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*The Evolution of a Vow:  
Obedience as Decision  
Making in Communion*

*Kommunikative Theologie – interdisziplinär*  
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For centuries, the vow of obedience has been at the heart of religious life. With the renewal efforts of Vatican II, the vow has been dramatically restructured but not theologically re-envisioned. *The Evolution of a Vow: Obedience as Decision Making in Communion* addresses the changes in the vow and proposes a renewed theology that supports the living out of obedience in the twenty-first century.

Obedience-in-communion, as a theological proposal, invites vowed religious to create a pattern of limitless listening that everywhere seeks the call of God to communion. Against the horizon of communion, obedience becomes the singular thread of grace by which vowed religious become who they are called to be.

