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The Heart of Christian Ethics Wipf and Stock Publishers

There has been an increasing interest in the meaning and importance of friendship in recent years, particularly in the West. However, the history of friendship, and the ways in which it has changed over time, have rarely been examined. *Friendship: A History* traces the development of friendship in Europe from the Hellenistic period to today. The book brings together a range of essays that examine the language of friendship and its significance in terms of ethics, social institutions, religious organizations and political alliances. The essays study the works of classical and contemporary authors to explore the role of friendship in Western philosophy. Ranging from renaissance friendships to Christian and secular friendships and from women's writing to the role of class and sex in friendships, *Friendship: A History* will be invaluable to students and scholars of social history.

*Friendship and Agent-Relative Morality* Phoemixx Classics Ebooks

An introduction to Christian ethics explores ethics as a path to happiness as opposed to a set of strict rules, addressing the topics of friendship, community, conscience, prudence, virtue, and love.

Virtue, Friendship and Happiness in the Moral Life Courier Corporation

*Friendship, Altruism, and Morality*, originally published in 1980, gives an account of "altruistic emotions" (compassion, sympathy, concern) and friendship that brings out their moral value. Blum argues that moral theories centered on rationality, universal principle, obligation, and impersonality cannot capture this moral importance. This was one of the first books in contemporary moral philosophy to emphasize the moral significance of emotions, to deal with friendship as a moral phenomenon, and to challenge the rationalism of standard interpretations of Kant, although Blum's "sentimentalism" owes more to Schopenhauer than to Hume. It was a forerunner to care ethics, and feminist ethics more generally; to virtue ethics; and to subsequent influential interpretations of Kant that attempted to room for altruistic emotion and friendship, and other forms of particularism and partialism. In addition, the work has been widely influential in religious studies, political theory, bioethics, and feminist ethics.

**Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics** University of Notre Dame Press

Most of us think morality is an unpleasant reality marked by authority, confusion and either oversimplification or too many grey areas. Yet the moral life is one of the most creative aspects of our life. It is not just what we do, but who we become as persons. It leads us to find wholeness, peace, and above all, happiness. Morality is the art of human living that draws the best out of us and brings us closer to God and to one another. This volume is intended as an introduction for thinking Catholics. It begins with a general overview of what the Catholic tradition means by "morality." It continues with chapters on sin, virtue, conscience, sexuality, friendship, liturgy, health care ethics and business ethics. It ends with a chapter on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit which in the Catholic tradition are the culmination of a life of virtue.

**Friendship** A&C Black

Enduringly profound treatise, whose lasting effect on Western philosophy continues to resonate.

Aristotle identifies the goal of life as happiness and discusses its attainment through the contemplation of philosophic truth.

Revisions

Friendship was recognized as a central moral value in the classical period, but it was dismissed from medieval, modern, and twentieth century moral theories. This book argues that this dismissal is unjustifiable. The validity of this claim is established in four steps. First, it proposes the concept of moral paradigm. This concept enables us to explore the source of moral value and to provide a criterion for the evaluation of the adequacy of moral theory. Second, the book explains why medieval, modern and twentieth century moral theorists neglected friendship as a central moral value in their analysis of moral behavior and why this neglect was unjustifiable. Third, it explains why the classical moral philosophers viewed friendship as a central moral value. Fourth, it argues that friendship is an ontological need, therefore, a necessary condition of the moral life. This need is implicitly recognized in the moral paradigms that underlie the moral theories of the medieval, modern, and twentieth century moral theories. Accordingly it cannot be neglected in the process of moral theorizing.

The Primacy of Love Wipf and Stock Publishers

This book explores the unprecedented challenge of involuntary singleness for women, and the implications of disregarding this challenge for the Christian (and particularly, baptistic) communities of faith. It argues that these communities not only fail involuntarily single women, but also in so doing, suffer a serious detriment to their own communal health and Christian witness. Taking the challenge of involuntary singleness as a test case, this book explores the method of convictional theology and argues for a holistic framework that can draw together the personal, communal, and visionary spheres of human existence. Although primarily a work of theological ethics, it also draws from a number of different disciplines, including cultural studies and sociology as well as intersections of science and theology.

*On Friendship* SUNY Press

Examines how Aristotle posits political philosophy and the experience of friendship as a means to bind strictly intellectual virtue with morality. In this book, Ann Ward explores Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, focusing on the progressive structure of the argument. Aristotle begins by giving an account of moral virtue from the perspective of the moral agent, only to find that the account itself highlights fundamental tensions within the virtues that push the moral agent into the realm of intellectual virtue. However, the existence of an intellectual realm separate from the moral realm can lead to lack of self-restraint. Aristotle, Ward argues, locates political philosophy and the experience of friendship as possible solutions to the problem of lack of self-restraint, since political philosophy thinks about the human things in a universal way, and friendship grounds the pursuit of the good which is happiness understood as contemplation. Ward concludes that Aristotle's philosophy of friendship points to the embodied intellect of timocratic friends and mothers in their activity of mothering as engaging in the highest form of contemplation and thus living the happiest life.

*Love of Friendship in the Christian Life* Rodopi

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**The Word Before the Powers** Augsburg Fortress Publishers

Addresses the question of whether special preference for friends is morally justified.

**Emotions in the Moral Life** Wipf and Stock Publishers

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a child-centered, Montessori-based process of Christian formation. Since 1984, catechists in the United States who have worked in the Catechesis have exchanged the fruits of their work -- children's drawings, work, and prayers; practical ideas and how-to's -- and materials for study and encouragement in an annual journal. These collected journals from 1984 to 1997, and now from 1998 to 2002, provide a valuable resource for Good Shepherd catechists and a history of their work in the United States for anyone interested in knowing more about the Catechesis. Book jacket.

**Friendship: Exploring Its Implications for the Church in Postmodernity** Brazos Press

Friendship and the Moral Life University of Notre Dame Press

An Ethic of Preaching Temple University Press

An eminent philosopher reflects on the nature of friendship, past and present. Friends are a constant feature of our lives, yet friendship itself is difficult to define. Even Michel de Montaigne, author of the seminal essay "Of Friendship," found it nearly impossible to account for the great friendship of his life. Why is something so commonplace and universal so hard to grasp? What is it about the nature of friendship that proves so elusive? In *On Friendship*, the acclaimed philosopher Alexander Nehamas launches an original and far-ranging investigation of friendship. Exploring the long history of philosophical thinking on the subject, from Aristotle to Emerson and beyond, and drawing on examples from literature, art, drama, and his own life, Nehamas shows that for centuries, friendship was as much a public relationship as it was a private one--inseparable from politics and commerce, favors and perks. Now that it is more firmly in the private realm, Nehamas holds, close friendship is central to the good life. Profound and affecting, *On Friendship* sheds light on why we love our friends--and how they determine who we are, and who we might become.

**Journal of Moral Theology, Volume 10, Issue 1** Cambridge University Press

This book offers a comprehensive account of the major philosophical works on friendship and its relationship to self-love. The book gives central place to Aristotle's searching examination of friendship in the *Nicomachean Ethics*. Lorraine Pangle argues that the difficulties surrounding this discussion are soon dispelled once one understands the purpose of the *Ethics* as both a source of practical guidance for life and a profound, theoretical investigation into human nature. The book also provides fresh interpretations of works on friendship by Plato, Cicero, Epicurus, Seneca, Montaigne and Bacon. The author shows how each of these thinkers sheds light on central questions of moral philosophy: is human sociability rooted in neediness or strength? is the best life chiefly solitary, or dedicated to a community with others? Clearly structured and engagingly written, this book will appeal to a broad swathe of readers across philosophy, classics and political science.

Nicomachean Ethics Oxford University Press

Thomas Aquinas was a man with a strategy -- not a strategy to assist us in good decision-making or a strategy to help us resolve our problems of conscience, but a strategy to work toward our personal transformation in light of God's love for us. Aquinas has traditionally been represented as a man whose ethics are overly rational, excessively formal, and too scholarly to be of much use in

contemporary society. The *Primacy of Love* gives us a fresh look at his ethical thought and invites us to become part of his vision of the moral life as partners in God's perfect love. Author Paul Wadell gives special attention to the role of the passions, affections, and emotions in our moral life and creates a richly humane and compelling study written in a clear and accessible style. The *Primacy of Love* is a modern map for our own moral journey that is not so much something to study, but a way of life in which to participate. To follow this journey is to take up an adventure that will involve you from the center of your being and will change you forever.

*Friendship, Community, and the Moral Life* Routledge

This one-stop reference book on the vital relationship between Scripture and ethics offers needed orientation and perspective for students, pastors, and scholars. Written to respond to the movement among biblical scholars and ethicists to recover the Bible for moral formation, it is the best reference work available on the intersection of these two fields. The volume shows how Christian Scripture and Christian ethics are necessarily intertwined and offers up-to-date treatment of five hundred biblical, traditional, and contemporary topics, ranging from adultery, bioethics, and Colossians to vegetarianism, work, and Zephaniah. The stellar ecumenical list of contributors consists of more than two hundred leading scholars from the fields of biblical studies and ethics, including Darrell Bock, David Gushee, Amy Laura Hall, Daniel Harrington, Dennis Olson, Christine Pohl, Glen Stassen, and Max Stackhouse.

**Worship, Justice, and the Practice of Christian Friendship** Baker Books

In the thick of modern life, we are tempted to forget what we are doing and why we are doing it. We are busy socializing, building careers, and looking for fun—but what's it all for? The ancient concept of "vocation" has recently gained popularity as we return to questions about the meaning of life. Almost all religions include the idea that divine purposes should guide our lives; Christianity has particularly accented it. The God who called Israel and sent Jesus has something in mind for us. God's call challenges us, but also opens us to the best sort of life imaginable. In *Living Vocationally*, the challenge and the joy of the called life is thoroughly explored. Part one considers the benefits of living vocationally, biblical traditions of call, and subsequent Christian understandings. Part two examines why vocation pertains not only to careers, but indeed touches every dimension of our lives and encompasses our full journey through life. Because every person's life includes many callings, some very difficult, part three considers the virtues we need to live the called life well. *Living Vocationally* demonstrates why to have found a calling is to have found a good way to live.

**Whatever Happened to Sin?** Wipf and Stock Publishers

Theological reflection on friendship, as a particular form of Christian love, emerges in Holy Scripture and continues to be elaborated in the Christian tradition. However, "love of friendship" was at times absorbed into the other traditional understanding of love--"love of God and of neighbor." After a philosophical-historical study of the Greco-Roman roots of friendship in moral reflection, and how (and to what extent) this was appropriated in the Christian tradition, this book illustrates the transcendental character and the novelty of the Christian understanding of friendship found in Holy Scripture, focusing particularly on the most relevant texts in the Fourth Gospel where "love" and "friendship" stand to be important themes. It also shows how Saint Thomas Aquinas, through his exegesis of the Fourth Gospel, his synthesis of the Christian tradition, and his ability to rearticulate

Christian theology through Aristotelian philosophy, inimitably defines the theological virtue of caritas as "friendship with God." In so doing he depicts friendship as the finality, the telos, of the Christian life. Finally, the book aims to show how the retrieval of a proper theology of friendship, rooted in Holy Scripture and Christian tradition, can enrich the life of an authentic Christian and contribute to the ongoing process of renewing moral theology.

Friendship Routledge

Provides a theologically substantive yet accessible overview of moral theology grounded in the

Catholic tradition that is also illuminative to non-Catholic Christians.

*Happiness and the Christian Moral Life* LiturgyTrainingPublications

Understanding Friendship illustrates friendship as an expression of Christian love that can enrich one's life and be socially, culturally, and politically significant. The book examines what friendship is, how its distinctive moral status can be supported by multiple approaches to Christian ethics, and its part in Christian spirituality.

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