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Die Biografie eines großen Freigeists

Adolf Holl has many professions: priest, scholar, prophet, heretic, writer, provocateur and eroticist. Born in Vienna in 1930 and ordained to priesthood in 1954, his international best-seller "Jesus in Bad Company" (1971, originally published in German as "Jesus in schlechter Gesellschaft") brought him into conflict with the Catholic Church. As a result, his licence to teach was withdrawn and he was suspended from his priestly duties. His quick-witted questioning earned him rebuke from church authorities, but also great prominence. Harald Klauhs, a highly knowledgeable authority on Holl's work, has now written a biography of this wayward thinker. Holl's life as a tour de force through western intellectual history is at the same time a description of the Second Austrian Republic.

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