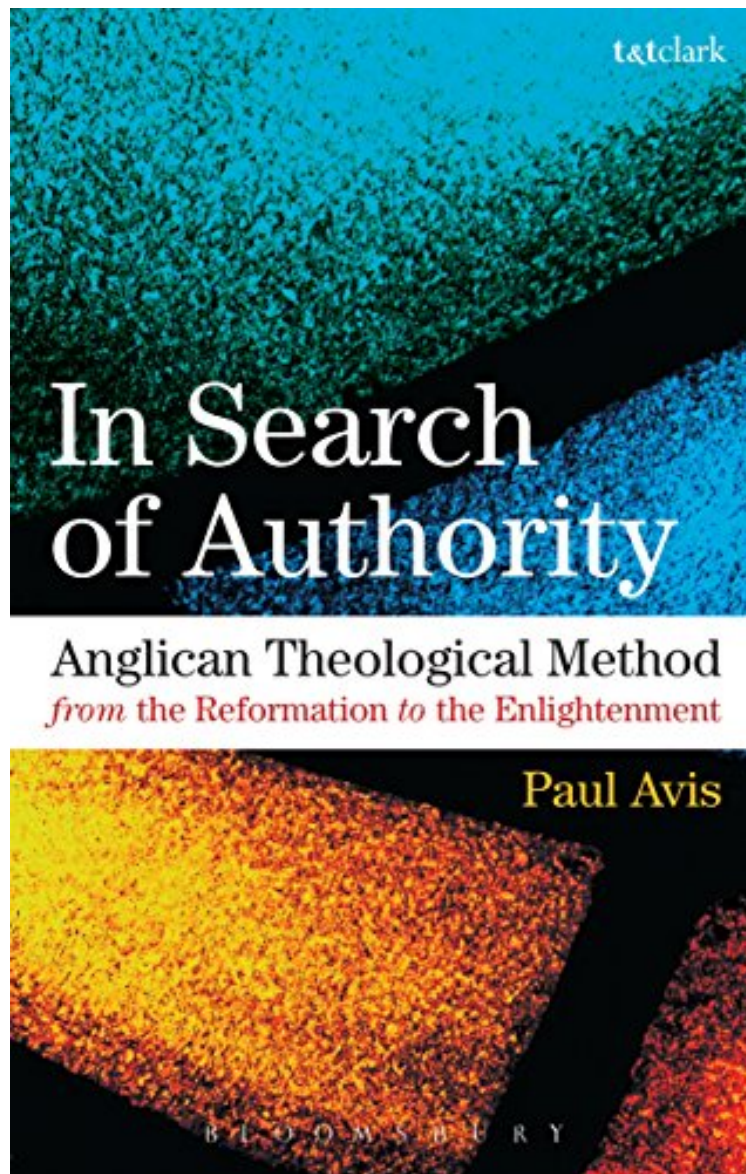


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ein echtes Muss! Von Joachim Paul Avis' Beitrag über die Entwicklung anglikanischer Theologie hinsichtlich einer autoritativen Fundierung von der Reformation bis zur Aufklärung stellt den ersten Teil einer geplanten Trilogie dar, die letztlich die Entwicklung bis in die Gegenwart aufzeigen möchte. Dieser erste Band geht dabei einer Reihe bekannter, aber auch weniger bekannter Theologen nach, und beeindruckt. Avis stellt die einzelnen Repräsentanten mit allen wichtigen und hilfreichen Aspekten dar, ohne sich in den Details zu verlieren. Gleichzeitig bleiben rote Fäden durchgehend sichtbar, was es dem Leser leicht macht, bergreifende Zusammenhänge zu verstehen und fortlaufend im Blick zu behalten. Interessant sind Avis', dessen Stil immer wieder sehr unterhaltsam und - für einen Systematiker nicht selbstverständlich - sehr lebendig ist, Auseinandersetzungen mit bestimmten - scheinbar selbstverständlichen - Vorurteilen gegenüber manchen Theologen. Durch seine fundierte Differenzierung und reiche Sachkenntnis entlarvt Avis Platitiden als Verzerrungen und ermöglicht so eine intensivere, vorbehaltlosere Auseinandersetzung auch mit jenen, die für gewöhnlich nicht als Theologen oder Vertreter des Anglikanismus verstanden werden. Von daher kann das Buch nur als absolutes Muss für an Theologie, Geschichte, aber auch Philosophie Interessierte bezeichnet werden. Es ist zu wünschen, dass die beiden Folgebände bald fertiggestellt werden und die Interessierten die spannende und äußerst lehrreiche Lektüre fortsetzen dürfen.

Kurzbeschreibung Anglican theology has been a hotbed of debate about the issue of authority since the Reformation. What do we really appeal to when attempting to decide matters of doctrine, worship, ministry or ethics? The debate is very much alive today, between Evangelical, Liberal and Catholic Anglicans around the world. This proposed book focuses on the understanding of authority in Anglican theology. It looks at the way that Anglican theologians, in the past and today, have developed their theories of authority in relation to burning issues. Avis critiques them in a continuous dialogue or running commentary and sets them in an ecumenical context, comparing Anglican positions with Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Protestant ones. In each area - Bible, tradition, reason, experience - he sets out a new understanding of authority in a constructive and persuasive way, moving to a series of overall conclusions and recommendations. The sharp critiques of various positions will help to make it the subject of discussion and debate. Pressestimmen Paul Avis's new work is characteristically well integrated with his many previous contributions to theological scholarship. He has already dealt extensively with the dynamics and the structures of ecclesial authority. [...] It is a remarkable achievement. -- Vernon White, Westminster Abbey Theology This is an exceptional book by one of the world's leading authorities on Anglican theology ... [and] an essential book for every scholar of Anglicanism to own and engage with. Journal of Anglican Studies [Avis's] analysis of theologians ancient and modern is accessible, clear, balanced, irenic and constructive. He is always sensitive to the relevance of historical theology to contemporary church issues ... [and] is thoroughly au fait with the relevant contemporary scholarship. Ecclesiology This is an excellent book ... [Avis] writes a detailed and thorough account of Anglican beliefs and concepts ... I look forward to the next two in the series and highly recommend this part wholeheartedly with those who want a comprehensive intellectual history of classical Anglicanism. -- Jack McDonald Tijdschrift voor Theologie [Bloomsbury Translation] This book will be of interest to all specialists who are interested in the history of Anglican theological thought. Bulletin of St. Tikhon's Orthodox University (Bloomsbury translation) This is a very welcome first volume to what promises to be an extremely important three volume project on authority in Anglican theology. In the headlines about public conflict between Anglican churches there has often been little sensible consideration of the kind of authority that is appropriate in such arguments. Avis has been a consistent contributor to the serious and scholarly discussion of Anglicanism that has been growing in recent decades. His discussion of Thomas Hobbes and Edmund Burke would justify the book, but there is much more here. His reframing of the Enlightenment enables a richer understanding of the various currents that have come to be gathered under that heading. This book is timely and important. It is a must for anyone who wants to understand modern Anglican theology and essential reading for anyone who wants to speak sensibly about Anglican beliefs. Bruce Kaye, Founding Editor Journal of Anglican Studies, Charles Sturt University, Australia This book is much more than the title promises: It presents the reader with a picture of how the Church of England developed intellectually from a church shaped by the Reformation into an ecclesial body of its own unique kind. By his original approach of combining not only theological and philosophical but also literary sources, Paul Avis gives his historical narrative a multivalent perspective found nowhere else. And by choosing the question of authority as his central theme, he not only reveals himself as a part of the history he describes, but he also contributes to one of the most burning issues today in and between the churches, as well as in society as a whole. Dorothea Wendebourg, Humboldt University, Germany Questions about authority are inherent in the unfolding of the Christian tradition through history. Although at times the nature of authority has been restricted to a single source such as an infallible Scripture or the infallible exercise of an ecclesial office, it has been characteristic of Anglicanism to base its interpretation of authority on 'a principle of continuous progression'. Authority is thus seen as a living reality in the life of the Church. In In Search of Authority Paul Avis has given us a much-needed and

widely inclusive analysis of how this understanding of the sources of authority has been expressed in the writings of Anglican theologians from the Reformation to the Enlightenment. This concept of authority is not focused in a single source, no matter how hallowed, but is progressively reshaped as Anglicanism has encountered new questions in new contexts which have required new answers. This is a valuable interpretation of how an 'Anglican theological method' emerged as this progression shaped and reshaped Anglican identity. Louis Weil, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California

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