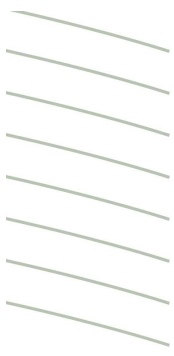


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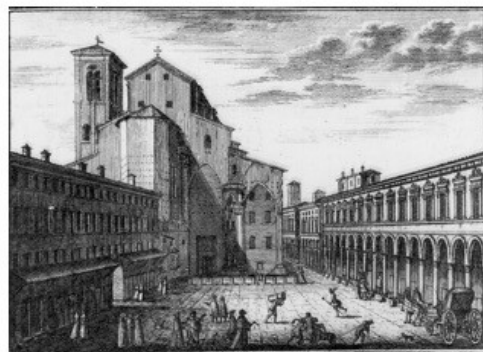
Blissful Ignorance

- Widespread ignorance that there even is a discipline of theology
- Determination to keep the church out of the academy
- Reluctance even with religious studies



The Modern Academy

- The western universities were based around theology and other crafts
- Some universities which grew out of theological institutions (Harvard, Princeton, Yale)



University of Bologna

The Secular Tradition

- Enlightenment hopes and fears
- Creating secular institutions
- Religious colleges and their issues



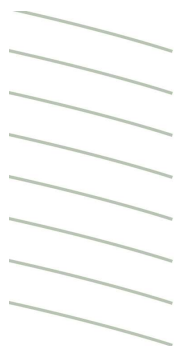
Debate between state and church over education in France 1904

Australian and New Zealand Universities

- Secular traditions of various kinds
- Chaplains in the secular university
- Theology in the secular institution
- Religious Studies in the secular institution



Bible in Schools supporters try to intimidate government, Observer 5/10/1912 p. 12



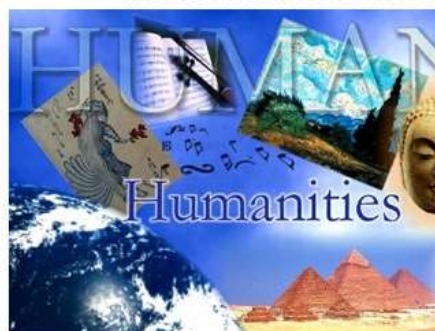
Vocational Pressures

- Huge increases in tertiary enrolments
- Strong pressure from government towards applied degrees
- Traditional degrees in search of relevance



Critical Losses

- Problems for research
 - Basic knowledge
 - Specialist sources
- Problems for students
- Religious Studies and Theology
- History and Theology
- English and Theology
- Philosophy and Theology



Beyond Laments

- There are good reasons to lament the loss of knowledge
- Advocates within faculties need to be given a voice
- Bible as Literature papers



Needs of History Students

- Historical theology
- Biblical knowledge
- Understanding of the church
- Understanding of critical schisms in the church
- Understanding that religion is important





Biblical Studies

- This is the most difficult area for libraries
- Scholarly English language commentary sets
- Historical commentaries



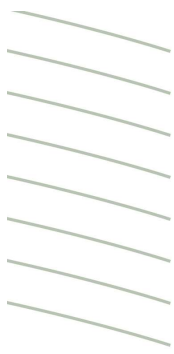
Matthew, from Charlemagne's Gospel Book, 800

Church History and General History

- Strong church history stock is needed
- Key journals (JEcch, JRH, Church History)
- Specialist journals
- World church historical perspectives

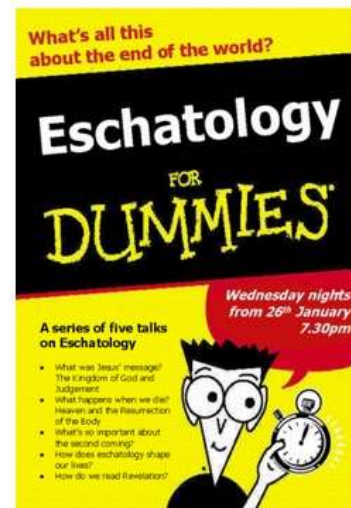


The Jesuits in China, by Kircher



Theological Needs

- Abysmal range of resources
- Handbooks and Encyclopedias
- Range of broad theories
- Catholic and Orthodox traditions
- Protestant traditions

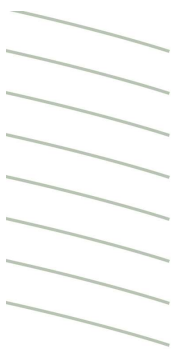


Religious Phenomenology

- Some collections build in areas of sectarianism and sociology of religion
- Demographic aspects can be developed

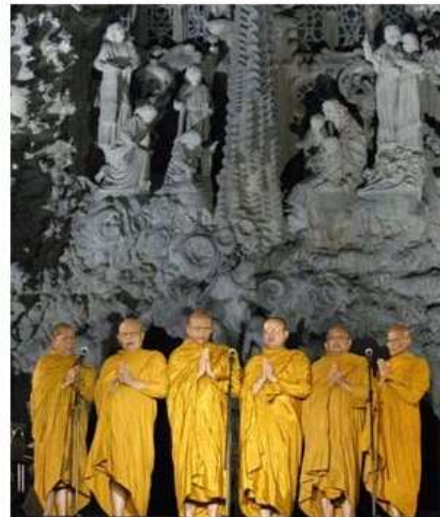
Concentrations of religion in northern New Zealand (2013 census)





World Religions in the Library

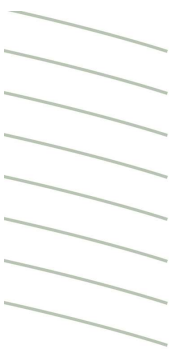
- Islamic commentaries, traditions, perspectives
- Jewish materials
- Buddhist materials
- Hindu traditions, scriptures, theologies



Going Solo

- My story and my solution
- This is not very practical for most





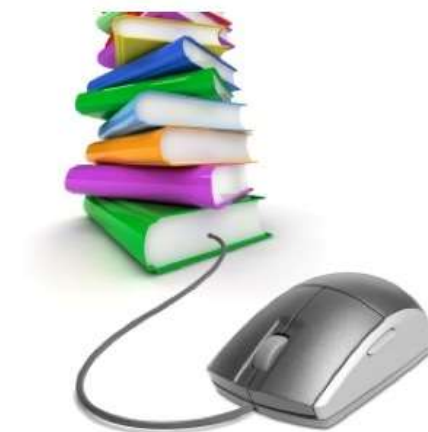
Some Solutions

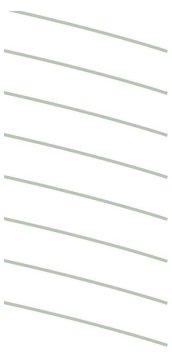
- Using seminary libraries:
 - St John’s College Library
 - Other theological libraries
- Recommending suitable “bundles” of journals



Electronic Age

- Major electronic resources are assembling fine commentary sets
 - Logos, etc
- Are these stable platforms?





Basic Resources

- Could theological librarians have recommendations for general libraries?
- Book exchanges?

