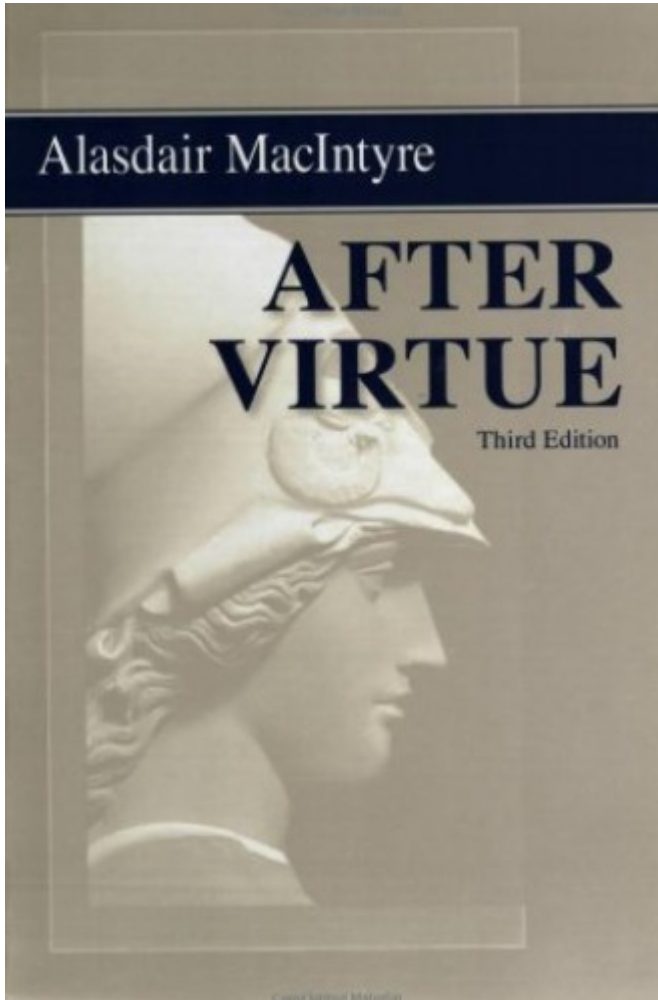


Sarah Coakley's runners-up

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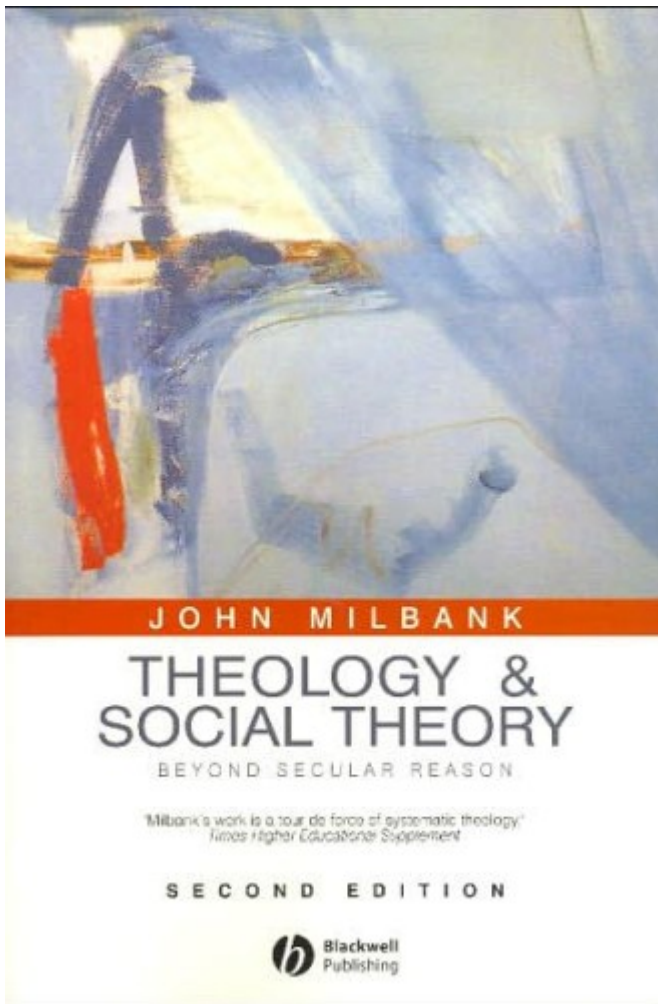
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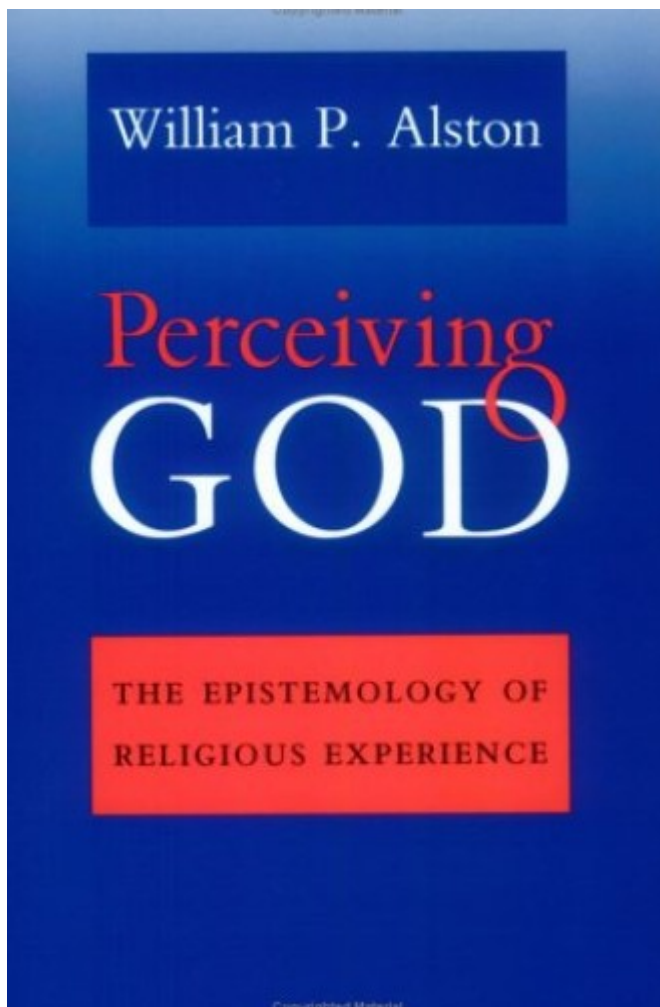
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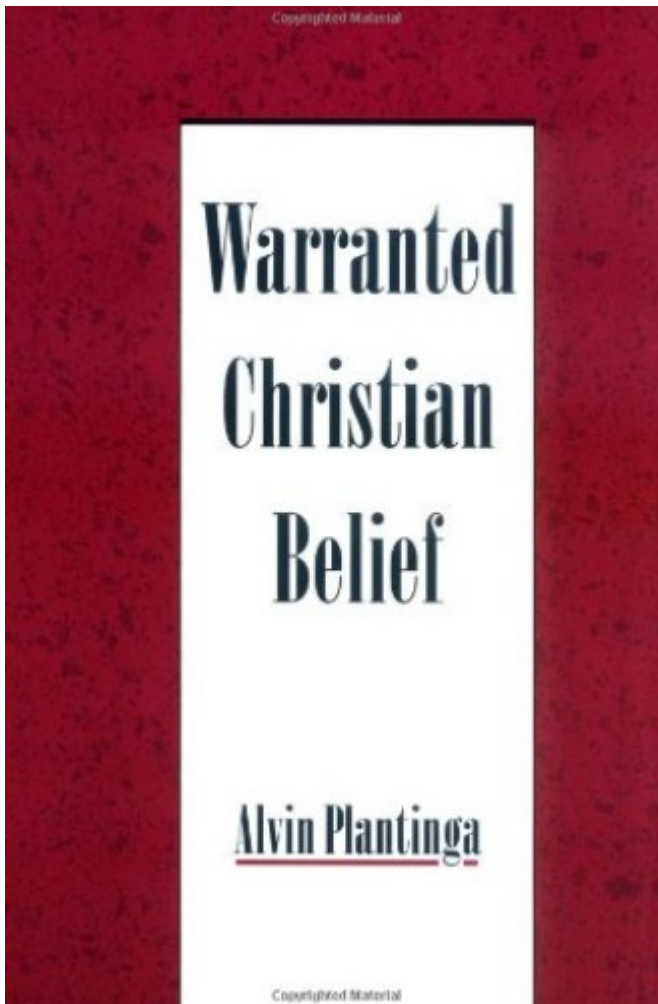
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Wiley-Blackwell



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Cornell University Press



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by Alvin Plantinga
Oxford University Press

Suppose someone who hasn't been keeping up with theology for the past 25 years now wants to read the most important books written during that time. What five titles would you suggest?

We posed this question to eight theologians and [published their responses](#) in our [fall books issue](#). Of course, it's hard to narrow a list down to just five titles—so a couple of them passed along some additional choices as well. We're posting these runners-up here on the blog.

Sarah Coakley teaches at Cambridge and wrote [Powers and Submissions](#). Here are her [top five picks](#):

Andrew Louth, *The Origins of the Christian Mystical Tradition*

Steven Payne, *John of the Cross and the Cognitive Value of Mysticism*

Richard Swinburne, *The Existence of God*

Linda Alcoff and Elizabeth Potter, editors. *Feminist Epistemologies*

William T. Cavanaugh, *Torture and Eucharist: Theology, Politics, and the Body of Christ*

For her comments, see the [magazine article](#). Here are four additional selections from Coakley:

Alasdair MacIntyre, *After Virtue: A Study in Moral Theory*

John Milbank, *Theology and Social Theory: Beyond Secular Reason*

William P. Alston, *Perceiving God: The Epistemology of Religious Experience*

Alvin Plantinga, *Warranted Christian Belief*

See more theologians' [top choices](#). What would be your picks?