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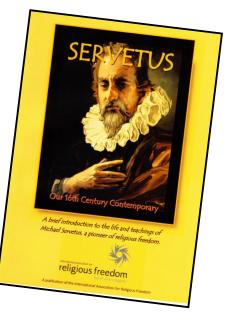
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Enlightened theologian and peacemaker who sought to reconcile religions and who preached the omnipresence of God, Michael Servetus paid with his life for espousal of tolerance and religious freedom in an age of bigotry.

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In this concise publication seven acknowledged experts combine to offer an authoritative introduction to key aspects of Servetus' life and teachings. For those who wish to draw on his ideas and his dedication as an inspiration for today's congregations the book includes a worship resources section freely available for reproduction and use.

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