told in Pictures and Narrative Told by the Reformer and His Contemporaries*, Fortress, 1966.

Koestlin, Julius. *Life of Luther*, 1883, rpr. R. West. A work of genuine learning and immense influence on all other Luther biographies. Of course, now surpassed by the generations whom he has taught. A book to be read with reverence and caution.

Pascal, Roy. *Social Basis of the German Reformation: Martin Luther and His Times*, 1933, rpr. Kelley, 1971. Outdated, and very thoroughly at that. Cf. Lawrence P. Buck and Jonathan W. Zophy, *The Social History of the Reformation*, Ohio State University, 1972; Abraham Friesen, *Reformation and Utopia: The Marxist Interpretation of the Reformation and Its Antecedents*, F. Steiner (Wiesbaden, Germany), 1974.

Waring, Luther H. *Political Theories of Martin Luther*, 1910, rpr. Kennikat, 1968. A very brief selection of sources with excellent introductions is J.M. Porter, ed. *Luther: Selected Political Writings*, Fortress, 1974, paper. The best study in English is by Quentin Skinner, *The Foundations of Modern Political Thought*, Cambridge Univ. Press, 1968.

WEST GERMAN STUDIES

With typical German thoroughness, the recent publications on Luther are all listed in the *Dokumentation*, Nr. 8a, February 1983, published by the Evangelischer Pressedienst, Haus der Evangelischen Publizistik, Friedrichstrasse 2-6, 6 Frankfurt/-Main 17, Bundesrepublik Deutschland, West Germany. Without attempting to reprint the entire statement, we propose to begin with a listing of the various editions of selected works of Luther.

Of these, the most impressive is the 8 volume edition by Otto Clemen (N.Y. and Berlin: De Gruyter) which includes texts both in Latin and German, as well as provides page references to the definitive Weimarer Ausgabe. Other editions are ordinarily new translations or modernized versions of Luther's German texts.

Beintker, Horst, ed. *Martin Luther: Die reformatorischen Grundschriften*. Neu uebertragene und kommentierte Ausgabe. 4 vols, Muenchen: Deutscher Taschenbuch Verlag, 1983, 20.00 D M.

Blail, Gerhard. *Vom wahren Herzenstrost: Martin Luthers Trostbriefe*. Stuttgart: Verlag J.F. Steinkopf, 1983 (price not listed)

Bornkamm, Heinrich, ed. *Luthers Vorreden zur Bibel*. Frankfurt/Main: Insel Verlag, 1983, 9.00 D M.

Bornkamm, Karin and Gerhard Ebeling, eds. *Martin Luther: Ausgewaehlte Schriften*. Frankfurt/M: Insel Verlag, 1982, 1900 pp. in 6 vols., 42.00 D M.

Brandt, Theodor. *Luther als Seelsorger in Briefen und Gespraechen*. Wuppertal: R. Brockhaus Verlag, 1983 (Taschenbuch Nr. 20336), 122 pp. 6.95 D M.

Buchwald, Reinhard. *Luther im Gesprach*. Frankfurt/M: Insel Verlag, 1983, 380 pp. 14.00 D M.

Gremmels, Christian, ed. *Luther-Lesebuch*. Bergisch-Gladbach: Gustav Luebbe Verlag, 1982, 192 pp. (Sammlung Luchterhand, Bd. 452). 12.80 D M.

Kandler, Hans-Joachim, ed. *Gebete Martin Luthers: Eine Gebetshilfe*. Bielefeld: Luther-Verlag, 1982, 72 pp. 7.50 D M.

Karner, Peter, ed. *Die Welt ist wie ein betrunkenener Bauer: Aus den Tischreden Martin Luthers*. Freiburg: Verlag Herder, 1982, 120 pp., 9.80 D M.

Manns, Peter, ed. *Predigten Martin Luthers durch das Kirchenjahr*. Mainz: Matthias-Gruenewald-Verlag, 1983, 128 pp., (Topos - TB 128), 8.80 D M.

Pesch, Otto Hermann, ed. *Martin Luther: Der Glaube allein*. Reihe Klassiker der Meditation. Koeln: Benzinger Verlag, 1983, 140 pp., 12.80 D M.

Zeller, Reimar. *Lutherbriefe aus dem Alltag*. Freiburg: Verlag Herder, 1982, 1900 pp., 42.00 D M.

A number of the publications also deal with Luther's life story and the general overview of his teaching. The most sprightly with a noticeably anti-Catholic thrust is the paperback by

Ahrens, Donald. *Die Wittenbergische Nachtigall: Martin Luthers Leben in Anekdoten und Geschichten*. Bergisch-Gladbach: Bastei Verlag, Gustav H. Luebbe, 1982, Nr. 60072, 8.80 D M.

Beutin, Wolfgang. *Der radikale Martin Luther: Ein Streit- und Lesebuch*. Koeln: Verlag Pahl-Rugenstein, 1982, 220 pp., 14.80 D M. Also with emphasis on Luther's outspokenness.

Beuys, Barbara. *Und wenn die Welt voll Teufel waer: Luthers Glaube und seine Erben*. Reinbek/Hamburg: Rowohlt Verlag, 1982, 608 pp., 42.00 D M. Verbose.

Brecht, Martin. *Martin Luther: Sein Weg zur Reformation 1483-1521*. Stuttgart: Calwer Verlag, 1981, 2nd ed. 1983, 527 pp., 38.00 D M. By a famous Luther scholar, reliable and readable.

Clemen, Otto, ed. *Luther im Kreise der Seinen*. Frankfurt/M: Insel Verlag, 1983, I B, 227, 12.00 D M. Selection of texts with biographical thrust. Excellent.

Diwald, Hellmut. *Luther: Eine Biographie*. Bergisch-Gladbach: Gustav Luebbe Verlag, 1982, 384 pp., 39.80 D M. Profound, precise, well-written by a professor of history; has been on the German bestseller list for several months.

Diwald, Hellmut and Karl Heinz Juergens. *Lebensbilder Martin Luthers: 300 Abbildungen, Karten und Dokumente*. Bergisch-Gladbach: Gustav Luebbe Verlag, 1982, 240 pp., 78.00 D M.

Fink, Humbert. *Martin Luther: Der widerspruechliche Reformator*. Sachbuch-Biographie. Muenchen: Verlag Molden - S. Seewald, 1982, 312 pp., 38.00 D M. The title describes the content.

Loewenich, Walter von. *Martin Luther - Der Mann und das Werk*. Muenchen: List Verlag, 1982, 432 pp., 38.00 D M. A very impressive summary statement of a long life spent on Luther research.

Lohse, Bernhard. *Martin Luther: Leben und Werk*. Muenchen: C.H. Beck'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung, 1982, 230 pp., 26.00 D M. First rate.

Meisner, Michael. *Martin Luther: Heiliger oder Rebell*. Muenchen: Th. Knaur, 1982, Biographie Bd. 2304, 320 pp., 9.80 D M.

Mayer, Hans. *Martin Luther: Weg und Werk*. Guetersloh: Guetersloher Verlagshaus Gerd Mohn, 1982, 320 pp., 29.80 D M. Very respectable.

Muelhaupt, Erwin. *Luther im 20. Jahrhundert*. Goettingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1982, 480 pp., 40.00 D M. A wise, gracious and most diligent reader of Luther, Professor Muelhaupt, now long in retirement, offers the seasoned insights of a lifetime.

Oberman, Heiko A. *Luther, Mensch zwischen Gott und Teufel*. Berlin: Severin und Siedler, 1982, 384 pp., 39.80 D M. By the former Harvard professor, now at Tuebingen Univ., expert in late medieval thought and the most famous continental Luther scholar, a witty, insightful overview, cast in popular vein. A must for the beginner and the mature scholar alike.

Rogge, Joachim. *Martin Luther: Sein Leben, Seine Zeit, Seine Wirkungen*. Guetersloh: Guetersloher Verlagshaus Gerd Mohn, 1982, 400 pp., 78.00 D M. Rogge has been known for his meticulous scholarship and brevity of statement.

Steinwede, Dietrich. *Martin Luther in seiner Zeit: Eine Diaserie fuer Schule, Erwachsenenbildung und Gemeinde*. Freiburg: Kaufmann-Christophorus, 1982, 36 Dias, ca. 64 Seiten Text, Mappe, 68.00 D M.

Zahrnt, Heinz. *Martin Luther: In seiner Zeit - Fuer unsere Zeit*. Muenchen: Sueddeutscher Verlag, 1983, 288 pp., 192 Abbildungen, 68.00 D M. The author is well known for his journalistic skill, overstatement, and one-sided generalizations — but also for his seriousness and insight.

A number of new publications also undertake to investigate the following specific problems:

Aland, Kurt. *Martin Luther in der modernen Literatur*. Bielefeld: Luther Verlag, repr. of 1972 ed, 677 pp., 40 D M.

Bienert, Walther. *Martin Luther und die Juden*. Frankfurt/M: Evangelisches Verlagswerk, 1982, 240 pp., 28.00 D M.

Brandt, Theodor. *Luther als Seelsorger in Biefen und Gespraechen*. Wuppertal: R. Brockhaus Verlag, 1983, Taschenbuch Nr. 20336, 122 pp., 6.95 D M.

Durchow, Ulrich. *Christenheit und Weltverantwortung: Traditionsgeschichte und systematische Struktur der Zweireichenlehre*. Stuttgart: Klett-Cotta Verlagsgemeinschaft, 1982, 656 pp., 48.00 D M.

Gaenssler, Hans Joachim. *Evangelium und weltliches Schwert: Hintergrund, Entstehungsgeschichte und Anlass von Luthers Scheidung zweier Reiche und Regimente*. Wiesbaden: Franz Steiner, 1982, 185 pp., 48.00 D M.

Geisser, Hans F. and Gerhard Heintze. *Weder Ketzer noch Heiliger: Luthers Bedeutung fuer den oekumenischen Dialog*. Regensburg: Pustet Verlag, 230 pp., 19.80 D M.

Grane, Leif and Bernhard Lohse, eds. *Luther und die Theologie der Gegenwart: Referate und Berichte des 5. Internationalen Kongresses fuer Lutherforschung*. Goettingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1980, 197 pp., 38 D M.

Hecker, Georg and Wenzel Lohff. *Herr und Knecht zugleich: Studien zu Martin Luthers Gottes und Menschenverstaendnis*. Muenchen: Claudius Verlag, 1982, 146 pp., 16.80 D M.

Hermann, Rudolf. *Studien zur Theologie Luthers und des Luthertums*. Goettingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1982, 368 pp., 85.00 D M.

Juengel, Eberhard. *Zur Freiheit eines Christenmenschen: Eine Erinnerung an Luthers Schrift*. Muenchen: Christian Kaiser Verlag, 1981, 128 pp., Kaiser Traktate, Bd. 30, 13.00 D M.

Kleinknecht, Hermann. *Gemeinschaft ohne Bedingungen: Kirche und Rechtfertigung in Luthers grosser Galaterbrief-Vorlesung von 1531*. Stuttgart: Calwer Verlag, 1981, 112 pp., 19.80 D M.

Loewe, Hartmut and Claus Juergen Roepke, eds. *Luther und die Folgen: Beitræge zur sozialgeschichtlichen Bedeutung der lutherischen Reformation*. Muenchen: Christian Kaiser Verlag, 1983, 272 pp., 15.00 D M.

Manns, Peter and Harding Meyer, eds. *Oekumenische Erschliessung Luthers*. Frankfurt/M: Lembeck Verlag, 1983, 300 pp., 48.00 D M.

Manns, Peter, ed. *Zur Lage der Lutherforschung heute*. Wiesbaden: Franz Steiner, 1982, 128 pp., 22.00 D M.

Maron, Gottfried. *Das katholische Lutherbild der Gegenwart: Anmerkungen und Anfragen*. Goettingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1983, 60 pp., 8.00 D M.

Moeller, Bernd, ed. *Luther in der Neuzeit: Wissenschaftliches Symposium des Vereins fuer Reformationsgeschichte*. Schriften des Vereins fuer Reformationsgeschichte, vols. 192-193. Guetersloh: Guetersloher Verlagshaus Gerd Mohn, 1983, 320 pp., 48.00 D M.

Olivier, Daniel. *Luthers Glaube: Die Sache des Evangeliums in der Kirche*. Stuttgart: Klett-Cotta Verlagsgemeinschaft, 1982, 208 pp., 28.00 D M.

Pesch, Otto Hermann. *Gerechtfertigt aus Glauben: Luthers Fragen an die Kirche*. Freiburg: Verlag Herder, 1982, 112 pp., 19.80 D M.

Pesch, Otto Hermann. *Hinfuehrung zu Luther*. Mainz: Matthias Gruenewald Verlag, 1982, 280 pp., 39.00 D M.

Schroeder, Heinz. *Luther und das Geld: Ein Wirtschaftskommentar zur Reformation*. Stuttgart: Verlag J.F. Steinkopf, 1983, 280 pp., 29.50 D M.

EAST GERMAN STUDIES

The *Documentation*, listed above in section III, includes (pp. 13 ff.) annotated East German publications contained in *Martin Luther: Werk und Persoenlichkeit*, 1982 (Buchexport, Postfach 160, 7010 Leipzig, Deutsche Demokratische Republik, East Germany). Since Luther country is now part of East Germany, it stands to reason that the descriptions of notable towns from the age of reformation would have been authored there.

Blaschke, Karlheinz. *Wittenberg - die Lutherstadt*, Berlin: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 1983, 4th ed., 104 pp., 9.80 M.

Hintzenstern, H. von. *300 Tage Einsamkeit: Dokumente und Daten aus Luthers Wartburgzeit*. Berlin: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 1982, 2nd ed., 88 pp., 6.00 M.

Kloeppe, Eberhard and Christa Otten. *Eisleben*, Leipzig: V E B F.A. Brockhaus Verlag, 1983, 24 pp., 8.00 M.

Opitz, Hellmut and Fritz Kaempfer. *Eisenach*, Leipzig: V E B F.A. Brockhaus Verlag, 1983, 2nd ed., 144 pp., 19.80 M.

Opitz, Hellmut and Mara Marquardt. *Wittenberg*, Leipzig: V E B F.A. Brockhaus Verlag, 1983, 2nd ed., 104 pp., 8.00 M.

Paszkowiak, Alfred and Walter Strobel. *Erfurt*, Leipzig: V E B F.A. Brockhaus 1983, 4th ed., 144 pp., 19.80 M.

Starke, Elfriede. *Kostbarkeiten der Lutherhalle Wittenberg*, Berlin: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 1982, 140 pp., 22.50 M.

Weiss, Ulmann. *Ein fruchtbar Bethlehem: Luther und Erfurt*, Berlin: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 1983, 148 pp., 11.00 M.

Institut fuer Denkmalpflege der D D R, ed. *Luther: Staetten seines Lebens und Wirkens*, Berlin: Henschelverlag, 1983, 320 pp., 20.00 M.

Staatliche Museen Berlin, eds. *Von der Gewalt der Bilder: Kunst der Reformationszeit*, Berlin: Henschelverlag, 1983, 430 pp., 95.00 M.

However, it is to be noted that East Germany has also produced statements of serious theological content. Without attempting to be exhaustive, the following works can be appreciated as first rate accomplishments:

Beintker, Horst. *Wort - Geist - Kirche: Ausgewaehlte Aufsaeetze zu Luthers Theologie*, Berlin: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 1983, 140 pp., 14.00 M.

Gross, R. and M. Kobuch, E. Mueller eds. *Martin Luther 1483-1546: Dokumente seines Lebens und Wirkens*, Weimar: Hermann Boehlaus Nachfolger, 1983, 450 pp., 150.00 M.

Junghans, H., ed. *Leben und Werk Martin Luthers von 1526 bis 1546: Festgabe zu seinem 500. Geburtstag*, Berlin: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 1983, vols. 1 and 2, 1036 pp., 85.00 M.

Kupsch, Joachim. *Das wilde Tier Nachtigall: Szenen aus dem Leben des Wittenberger Reformators Doktor Martin Luther*, Berlin: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 1982, 2nd ed., 304 pp., 6.80 M.

Looss, Sigrid. *Luther in Worms*, Berlin: V E B Deutscher Verlag der Wissenschaften, 1983, 44 pp., 3.50 M.

Rogge, Joachim. *Anfaenge der Reformation: Der junge Luther* (Kirchengeschichte in Einzeldarstellungen, II/3), Berlin: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 1983, 300 pp., 25.00 M.

Rogge, Joachim. *Martin Luther: Sein Leben - Seine Zeit - Seine Wirkungen*, Berlin: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 1983, 396 pp., 68.00 M.

Schuffenhauer, W and K. Steiner, eds. *Das Reformwerk Martin Luthers im Spiegel der deutschen buergerlichen Philosophie*, Berlin: Akademie Verlag, 1983, 740 pp., 48.00 M.

Vogler, G. and S. Hoyer, A. Laube, eds. *Martin Luther: Studien zu Leben, Werk und Wirkung*, Berlin: Akademie Verlag, 1983, 640 pp., 42. M.

Wolf, Herbert. *Martin Luther: Eine Einfuehrung in germanistische Lutherstudien*, Berlin: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 1983, 192 pp., 9.00 M.

It may be safely assumed that the Luther year 1983 will bring forth additional publications. Should their number, and, above all, the readers' response warrant it, a follow-up report will be prepared. In the meantime, there appears to be a sufficient amount of Luther literature on hand to satisfy even the voracious reader, particularly if we take in account also the out-of-print publications.²

2. Cf. also my article "Luther in Review: Approaches in Major Studies — A Bibliographical Perspective" in the September issue 1983 of *Word & World: Theology for Christian Ministry*, published by Luther Northwestern Seminary, 2481 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108.