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Review of Operation World

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its crusader impulses in favor of peacemaking through cooperation with international agencies and organizations designed to unify the world community.

Extensive endnotes provide access to the authors' sources, and an index of names and subjects to the topics discussed in the text are useful for reference. An "Index of Ancient Texts," which is almost all from the Hebrew and Christian Canon, are a helpful guide to finding the religious passages, which have been used to support the concept of America's divine mission. It is recommended for all libraries.

Operation World, by Patrick Johnstone and Jason Mandryk. Carlisle, Cumbria, UK: Paternoster Lifestyle, 2001. 6th ed. 811 pp. \$17.99. ISBN 1-85078-357-8.

Reviewed by Rory Patterson, User Education Librarian, Cedarville Univ., Cedarville, OH.

Operation World is a classic, often-updated book designed to help Christians pray for the nations of the world. Now it is also a good reference book on the nations and people groups of the world. The core of the book is its alphabetical listing of countries with information – mostly religious statistics – and prayer requests for each. The book also has very useful table of contents, indexes, and appendices, which allow one to search by people group or by country. Most of the nine appendices are very helpful, such as Appendix 8, which lists the statistical sources used, and Appendix 2, whose eight pages lists resource websites. The last appendix is not helpful; it is advertisements for the Operation World CD-Rom and other resources by Operation Mobilization. Since Operation World is to enable prayer, the bottom of each page in the body of the book lists the day or days to pray for that content.

The sixth edition does have several worthwhile improvements from the previous editions. A second author helped with the research and writing. The book updated its classifications to match other sources, enabling it to be more useful as a reference book. It has easier to read graphs and maps, compared to the fifth edition, and now includes web addresses. There are also

more appendices than the fifth edition. The only negative change is the CD-Rom; much of the enhanced content derived from the second author is now on the CD-Rom, which the book pushes eagerly. This book is recommended for Christian colleges and seminaries, for either an addition or an upgrade.

From Rebellion to Redemption : A Journey Through the Great Themes of Christian Faith, by Randal Working. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 2001. ISBN 1-57683-285-6.

Reviewed by John E. Shaffett, Technical Services Librarian, Baptist College of Florida, Graceville, Florida.

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From Rebellion to Redemption is designed around the Heidelberg Catechism, one of the great doctrinal documents produced in the Reformation era. It is arranged in 52-week segments. Each segment presents questions and answers from the catechism, with scriptural references; brief and insightful exposition, which is helpful; and excellent reflections from a variety of Christian writers representing different traditions.

This book helps us explore the key doctrines of the Christian faith and apply them to our daily lives as we seek to follow Jesus in Christian discipleship. From Rebellion to Redemption is applicable to either individual or group study.

I recommend this book to all Christians and all libraries that serve Christians. Although the Heidelberg Catechism presents the basic teachings of the Christian faith from the Reformed-Presbyterian tradition, it is applicable to all faith traditions. This book will help Christians to nurture themselves in the great doctrinal truths of the Christian faith, and to strengthen them in Christian discipleship.

A Case for Amillennialism: Understanding the End Times, by Kim Riddlebarger. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2003. 271 pp. \$16.99. ISBN 0-85111-1997-2.

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