Bibliography for Enhancing Life Project
Paul Dafydd Jones (*Patience: A Theological Exploration*)


A major collection of essays from a theologian who utilizes René Girard’s account of scapegoating, and who has particular interests in queer sexuality and Roman Catholicism. A major highlight in the collection is an essay on the Gerasene Demoniac (Mark 5:1-17), titled “Clothed and in his Right Mind.”


A neglected section on patience and wisdom as divine “perfections” from Karl Barth’s masterpiece, the *Church Dogmatics*. The treatment of patience advances the idea that God lovingly grants human beings time and space to exercise agency in the context of God’s covenant of grace.


Calvin’s influential treatise on Christian life, with key sections on faith, justification, sanctification, eternal life, and—notoriously—double predestination. Of particular interest for enhancing life studies is Calvin’s vivid account of the individual’s incorporation into the body of Christ, which sets in motion his or her growth in holiness.


A short work in the field of theological ethics and Christian spirituality. Harned draws on scripture and a number of renowned thinkers—including the neglected Anglican theologian, W. H. Vanstone—to commend patience as a much-needed disposition and practice in a late modern context.


A groundbreaking study of the relationship between divine and human action. Tanner advocates for a “non-competitive” perspective—often-neglected by late modern theologians and western philosophers of religion—whereby God’s gracious activity does not conflict with, but enables, sustains, and dignifies human activity.