

Reference Resources 1997

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Biblical Studies

Browning, W. R. F. *A dictionary of the Bible*. Oxford : Oxford University Press, 1996. 0192116916 \$40.00

Entries cover books of the Bible, people and places, customs, religions, worship, history, theology as well as methods of interpretation and critical analysis, notes on biblical scholars and their contributions. Entries are fairly short.

Cambridge companion to the Bible. Howard Clark Kee et al. Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 1997. 0521343690 \$70.00

Evans, Craig A. *Life of Jesus research : an annotated bibliography*. Rev. ed. (New Testament tools and studies, v. 24) Leiden : Brill, 1996. 9004102825 \$73.00

HarperCollins Bible dictionary. General editor, Paul J. Achtemeier. Rev. and updated ed. San Francisco : HarperSanFrancisco, 1996. \$45.75

All the major articles have been reviewed and revised where necessary. Bibliographies have been updated and 100 new articles on topics such as liberation hermeneutics.

Martens, E. A. *Old Testament theology* (IBR bibliographies ; no. 13) Grand Rapids, Mich. : Baker Books, 1997. 0801021464 \$18.95.

An annotated bibliography focusing on English language works and English translations of foreign language works. Entries are arranged mostly by subject with an author index.

New Bible dictionary. Edited by D.R.W. Wood. 3rd ed. Leicester InterVarsity Press, 1996. 0851106595

Updates of key articles, time charts and all bibliographies and revisions which reflect the recent increase in biblical studies.

New international dictionary of Old Testament theology & exegesis. Willem A. VanGemeren, general editor. Grand Rapids, Mich. : Zondervan, 1997. 5 v. 0310214009 (set) \$255.00.

Counterpart to NIDNTT.

Dictionary has four main divisions: guide to essays covering aspects of OT hermeneutics and interpretation, lexical articles which form the substance of the dictionary, topical dictionary, indexes for semantic fields, Hebrew words, scripture, topics and concepts.

Theology and Theologians

A to Z of feminist theology. Edited by Lisa Isherwood and Dorothea McEwan. Sheffield : Sheffield Academic Press, 1996. 185075747X \$44.95.

Cambridge companion to Christian doctrine. Edited by Colin E. Gunton. Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 1997. 0521471184 \$70.00

Dudley-Smith, Timothy. *John Stott : a comprehensive bibliography covering the years 1939-1994*. Leicester : Inter-Varsity Press, 1995. 0851111564

Evangelisches Kirchenlexikon : internationale theologische Enzyklopadie. Herausgegeben von Erwin Fahlbusch. 3 Aufl. Gottingen : Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1997. Vol. 5 Register 3525501420 \$290.00

Flikkema, B. *Edward Irving : a bibliography.* Appingedam, The Netherlands : B. Flikkema, 1997. \$6.00

Edward Irving (1792-1834) was a clergyman with the Church of Scotland and also associated with the Catholic Apostolic Church.

McIntosh, Lawrence. *Religion & theology : a guide to current reference resources.* Wagga Wagga : Centre for Information Studies, Charles Sturt University-Riverina, 1997. 0949060372 \$50.00

McKim, Donald K. *Westminster dictionary of theological terms.* 1st ed. Louisville, KY : Westminster John Knox Press, 1996. 0664255116

Covers nearly 600 theological terms. The entries are, however, brief, one to three sentences in length. And mention is made of only the most important way the term is used. Primary focus is the Christian theological tradition. Some etymologies are included.

Nation, Mark. *A comprehensive bibliography of the writings of John Howard Yoder.* Goshen, Ind. : Mennonite Historical Society, Goshen College, 1997. \$10.00

John Howard Yoder is a theologian of the Mennonite Church and significant in the area of social ethics. The bibliography is arranged chronologically.

A new handbook of Christian theologians. Donald W. Musser and Joseph L. Price, editors. Nashville : Abingdon Press, 1996. 0687278031 \$50.00

Severson, Richard James. *The confessions of Saint Augustine : an annotated bibliography of modern criticism, 1888-1995.* (Bibliography and indexes in religious studies ; no. 40) Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 1996. 0313299951 \$61.00

Christian Church

The essential Catholic handbook : a summary of beliefs, practices and prayers, newly expanded. Foreword by John Cardinal O'Connor. (Redemptorist pastoral publication) North Blackburn, Vic. Dove, 1997. 1863717110

Fox, Thomas C. *Catholicism on the Web.* 1st ed. New York : MIS Press, 1997. 1558285164 \$22.45 MIS Press, 115 West 18th Street, New York, NY 10011.

500 web sites each with a short description. Broad areas covered include Catholic organisations and people, ideas, teachings and communications, Catholic activism, spirituality, liturgy and meditation.

Oxford dictionary of the Christian Church. Edited by F. L. Cross. 3rd ed. Oxford : Oxford University Press, 1997. 019211655X \$138.00

Increased coverage of the Eastern churches, some issues in moral theology and developments stemming from the Second Vatican Council. Bibliographies have been brought up to date.

Religions

The Muslim almanac : a reference work on the history, faith, culture and peoples of Islam. Azim A. Nanji, editor. Detroit, Mich. : Gale Research, 1996. 081038924X. Gale Research Inc., 835 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, MI 48226-4094

Provides a perspective on the historical foundations of the Muslim community from Arabia to the Philippines and describes the pluralism that has developed over 14 centuries. Examines particular regional developments.

Arweck, Elizabeth. *New religious movements in western Europe : an annotated bibliography.* (Bibliographies and indexes in religious studies ; no. 41) Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1997. 0313243247 \$85.00

Deals with literature produced by researchers of NRMs in Europe. Where possible there are publications from eastern Europe. Working definition of NRM for the bibliography: those groups which have formed since WWII. Publications prior to that date have been included where they provide valuable background material. There are four indexes: publications/titles, subject, movements and personal names, periodicals.

Oxford dictionary of the Jewish religion. Editors in chief, R. J. Werblowsky, Geoffrey Wigoder. New York : Oxford University Press, 1997. 0195086058 \$100.00

Scope is the Jewish religion, as opposed to Judaism which implies a more secular focus and a broader socio-cultural perspective. Entries are accompanied by bibliographies.

Oxford dictionary of world religions. Edited by John Bowker. Oxford : Oxford University Press, 1997. 0192139657

Purpose of the dictionary is to provide initial bearings on subjects. Articles are short and some quotations have been included. Includes a topical index and an index of Chinese headworks giving Wade-Giles to Pinyin conversion.

History and Archaeology

Atlas of medieval Europe. Edited by Angus MacKay with David Ditchburn. London : Routledge, 1997. 0415019230 \$37.00

Covers the period from the fall of the Roman Empire to the beginnings of the Renaissance, geographically from the Atlantic coast to Russian steppes. 140 maps, commentaries and an 11 page bibliography. Black and white maps.

Garcia Martinez, Florentino. *A bibliography of finds in the desert of Judah 1970-1995.* Leiden : Brill, 1996. 9004105883 \$169.00

Offers a classification of the materials by themes, topics and key words as well as by manuscript numbers, titles of the compositions and authors.

Oxford classical dictionary. Edited by Simon Hornblower and Antony Spawforth. 3rd ed. Oxford : Oxford University Press, 1996. 019866172X \$140.00

Oxford encyclopedia of archaeology in the Near East. Prepared under the auspices of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Eric M. Myers, editor in chief. New York : Oxford University Press, 1997. 5 v. 0195112156 (v. 1)\$762.00

Geographic extent covers from the eastern Mediterranean to Iran, including Egypt, Cyprus and parts of north and east Africa. Coverage extends through to the Crusades. Includes bibliographies, indexes and a directory of contributors.

Art and Architecture

Apostolos-Cappadona, Diane. *Encyclopedia of women in religious art*. New York : Continuum, 1996. 0826409156 \$80.00

Concerns the role and images of women in religious art of all the major religious traditions of the world. Includes a 5 page bibliography, subject index and some illustrations.

Murray, Peter. *The Oxford companion to Christian art and architecture*. Oxford : Oxford University Press, 1996. 0198661657

Short articles, illustrations, some coloured. Includes a bibliography.

Languages and Linguistics

Medieval Latin : an introduction and bibliographical guide. Edited by F. A. C. Mantello and A. G. Rigg. Washington, D.C. Catholic University of America Press, 1996. 0813208416 \$70.00

Has four parts: introduction, part 1 has a full listing of general reference and research tools including computer resources, part 2 gives introductions to a wide range of different types of Latin with discussions of specialised terminology and linguistic features and includes topics such as biblical, legal, scientific and documentary Latin, and part 3 is concerned with literary developments such as historiography.

Theological lexicon of the Old Testament. Edited by Ernst Jenni. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 1997. 3 v. 1565631331 \$158.00

Entries are ordered according to roots and includes an index to access derivatives, synonyms and antonyms. Evaluates each term's theological relevance by describing its usage in the language. Contains form and tradition critical comments.

Miscellaneous

A biographical dictionary of Methodist missionaries to Japan, 1873-1993. Edited by John W. Krummel. Tokyo : Kyo Bun Kwan, 1996. 476420019X \$108.00

Gribbin, John *Companion to the cosmos*. London : Phoenix, 1997. 185799891X \$25.00

The Lion Christian quotation collection. Compiled by Hannah Ward and Jennifer Wild. Oxford : Lion, 1997. 0732415365 \$39.95

Entries are arranged chronologically covering from the first century onwards. Includes translations of non-English speakers and 20th century Third World theologians. Three indexes: names, themes and key words.

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