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Dear Mr. Cashman,

I trust this message finds you and yours safe and well.

Cornell University has now, in the most unusual of circumstances, welcomed back its community of scholars for a new fall term. True to its tradition, Cornell has responded with resolve to our current challenges, prioritizing the safety of its students. The work of the university library continues as an indispensable component of the university's mission, even though most of our staff are still working online from remote locations.

We bibliographers in the library have a profound privilege sustaining and ameliorating outstanding library collections at Cornell—an endeavor that would be inconceivable were it not for the generosity so many of our donors have long manifested. The Class of 1973 Book Fund has long had a significant role strengthening the library's collection in Religious Studies, which include religion in a generic sense, and significantly the history of religion and biography of religious personalities, as well as the study of Christianity. I am pleased to share with personal appreciation a selection of several titles the Class of 1973 Book Fund has recently enabled the library to acquire, which I hope you will share with your class:

- *Aus dem Leben der Familie Bonhoeffer: Die Aufzeichnungen von Dietrich Bonhoeffers Jüngster Schwester Susanne Dress*, edited by Jutta Koslowski (2018)
- *Commentary of Origen on the Gospel of St Matthew*, translated with introduction and brief annotations by Ronald E. Heine (2018)
- *Die Genesis Jesu Christi aber war so...: Die Herkunft Jesu Christi nach dem Matthäischen Prolog (Mt 1,1-4,16)*, by Matthias Berghorn (2019)
- *Die Königsmacher: Wie die synoptischen Evangelien Herrschaftslegitimierung betreiben*, by Christian Schramm (2019)
- *Les manuscrits arabes des Lettres de Paul: État de la question et étude de cas (1 Corinthiens dans le Vat. Ar. 13)*, by Sara Schulthess (2019)
- *Über die narrative Kohärenz zwischen Apostelgeschichte und Paulusbriefen*, by Nathanael Lüke (2019)
- *Zeit und Ethik im Johannesevangelium: Theoretische, methodische und exegetische Annäherungen an die Gunst der Stunde*, by Olivia L. Rahmsdorf (2019)

This selection suggests with good reason a large share of contributions by scholars writing in German. In fact, considerable research into the history and textual origins of the Christian tradition emanates from German theological seminaries and universities, making these works an important albeit by no means unique source for this vast field.

Please know of my profound gratitude for the ongoing partnership of the Class of 1973 Book Fund with the Cornell University Library in generous support of Religious Studies. I hope you will have an opportunity, at your convenience, to share this message of appreciation with members of the Class of 1973. If any questions about the Class of 1973 Book Fund should arise, please feel free to contact Jennifer Sawyer, Director of Library Alumni Affairs and Development, at [jds367@cornell.edu](mailto:jds367@cornell.edu) or 607-255-9568.

With all good wishes,

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