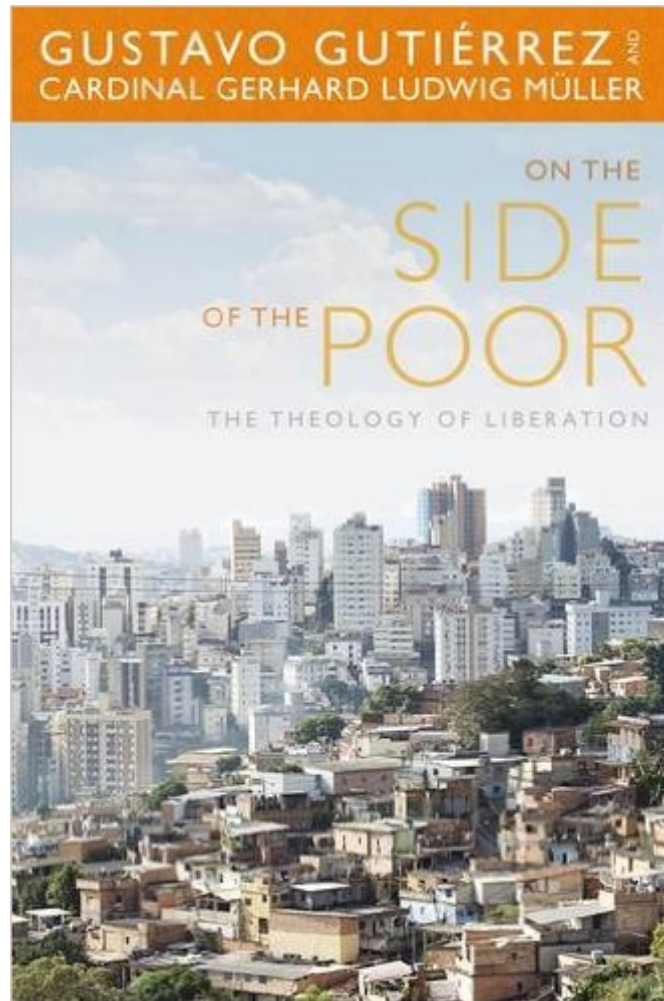


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# On The Side Of The Poor: The Theology Of Liberation



## Synopsis

In my judgment, the ecclesial and theological movement that began after the Second Vatican Council in Latin America under the name 'liberation theology,' . . . is one of the most significant currents of Catholic theology in the 20th century." --Cardinal Gerhard Ludwig Muller

For many years the theology of liberation, which emerged from Latin America in the 1970's, was viewed with suspicion in Rome. It was the subject of a critical notification from the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and many of its leading proponents were disciplined or silenced. Now, an historic exchange between Gustavo Gutierrez, author of the seminal work *A Theology of Liberation*, and Cardinal Muller, the current Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, signals a new chapter in this ongoing dialogue. Cardinal Muller, a former student of Gutierrez who spent many summers working in Peru, writes with deep feeling and conviction about the contributions of liberation theology to church teaching--particularly in articulating the preferential option for the poor. In his contributions, Gutierrez lays out the essential ideas of liberation theology, its ecclesial location, and its fresh enunciation of the gospel for our time.

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"On the Side of the Poor" is a critical call to action to be a living church. More importantly, this collaboration between Gutierrez and Muller reminds us as to why liberation theology is an important gift to the global church. Muller's essays are particularly insightful as they clarify certain aspects of liberation theology (e.g. explaining its context and contribution to theology) while offering cogent reasons as to why liberation theology should be viewed as more than a mere regional

theology. As the world tackles hunger, poverty, disease, and growing inequality, people of faith and theologians would be well served by reading this important follow-up to Gutierrez's classic work.

I haven't read the book, but like many wage slaves I spend about 3 hours or more a day driving to and from work - with the overtime necessary to hold my job, and to actually talk to my wife and kids for a few minutes over a meal - there is no time left. PLEASE MAKE AN AUDIO BOOK FOR THE MILLIONS OF US WHO CAN ONLY LISTEN DURING THOSE COMMUTES!

This is excellent writing by two very competent theologians committed to demonstrating how to live the Christian life in solidarity and in encounter with the poor. Absolutely worth reading.

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