

## **Vocation and Education**

**Benne, Robert.** *Quality with Soul; Six Premier Colleges and Universities Keep Faith with their Religious Traditions.* Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2001.

**(Location: Exploring Our Gifts Resource Center.)**

*Quality with Soul* takes a closer look at six private colleges and how they have managed to keep their faith-based traditions despite the challenges of an increasingly secular culture and world.

**Burtchaell, James Tunstead.** *The Dying of the Light, The Disengagement of Colleges and Universities from their Christian Churches.* Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1998.

**(Location: Exploring Our Gifts Resource Center.)**

This book charts the history of 17 American Colleges and Universities that were founded by Christian denominations but have since rejected or glossed over their religious roots. This history explains why and how each school abandoned its religious roots and allows other private religious institutions to evaluate their positions within their particular Christian tradition.

**Hughes, Richard.** *How Christian Faith Can Sustain the Life of the Mind.* Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2001.

**(Location: Exploring Our Gifts Resource Center.)**

Hughes counters the modern and increasingly held view that Christians are steeped in narrowness and dogmatism by providing a compelling argument that faith, properly pursued, in fact nourishes the openness and curiosity that make a life of the mind possible.

**Simmons Ernest L.** *Lutheran Higher Education, An Introduction for Faculty.* Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 1998.

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This book provides a helpful orientation to Lutheran Colleges and Universities and their mission and vision for people who are outside of the Lutheran Tradition. It also provides a restatement of mission and vision for those who are already part of the tradition.

**Wolterstorff, Nicholas P.** *Educating for Life: Reflections on Christian Teaching and Learning.* Edited by Goria Goris Stranks and Clarence W. Joldersma. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2002.

**(Location: Exploring Our Gifts Resource Center.)**

A collection of essays on Christian teaching and learning by the scholar Nicholas Wolterstorff, this volume sheds light on the nature of Christian education, the criticisms of Christian education, Christian learning within a pluralistic society, and the goals of Christian education.