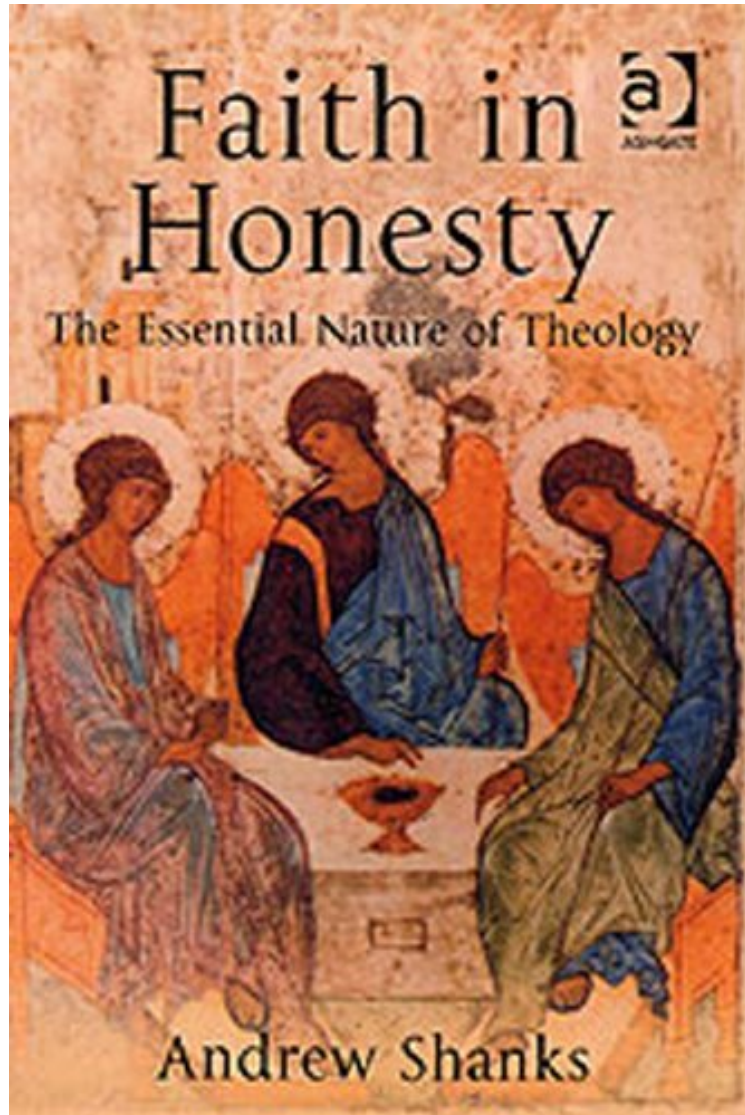


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A new approach to theological discourse and Trinitarian theology Von Helen Hancox Andrew Shanks' book is a thought-provoking and well-referenced look at Trinitarian theology, focusing not so much on 'correctness' but far more on 'honesty' which enables the best of both the orthodox and liberal traditions to speak to faith. Shanks argues that this

Honesty stands opposed to banality, manipulation and disowning of the shadow side of the community and that the Honesty has a threefoldness directly corresponding to the Christian revelation of God as Trinity. His thesis draws very much on the arguments of philosophers and theologians including Epicurus, Hegel, Nietzsche and Hannah Arendt among others and although there is a brief 'Who's Who' at the back of the book it gives minimal information so it was rather difficult to always follow Shanks' argument if unfamiliar with the philosopher/theologian. The book was written in a rather jerky, abrupt sentence style which didn't make for smooth reading but his points were well-argued and well-referenced. This is a book for the serious student of theology rather than a dabbler but has much to recommend it.

Kurzbeschreibung How, if at all, is religious faith 'true'? The starting point for this book is that traditional Christian theology overvalues the importance of 'correctness'. What really counts far more is 'Honesty'. Not just sincerity or frankness, but Honesty in the sense of a sheer openness to the Other. A set of skills, Andrew Shanks argues, which the church has very much still to learn. True faith in God is faith in Honesty. But theological Honesty has three faces. It stands equally opposed to banality, manipulation, the mere disowning of history. This book thus presents a whole new approach to the doctrine of the Trinity. A fresh stimulus to theological debate at academic, student and more popular levels. Pressestimmen Shortlisted for The Michael Ramsey Prize 2007 'This is an exciting book, offering a theme and an approach that is fresh and invigorating. Clearly written and thought-provoking, this book represents an important contribution to the field not only in terms of the ways it rejuvenates systematic and philosophical discussions of Trinitarian theology, but of the way it seeks to reconstitute the very nature of theological discourse. It deserves a wide readership and would appeal especially to those impatient with the kind of academic theology which only seems to talk to itself.' Professor Elaine Graham, University of Manchester, UK 'Shanks' style is [...] refreshingly lively and engaging... The real value of this book lies in the specific challenge to the church to review both its own history and its present way of proclaiming the gospel, in the light of Shanks' description of the Honesty that lies at the heart of Christian theology, itself a reflection of the God's own nature.' International Journal of Systematic Theology '...a subtle and illuminating book which deserves a wide readership.' Times Literary Supplement 'In this thought-provoking book, Canon Shanks offers an understanding of theology as primarily called to summon human thinking to honesty... we are offered an intriguing journey through some of the twists and turns of the historical evolution of Christian theology, especially attending to the doctrine of the Trinity. Several times, I found quite brief discussions awakening my interest and starting my further thinking.' Church Times '... Faith in Honesty is nothing if not a vivid and passionate conversation open to everyone from Amos to Emmanuel Levinas... well worth reading... Shanks demonstrates a rare ability to get to the core, or somewhere near the core, of often complex historical and theological debates; and this, it has to be said, has the surprising effect of dragging conversation back from mystification...' Theology 'This is a wide-ranging and complex book by one of the most original and creative English theologians.' Theological Book Kurzbeschreibung How, if at all, is religious faith 'true'? The starting point for this book is that traditional Christian theology overvalues the importance of 'correctness'. What really counts far more is 'Honesty'. Not just sincerity or frankness, but Honesty in the sense of a sheer openness to the Other. A set of skills, Andrew Shanks argues, which the church has very much still to learn. True faith in God is faith in Honesty. But theological Honesty has three faces. It stands equally opposed to banality, manipulation, the mere disowning of history. This book thus presents a whole new approach to the doctrine of the Trinity. A fresh stimulus to theological debate at academic, student and more popular levels.