



Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting

By Miika Tolonen



Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting By Miika Tolonen

In a postsecular cultural situation the conditions for understanding and communicating a Christian tradition have changed. None of the established religions can any longer claim monopoly in the "marketplace of religions" A claim of this study is that a postsecular situation characterized, among other things, by dwindling memberships in established churches as well as a new visibility of alternative religious expressions, opens up a need to reflect on alternative ways of understanding Christianity in its context. This study focuses on the question, how can a Christian tradition be communicated understandably in a postsecular context? In traditional terms: how can Christian witness be understood in our situation? It is to this need, according to this study, that the ecclesiology of Stanley Hauerwas provides a meaningful perspective. This perspective becomes relevant because in a postsecular context a Christian church, even a folk church, cannot assume to be in a position of majority or power. There is, therefore, a need to ask how to understand Christianity as a community of witness that is neither in power nor a majority. The study suggests that embodiment of Christian convictions becomes a central factor in a meaningful postsecular notion of witness.

 [Download Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in ...pdf](#)

Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting

By Miika Tolonen

Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting By Miika Tolonen

In a postsecular cultural situation the conditions for understanding and communicating a Christian tradition have changed. None of the established religions can any longer claim monopoly in the "marketplace of religions" A claim of this study is that a postsecular situation characterized, among other things, by dwindling memberships in established churches as well as a new visibility of alternative religious expressions, opens up a need to reflect on alternative ways of understanding Christianity in its context. This study focuses on the question, how can a Christian tradition be communicated understandably in a postsecular context? In traditional terms: how can Christian witness be understood in our situation? It is to this need, according to this study, that the ecclesiology of Stanley Hauerwas provides a meaningful perspective. This perspective becomes relevant because in a postsecular context a Christian church, even a folk church, cannot assume to be in a position of majority or power. There is, therefore, a need to ask how to understand Christianity as a community of witness that is neither in power nor a majority. The study suggests that embodiment of Christian convictions becomes a central factor in a meaningful postsecular notion of witness.

Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting By Miika Tolonen Bibliography

- Rank: #5185058 in Books
- Published on: 2014-01-07
- Released on: 2014-01-07
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 9.00" h x .46" w x 6.00" l, .65 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 200 pages



[Download Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a ...pdf](#)



[Read Online Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting By Miika Tolonen

Editorial Review

Review

This book is a wonderful indication of not only the great relevance of Hauerwas' theological-ethical vision for the wider church of Christ in general, but also with regard to particular contexts such as the Nordic lands. Thoroughly knowledgeable of the intricacies of the post-secular European ecclesiastical context and the theological nuances of the leading American ethicist, Miika Tolonen's patient and insightful investigation is a call for the church to live up to its message. Indeed, having read this inspiring text convinced me that whatever else it might be, primarily witness is presence. --Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, Fuller Theological Seminary

About the Author

Miika Tolonen (BA, MA, DrTheol) is lecturer at Iso Kirja College in Keuruu, Finland.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Robert Franco:

Information is provisions for those to get better life, information presently can get by anyone from everywhere. The information can be a know-how or any news even a concern. What people must be consider while those information which is in the former life are difficult to be find than now's taking seriously which one would work to believe or which one the resource are convinced. If you have the unstable resource then you get it as your main information it will have huge disadvantage for you. All of those possibilities will not happen throughout you if you take Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting as your daily resource information.

Anthony Doucet:

Hey guys, do you really wants to finds a new book to learn? May be the book with the headline Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting suitable to you? The particular book was written by famous writer in this era. Typically the book untitled Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting is the main one of several books this everyone read now. That book was inspired a number of people in the world. When you read this reserve you will enter the new age that you ever know prior to. The author explained their thought in the simple way, therefore all of people can easily to recognise the core of this book. This book will give you a wide range of information about this world now. To help you to see the represented of the world on this book.

Donald Lombard:

Reading a publication can be one of a lot of action that everyone in the world enjoys. Do you like reading book so. There are a lot of reasons why people enjoyed. First reading a publication will give you a lot of new

info. When you read a reserve you will get new information because book is one of many ways to share the information or maybe their idea. Second, reading through a book will make anyone more imaginative. When you reading through a book especially fictional works book the author will bring you to definitely imagine the story how the character types do it anything. Third, you can share your knowledge to some others. When you read this *Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting*, you could tell your family, friends along with soon about yours e-book. Your knowledge can inspire average, make them reading a book.

Kelly Brooks:

The book with title *Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting* possesses a lot of information that you can learn it. You can get a lot of help after read this book. That book exist new know-how the information that exist in this publication represented the condition of the world now. That is important to you to be aware of how the improvement of the world. That book will bring you inside new era of the globalization. You can read the e-book on your smart phone, so you can read this anywhere you want.

Download and Read Online *Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting* By Miika Tolonen #Y1MG5XW4SEH

Read Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting By Miika Tolonen for online ebook

Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting By Miika Tolonen Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting By Miika Tolonen books to read online.

Online Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting By Miika Tolonen ebook PDF download

Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting By Miika Tolonen Doc

Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting By Miika Tolonen Mobipocket

Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting By Miika Tolonen EPub

Y1MG5XW4SEH: Witness Is Presence: Reading Stanley Hauerwas in a Nordic Setting By Miika Tolonen