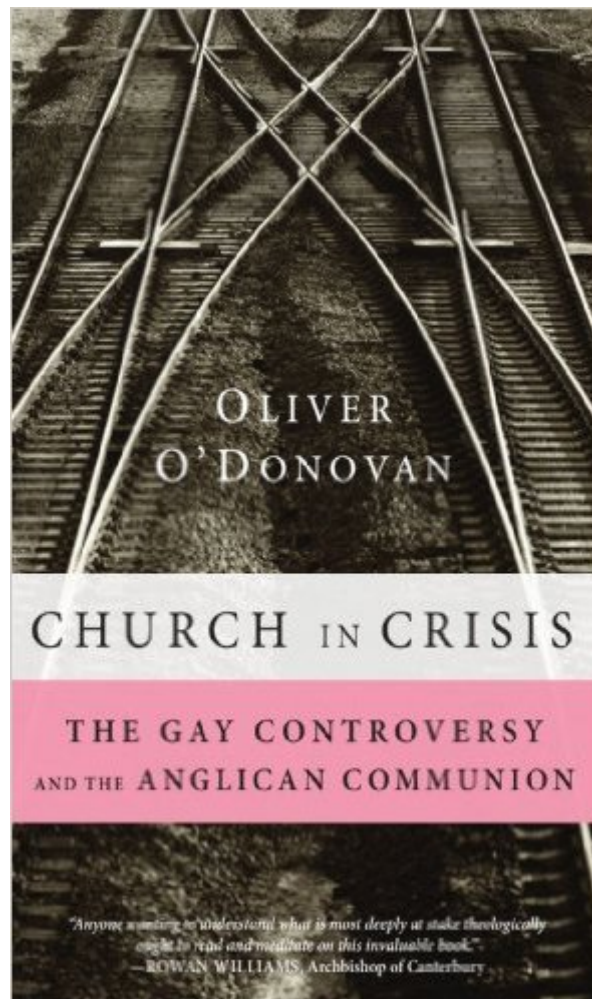


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This is an excellent theological and ethical analysis of the "gay controversy" in the Church of England. O'Donovan provides fair treatment of both sides of the conversation while challenging both to deeper thinking within the Church's ethical and doctrinal traditions. This is not superficial reading. O'Donovan is a leading thinker in theological ethics. I wish the theological analysis in the American churches was this serious.

O'Donovan will be frustrating if you are looking for someone to give a final verdict on Christianity and Homosexuality. Instead he offers that tradition is neither the final arbitrator on all decisions nor something we can just dismiss. He reproves anyone who feels they have an irrevocable answer on this when The Anglican Communion as a whole has not achieved consensus. His optimism that such a consensus can be reached is the most winsome quality of the book.

This is one of the most thoughtful reflections on the crisis going on in the Anglican Communion in print. O'Donovan helps the reader think about the issues in terms of Christian witness and vocation and argues that the "liberal" "rights" paradigm is not the best framework for thinking through this issue. Be prepared to hear a theological reflection which does not conform to either the "right" or the

"left" ideological agendas. It should also be noted that O'Donovan does not take sides on the issue either.

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