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G. BARBAGLIO, *Il mondo di cui Dio non si è pentito. Temi laici della Bibbia*, Biblica (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2010, paper €24.50) 279 pp. ISBN: 978-88-10-22149-5.

This volume contains twenty-one biblical-theological essays written by Barbaglio (1934-2007) and arranged under three major headings: peace and violence (five); the secularity of the world, the secularity of the Christian (twelve); and Scripture in four encyclicals—*Pacem in terris*, *Redemptor hominis*, *Centesimus annus*, and *Veritatis splendor* (four). Their topics include whether humankind is capable of peace on earth; not a taboo on arms but a refusal to hate—conscientious objection in the NT; love of enemies—the Gospels and Jesus; distance and proximity of the Bible in reading Scripture; divine images and moral codes in the Bible—the historicity and functionality of religious symbols; Jesus announced the future but not the destruction of the world; an illuminating reading of Pauline anthropology by F. Rodano; and Israel and the land—Palestine and the people who inhabit it.