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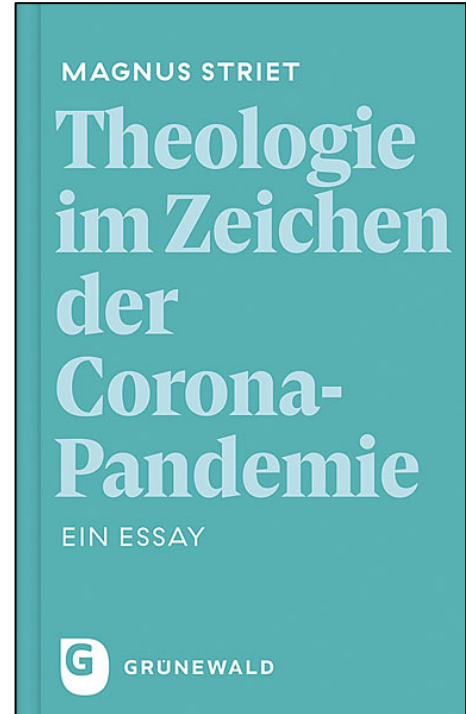
The poet Giovanni Boccaccio spoke of heaven's cruelty after a plague outbreak in Florence had devastating consequences in 1378. He could no longer believe in the idea of a punishing God. Currently, the SARS-CoV-2 virus is keeping the world in suspense. Laboratories are feverishly searching for effective vaccines against this new type of Corona Virus. And how is theology reacting?

In his essay, Magnus Striet observes reactions from the realm of the church and presents his own attempt at an interpretation that is sharp in its analyses – and trenchant in the question of how the current virus occurrence can be interpreted theologically.

Does theology still have something essential to contribute in this crisis situation that is challenging all of humanity in an unimaginable way?

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