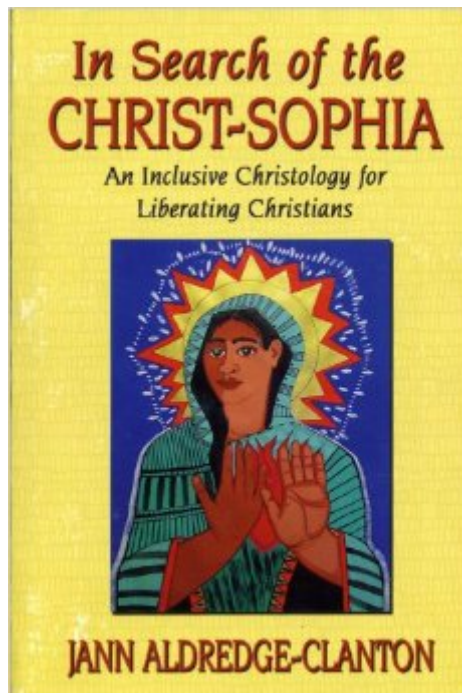


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IN SEARCH OF THE CHRIST-SOPHIA presents powerful biblical and theological support for a Divine Feminine image buried in Christianity. The popularity of THE DA VINCI CODE demonstrates the widespread hunger for the lost Sacred Feminine. This book resurrects Sophia (Wisdom) and connects Her to Jesus Christ. Aldredge-Clanton combines theological scholarship with pastoral sensitivity to demonstrate that a christology inclusive of both female and male is vital to liberation and equality. She uncovers the New Testament links between Christ and Wisdom (Sophia), a feminine symbol of Deity in the Hebrew Scriptures. She applies the theology of Christ-Sophia to contemporary spirituality, social justice ministry, and the restructuring of the Christian community. This book also contains services, prayers, litanies, reflections, and songs that can be used for personal meditation or communal worship. With a clear and concise style accessible to general readers and theology students, IN SEARCH OF THE CHRIST-SOPHIA challenges individuals and churches to bring liberation through the inclusion of the Divine Feminine.

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Aldredge-Clanton writes that she has found Christ in Sophia. Sophia is the term for the feminine, incarnate, personified Wisdom of God. Jann's Sophia Christology seeks to "save Christianity from an exclusively masculine divine image" and she desires to resurrect an image that can hold divine masculinity and divine femininity in equal balance. Her metaphorical use of "Sophia-Christ" represents a feminine symbol for God's presence and the saving actions of Jesus. Recovering this metaphor means developing a Christology less restricted by gender. This is a Christology that replaces the exclusive masculine gender concept of God. This is liberating approach for understanding Jesus Christ, especially for women, who, with this Christology, can equally represent and reflect Jesus. The resurrection of Christ is critical to Jann's "Sophia Christology." For Jann there is no Christian faith without the resurrection, and the resurrection is more than an event, the resurrection "proclaims the presence of God alive in the world today." Her Christology is not new, for "Wisdom Christology" predates the more traditional Son of God and Logos Christologies. What is refreshingly interesting is how she weaves "Wisdom Christology" into a strong feminist Christology. However interesting this maybe it is still sexist.

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