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Putting God on Trial Wipf and Stock Publishers

The Anchor Bible offers new, book-by-book translations of the Old and New Testaments and Apocrypha, with commentary. This volume on "The Wisdom of Solomon" as been prepared by David Winston, Professor of Hellenistic and Judaic Studies and Director of the Center for Judaic Studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. "The Wisdom of Solomon" is a long and subtly poetic work placed in the mouth of "wise" King Solomon. It blends biblical thought and Middle Platonism. David Winston thoroughly analyzes the book, presenting the philosophical situation clearly and putting forth evidence to suggest that the work was written later than is commonly supposed, during the reign of Caligula (A.D. 37-41), and by a single author. Because of its exclusion from the canon of scripture used by Jews and Protestant Christians, "The Wisdom of Solomon" has been neglected by biblical scholars in general. Dr. Winston's commentary is the first to thoroughly cover both previous research and recent developments such as the Qumran scrolls, papyrus discoveries in Egypt, and new knowledge of ancient Iranian religion. It is a major contribution to the study of the apocryphal literature of the Bible.

Job- Everyman's Bible Commentary Yale University Press

Many scholars find the legal metaphor of an Oath of Innocence inappropriate, though for different reasons. Some liberal scholars opt for an aesthetic, not a moral, resolution of the question of evil in the world. They find a sublime beauty in God's review of the animal and physical worlds, Behemoth and Leviathan. But that is all they find. They find no suggestions of moral purpose in God's creation and control of evil. Indeed, they feel none could be forthcoming. God is beyond good and evil so no moral resolution is possible. Since no moral resolution is possible, a legal metaphor such as a lawsuit dramatizing the moral question is inappropriate. They interpret Job to understand that position. And they interpret him to retract the lawsuit in its entirety. This author feels such liberal scholars miss a moral resolution for five reasons. (a) First, they fail to give adequate weight to Satan's first speech in heaven setting out the moral solution. (b) Second, they misinterpret Job's struggle with God to be a request for a restoration of his former position, rather than a request to know the reason behind evil in the world. (c) Third, they fail to appreciate the moral restrictions under which God has to operate. God cannot reveal any moral answers directly without defeating his very purpose in the creation and control of evil. As a result, they miss the suggestions of moral purpose in God's two speeches and the inferences God would have Job draw. (d) Fourth, they fail to fully appreciate the legal dynamics of the enforcement mechanism of Job's Oath of Innocence. In particular, they fail to appreciate the distinction between causal responsibility and moral blameworthiness. Thus, they do not understand God's comments concerning vindication and condemnation in his first speech to Job. And they do not

understand Job's hesitation to proceed beyond his own vindication to a condemnation of God in Job's first speech to God. Ultimately, they fail to see Job's adjournment and continuation of his Oath of Innocence implied by the allusion to the story of Abraham and Sodom and Gomorrah in Job's final speech. (e) Finally, they fail to give full expression to God's ultimate judgement on Job. Job and only Job spoke rightly about God. In the face of such a judgement, there is no room to deny the ultimate propriety of the moral and legal question as a way of framing man's encounter with God. Some conservative scholars opt for a moral resolution of the question of evil in the world, but their resolution is equally unsatisfying. They interpret Job's so-called excessive words and his Oath of Innocence to be sins of presumption. Thus they would have Job retract his lawsuit in its entirety and repent morally for either his so-called excessive words, his raising of the lawsuit or both. This author feels such conservative scholars miss a satisfactory moral resolution for three reasons. (a) First, they fail to understand the depth of Satan's challenge to God. It is not merely that Job will curse God. It is that God is wrong in his judgement on Job's goodness. God missed sin in Job's life. Such scholars think their moral resolution is possible, because although Job sins, Job does not actually curse God. Their resolution actually makes Satan right in his challenge of God so that God should step down from his throne and destroy mankind. (b) Second, they fail to give proper weight to Job's blamelessness and integrity. The raising of the Oath of Innocence is an expression of that blamelessness and integrity. It is what God expects of Job, though he cannot tell him that directly. (c) Finally, they fail to give full expression of God's ultimate judgement on Job. Job and only Job spoke rightly about God. In the face of such a judgement, there is no room to attribute sin or wrongdoing to Job for either his so-called excessive words or for his Oath of Innocence. My personal interpretation charts a new middle course between these two-fold horrors

Job Anchor Bible

Part of the Jewish Encounter series From one of our most trusted spiritual advisers, a thoughtful, illuminating guide to that most fascinating of biblical texts, the book of Job, and what it can teach us about living in a troubled world. The story of Job is one of unjust things happening to a good man. Yet after losing everything, Job—though confused, angry, and questioning God—refuses to reject his faith, although he challenges some central aspects of it. Rabbi Harold S. Kushner examines the questions raised by Job's experience, questions that have challenged wisdom seekers and worshippers for centuries. What kind of God permits such bad things to happen to good people? Why does God test loyal followers? Can a truly good God be all-powerful? Rooted in the text, the critical tradition that surrounds it, and the author's own profoundly moral thinking, Kushner's study gives us the book of Job as a touchstone for our time. Taking lessons from historical and personal tragedy, Kushner teaches us about what can and cannot be controlled, about the power of faith when all seems dark, and about our ability to find God. Rigorous and insightful yet deeply affecting, The Book of Job

is balm for a distressed age—and Rabbi Kushner's most important book since *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. *Job* Princeton University Press

The life and times of this iconic and enduring biblical book The book of Job raises stark questions about the meaning of innocent suffering and the relationship of the human to the divine, yet it is also one of the Bible's most obscure and paradoxical books. Mark Larrimore provides a panoramic history of this remarkable book, traversing centuries and traditions to examine how Job's trials and his challenge to God have been used and understood in diverse contexts, from commentary and liturgy to philosophy and art. Larrimore traces Job's reception by figures such as Gregory the Great, William Blake, and Elie Wiesel, and reveals how Job has come to be viewed as the Bible's answer to the problem of evil and the perennial question of why a God who supposedly loves justice permits bad things to happen to good people.

The Book of Job Wipf and Stock Publishers

The NIV Application Commentary helps you communicate and apply biblical text effectively in today's context. To bring the ancient messages of the Bible into today's world, each passage is treated in three sections: Original Meaning. Concise exegesis to help readers understand the original meaning of the biblical text in its historical, literary, and cultural context. Bridging Contexts. A bridge between the world of the Bible and the world of today, built by discerning what is timeless in the timely pages of the Bible. Contemporary Significance. This section identifies comparable situations to those faced in the Bible and explores relevant application of the biblical messages. The author alerts the readers of problems they may encounter when seeking to apply the passage and helps them think through the issues involved. This unique, award-winning commentary is the ideal resource for today's preachers, teachers, and serious students of the Bible, giving them the tools, ideas, and insights they need to communicate God's Word with the same powerful impact it had when it was first written.

The Book of Job Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG

Do we truly understand the Book of Job? Can we fathom the argumentation set forth in this profound literature? What can it tell us about faith and suffering? To assist us in answering these questions, Roy B. Suck has enlisted the aid of respected Old Testament scholars who have analyzed the Book of Job and garnered keen insights into Job's world and the dialog found in this fascinating book. Among the contributors are D. A. Carson, Edwin Good, R. Laird Harris, Matitahu Tsevat, Claus Westermann, and others, all of whom have made significant contributions to our understanding of the Book of Job. This collection also draws on commentators of the past. Together they provide a penetrating guide to the salient issues and key texts, giving us an anthology that brings together some of the best thinking available on an often misunderstood book of the Bible. Part 1 of 'Sitting with Job' provides an overview of the structure, purpose, and message of Job; Part 2 focuses on specific themes and passages.

How Old Is the Hebrew Bible? Westminster John Knox Press

Continuing a Gold Medallion Award-winning legacy, the completely revised Expositor's Bible Commentary puts world-class biblical scholarship in your hands. A staple for students, teachers, and pastors worldwide, The Expositor's Bible Commentary (EBC) offers comprehensive yet succinct commentary from scholars committed to the authority of the Holy Scriptures. The EBC uses the New International Version of the Bible, but the contributors work from the original Hebrew and Greek languages and refer to other translations when useful. Each section of the commentary includes: An introduction: background information, a short bibliography, and an outline An

overview of Scripture to illuminate the big picture The complete NIV text Extensive commentary Notes on textual questions, key words, and concepts Reflections to give expanded thoughts on important issues The series features 56 contributors, who: Believe in the divine inspiration, complete trustworthiness, and full authority of the Bible Have demonstrated proficiency in the biblical book that is their specialty Are committed to the church and the pastoral dimension of biblical interpretation Represent geographical and denominational diversity Use a balanced and respectful approach toward marked differences of opinion Write from an evangelical viewpoint For insightful exposition, thoughtful discussion, and ease of use—look no further than The Expositor's Bible Commentary.

Faith and Narrative Moody Publishers

Just as there was no man on earth like Job, there is no book on earth like the book of Job. In this new commentary, biblical scholar Michael Brown brings Job to life for the twenty-first-century reader, exploring the raw spirituality of Job, his extraordinary faith, his friends' theological errors, the mysteries of God's speeches, and the unique answers to the problem of suffering offered in the book of Job. Undergirded by solid Hebrew scholarship but written with clarity for all serious students of Scripture, the commentary provides an important introduction to the study of Job, a new translation, a series of theological reflections, and additional exegetical essays providing in-depth discussion of key passages. Additional topics covered in the theological reflections include: • Challenging God as an Act of Faith • How Would Job Comfort a Sufferer? • Who Was the Satan? • Job and Jesus • Job and the New Atheists

Job: The Faith to Challenge God Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

Most people think of the book of Job as an attempt to explain suffering, but they fail to see the more important issue of God's righteousness and graciousness in bringing good out of evil. The understanding offered in this book helps the reader focus accordingly on God's purpose in grace to bring Job to know Jehovah himself and his heavenly will that he might thereby be transformed and truly become a servant of God. In this respect, the book presents a paradigm of God's crucial work with all believers to make himself known to them through revelation and repentance, that they might genuinely know him as their Redeemer and be one with his exalted will. As is expressed throughout the Bible, God warmly desires that all his people serve him. The repentance that comes at the climax of the book is not the believer's repentance upon initial faith but the more crucial repentance of the mature believer for the kingdom of God. God's purpose with our lives depends, therefore, on our understanding his will and knowing our God and his righteousness. Job is an "ordinary servant of God," therefore, as a pattern to all believers.

And the Lord Blessed Job Wipf and Stock Publishers

Herni Nouwen believes every Christian is a minister trying to live his or her life in light of the gospel. This work is a spiritual guide for every man and woman who wants to come to the aid of others.

Seeking Understanding Hendrickson Publishers

Carol Newsom illuminates the relation between the aesthetic forms of Job and the claims made by its various characters. Her innovative approach makes possible a new understanding of the unity of the book that rejects its dismantling in historical criticism and the flattening of the text that characterizes many final form readings. Additionally, she rehabilitates the moral perspectives represented by certain voices of the book that modern critics have treated with disdain.

The Anchor Bible: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

This third edition of the Anchor Bible Book of Job (Volume 15 in the series) contains numerous new, revised or augmented notes. Of special interest is the inclusion of readings from the earliest translation of the Book of Job, the recently published Targum (Aramaic translation) recovered from Cave XI of Khirbet Qumran, in the Judean Wilderness near the Dead Sea, perhaps the version which was suppressed by Rabbi Gamaliel. The Book of Job is one of the indisputably great works of world literature. The story is well-known: a prosperous and happy man, distinguished for rectitude and piety, falls victim to a series of catastrophes. And the occasion (if not the reason) for these undeserved calamities: Satan's challenge to Yahweh to test the sincerity of Job's faith. It is by now proverbial to refer to the patience of Job. Yet this traditional image derives only from the Prologue and the Epilogue of the book. But the Job who confronts us in the long middle section is anything but patient. His outcries against God raise the question of theodicy, or divine justice, which occupies the greater portion of Job's Dialogue with his comforters. But it is inevitably as literature that Job must be read and enjoyed. This translation is marked by a concerted effort to capture as much as possible the poetic and metrical characteristics of the original Hebrew: the result is a version notable for its accuracy and directness. The experience of reading the Book of Job in this translation, then, is to rediscover an exceedingly eloquent masterpiece. In the terse, rhythmic quality of the translation, the incisive comprehensiveness of the introduction and notes, Job maintains the high standard of scholarship, literateness, and readability established in The Anchor Bible.

The Anchor Bible: Job Oxford University Press

The Stob Lectures, sponsored annually by Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary, have drawn some of today's most celebrated Christian thinkers in the fields of ethics, apologetics, and philosophical theology. This volume collects under one cover each of the Stob Lectures delivered from 1986 to 1998. Comprised of thirteen learned, relevant, and well-crafted addresses, *Seeking Understanding* presents a diverse range of significant topics, illumined in engaging ways by the scholars who know them best. Lewis B. Smedes's inaugural lecture examines the subject of commitment. James M. Gustafson follows with a look at moral discourse, while Peter Kreeft speaks on immortality. Alvin Plantinga explores the nature of Christian scholarship, and Marty E. Marty surveys the denominational landscape. Allen D. Verhey probes key issues in medical ethics, while Nicholas P. Wolterstorff compares neo-Calvinism and "Yale theology." Other lectures feature Dewey J. Hoitenga Jr. on happiness, John Feikens on conflict, George I. Mavrodes on philosophy, Arthur F. Holmes on Christian education, and J. Harold Ellens on dysfunction. Eleanore Stump rounds out the volume with an insightful discussion of the problem of evil. Illustrative of the same depth of thinking, scholarly passion, and clarity of expression that characterized the work of the man whom these lectures honor, Henry J. Stob, *Seeking Understanding* is both a valuable omnibus and a superb introduction to a rich and influential tradition of Christian scholarship.

Job Trafford Publishing

In this volume, J. Gerald Janzen examines the text of the book of Job as a literary text within the context of the history of the religion of Israel and within the broader context of the universal human condition. He approaches the basic character of the book from a literary perspective which enables him to identify human existence as exemplified in Job and to expound on the mystery of good and evil, which gives human existence its experiential texture and which together drive humans to ask the same kind of questions asked by Job. This is the first full-length commentary to present Job systematically and literarily.

Job, Invented & Engraved AuthorHouse

Habel selects the method, materials to be covered, and scholars to be cited, in his humbling task of writing a commentary on such a classic work as The Book of Job--a text that is complex and unclear at many points. (Biblical Studies)

The Book of Job A&C Black

And the Lord blessed Job. Does that surprise you? You probably know of Job's immense suffering, and how his first response to it was to say "the Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." As strange as it may seem to us, one of the Lord's blessings to Job was that he was chosen to show Satan that God is worthy of worship no matter what happens in our lives. And the greatest blessing of all for Job was experiencing an intimate life-changing encounter with the Lord. While the book of Job deals with suffering, it isn't about answering the question "why do people suffer?" It's about acknowledging that God is God. It's about humbly submitting to Him as the Holy One who is infinite in wisdom, power, justice and goodness. Would you be willing to take a journey with Job as he wrestles with pain, confusion, and temptation while trusting that his life is in God's hands? I invite you to join me in this verse-by-verse study where we will contemplate mind-boggling mysteries, amazing acts of God, and truth that is the anchor to hold us through any storm. The Lord promises blessing to those who belong to Him. Discover this for yourself as you study the book of Job.

The Book of Job Wipf and Stock Publishers

From two expert scholars comes a comprehensive study of the dating of the Hebrew Bible The age of the Hebrew Bible is a topic that has sparked controversy and debate in recent years. The scarcity of clear evidence allows for the possibility of many views, though these are often clouded by theological and political biases. This impressive, broad-ranging book synthesizes recent linguistic, textual, and historical research to clarify the history of biblical literature, from its oldest texts and literary layers to its youngest. In clear, concise language, the authors provide a comprehensive overview that cuts across scholarly specialties to create a new standard for the historical study of the Bible. This much-needed work paves the path forward to dating the Hebrew Bible and understanding crucial aspects of its historical and contemporary significance.

Job Zondervan Academic

In this first of a three-volume work, Vicchio addresses the most ancient Hebrew text of Job in all its complexity, with particular emphasis on the problems of evil and suffering. But he follows this with the "reception history" of the text--how it was translated, read, and interpreted in other ancient works: the Septuagint, apocryphal books, early Christian writings, Talmud, Midrash, Dead Sea Scrolls, and Peshitta. Two appendices detail how Job has been treated in art and architecture and in Western music. Volume 1: Job in the Ancient World Volume 2: Job in the Medieval World Volume 3: Job in the Modern World
Job's Spiritual Journey Oxford University Press
Unfathomable loss. Unmerited suffering. Why is this happening to me? For centuries people have tried to understand the reasons for suffering and grief. When we cannot connect our woes to wrongs we have done, we conclude that our suffering is undeserved and unfair. Like Job, we struggle to understand our pain. The universality of suffering makes the book of Job appealing, but the treatment of that theme often makes the book difficult to comprehend. Nonetheless, this section of Scripture offers powerful lessons for your life. Dr. Roy Zuck directs his commentary toward the layman. His clear, organized insights can reveal important truths for the struggling Christian. The uncomplicated, outlined content is suitable for both individual and group study. You can learn from Job's suffering--as well as

from your own.

Job Zondervan Academic

The Hebrew book of Job is by all accounts an exquisite piece of literary art that holds its rightful place among the most outstanding compositions in world literature. Yet it is also widely recognized as an immensely difficult text to understand. In elucidating that ancient text, this inaugural Illuminations

commentary by C. L. Seow pays close attention to the reception history of Job, including Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and Western secular interpretations as expressed in theological, philosophical, and literary writings and in the visual and performing arts. Seow offers a primarily literary-theological interpretation of Job, a new translation, and detailed commentary.