Mark Noll: Is the Reformation Over? An Evangelical Assessment of Contemporary Roman Catholicism

For the last few decades, Catholics and Protestants have been working to heal the wounds caused by centuries of mistrust. In this book, Mark Noll provides an evaluation of contemporary Roman Catholicism and the changing relationship between Catholics and evangelicals.

(PRWEB) August 9, 2005 -- Written by Mark Noll, one of the premier church historians of our day, and Carolyn Nystrom, "Is the Reformation Over?" will appeal to those interested in the relationship between evangelicals and the Catholic Church.

Publishers Weekly writes, Â“The eminent evangelical historian Noll and journalist Nystrom offer a lucid and charitable account of the current state of evangelical-Catholic relations. Only scant decades ago, they point out, Protestants inveighed against Â‘the formalism, the anthropocentric worship, the power mongering, and the egotismÂ’ of Rome. But now, they wryly observe, all those qualities Â‘flourish on every hand within Protestant evangelicalism.Â’ This willingness to see the proverbial beam in oneÂ’s own eye is one of the great strengths of this book, which has as much to say about the authorsÂ’ own Christian tradition as about Rome. . . . Catholics will appreciate the authorsÂ’ focus on official teaching, especially their appreciative, though not uncritical, survey of the ChurchÂ’s Catechism.Â”

Timothy George, dean, Beeson Divinity School and executive editor of "Christianity Today" writes, Â“The Reformation is over only in the sense that to some extent it has succeeded. This book examines, with scholarly care and sensitivity, recent evangelical-Roman Catholic developments that lend credence to this possibility. This book will help all of us who are committed to exploring the common heritage, as well as the differences that still remain, between the two largest faith communities in the Christian world.Â”

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