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Review

Students and researchers should read this book as a model for how to do Reformation History.

---Markus Wriedt, Dr. theol. habil., Professor of Historical Theology/Church History, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main and Marquette University

A fascinating history . . . Luther is both a Catholic and a Reformer at the same time.

---Wolfgang Thoenissen, Dr. theol. habil., Professor of Ecumenical Theology, Faculty of Theology, Paderborn

I was constantly fascinated and sometimes even thrilled by his insights into Dr. Martin's continuity with medieval theology.

---Bishop Richard J. Sklba, Vicar General/Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee, Co-chair of the National Lutheran/Catholic Dialogue

I write to commend your publication of Dr. Franz Posset's *The Real Luther: A Friar at Erfurt and Wittenberg* (2011). I have read and examined the book carefully, and find that it makes several important and original contributions to Luther research. These contributions combine to make this work a 'game-changer' for our understanding of Martin Luther. . . . The Luther that emerges from this analysis is no less profound a theologian, but he bears a significantly less agonistic relationship to his own catholic past. This fact alone makes Posset's work a signal contribution not only to the historical understanding of Martin Luther, but to improved ecumenical mutual understanding between Catholics and Lutherans as well. To that extent, the work packs a two-fold punch, substantially revising both our historical understanding and our ecumenical situation at the same time. . . . All of us, on either side of the Catholic-Lutheran divide, are challenged to reconsider both the history and the reasons that have led to this division. To that extent, *The Real Luther* is a book that will be helpful both to Reformation historians and to theologians as well. I urge you to give this important new publication every opportunity to receive the scholarly recognition it so richly deserves. (Letter, 24 June 2011) --Mickey L. Mattox, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theology and Director of Undergraduate Studies in Theology, Marquette University

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