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Book Reviews



Wilkens, S. (Ed.). (2017). *Christian ethics: Four views*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic. 232 pp. \$21.00. ISBN 9780830840236

Wilkens, professor of philosophy and ethics at Azusa Pacific University, edited this work and provides an introduction to general Christian ethics, the three standard Christian ethical theories, and fourth traditional theory addressed in this work. The book then moves into the four main sections. The sections start with the explanation of each ethical system by a proponent, and is followed with roughly five pages of responses from each of the proponents of the other three views. The number of footnotes varies by author, but the resources mentioned serve well for an undergraduate student.

The range of authors is impressive. B. J. Kallenberg, professor of theology and ethics at the University of Dayton, presents virtue ethics. C. Brown Peterson, associate professor of philosophy at Asbury University, presents natural law ethics. J. Hare, Noah Porter Professor of Philosophical Theology at Yale University, presents Divine Command ethics. P. Goodwin Heltzel, associate professor of systematic theology at New York Theological Seminary, presents prophetic ethics. The book ends with an excellent index. In spite of its lack of a bibliography, this work is an excellent introduction to Christian ethics and is recommended for undergraduates and beginning graduate students.

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