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*An asterisk means that the book is in print; if you wish to purchase it from our friends at Splintered Light Books call 1.800.979.3310.

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Islam and Politics

Lawrence Adams mentioned the work of John Kelsay. Among his books are *Islam and War: A Study in Comparative Ethics** (Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993), which is a comparison of the Western tradition of just war and the Islamic tradition of war. In this book, Kelsay argues that generally, in the just-war tradition, religion is never a just cause for war, whereas in Islam, religion is the only just cause. Kelsay also co-edited (with James Turner Johnson) *Cross, Crescent, and Sword: The Justification and Limitation of War in Western and Islamic Tradition** (Greenwood, 1990). See also *Human Rights and the Conflicts of Culture: Western and Islamic Perspectives on Religious Liberty** (Univ. of South Carolina Press, 1988), co-edited by Kelsay, David Little, Abdulaziz A. Sachedina, and Frederick Denny. Bernard Lewis's *The Political Language of Islam** (Chicago, 1991), traces the development of Islamic political philosophy from the very beginnings to the present. Lewis is also the author of *The Shaping of the Modern Middle East** (Oxford, 1994), *The Assassins: A Radical Sect in Islam** (Oxford, 1987), *Islam and the West** (Oxford, 1994), and *The Multiple Identities of the Middle East** (Schocken, 2001). Of this last book, the review in the *Library Journal* noted: "His new work should be required reading for all Westerners who have any serious interest in understanding how the history and religion of this dynamic area have led to very different interpretations of such traditional Western notions as nation, citizenship, and patriotism. Lewis ably communicates the primary importance of Islam in forming the core personal identity for area Muslims."

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Thomas F. Torrance

Elmer Colyer's *How to Read T. F. Torrance: Understanding His Trinitarian and Scientific Theology** (2001) was published by InterVarsity Press, which also recently reissued Torrance's 1982 book, *Reality and Evangelical Theology: The Realism of Christian Revelation*.* Other books by Torrance include: *The Christian Doctrine of God: One Being Three Persons** (T & T Clark, 1999); *The Trinitarian Faith: The Evangelical Theology of the Ancient Catholic Church** (Clark, 1993); *The Mediation of Christ** (Helmets & Howard, 1992); *The Incarnation: Ecumenical Studies in the*

*Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed** (Wipf & Stock, 1998); *Space, Time and Incarnation** (Clark, 1997); *Space, Time and Resurrection** (Clark, 1998); and *God and Rationality** (Clark, 1987).

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Margaret Visser

Margaret Visser's *The Geometry of Love: Space, Time, Mystery, and Meaning in an Ordinary Church** (2001) is published by North Point Press. Other books by Visser include: *Much Depends on Dinner: The Extraordinary History and Mythology, Allure and Obsessions, Perils and Taboos of an Ordinary Meal** (Collier, 1986); *The Rituals of Dinner: The Origins, Evolution, Eccentricities, and Meaning of Table Manners** (Grove Weidenfeld, 1991); and *The Way We Are: The Astonishing Anthropology of Everyday Life** (Kodansha America, Inc., 1997).

Other Books Mentioned

R. A. Herrera's *Reasons for Our Rhymes: An Inquiry into the Philosophy of History** (2001) is published by Eerdmans. Joseph Pearce's *Tolkien: Man and Myth** (2001) was published by Ignatius.



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