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Stories of Minjung Theology The Theological Journey of Ahn Byung-Mu in His Own Words

Ahn Byung-Mu
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Trace the theological awakening of one of the foremost
Asian theologians

This autobiography combines the personal story of theologian Ahn Byung-Mu with the history of the Korean nation in light of the dramatic social, political, and cultural upheavals of the 1970s. This book traces Ahn's journey from his childhood in Korea under Japanese colonial rule, to his study in Germany, his return to Korea, through his realization of the unsuitability of German scholarship to his own Korean context. It records the history of minjung (the people's) theology that emerged in Asia, Ahn's involvement in it, and his interpretations of major Christian doctrines such as God, sin, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit from the minjung perspective.

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- An introductory essay that situates Ahn's work in its context and discusses the place and purpose of minjung hermeneutics in a vastly different Korea

Ahn Byung-Mu (1922–1996) was professor at Hanshin University, South Korea, and one of the pioneers of minjung theology. He was imprisoned twice for his political views by the Korean military government. He published more than twenty books and contributed more than a thousand articles and essays in Korean. His extended work in English is *Jesus of Galilee* (2004).

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