

Table of Contents

Introduction.....	ix
Chapter One.....	1
Emmanuel Levinas' Transcendental Ethics of Responsibility.....	1
I. Situating Emmanuel Levinas within the Metaphysical Tradition.....	2
René Descartes and Rational Subjectivity.....	5
Immanuel Kant and the Phenomenal Realm.....	9
II. An Overview of Edmund Husserl's and Martin Heidegger's	
Occupation with Phenomenology.....	11
Edmund Husserl and the Phenomenological Method.....	11
Heidegger on Husserl's Phenomenological Approach.....	16
III. Emmanuel Levinas' Ethics of Responsibility.....	21
Ethics as First Philosophy.....	21
Ethical Subjectivity: Encounter with the Other, the Face, the Trace, and the Infinite.....	24
The Temporality of the Ethical Encounter: Transcendence and Time, the Saying and the Said, and the Third Party.....	29
Transcendence and Time.....	29
The Saying and the Said.....	31
The Third Party.....	33
IV. The Influence of Jewish Aspects in Emmanuel Levinas' Philosophy.....	37
Levinas and Judaism.....	37
Levinas and the Holocaust.....	40
Conclusion.....	43
Chapter Two.....	45
The Neighbor as Liberation Theology's Point of Departure: Gustavo Gutiérrez and Jon Sobrino.....	45
I. The Emergence of the Theology of Liberation.....	48
II. Gustavo Gutiérrez.....	55
Social, Cultural, and Ecclesial Background of Gutiérrez Theology.....	55
Gutiérrez's Major Theological Themes.....	61
Theology as Critical Reflection on Praxis.....	62
The Fundamental Option for the Poor.....	63
The Encounter with God in History.....	65

Liberation, Development and Salvation.....	68
Spirituality of Liberation.....	70
The Church as Sacrament in History.....	71
III. Jon Sobrino.....	73
Social, Cultural, and Ecclesial Background of Sobrino's Theology.....	73
Jon Sobrino's Major Theological Themes.....	78
The Historical Jesus.....	78
The Death and Resurrection of Jesus.....	79
The Centrality of the Kingdom of God.....	81
Ecclesiology.....	82
Spirituality.....	83
IV. The Centrality of the Neighbor in Liberation Theology.....	85
Conclusion.....	91
Chapter Three.....	93
Emmanuel Levinas and Liberation Theology in Dialogue: An Intersubjective Model for the Radical Re-Imagining of the World.....	93
I. The Context for Philosophical and Theological Reflection: The Postmodern World.....	96
II. Areas of Affinity Between Levinas' Philosophy and Liberation Theology.....	100
Levinas, Gutiérrez, Sobrino, and the Human Historical Situation.....	101
Divine Transcendence and Responsibility for the Neighbor in Levinas' Philosophy and Liberation Theology.....	103
Levinas' Philosophy, Liberation Theology, and the Judeo- Christian Wisdom.....	106
III. Levinas' Philosophy and Liberation Theology: Complementarity and Dialogue.....	112
Levinas' Transcendental Ethics: A Viable Philosophical Frame- work for Liberation Theology.....	113
Liberation Theology as Conversion to the Neighbor in History: Bearing Witness to Levinas' Transcendental Ethics of Responsibility.....	116
The Turn to the Other/Neighbor: A Precondition for Peace, Justice, and Good Socio-Political and Economic Order.....	121
Conclusion.....	122
Chapter Four.....	125
Enrique Dussel, Jean-Luc Marion, and Michael Purcell on Emmanuel Levinas' Ethics of Responsibility and Christian Theology.....	125

Table of Contents

vii

I. Enrique Dussel	126
Embracing Levinas' Challenge: Dussel's Critique of the Western Ontological Horizon.....	127
Dussel's Anadialecical Method in terms of Levinas' Pheno- menology of the Other	129
II. Jean-Luc Marion	133
The Demise of Metaphysics: Toward Marion's Pheno- menological Approach	134
Marion's Givenness, Saturated Phenomena or Paradoxes and Levinas' Ethics of Responsibility.....	137
III. Michael Purcell.....	148
The Correlation between Phenomenology and Theology.....	149
The Theologies of Grace and Sacraments and Levinas' Pheno- menology of Awakening, Desire, and the Face	155
Levinas' Phenomenology of Desire and Awakening and the Theology of Grace	155
Levinas' Phenomenology of the Face and the Theology of Sacrament	159
Conclusion.....	163
Chapter Five	167
Levinas' Philosophy, Liberation Theology, and Contemporary Sub- Saharan Africa Socio-Political and Ethnic Conflicts.....	167
I. An Overview of Contemporary Sub-Saharan African Socio- Political and Ethnic Conflicts.....	169
Congo Brazzaville	172
Côte d'Ivoire.....	175
Kenya.....	177
II. The Turn to the Other/Neighbor: A Road Map for Better Contemporary Sub-Saharan African Soldiers	179
III. Two Examples of the Turn to the Neighbor in the Real Time of History.....	188
Nelson Mandela.....	189
Jacques Désiré Laval	190
Conclusion.....	192
Conclusion.....	199
Bibliography.....	203
Index	219