

Kubo, Sakae. *The God of Relationships: How the gospel helps us reach across barriers such as race, culture, and gender.* Human Relations Series, ed. Rosa Taylor Banks. Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Assn., 1993. 159 pp. \$9.95.

Dr. Sakae Kubo has written a book that is a delight to read. His broad-mindedness and compassion shine through in every chapter. A list of the chapter titles will show its broad, inclusive sweep. There are 21 chapters organized in six parts. Part I, "The God of All Nations," contains (after the Introduction) chapters 2-6: "The Meaning of Prejudice;" "You Shall Love Your Neighbor;" "Seventh-day Adventists and Race Relations;" "That the World May Know;" and "Anti-Semitism."

Part II, "The God of Both Sexes," comprises chapters 7-12: "Introduction," "Patriarchy," "Jesus' View of Women," "You Shall Not Make for Yourself a Graven Image," "The Role of Women," and "Conclusion." In Part III, "The God of All Classes," there are chapters 13 and 14: "The Rich and the Poor," and "Relationships Between the Educated and the Uneducated." Part IV, "The God of All Worshipers," includes chapters 15-17: "Within the Same Denomination," "With Members of Other Christian Churches," and "With Members of Other Religions." Part V, "The God of the Entire Church," contains chapters 18-20: "Introduction," "The Priesthood of Believers," and "A Theology of the Laity." Part VI: "Conclusion" has only the final chapter, 21, "The Rainbow Church."

Dr. Kubo has had broad experience. He was a professor of religion for many years at Andrews University (undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences, then the Seminary, and finally Director of the Seminary Library). He then became dean of the School of Theology at Walla Walla College, Washington; President of Newbold College in England; and vice-president for academic affairs at Atlantic Union College, Massachusetts. He and his wife, Hatsumi, now live in retirement in Chico, California, but he is still active in speaking and writing. This important book deserves wide readership. Kubo's eminence as a biblical scholar is attested by his prolific and appropriate use of biblical passages—happily from the New Revised Standard Version, which, because of its gender-inclusive language, better translates the original languages in many places.

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Kyle, Richard. *The Religious Fringe: A History of Alternative Religions in America.* Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1993. 467 pp. Paper, \$17.99.

The Religious Fringe, as its title indicates, seeks to trace the historical origins and impact of the most notable sectarian, cultic, and occultic groups and movements in American history. The focus, however, is on groups that arose or still persist in the twentieth century.