

Innocent Blood Executions During The Anglo Boer War

Capital punishment is irrevocable. It prohibits the correction of mistakes by the justice system and leaves no room for human error, with the gravest of consequences. There is no evidence of a deterrent effect of the death penalty. Those sacrificed on the altar of retributive justice are almost always the most vulnerable. This book covers a wide range of topics, from the discriminatory application of the death penalty, wrongful convictions, proven lack of deterrence effect, to legality of the capital punishment under international law and the morality of taking of human life.

On August 1st, 1901, a new government was installed in the Netherlands, formed by Antirevolutionary Party (ARP) leader Abraham Kuyper. The culmination of decades of relentless effort, it represented a new departure in Dutch politics: a government explicitly invoking the Christian revelation as the basis for its policy. "Revelation over Reason!" had been the battle cry of the campaign, and the majority-Christian Dutch electorate had answered the call. But would the policy results of this Christian coalition government answer to such a high ideal? This was the question posed by P. J. Hoedemaker shortly after the coalition's accession to power. In a series of lectures entitled *A State with the Bible*, he began to weigh the coalition in the balance, setting forth criteria to determine whether the result would answer to the promise. A second series of articles published just prior to the election campaign of 1905 had Hoedemaker drawing up the balance sheet. The conclusion was not encouraging: The coalition had fallen short precisely in the areas where a "state with the Bible" should have stood strong. For Hoedemaker, it had become clear that the question was not one of right or left in terms of party politics. No, it was Neither Right nor Left but the Royal Road, the way of a Christian public policy that transcends party politics. This conclusion was hammered home in a third publication promulgated after the election defeat for Kuyper in 1905. The title speaks volumes: *The Birthright for a Mess of Pottage*, an allusion to Esau's contemptible bargain with Jacob. This was what came of a Christian coalition pursuing the "politics of antithesis," and Hoedemaker's assessment hits the mark not only with regard to the politics of Abraham Kuyper but with the politics of today. For it is the same set of issues with which we still struggle, revolving as they do around the presupposition of the neutral state. The three titles translated here are set in their proper context and as such are allowed to disgorge the wealth of vision contained in them to a generation far downstream from these events, but still feeling their effects. The bottom line: electoral politics in their current configuration are a failure and cannot help but be a failure. The approach needs to be rethought from top to bottom. Hoedemaker offers us a place to start.

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A call for a public accounting and an appeal of the city and national governments' actions in putting down the "riot" during the election of 1857 in Washington, D.C. District citizens maintained that innocent blood was spilled, including that of several blacks, in a wholly unjustifiable employment of force.

Innocent Blood recounts the heart-rending stories of Cape rebels and republican soldiers executed by the British during the Anglo Boer War. These previously untold tales evoke vivid scenes of the brutality that accompanied complete lack of justice, while sketching the tragic details of the suffering and emotional devastation that were the real-life stories touched by these executions. Captivating as these stories are, they were researched extensively - the authors spent months travelling to the sites that witnessed the stories. They were then also condoned by two professors of history.

Roger Williams championed liberty of conscience. Cotton Mather promoted acts of kindness and doing good. Roger Williams was born in London but migrated to Boston and then to Salem, Plymouth, and finally to the town he founded, Providence, Rhode Island. Cotton Mather was born in Boston and never strayed from it. Both were trained Puritan ministers, but the young man Roger resigned from the ministry, saying it was "the best callings but (generally) they are the worst trades in the world." Instead, he made his living "trucking with the Indians." Cotton preached at his pulpit at Boston's Old North Church until seven weeks before he passed away. They both wrote books, especially Cotton, who wrote over four hundred. Alike and yet so different, the two men were thinkers and writers in America's early religious history. Author William H. Benson compares and contrasts Roger Williams and Cotton Mather in this, the first of six volumes of The Parallel Lives of the Noble American Religious Thinkers vs. Believers. Additional volumes will include: Thomas Paine and George Whitefield, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Joseph Smith, William James and Mary Baker Eddy, Mark Twain and Billy Graham, and H. L. Menoken and Jim Bakker.

From pro-life advocate Donald S. Smith comes INNOCENT BLOOD: America's Final Trial, a compelling novel that aims to open the hearts and minds of millions of Americans to the reality of abortion. The novel is the story of a man, Jefferson Maddox, driven by a passion for the

welfare of America's unborn generation. Educated in literature and drama, and married to a uniquely beautiful fashion model, Jefferson Maddox rises to wealth and power as the founder of a billion-dollar financial empire. Deeply concerned about his home state, South Carolina, Maddox becomes governor of the state. His successful recovery program becomes a stepping-stone to the presidency of the United States of America. To resolve abortion, America's deepest moral dilemma, Maddox overrides the U. S. Supreme Court with a powerful, creative strategy that assures unalienable protection for the unborn child from the moment of conception. "The future is in the balance: we can go upward to restoration and success, or downward to defeat and destruction," the author states. *INNOCENT BLOOD: America's Final Trial* challenges the reader to think the problem through and to move in the direction of a permanent solution.

The second Boer War is the most important war in South African history; indeed, without it, South Africa would likely have not existed. But it's also one of the least understood conflicts of the era. Over a century of Leftist bleating and insidious, self-serving revisionism, first by Afrikaner nationalists and then by the apartheid regime, has left the layman with a completely skewed view of the war. Incredibly, most people will tell you that the British attacked the Boers to steal their gold, and that when the clueless, red-jacketed Tommies advanced under orders of bumptious, incompetent British generals they were mowed down in their thousands. Others think of the conflict in terms of "Britain against South Africa" and many believe that the Boers actually won the war; the marginally more enlightened explain away the Boer defeat by claiming it took millions of British troops to beat them, or that it was only the "genocide" of the concentration camps which forced the plucky Boers to throw in the towel. "It's all bosh. This book will take everything you thought you 'knew' about the war and turn it on its head. From Kruger's expansionist dream of an Afrikaans empire "from the Zambesi to the Cape", to the murder and devastation wrought on Natal by his invading commandos, to the savage massacres of thousands of blacks committed by the "gallant" bitter-einders, the reader will have his eyes opened to the brutal realities of the conflict, and be forced to reassess previously held notions of the rights and wrongs of the war. Hard-hitting and uncomfortable reading for those who do not want their bubble of ignorance burst, Kruger, Kommandos & Kak exposes that side of the Boer War which the apartheid propaganda machine didn't want you to know about.

This study examines the conflict over capital punishment and the transformation of American culture between the Revolution and the Civil War.

It has been said by some that the Bible is a Book of blood. Those who live outside of its Covenants are often repelled by the Old Testament's verses that describe in graphic detail the shedding of innocent blood. In the New Testament, the horrific act of Jesus' bloody execution is the climactic act of the Gospel narratives. In this brief commentary, the author examines the blood of Jesus Christ as much more than a subject for theological study; the blood is central to the life and salvation of every believer.

Sr Helen Prejean has accompanied five men to execution since she began her work in 1982. She believes the last two, Dobie Williams in Louisiana and Joseph O'Dell in Virginia, were innocent, but their juries were blocked from seeing all the evidence and their defence teams were incompetent. 'The readers of this book will be the first "jury" with access to all the evidence the trial juries never saw', she says. *The Death of Innocents* shows how race, prosecutorial ambition, poverty and publicity determine who dies and who lives. Prejean raises profound constitutional questions about the legality of the death penalty.

These studies by an academic who is also a former practising lawyer seek to establish the principles of biblical law as represented in the Sinai traditions. Specific topics

covered include adultery, family law, slavery, animals and wealth; respect for life and the general biblical moral tradition are also discussed. The collection also deals with wider issues of prophecy and law, the relationship of torah and mishpat (especially in relation to Second Isaiah), and laws in the book of Ruth, and includes a discussion of the place of biblical law in contemporary society.

"The work begins as Fernandez' first person death-row confession on how "the habitual use of ardent spirits" led to his life of crime. His confession is then followed by commentary (presumably by Bayer) on how alcohol led all these men to such total ruin. The annexed twelve-page temperance lecture further ties drinking to Fernandez' awful outcome and warns parents to teach their children "the fatal consequences of Intemperance." Extracts from this work were included in the 1830 "Mirror for the Intemperate", a Boston broadside in support of the growing crusade against liquor consumption."--Description from Buddenbrooks, bookseller.

Adopted as a child into a privileged family, Philippa Palfrey fantasizes that she is the daughter of an aristocrat and a parlor maid. The terrifying truth about her parents and a long-ago murder is only the first in a series of shocking betrayals. Philippa quickly learns that those who delve into the secrets of the past must be on guard when long-buried horrors begin to stir. "As a crime novel," wrote the London Times, *Innocent Blood* is "the peak of the art." "Flawlessly crafted...profoundly, masterfully moving," *Cosmopolitan* concurred.

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WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU THINKING FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE? focuses on difficult, perplexing and sometimes contentious moral and ethical issues confronting the modern church today. The issues of divorce, same-sex marriage and capital punishment can become so confusing that the church in many areas is tempted to succumb to the spirit of the age and be subdued into the world's ways of thinking and acting. **WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU THINKING FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE?** sheds new light and answers on some tough ethical issues.

Experts on both side of the issue speak out both for and against capital punishment and the rationale behind their individual beliefs.

How can humans ever attain the knowledge required to administer and implement divine law and render perfect justice in this world? Contrary to the belief that religious law is infallible, Chaya T. Halberstam shows that early rabbinic jurisprudence is characterized by fundamental uncertainty. She argues that while the Hebrew Bible created a sense of confidence and transparency before the law, the rabbis complicated the paths to knowledge and undermined the stability of personal status and ownership, and notions of guilt or innocence. Examining the facts of legal judgments through midrashic discussions of the law and evidence, Halberstam discovers that rabbinic understandings of the law were riddled with doubt and challenged the possibility of true justice. This book thoroughly engages law, narrative, and theology to explicate rabbinic legal authority and its limits.

Royer examines the changing ritual of execution across five centuries and discovers a shift both in practice and in the message that was sent to the population at large. She argues that what began as a show of retribution and revenge became a ceremonial portrayal of redemption as the political, religious and cultural landscape of England evolved.

The death penalty in classical Judaism has been a highly politicized subject in modern scholarship. Enlightenment attacks on the Talmud's legitimacy led scholars to use the Talmud's criminal law as evidence for its elevated morals. But even more pressing was the need to prove Jews' innocence of the charge of killing Christ. The reconstruction of a just Jewish death penalty was a defense against the accusation that a corrupt Jewish court was responsible for the death of Christ. In *Execution and Invention*, Beth A. Berkowitz tells the story of modern scholarship on the ancient rabbinic death penalty and offers a fresh perspective using the approaches of ritual studies, cultural criticism, and talmudic source criticism. Against the scholarly consensus, Berkowitz argues that the early Rabbis used the rabbinic laws of the death penalty to establish their power in the wake of the destruction of the Temple. Following recent currents in historiography, Berkowitz sees the Rabbis as an embattled, almost invisible sect within second-century Judaism. The function of their death penalty laws, Berkowitz contends, was to create a complex ritual of execution under rabbinic control, thus bolstering rabbinic claims to authority in the context of Roman political and cultural domination. Understanding rabbinic literature to be in dialogue with the Bible, with the variety of ancient Jews, and with Roman imperialism, Berkowitz shows how the Rabbis tried to create an appealing alternative to the Roman, paganized culture of Palestine's Jews. In their death penalty, the Rabbis substituted Rome's power with their own. Early Christians, on the other hand, used death penalty discourse to critique judicial power. But Berkowitz argues that the Christian critique of execution produced new claims to authority as much as the rabbinic embrace. By comparing rabbinic conversations about the death penalty with Christian ones, Berkowitz reveals death penalty discourse as a significant means of creating authority in second-century western religious cultures. Advancing the death penalty discourse as a discourse of power, Berkowitz sheds light on the central relationship between religious and political authority and the severest form of punishment.

This study provides an extensive literary analysis of the texts dealing with king Manasseh in 2 Kgs. The implications of the analysis lead the author to argue for a new understanding of the composition of the final chapters of Kings.

For Paine, Wollstonecraft, and Williams, the crisis in representation was actually a variety of representational crises. That they returned to the paradigms of the past to resolve the crisis signified that they were rewriting the Revolution within the textual space of the tradition they had originally opposed.

A study of Ivan the Terrible's depiction in Russian folklore, and the controversies surrounding it.

Selected by *Choice* magazine as an Outstanding Academic Title Land ownership was not the sole reason for conflict between Indians and English, Jenny Pulsipher writes in *Subjects unto the Same King*, a book that cogently redefines the relationship between Indians and colonists in seventeenth-century New England. Rather, the story is much more complicated—and much more

interesting. It is a tale of two divided cultures, but also of a host of individuals, groups, colonies, and nations, all of whom used the struggle between and within Indian and English communities to promote their own authority. As power within New England shifted, Indians appealed outside the region—to other Indian nations, competing European colonies, and the English crown itself—for aid in resisting the overbearing authority of such rapidly expanding societies as the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Thus Indians were at the center—and not always on the losing end—of a contest for authority that spanned the Atlantic world. Beginning soon after the English settled in Plymouth, the power struggle would eventually spawn a devastating conflict—King Philip's War—and draw the intervention of the crown, resulting in a dramatic loss of authority for both Indians and colonists by century's end. Through exhaustive research, Jenny Hale Pulsipher has rewritten the accepted history of the Indian-English relationship in colonial New England, revealing it to be much more complex and nuanced than previously supposed.

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