

In Globalization, Spirituality, and Justice, Daniel Groody, a Roman Catholic priest and assistant professor of theology at Notre Dame University, invites us to share in aspects of his personal journey of faith and reflect with him about the contribution Christians can make to current debates in areas relating to globalization. This book is a distillation of many years of reflection upon questions about people living peaceably in community and the challenge of justice which the Bible places upon us. He invites us to confront problems of poverty and justice as we find them today in the world and our own situations, recognizing the benefits that prosperity might have brought to us, while the same factors might be holding others in poverty.

The journey takes us through reflections upon the Judeo-Christian Scriptures, the early church fathers, Catholic social teaching, interfaith dialogue, extraordinary individuals who have become icons of faith and justice, liberation theology, liturgical worship, and the spiritual journey and the challenge of justice. The chapters on Catholic social teaching and liberation theology are excellent summaries and of considerable interest to non-Catholics, as they show something of the breadth of Catholic thought and also explain the position of the Vatican on liberation theology. Many Anglicans will also find the chapter on liturgical worship a useful source of quotations. The final chapter on spirituality is very practical in its approach to relationships with God and other people in the community. Groody encourages simplicity and responsible stewardship, as these open us up to more people, especially the poor, from whom it is often easier to learn that human life is first of all about relationships.

Each chapter carries with it a set of questions to reflect upon and a most helpful bibliography for further reading. This book is a must-have for anyone who leads a discussion group, or is a member of a justice group, as well as for those on the journey of faith who understand the need to engage in solidarity with the poor.

Schubeck's Love That Does Justice is also from the Roman Catholic tradition and equally from a university professor who is drawing upon his lecture-room experience in producing a volume of great value to students of Christian ethics or those leading discussion groups with people who are prepared to go into some depth in areas of Christian love and justice. His canvas is the Bible and beyond: from Jesus to Augustine and Aquinas, from Reinhold Niebuhr to Pope John Paul II. These thinkers move along Schubeck's