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-Religious Studies Review its virtues as a textbook in phenomenology or philosophy of religion are extraordinary." - Faith and Philosophy Examples from the writings of Kierkegaard, Freud, Heidegger, Dostoyevsky, Nietzsche, and Tolstoi illuminate Westphal's thesis that guilt and death are the central problems of human existence.... (more). all members. ▼ Members. He brackets truth claims and focuses on the religious experience with an aim of understanding. He argues that guilt and death are central to religion and does so with clarity and precision. b.masonjudy | Apr 3, 2020 |. The author attempts to resolve guilt and death - what he considers two main problems with human existence - in this book/thesis. Supporting evidence is well stated, if not a bit over exemplified. Phenomenology of Religion. First published Wed Oct 1, 2008; substantive revision Mon Dec 19, 2016. This entry examines the relevance of phenomenological considerations for the concept of God (or the sacred otherwise characterised) and the question of what sort of rational sense is implied in the adoption of a religious point of view. The discussion distinguishes various perspectives on the subjective character of religious experience, and examines the relation between religious experience and experience of the material world. It also considers the interaction between experience, conceptual fra