

Of all the books deriving from this tradition, the one I think best preserves the flavor and excitement and motivating force for Christian action in world is the one whose jacket flaps constitute this thinksheet--the right flap bearing this message [and being thus a slice, as it were, of the book]; the left flap being a thumbnail of the best teacher ("best" meaning most fitting to my moment of exposure, a course in "Inductive Bible Study: Epistle to the Hebrews") I ever had.

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SCRIPTURE AND THE CHRISTIAN RESPONSE



A GREAT TEACHER has written an exciting book on the human response to the Scriptures. This book presents the study of the Bible as an adventure in personal discovery. The author understands that familiarity with the historical context and cultural details of a Bible book is not enough, nor is it equivalent to knowing that book and responding to it. Dr. Kuist accents the necessity for men to re-create the Bible message for their own hearts. But such a re-creation is not to be accomplished in a haphazard fashion. Exact observation and comparison are shown to be essential to a full understanding of Scripture. The student is encouraged to develop his original powers of response by employing the laws of composition as guides to accurate observation. By skillfully combining the scientific with the aesthetic approach Dr. Kuist illustrates how personal discovery of the relation between the form and content of the Bible leads us into a more adequate reading of it. As readers we have that rare experience of entering into the world of the Bible with a teacher who is intent on sharing with us his enthusiasm and zest for spiritual adventure. The book should be required reading for all inquirers into the arts—for here the Bible, like a Mozart opera, a Rembrandt painting, or the Chartres Cathedral, is approached as a work of creation. But a need of our time even more urgent is the re-creation of Scripture into the art of Christian living, and Dr. Kuist has admirably pointed out the way.