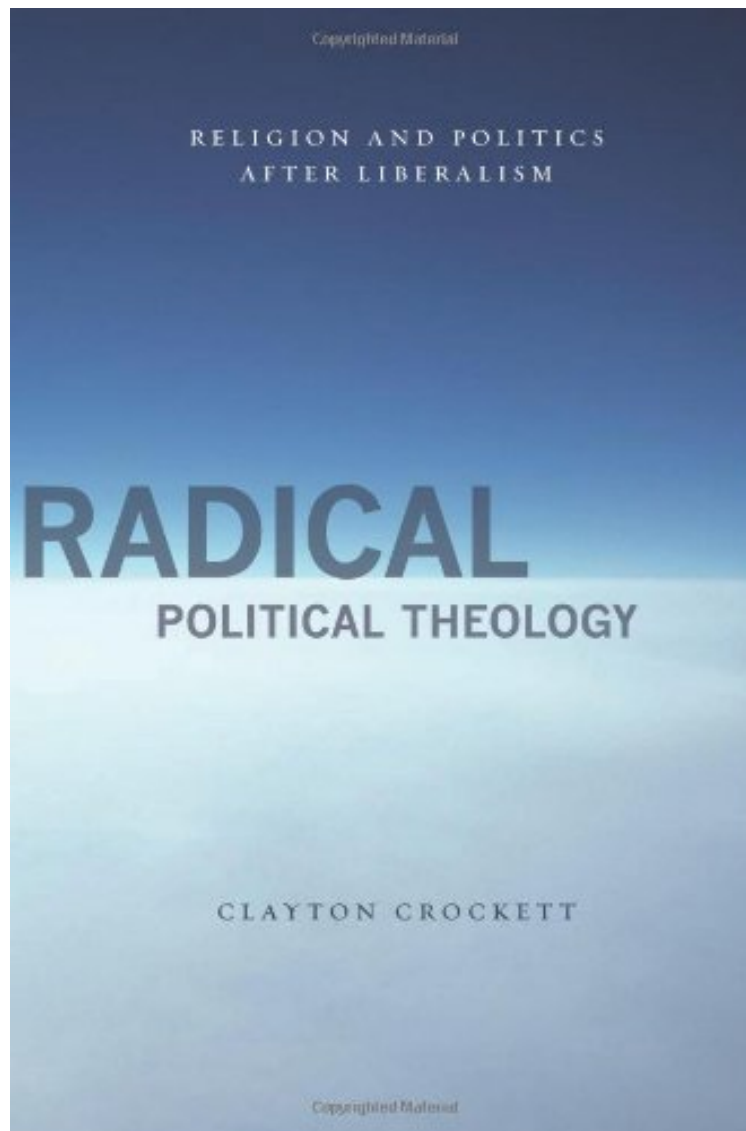


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Clayton Crockett : Radical Political Theology: Religion and Politics After Liberalism (Insurrections: Critical Studies in Religion, Politics, and Culture) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Radical Political Theology: Religion and Politics After Liberalism (Insurrections: Critical Studies in Religion, Politics, and Culture):

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 First: you need to realize that the Insurrections series by Columbia press is a neo-left-wing critique of Hegel through the filters of deconstruction and existentialism. As such, they fit primarily within a psychological framework. Therefore, the more you know of Hegel's psychology, the better you will appreciate this series. I think they offer a valuable resource and this current volume is no exception. Crockett's approach is to re-construct the concepts of "sovereignty" and "democracy". And to react against a growing problematic of global capitalism. The message is URGENT for Crockett. He builds an eschatological model of promise and hope which sounds a lot like Moltmann without Christianity present. And as a de-constructionist, he requires the falling-back into the elastic and less-stable self of the "abyss of darkness". But he describes the "Mine" or explored unconscious, rather than the unexplored Abyss in his text. Subjective positing of the "potentia" of eschatological possibilities emerging in history drives the process in actuality and in new internalizations. I thought the book was rewarding, balanced, and systematically presented. I am not leftist but do strongly recommend this manuscript for all interested in this evolving field of interest. Easily 5 stars.

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 A breathless review of Continental philosophy's turn to immanent idealism, presented as the inevitable future not yet arrived because still forming in its unique dissolving-while-shaping manifestations, written for the academic far-left crowd. God, capitalism, liberalism and sovereignty are pronounced dead, to be replaced by social forms constantly dogged and often overturned by an anarchist elite. Marxism re-presented as political theology, as religion without religion. Will the new clothes help?

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 Clayton does a good job at crafting an alternative view of the cosmos through his explorations into contemporary continental philosophers. Neoliberalism has failed earth and only a radical political theology can think ahead to open our vistas for a new world.

In the 1960s, the strict opposition between the religious and the secular began to break down, blurring the distinction between political philosophy and political theology. This collapse contributed to the decline of modern liberalism, which supported a neutral, value-free space for capitalism. It also deeply unsettled political, religious, and philosophical realms, forced to confront the conceptual stakes of a return to religion. Gamely intervening in a contest that defies simple resolutions, Clayton Crockett conceives of the postmodern convergence of the secular and the religious as a basis for emancipatory political thought. Engaging themes of sovereignty, democracy, potentiality, law, and event from a religious and political point of view, Crockett articulates a theological vision that responds to our contemporary world and its theo-political realities. Specifically, he claims we should think about God and the state in terms of potentiality rather than sovereign power. Deploying new concepts, such as Slavoj iek's idea of parallax and Catherine Malabou's notion of plasticity, his argument engages with debates over the nature and status of religion, ideology, and messianism. Tangling with the work of Derrida, Deleuze, Spinoza, Antonio Negri, Giorgio Agamben, Alain Badiou, John D. Caputo, and Catherine Keller, Crockett concludes with a reconsideration of democracy as a form of political thought and religious practice, underscoring its ties to modern liberal capitalism while also envisioning a more authentic democracy unconstrained by those ties.

A tour de force that should be required reading for theologians, philosophers, and critical, political and economic theorists alike. (Brent A. R. Hege *Radical Philosophy*) This is a thoughtful, clearly written and challenging book. (Philosophy in)...this is a valuable work indeed that deserves a wide hearing in theological circles. (Daniel Liechty *Religion*) Crockett... introduces his concept of radical political theology through an impressive analysis of its relation to the rise of the Religious Right. This capacity to intertwine the theoretical and the everyday is part of the promise of [his] thought... (Political Theology) About the Author Clayton Crockett is associate professor of philosophy and director of religious studies at the University of Central Arkansas. He is the author of *Deleuze Beyond Badiou: Ontology, Multiplicity, and Event* and *Interstices of the Sublime: Theology and Psychoanalytic Theory*, and is coeditor of *Hegel and the Infinite: Religion, Politics, and the Dialectic*.