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*An asterisk means that the book is in print; if you wish to purchase it from our friends at Eighth Day Books, call 1.800.841.2541.

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Education and imagination

Teaching and Christian Imagination* (2016), David I. Smith and Susan Felch, is published by Eerdmans. Among the books the authors recommend that explore the way metaphors shape thought and action are: George Lakoff and Mark Johnson, Metaphors We Live By* (Chicago, 1980, 2003); David Punter, Metaphor* (Routledge, 2007); Janet Martin Soskice, Metaphor and Religious Language* (Oxford, 1987); Anthony Ortony, ed., Metaphor and Thought* (Cambridge, 1993); Ken Badley and Hurro Van Brummelen, Metaphors We Teach By: How Metaphors Shape What We Do in Classrooms* (Wipf and Stock, 2012). See also George Lakoff, Philosophy in the Flesh: The Embodied Mind and Its Challenge to Western Thought* (Basic Books, 1999); Mark Johnson, The Meaning of the Body: Aesthetics of Human Understanding* (Chicago, 2007); and James K. A. Smith, Imagining the Kingdom: How Worship Works* (Eerdmans, 2013). For an analysis of two different views of metaphor in two Christian thinkers, see Peter W. Macky, "The Role of Metaphor in Christian Thought and Experience as Understood by Gordon Clark and C. S. Lewis," The Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society 24/3 (September 1981), 239-250. Lewis discussed how metaphors work in "Bluspels and Flalansferes: A Semantic Nightmare," in Selected Literary Essays* (Cambridge, 1969, 2013).

Robert Spaemann

A Robert Spaemann Reader: Philosophical Essays on Nature, God, and the Human Person (2015) is published by Oxford University Press, as is Spaemann's Persons: The Difference between 'Someone' and 'Something' (2007). Spaemann's article, "Education as an Introduction to Reality," was published online in Humanum: Issues in Family, Culture and Science (2015, Issue One). Also available online is Spaemann's article "Begotten, Not Made" (Communio 33 [Summer 2006]), which discusses human cloning and other bioethical issues. See also "Rationality and Faith in God" (Communio 32 [Winter 2005]). Other books by Spaemann include Happiness and Benevolence (T&T Clark, 1989) and Love and the Dignity of Human Life: On Nature and Natural Law (Eerdmans, 2012).

Malcolm Guite

Malcolm Guite's seven sonnets inspired by the "O Antiphons" are included in Waiting on the Word: A Poem a Day for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany* (Canterbury Press, 2015). Other

collections of his poetry include The Word in the Wilderness: A Poem a Day for Lent and Easter* (Canterbury Press, 2014), Sounding the Seasons: Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year* (Canterbury Press, 2012), and The Singing Bowl: Collected Poems* (Canterbury Press, 2013). Each of the "poem-a-day" volumes includes works by a wide range of poets, from Milton to Luci Shaw, and a short commentary on the text by Guite. His book Faith, Hope and Poetry: Theology and the Poetic Imagination* (Ashgate, 2012) contains essays exploring the claim that poetry and the poetic imagination are "truth-bearing," and discusses works by Donne, Herbert, Coleridge, Larkin, and others.

The "O Antiphons"

Arvo Pärt's Sieben Magnificat Antipbonen is his German translation of the seven "O Antiphons." The work has been recorded by the Tallis Scholars on their CD Tintinnabuli (discussed on volume 129 of the Journal) and by the South Dakota Chorale on their CD Sacred Songs of Life and Love (Pentatone). The CD Veni Emmanuel: Music for Advent (harmonia mundi) features the Choir of Clare College, Cambridge, singing all seven of the antiphons in their traditional Gregorian chant setting, interposed with anthems that amplify the theme of the antiphon (e.g., after "O Oriens" they sing John Rutter's "Hymn to the Creator of Light").

more on J. A. C. Redford

J. A. C. Redford's setting of Malcolm Guite's sonnets is on the CD Let Beauty Be Our Memorial (Plough Down Sillion Music) performed by the St. Silas Singers conducted by Ben Parry. Sheet music for this cycle of songs and other compositions by Redford is available at jacredford.com.

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