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And Still Peace Did Not Come Xlibris Corporation

Winner of the Christianity Today Book Award in Christianity and Culture How should we remember atrocities? Should we ever forgive abusers? Can we not hope for final reconciliation, even if it means redeemed victims and perpetrators spending eternity together? We live in an age that insists that past wrongs—genocides, terrorist attacks, bald personal injustices—should never be forgotten. But Miroslav Volf here proposes the radical idea that letting go of such memories—after a certain point and under certain conditions—may actually be a gift of grace we should embrace. Volf's personal stories of persecution and interrogation frame his search for theological resources to make memories a wellspring of healing rather than a source of deepening pain and animosity. Controversial, thoughtful, and incisively reasoned, *The End of Memory* begins a conversation that we avoid to our great detriment. This second edition includes an appendix on the memories of perpetrators as well as victims, a response to critics, and a James K. A. Smith interview with Volf about the nature and function of memory in the Christian life.

As We Forgive Routledge

Social Aspects of Memory presents a compelling study of how ordinary people remember war. Whilst the book focuses on the cities of Sarajevo and East Sarajevo during the 1992-1995 war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Jeftic also presents narratives from other war-torn cities and countries around the world. This book adopts a unique approach, by looking at how perpetrators and victims (as well as new generations who may not remember the war directly) manage in the aftermath of war. Jeftic explores how our memories of war and violence are formed, and how we can learn to reconcile those memories, individually and as a collective. Drawing on the author's own empirical and extensive research, the book explores the connection between memories for significant war events, transgenerational transmission of memories, bias for in-group wrongdoings and readiness for reconciliation between two groups. Giving a voice to underrepresented narratives and prioritising the importance of expression as a necessary catalyst for reconciliation, this book is essential reading for those interested in collective and transgenerational memory and memory studies, especially in relation to the aftermath of the 1992-1995 war in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Reconciliation in the Asia-Pacific Routledge

Remembering the Civil War: Reunion and the Limits of Reconciliation

Memories and Regrets Rowman & Littlefield

This is the Final Report of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission and its six-year investigation of the residential school system for Aboriginal youth and the legacy of these schools. This report, the summary volume, includes the history of residential schools, the legacy of that school system, and the full text of the Commission's 94 recommendations for action to address that legacy. This report lays bare a part of Canada's history that until recently was little-known to most non-Aboriginal Canadians. The Commission discusses the logic of the colonization of Canada's territories, and why and how policy and practice developed to end the existence of distinct societies of Aboriginal peoples. Using brief excerpts from the powerful testimony heard from Survivors, this report documents the residential school system which forced children into institutions where they were forbidden to speak their language, required to discard their clothing in favour of institutional wear, given inadequate food, housed in inferior and fire-prone buildings, required to work when they should have been studying, and subjected to emotional, psychological and often physical abuse. In this setting, cruel punishments were all too common, as was sexual abuse. More than 30,000 Survivors have been compensated financially by the Government of Canada for their experiences in residential schools, but the legacy of this experience is ongoing today. This report explains the links to high rates of Aboriginal children being taken from their families, abuse of drugs and alcohol, and high rates of suicide. The report documents the drastic decline in the presence of Aboriginal languages, even as Survivors and others work to maintain their distinctive cultures, traditions, and governance. The report offers 94 calls to action on the part of governments, churches, public institutions and non-Aboriginal Canadians as a path to meaningful reconciliation of Canada today with Aboriginal citizens. Even though the historical experience of residential schools constituted an act of cultural genocide by Canadian government authorities, the United Nation's declaration of the rights of aboriginal peoples and the specific recommendations of the Commission offer a path to move from apology for these events to true reconciliation that can be embraced by all Canadians.

A Reconciliation Without Recollection? Cambridge Scholars Publishing

Meeting in Stuttgart, Germany, in 2010, the Eleventh Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) asked for forgiveness from members of the Anabaptist/Mennonite tradition for the wrongs going back to the beginnings of the Lutheran movement in the sixteenth century that had led to painful divisions between the two Christian families. The Mennonites accepted this apology and both communities committed themselves to move toward reconciliation. On the threshold of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, this publication brings together two reports: "Healing Memories: Reconciling in Christ" by the Lutheran-Mennonite International Study Commission and "Bearing Fruit - Implications of the 2010 Reconciliation between Lutherans and Mennonites/Anabaptists" by the LWF Task Force on Mennonite Action. [Heilung der Erinnerungen. Implikationen der Versöhnung zwischen Lutheranern und Mennoniten] Die Elfte Vollversammlung des Lutherischen Weltbundes in Stuttgart im Jahr 2010 bat die Mitglieder der anabaptistischen/mennonitischen Bewegung um Vergebung für begangenes Unrecht, das bis zu den Anfängen der lutherischen Bewegung im 16. Jahrhundert zurückreicht und zu der schmerzhaften Trennung der beiden christlichen Traditionen führte. Die Mennoniten nahmen die Entschuldigung an, und beide Gemeinschaften verpflichteten sich, eine Versöhnung anzustreben. An der Schwelle zum Reformationsjubiläum werden in dieser Publikation zwei Berichte gemeinsam veröffentlicht: "Heilung der Erinnerungen: Versöhnung in Christus" von der Lutherisch-mennonitischen Internationalen Studienkommission und "Es trägt Früchte - Auswirkungen der Versöhnung zwischen Lutheranern und Mennoniten/Anabaptisten im Jahre 2010" von der zuständigen Arbeitsgruppe des LWB.

Competing Memories Routledge

No historical event has left as deep an imprint on America's collective memory as the Civil War. In the war's aftermath, Americans had to embrace and cast off a traumatic past. David Blight explores the perilous path of remembering and forgetting, and reveals its tragic costs to race relations and America's national reunion.

Supreme Court Transcript Publishing

This book is a fascinating study of radical clergymen in Ireland from different traditions and varying times. In ten chapters we meet Presbyterian, Catholic and Church of Ireland clergy who spoke for inclusion of all people in an Ireland free of sectarian hatreds and economic oppressions.

Historical Outlook Harper Collins

In troubled societies narratives about the past tend to be partial and explain a conflict from narrow perspectives that justify the national self and condemn, exclude and devalue the 'enemy' and their narrative. Through a detailed analysis, *Teaching Contested Narratives* reveals the works of identity, historical narratives and memory as these are enacted in classroom dialogues, canonical texts and school ceremonies. Presenting ethnographic data from local contexts in Cyprus and Israel, and demonstrating the relevance to educational settings in countries which suffer from conflicts all over the world, the authors explore the challenges of teaching narratives about the past in such societies, discuss how historical trauma and suffering are dealt with in the context of teaching, and highlight the potential of pedagogical interventions for reconciliation. The book shows how the notions of identity, memory and reconciliation can perpetuate or challenge attachments to essentialized ideas about peace and conflict.

New York Supreme Court Hachette Books

"The aftermath of modern conflicts, deeply rooted in political, economic and social structures, leaves pervasive and often recurring legacies of violence. Addressing past injustice is therefore fundamental not only for societal well-being and peace, but also for future conflict prevention. In recent years, truth and reconciliation commissions have become important but contentious mechanisms for conflict resolution and reconciliation. This book fills a significant gap, examining the importance of context within transitional justice and peace-building. It lays out long-term and often unexpected indirect effects of formal and informal justice processes. Offering a novel conceptual understanding of 'procedural reconciliation' on the societal level, it features an in-depth study of commissions in Peru and Sierra Leone, providing a critical analysis of the contribution and challenges facing transitional justice in post-conflict societies. It will be of interest to scholars and students of comparative politics, international relations, human rights and conflict studies"--

Memories of a Turkish Statesman-1913-1919 Parallax Press

In his prize-winning memoir, *Reconciliation Road*, John Marshall recounts a road trip around America in search of the truth about his famous grandfather General S. L. A. (Slam) Marshall, author of *Pork Chop Hill*. In the process he comes to terms with his own past and that of others whose families were torn apart by the Vietnam War.

Reconciliation Hachette UK

When bullets hit Agnes Kamara-Umunna's home in Monrovia, Liberia, she and her father hastily piled whatever they could carry into their car and drove toward the border, along with thousands of others. An army of children was approaching, under the leadership of Charles Taylor. It seemed like the end of the world. Slowly, they made their way to the safety of Sierra Leone. They were the lucky ones. After years of exile, with the fighting seemingly over, Agnes returned to Liberia--a country now devastated by years of civil war. Families have been torn apart, villages destroyed, and it seems as though no one has been spared. Reeling, and unsure of what to do in this place so different from the home of her memories, Agnes accepted a job at the local UN-run radio station. Their mission is peace and their method is reconciliation through understanding and communication. Soon, she came up with a daring plan: Find the former child soldiers, and record their stories. And so Agnes, then a 43-year-old single mother of four, headed out to the ghettos of Monrovia and befriended them, drinking Club Beer and smoking Dunhill cigarettes with them, earning their trust. One by one, they spoke on her program, *Straight from the Heart*, and slowly, it seemed like reconciliation and forgiveness might be possible. From Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, Africa's first female president, to Butt Naked, a warlord whose horrific story is as unforgettable as his nickname--everyone has a story to tell. Victims and perpetrators. Boys and girls, mothers and fathers. Agnes comforts rape survivors, elicits testimonials from warlords, and is targeted with death threats--all live on the air. Set in a place where monkeys, not raccoons, are the scourge of homeowners; the trees have roots like elephant legs; and peacebuilding is happening from the ground-up. Harrowing, bleak, hopeful, humorous, and deeply moving--*And Still Peace Did Not Come* is not only Agnes's memoir: It is also her testimony to a nation's descent into the horrors of civil war, and its subsequent rise out of the ashes.

Reconciling Memories US Institute of Peace Press

The United Nations' declaration of 2009 as the International Year of Reconciliation is testimony to the growing use of historical commissions as instruments of reconciliation in post-conflict societies. Since the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) has had a profound impact on international efforts to deal with the aftermath of mass violence and societal conflict, this is an appropriate time for scholars to debate and reflect on the work of the TRC and the wide-ranging scholarship it has inspired across disciplines. With a foreword by Harvard Law Professor Martha Minow, *Memory, Narrative, and Forgiveness: Perspectives on the Unfinished Journeys of the Past* offers readers a front-row seat where a team of scholars draw on both theoretical analysis and case studies from around the world to explore the themes of memory, narrative, forgiveness and apology, and how these themes often interact in either mutually supportive or unsettling ways. The book is a vibrant discussion by scholars in philosophy, psychology, psychoanalytic theory, history, literary theory, and Holocaust studies. The authors explore the complex, interconnected issues of trauma and narrative (testimonial and literary narrative and theatre as narrative), mourning and the potential of forgiveness to heal the enduring effects of mass trauma, and transgenerational trauma-memory as a basis for dialogue and reconciliation in divided societies. The authors go well beyond the South African TRC and address a wide range of historical events to explore the possibilities and the challenges that lie on the path of reconciliation and forgiveness between victims, perpetrators, and bystanders in societies with a history of violent conflict and unspeakable injustice. The book provides readers with a cohesive, theoretically well-grounded analysis of the impact of traumatic memories in the personal and communal lives of survivors of trauma. It explores how narrative may be creatively applied in processes of healing trauma, and how public testimony can often restore the moral balance of societies ravaged by trauma. The book deepens understanding of the ways in which lessons from the TRC might be developed and both usefully and cautiously applied in other post-conflict situations.

Social Aspects of Memory Springer Science & Business Media

In her classic books *The Courage to Heal* and *Allies in Healing*, Laura Davis helped millions cope with the trauma of child sexual abuse. Her supportive guide *Becoming the Parent You Want to Be* taught

parents to create a vision for their families. Now, in *I Thought We'd Never Speak Again*, she tackles another critical, emerging issue: reconciling relationships sundered by betrayal, anger, and misunderstanding. With her trademark clarity and compassion, Davis maps the reconciliation process through gripping firstperson stories of people who have reconciled under a wide variety of difficult circumstances. In these pages, parents reconcile with children, embittered siblings reconnect, estranged friends reunite, and war veterans and crime victims meet with their enemies. Davis weaves these powerful accounts with her own experiences reconciling with her mother after a long, painful estrangement. Making a crucial distinction between reconciliation and forgiveness, Davis explains how people can make peace in relationships without necessarily forgiving past hurts. Step by step, she clarifies the qualities needed for reconciliation-including maturity, discernment, determination, courage, communication, and compassion. To help readers gauge their own readiness, she includes a self-assessment entitled "Are You Ready for Reconciliation?" as well as a special section called "Ideas for Reflection and Discussion." On each page of this inspiring and instructive book, Laura Davis offers hope and help for reconciliation between individuals, and in the larger human family, sharing essential keys for resolving troubled relationships and finding peace.

Journal of Theology for Southern Africa Columba Books

Providing a clear, critical analysis of the history of Aboriginal law, *A Reconciliation without Recollection?* exposes the limitations of the current constitutional framework of reconciliation by following the lines of descent underlying the relationship between Crown and Aboriginal sovereignty.

Lethe's Law Evangelische Verlagsanstalt

Inspired by the award-winning film of the same name. If you were told that a murderer was to be released into your neighborhood, how would you feel? But what if it weren't only one, but thousands? Could there be a common roadmap to reconciliation? Could there be a shared future after unthinkable evil? If forgiveness is possible after the slaughter of nearly a million in a hundred days in Rwanda, then today, more than ever, we owe it to humanity to explore how one country is addressing perceptual, social-psychological, and spiritual dimensions to achieve a more lasting peace. If forgiveness is possible after genocide, then perhaps there is hope for the comparably smaller rifts that plague our relationships, our communities, and our nation. Based on personal interviews and thorough research, *As We Forgive* returns to the boundary lines of genocide's wounds and traces the route of reconciliation in the lives of Rwandans--victims, widows, orphans, and perpetrators--whose past and future intersect. We find in these stories how suffering, memory, and identity set up roadblocks to forgiveness, while mediation, truth-telling, restitution, and interdependence create bridges to healing. *As We Forgive* explores the pain, the mystery, and the hope through seven compelling stories of those who have made this journey toward reconciliation. The result is a narrative that breathes with humanity and is as haunting as it is hopeful.

Teaching Contested Narratives Cambridge University Press

Comparing the law's efforts to deal with the past, these 12 essays address matters of criminal responsibility, amnesty, time, memory, and reconciliation. The relationships between justice, the law, and politics are explored with concern to recent changes in the nature and responsibilities of each. Attention is given to the experiences of Eastern Europe, Germany, South Africa, Israel, and Australia. Contributors include legal scholars, philosophers, and social scientists from Europe, Israel, South Africa, Canada, and Australia. The book is distributed in the US by ISBS. c. Book News Inc.

And Still Peace Did Not Come University of Toronto Press

History has left many scars in the Asia-Pacific. Injuries inflicted generations ago are still fresh in the collective memories of the peoples of the region, hobbling efforts to repair relationships between old adversaries. But recently the spirit of reconciliation seems to have acquired new life. From Korea to Japan to China, longtime enemies are trading apologies and looking ahead. In this remarkably timely volume, Yoichi Funabashi, one of Japan's most influential journalists, and seven authors from throughout the Asia-Pacific shine the spotlight on the prospects for reconciliation in the region. Looking at instances of inter-ethnic as well as international strife, this book lays out the background to each case, analyzes the impact of unresolved and sometimes unacknowledged grievances, and weighs the prospects for overcoming the burden of history. Not all the cases inspire optimism, at least in the short term, for bitter memories have burrowed deep into society and are intertwined with issues of political power and ethnic identity. But in some parts of the region, palpable progress toward reconciliation is being made. In his conclusion, Funabashi identifies the key steps that

governments and publics must take if they are to come to terms with the past.

Day's Collaçon: an Encyclopaedia of Prose Quotations James Lorimer & Company

Based on Dharma talks by Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh and insights from participants in retreats for healing the inner child, this book is an exciting contribution to the growing trend of using Buddhist practices to encourage mental health and wellness. Reconciliation focuses on the theme of mindful awareness of our emotions and healing our relationships, as well as meditations and exercises to acknowledge and transform the hurt that many of us experienced as children. The book shows how anger, sadness, and fear can become joy and tranquility by learning to breathe with, explore, meditate, and speak about our strong emotions. Reconciliation offers specific practices designed to bring healing and release for people suffering from childhood trauma. The book is written for a wide audience and accessible to people of all backgrounds and spiritual traditions.

Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, Volume One: Summary Zondervan

This book I wrote "memories and Regrets" is a labor of love, death, unimaginable fights and reconciliation. It's a full circle of my life and the special people I keep close to me.

Wandering Recollections of a somewhat busy life. An autobiography UNC Press Books

"My doctoral study began with my interest in discovering what influences from my past Nunavik teaching experience inform my present teaching practice in Southern Quebec. Despite the fact that many teachers who teach in Indigenous communities continue to be non-Indigenous, surprisingly, this question has not yet been addressed; most studies have focused on going there (viz., preparation), and not the return. However, it stands to reason that non-Indigenous teachers may be deeply impacted by their experiences in Indigenous communities, impacts that exert a profound influence on their practices after they return 'home' to teach in southern non-Indigenous public and private schools. To explore this complex question, the present study drew on a combination of Indigenous methodologies, collaborative self-study, memory work and poetic inquiry. The participants, including myself, examined our memories of teaching in Inuit villages as non-Inuit teachers performing research as ceremony (Wilson, 2008), a way of honouring the Indigenous peoples and voices who helped inform this study. In the process of 'settling' (viz., acknowledging and then coming to terms with) and then unsettling our stories, we employed a recursive method, passing through second, third and fourth thoughts. We discovered how critical forms of nostalgia especially informed our teaching, as we worked to reconcile the past with the present (Boym, 2001; Pinar 2012). As a result of our transformative inquiry (Tanaka, 2016), we realized that among the most lasting of the impacts of our past Nunavik teaching experiences were our consistent incorporating of Indigenous perspectives into our curricula, whereby our classrooms also became the platforms for acting as Indigenous supporters. Methodologically, my study contributes in an original way to decolonizing forms of qualitative research. I created a methodological framework in the form of an inukshuk, and later igloo, which represent hybridizations of Western and Indigenous ways of knowing. These synergetic conceptualizations of the medicine wheel contribute to Indigenous studies within the context of ally scholarship, settler theory, and decolonizing research methods and methodologies. Before beginning this research, my participants and I had struggled with feelings of exile. This felt liminality weighed heavily on us in that we feel we do not completely belong neither here (in Southern Quebec) nor there (in Nunavik). Re-envisioning nostalgia through a curre lens helped bring out implications of our collective self and memory work for changing the prevailing colonial story to one that supports reconciliation, thus contributing to the growing body of work in critical nostalgia. Curre, which involves examination of a person's accumulated body of knowledge, both academic and lived, allows for critical reflection of memories and in our case, moving from restorative to reflective nostalgia (Boym, 2001). This dissertation also contributes to literature on liminality and third spaces in the area of decolonizing teacher education, emphasizing collaboration between Indigenous and non-Indigenous teachers. Further questions arising from this study focus on non-Indigenous teacher education and preparation for teaching in Indigenous communities, considering the implications of the 'return' (to the South) post Indigenous teaching experiences. The recommendations suggested in this thesis are an effort to contribute to reconciliation for improved relations and equal opportunities that are inclusive, representative, respectful and reflective of Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultures and languages in Canada, and all voices in-between"--