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Review Of "Hermeneutics And The Disclosure Of Truth: A Study In The Work Of Heidegger, Gadamer, And Ricoeur" By J. I. DiCenso

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Jerry Gill contends that modern, dualistic paradigms of “Being,” “Knowing,” “Doing,” and “Saying” force us to conceptualize transcendence in such a manner that divine activity ceases to bear meaningfully upon human activity. For example, these paradigms cannot provide conceptual vehicles capable of expressing the interpenetration of the “realms” of fact and value in our activity. Gill explores our embodied, social, and linguistic experience for “a truly incarnational model” of our experience of divine activity (p. 36) that conceives transcendence “in immanent terms” (p. 44). Creatively integrating insights of Maurice Merleau-Ponty, Michael Polanyi, Ludwig Wittgenstein, and American pragmatism, he invites us to recognize how transcendence presents itself in and through a dimension of our experience that depends on others, like embodiment and sociality, while being both richer and more comprehensive than they are. Gill offers throughout this refreshingly readable work both a provocative analysis of current problems regarding discourse about transcendence and a stimulating proposal toward their resolution.

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In this series of essays the contributing authors describe the experience of mothering (being and having) and the institution of motherhood (in church and soci-