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Book Reviews



Green, G. L., Pardue, S. T., & Yeo, K. K. (2016). *The Spirit over the earth: Pneumatology in the majority world*. Carlisle, UK: Langham Global Library. 195 pp. \$18.00. ISBN 9781783682560

The Spirit over the Earth is part of the Majority World Theology series, a collaboration between Eerdmans Publishing and the Langham Global Library. The purpose of this series is to produce textbooks reflecting the well-documented reality that the central locus of Christianity has shifted from Western Europe and North America to Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Contributors to the series are all either from Majority World countries or have worked extensively in the Majority World. Other volumes include *So Great a Salvation*, *The Trinity Among the Nations*, and *Jesus Without Borders*.

This volume follows in a similar vein to others in the series: it is a collection of essays by both biblical scholars and theologians, in this case focusing on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Essay authors are Amos Yong, an Asian American scholar, Ivan Satyavrata and Zakali Shohe, both Indians, Chinese biblical scholar Wei Hua, Africans Samuel M. Ngewa and David Tonghou Ngong, and Latin Americans Oscar Garcia-Johnson and C. Rene Padilla. Thus, there is good representation from all corners of the Majority World. However, the volume would be stronger with a contribution from an Indigenous North American: Garcia-Johnson's essay "In Search of Indigenous Pneumatologies in the Americas" is somewhat misleading, as it is primarily Latin American in orientation.

Essay topics range from overly general (i.e. "Pneumatology: Its Implications for the African Context") to the overly specific (i.e. "Pauline Pneumatology and the Chinese Rites: Spirit and Culture in the Holy See's Missionary Strategy"). Because of this, this reviewer would argue the book would serve better as supplementary reading in a course on pneumatology, rather than as a stand-alone textbook on the subject.

Of greatest interest to readers of *The Christian Librarian* will be the bibliographies included at the end of each chapter. The resources listed are current relevant, and would serve as valuable collection development tools for libraries wishing to add resources by Majority World scholars. Recommended for Bible colleges, universities, and seminaries, especially those with a missiological focus or those serving a diverse student body.

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