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Apadum

This one-hundredth volume of Studia Patristica includes papers from the Sixth British Patristics conference, held in Birmingham in September 2016. Thirty-seven contributions from an international range of scholars provide new studies of many of the major subjects in patristic studies, from Tertullian to Maximus the Confessor by way of Origen, John Chrysostom, Jerome and Augustine. One theme of the conference, which was held in conjunction with the European Research Council

COMPAUL project, was the tradition and reception of the letters of the Apostle Paul. This is reflected in several papers, including an examination of patristic evidence for the authorship of Ephesians and an analysis of exegetical techniques employed in the Greek catena tradition on Galatians. Two longer contributions, by plenary speakers Frances Young and Jennifer Strawbridge, offer an extended consideration of the early Christian exegesis of particular Pauline Epistles. *Washing Away Sin* Pearson UK

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Tertullian's Preface to Marcion's Gospel

Over the past few years, scholarship has taken a new interest in the study of Marcion and particularly in his Gospel. Most recently several attempts have been made at reconstructing this Gospel, and its role in the Synoptic question is being discussed. One of the most detailed and crucial information that we possess derives from Tertullian's preface to Marcion's Gospel and his Antitheses with which Marcion himself introduced and defended his Gospel against earlier misuses. The present monograph first looks at

Tertullian's ways of prefacing his works to then move to his preface of his antimarcionite writings, especially *Adversus Marcionem*, to then give the text, translation and a close reading and interpretation of his introduction to the *Antitheses* and Marcion's Gospel in the extended preface to book IV of *Adversus Marcionem*. As a result, the reader will get a better understanding of both Tertullian's literary response to Marcion and Marcion's *Antitheses* and his Gospel, but also gain glimpses of what despite all the rhetoric historically might have provoked Tertullian's response, namely more intellectual proximity between the two interlocutors than the battle on the surface would intimate.

The End of the Middle

Bienvenue a Solfegia ! Perdue au milieu de l'ocean, Solfegia est une ile secrete ou vivent les Animonotes, des animaux magiques qui parlent, qui chantent et qui ont donne leur nom aux notes de musique. Limana, journaliste aventurier, part a la recherche de ces animaux bien etranges afin d'apprendre les notes de musique... Venez ecouter des histoires et des chansons, realiser des

jeux, ou encore colorier des animaux, des mandalas... Apprenez aussi quelques notions musicales et lisez les notes de musique avec facilite, tout en vous amusant. Avec les Animonotes, apprendre les notes est vraiment un jeu d'enfants !"

Solfegia

Washing away sin, though a common religious practice today, is a novel concept in the Hebrew Bible. This study utilizes the Conceptual Metaphor Theory of G. Lakoff and M. Johnson to analyze the striking and unusual metaphorical concept of washing away sin in the Hebrew Bible (Isaiah 1; 4; Jeremiah 2; 4; and Psalm 51). In these passages sin is conceptualized as a kind of stain (a bloodstain in Isa 1:15; 4:4; filth in Jer 4:14) or a kind of impurity (Psalm 51) and solving sin is conceptualized through the metaphor of washing. The correlation between the problem and its solution is logical: if sin is understood as a stain then washing is the remedy. The metaphor of washing away sin demonstrates some diversity within the Hebrew Bible and this work traces the various stages of the metaphor's development. Though it

occurs as a metaphor, nowhere within the Hebrew Bible is washing, although attested as a purification ritual, applied as an actual practice for responding to the problem of sin. Several centuries later, however, washing away sin is attested as an actual practice by the Qumran sectarians and the New Testament authors. Thus, this study goes beyond an analysis of the biblical metaphor to evaluate how it may have influenced the religious practices of select early Jewish and Christian communities. How did this radical shift from the absence of washing as a viable solution to sin in the Hebrew Bible to its importance in the sectarian community of Qumran and the New Testament communities come about? Here CMT is useful: what is attested as a metaphor in the Hebrew Bible, for example God washes away sin (Isa 4:4) and people wash with soap to remove the "stain" of sin (Jer 2:22), influenced how communities reading these sacred texts conceptualized sin. When sin is understood as a stain, a concrete entity that can be visualized and acted upon, communities

understand washing to be a viable, symbolic practice in response to sin. Thus, washing, a metaphor within the Hebrew Bible, came to be applied as a practical ritual solution to sin within these communities so inspired and influenced by their sacred texts.

Brilliant Psychology

Sexual experimentation, living together, raising children outside of marriage, remarriage after divorce, and same-sex relationships... These behaviours have become common in the wider society as well as among Christians and Catholic Christians. Not only do they think and act differently than the official Church teaching, but they do so convinced that they are acting rightly. This challenges ethics to respond by what can be called an 'ethics of mercy', by meeting people where they are and helping them to grow towards the fullness of life and love. Such a pastoral and educational ethics of growth should dare to

stand within the tension between what is desirable and what is attainable, without surrendering the 'pro-vocative' idea of conjugal covenant as the basis for the family. Mercy is needed not only after ethics but in ethics. In harmony with Pope Francis's plea for a 'gospel of mercy', this book seeks a middle way between merciless rigourism and relativising subjectivism. It proposes an ethics of redemption that accompanies people on their way to meaningful living and loving, grounded in a spirituality that springs from the salvation offered in Jesus.

An Ethics of Mercy

In this book, Farid Tabarki describes how the middle disappears. Travel agents and record companies, as middle men in an antiquated production process, are certainly on the way. However, as Tabarki claims, the entrepreneur, HR manager, civil servant and school teacher also may see themselves falling into oblivion. In his book, Farid describes

three megatrends that bring about the liquid society and the disappearance of the middle. Firstly, surging online platforms are taking over the jobs of the middlemen. Secondly, technological innovation will make many jobs irrelevant, and these are not only low-wage, minimum skill jobs, but increasingly complex and educated ones. This provides a great challenge to the middle classes. Lastly, Tabarki foresees the end of the nation state as the 'middle ground' of power; both the local and the international level gain importance in terms of power and economy. These changes are occurring right now, and at a quick pace. Tabarki does not take a negative view, though, and explains to individuals, organisations and companies how they can adapt their organisations and their personal strategies in order to stay relevant in the new 'liquid society.'