

Prophet of Modernity

The Lloyd Geering Reader: Prophet of Modernity

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A Note from the book cover:

“This is the first collection of the writings of Lloyd Geering, covering a period of nearly fifty years. Over the past decade Geering has become an international figure, sought out by readers and audiences in America, Britain and Australia. New Zealanders have, of course, been aware of him and his writings for much longer. Yet this collection includes material that will also be new to many of his New Zealand readers. Based on detailed archival research, the selections demonstrate the remarkable consistency and development in the thought of this increasingly influential thinker. This collection draws on his books, articles, occasional writings, published lectures, and unpublished materials which appear here for the first time.

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Its importance is that it provides another form of autobiography — the development of New Zealand's leading public intellectual and his fascinating coverage of the place and role of religion in the modern world, both nationally and internationally.

Lloyd Geering has kept religion, theology and the discussion of their impact and role in modernity in the public debate in a manner that is rational, clearly expressed, and open to the questioning of the public and the media. He has broken down much of the traditional mistrust of the discussion of religion in the contemporary world. His success can be gauged in that very few are indifferent to what he has to say, because his concerns are indicative of a wider, secular society attempting to come to terms with the legacy of the twentieth century, with globalisation, with modernity itself. This book enables us to better understand Lloyd Geering and what it is he has been saying to us as our very own prophet of modernity”.

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