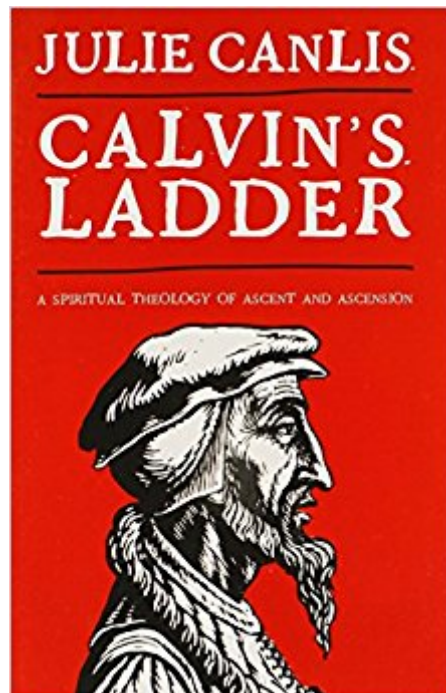




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Julie Canlis won the Templeton Award for Theological Promise in 2007 for her work on John Calvin. She earned a doctorate from the University of St Andrews and now works in a Church of Scotland parish.

Helpful piece of work, exploring Calvin's heart, this book led me into appreciating a softer and more intuitive interpretation of the nature of the man. His thoughts and attitude toward the work of the Holy Spirit opened new doors.

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