

SHORT NOTICES ON BOOKS

Ausejo, OFM Cap., P. Serafín de: *La Biblia — nueva traducción*. Editorial Herder, Barcelona, 1976 — 1,380 págs. — Guáflex 780 pesetas.

This is a scholarly modern rendition of the whole Bible to Spanish from the original Hebrew and Greek texts. Needless to say, this is a completely orthodox work. It contains to boot much information about every particular book, together with succinct but substantial commentaries in the footnotes. The index serves as a short concordance. There are many maps in color and three very informative appendices. We invite anyone who understands Spanish to try this new translation for a new experience.

Bauer, Johannes B.: *Temas Caudentes para el Cristiano*. Editorial Herder, Barcelona, 1976 — 576 págs. — Rústica 750 pesetas; tela 850 pesetas.

This is an encyclopedia of sorts, authored by 22 University professors, on 39 religious topics including abortion, aggiornamento, celibacy, democratization in the Church, divorce, ecumenism, infallibility, magic, pluralism, family planning, resurrection, sexuality, the virginity of Mary, etc. The approach is ecumenalistic, that is, all opinions are stated, and the reader is left a free choice. So we would recommend this book mostly to Catholic readers who are well grounded in Catholic Apologetics.

Boros, Ladislaus: *La Meditación como Experiencia Religiosa*. Editorial Herder, Barcelona, 1976 — 164 págs. — Rústica 250 pesetas.

This is a symposium on the theme by six noted scholars. Boros dwells on the need of penetrating into the world of human innerness; Lotz on salutary solitude as a requirement for meditation; Staehlin on a "direct experience of a second reality" during meditation; Strolz on a training on serenity. Waser, who is a pharmacist, deals on the relation of psychedelic drugs to meditation; and Benz on Oriental meditation and its vast difference from the Christian. All authors agree on the utmost importance of meditation for the advancement in the mystical life, and even for inner peace and mere psychological normality and nervous stability.

Pannenberg, Wolfhart: *El Hombre como Problema*. Editorial Herder, Barcelona, 1967 — 208 págs. — Rústica 300 pesetas.

The author is a distinguished Protestant theologian who heads the Ecumenical Institute of the Munich University. He is a very erudite scholar, and focuses all relevant facts and theories in biology, medicine, psychology, jurisprudence, sociology, theology, history, etc., to shed light on his theme. He winds up with the following conclusions: 1. The "opening" or rapport of man with the world proceeds from a God-made relation of man with the universe; and 2. The dimension of human life viewed merely as human culture is incomplete, except within the context of human dependence on God.