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Muhling's "T&T Clark Handbook of Christian Eschatology" (Book Review)

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charismatics who neglect it” (p. 39). At the same time, Keener critiques MacArthur for making claims about all Pentecostals that are not substantiated with data, and he is often guilty of the “composition fallacy” in logic. The essays range from historical analysis, such as a refutation of MacArthur’s claim that spiritual gifts were rejected by the early church and Jonathan Edwards, to exegetical studies of passages such as Ephesians 2:20 and 1 Corinthians 3:8. This book is valuable in providing additional perspectives on the topic of the place of spiritual gifts, whether miracles, healing, or prophecy, in the church today, and would make a good addition to a library’s collection.

T&T Clark Handbook of Christian Eschatology,

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Written as a seminary-level textbook, the T&T Clark Handbook of Christian Eschatology includes dozens of footnotes and a twenty page (with fine print) bibliography. Also included are a five page Scripture index; a six page author index; and a twelve page subject index with all pages double columned and fine print. The very detailed table of contents includes chapter titles that explain the scholarly emphasis: Introduction (to Eschatalogy), The Trinitarian Basis for Eschatalogy: The Eschatol, The Eschaton, The Pre-Eschaton, and The Eschaton. Billed as a “systematic theology” the text offers a collection of past and current thoughts on themes vaguely related to eschatology, without a coherent basis in scripture. Themes include: “Origins of the Term Eschatology”; the “Logic of Hope”; “The Constitution of Faith and Christian Practice”; “Models of Time and Eternity”; “Models of Space and Infinity”; “The Good, the True and the Beautiful”; “Annihilation or Transformation?”; “Humanity and Death in Theological Tradition”; “The Apocalyptic Revelation of the Future of History”; “Trans-historical Versions of the Parousia”; “Bodily Resurrection in the History of Theology”; “The Living Body as the Medium of Communicative Relationality”; “The Judgement as Transformation and Constitution of Personal Identity”; and “The Consummation of the Kingdom of God as the Eschatical Reality.” While German theologians are prominently featured, the text also considers the work of a host of nineteenth and twentieth century theologians and philosophers. While the text raises a number of important questions, answers are in short supply. This book is not recommended.