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## BONHOEFFER THE THEOLOGIAN REVEALED IN NEW ANTHOLOGY

Follow the German Scholar's Theological Development from Seminary to Nazi Prison through New Translations of Classic Works and Documents Available for the First Time

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's execution for participating in a conspiracy against Hitler, while an event through which his work takes on deeper meaning, represents but one small part of his passion, teaching, and theological development over his short but stunning career. An esteemed scholar and an engaged ecumenist, Bonhoeffer traveled, taught, preached, and studied widely, incorporating new insights into his academically rigorous theological writings. Now, for the first time, a representative collection of all Bonhoeffer's theological works is available in a single volume edited by Bonhoeffer scholars Clifford J. Green and Michael P. DeJonge, *The Bonhoeffer Reader* (Fortress Press, November 1, 2013).

The Bonhoeffer Reader follows on the heels of the newly completed 16-volume Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works English Edition (DBWE), a major 25-year translation project supported by the International Bonhoeffer Society and published by Fortress Press. From this massive collection of books, lectures, articles, letters and sermons—including even previously unpublished lectures—about 800 pages of all Bonhoeffer's key theological writing have been chosen to reveal his central theological ideas and their development. The Reader is formatted so that students can easily go back to the original DBWE volumes and all the additional resources included in them, making it easier than ever to pursue a more comprehensive study of Bonhoeffer's brilliant theological career.

As a university student, Bonhoeffer carved his own path through the liberal school of mentor Adolf von Harnack and the neo-orthodoxy of Karl Barth. Prior to his ordination, Bonhoeffer studied at Union Theological Seminary, during which time he was also exposed to the worship and the civil rights struggles of African-Americans in Harlem. Bonhoeffer traveled widely in Europe and North America and was an outspoken advocate for peace, ecumenism, and social justice. His last years in Germany were filled with challenges as he continued to oppose Hitler and the Third Reich, ran a clandestine seminary, and was imprisoned. Through the editors' historical and conceptual introductions to Bonhoeffer's texts, *The Bonhoeffer Reader* highlights the theology that inspired his own historical actions and that continues to challenge and inspire his readers today.

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