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Sommario/riassunto	Die Arbeit überprüft das Zusammenspiel vom Lob des Genusses und der Ermahnung zur Gottesfurcht in Qohelet. Sieht man, anders als bisher, Genuss und Gottesfurcht in einem positiven Wechselverhältnis, eröffnen sich neue Aspekte der Theologie Qohelets: Lebensgenuss bildet den Kern seiner Spiritualität, die als glaubender Realismus bezeichnet werden kann und zu einem authentischen Erleben der tragischen wie freudigen Dimensionen des Lebens aufruft. Ausgezeichnet mit dem "John Templeton Award for Theological Promise" (2007). This study explores the interplay between the commendation of enjoyment and the injunction to fear God in Ecclesiastes. Previous studies have tended to examine these seemingly antithetical themes in isolation from one another. Seeing enjoyment and fear to be positively correlated, however, enables a fresh articulation of the book's theology. Enjoyment of life lies at the heart of Qohelet's vision of piety, which may be characterized as faithful realism, calling for an authentic engagement with both the tragic and joyous dimensions of human

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