Life of the Spirit



NOVEMBER 1963

A Royal Priesthood

The Body of Christ

The Grail Castle

VOL. XVIII NO. 206

BLACKFRIARS PUBLICATIONS LIMITED

TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE

Rite and Man LOUIS BOUYER

Based on a course of lectures given at the University of Notre Dame, discusses recent developments in the study of comparative religion and in depth psychology and their relevance both to the unique features of Christianity and to contemporary currents of thought within the Church. "Achieves a balance between scholarship and relevance to the world of today that makes it a book of unusual appeal"—Duckett's Register. "Père Bouyer's latest book is unusually rich, suggestive and exciting, even for him."—PROF. A. H. ARMSTRONG reviewing the French edition in The Downside Review.

Theology of the New Testament JOSEPH BONSIRVEN, S.J.

This translation makes available in English a standard work of reference for libraries, scripture scholars and students of all denominations. Long renowned for its careful critical apparatus, depth of scholarship and a scientific approach free from pre-conceived theological prejudices its four main parts cover in detail "Jesus Christ", "Primitive Christianity", "St. Paul" and "The Christian Communities Grow up".

The Bible and the Universe EVODE BEAUCAMP, O.F.M.

A highly topical discussion of scriptural truth in a scientific age when Marxism and other non-Christian philosophies claim to be capable of supplying the only valid interpretation of the universe. It is a representative product of the new school of Catholic biblical scholarship.

The Scandal of Truth JEAN DANIÉLOU, S.J.

A reasoned and positive affirmation of the Christian faith and of "the excellence of the human intelligence" and at the same time a challenge to the varieties of despair favoured by so many thinkers—not excluding some Christians—and to the "shocking bankruptcy of Marxism optimism."

"There is much, very much, in this book which should command universal Christian assent and admiration."—Church Times.

BURNS & OATES

Life of the Spirit

A MONTHLY REVIEW EDITED BY THE ENGLISH DOMINICANS

VOL. XVIII NOVEMBER 1963 NO. 206

CONTENTS

What is the Church?—VII: A Royal Priesthood Herbert McCabe, O.P.	162
The Body of Christ T. S. Gregory	174
The Person and the Place—VIII: The Grail Castle Geoffrey Webb	184
Lay Spirituality Alex Alexander	189
REVIEWS: Monica Lawlor, Jack Dominian, Hamish Swansto Rex O'Hea, M. C. Edwards, Benet Weatherhead, Rolan Walter Gumbley, Edmund Hill, Geoffrey Webb.	d Potte r ,
MOTICES	197 207

Literary communications and books for review should be addressed to The Editor of Life of the Spirit, Blackfriars, Cambridge (Tel. 52461). Communications regarding advertisements, subscriptions and orders should be addressed to The Manager, Blackfriars Publications Ltd., 2 Serjeants' Inn, London, E.C.4 (Tel. FLE 9751). Annual subscription, 30s. 0d. (\$5.00). Single copies 2s. 6d. (50 cents).

Printed in England at the Grosvenor Press, Portsmouth