

ANZTLA author's work included in prestigious list

Lawrence McIntosh's *Religion and theology: a guide to current reference resources* was reviewed in the American Library Association's journal, *Choice: current reviews of academic books* (October 1997, 35-0654). The review praises the comprehensive coverage of subject areas and then, in referring to the annotations, states that the author's 'comments are descriptive and insightful, pointing out uses, cautions, and historical development of and relationships between resources'. And the conclusion reads, 'McIntosh weaves wisdom and library experience into this excellent, practical guide for students, scholars, and bibliographers' (p. 272).

Every year, Choice editors select 'Outstanding Academic Books' from the reviews published during the previous calendar year. On the basis of the reviewer's evaluation and the editor's knowledge of the field, and according to the several criteria applied by the editors of Choice, Lawrence's work was included in the OAB list published in the January 1998 issue of Choice (pp.759-760).

Review from *Choice* 35: 2 (Oct 1997)

McIntosh, Lawrence D. *Religion & theology: a guide to current reference resources*. Centre for Information Studies, Charles Sturt University, Locked Bag 660, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2678, Australia, 1997. 251p. indexes ISBN 0-949060-37-2 pbk, \$50.00

McIntosh annotates 655 recent (1980-96), authoritative, mostly US- and UK-published reference sources reflecting mainline scholarship. Selective and well written, this guide updates similar works such as John Bollier's *The Literature of Theology* (CH, Nov'79) and features Australian and New Zealand resources. Mirroring the state of the literature, works on Christianity predominate. Substantial sections cover Judaism as well as general and comprehensive religion sources. Islam and the religions of Australia figure prominently in the "Religions of the World" section. McIntosh's comments are descriptive and insightful, pointing out uses, cautions, and historical development of and relationships between resources. Offering twice the number of citations as historian William M. Johnston's *Recent Reference Books in Religion* (1996), *R&T* is more succinct and less opinionated. *R&T*'s pithy notes, inviting layout, and clear organization should enhance its appeal for undergraduates. It is adequately indexed and concludes with an unannotated core list of 100 periodicals that highlights Australasian-edited titles. Unfortunately, the paper binding will withstand only light use. McIntosh weaves wisdom and library experience into this excellent, practical guide for students, scholars, and bibliographers. - D. R. Rodgers, *Baylor University*.

Readers may also be interested to know that the work has also been reviewed in

ANZTLA newsletter 31 (April, 1997): 23 [Lynn Pryor]

Australian Catholic review 74 (October 1997): 503 [Hans Arns]

Australian library journal 47, no.1 (February, 1998): 120-121 [John Painter]

Bendigo Advertiser (May 17, 1997): 21 [Rev. Dr. Keith Cole]

Pacifica 11 (February, 1998): 115-117 [Francis J. Moloney S.B.D.]

Pointers: bulletin of the Christian Research Association 8:2 (June 1998): 10 [Peter Bentley]