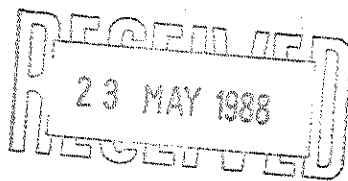


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## FROM THE EDITOR

The pilot scheme for the ANZTLA Australasian Religion Index is now in progress. Those librarians invited to index a number of Australian journals have begun to submit their worksheets to the Centre for Library Studies, Wagga Wagga. Our feature article this issue outlines the proposed scheme fully.

We trust that by now each of the ANZTLA chapters has met to discuss the paper, *ANZTLA Standards in Theological Libraries*, and prepared their submissions for the executive. It was agreed at the AGM in August last that our contributions be submitted by May 1988 in order to allow time for preparations for the next Conference in September.

The organising committee for the Canberra conference in September is currently preparing brochures. You should receive information very soon. Hope you are able to join us there.

In our last issue, the President's report referred to provision being made via the Newsletter, for change of duplicate periodical listings. If you wish to take advantage of this facility, you will need either (i) to send one copy of the list together with \$10 for each 100 copies per page (cheques payable to ANZTLA, or (ii) to send 100 copies of the list ready for inclusion with the Newsletter mailing.

Have you read the LIBRARY PROFILE page? We invite you to prepare an interesting account of your library and institution. Include all the information indicated on the profile form inserted in this issue. If you supply only basic information, we will edit it, but we would prefer you to prepare the completed article.

Did you know that this may be the last issue of the Newsletter your library will receive? Why? Because many individuals/institutions have not yet paid their 1988 subscriptions. ANZTLA is now structurally and financially independent of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools. This means that the subscription your institution pays to ANZATS does not cover membership of ANZTLA. Separate subscriptions must be paid. Thus, a red sticker on the membership page of this issue indicates the 1988 subscription has not been received by our Treasurer. Hans would be very pleased to receive your payments. Ensure that you receive Newsletter No. 5!

# IMPROVING REFERENCE SERVICE IN THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIES: THE PROPOSED AUSTRALASIAN RELIGION INDEX<sup>1</sup>

Gary E. Gorman

## The Library as an Information Service

The opening premise in this proposal is that theological libraries are not indispensable sources of information. The discrepancy between the size of the potential and actual user groups bears this out, as do figures on frequency of use by the various categories of users. Every librarian can cite examples of academics - reasonably good ones at that - who rarely go near the library but are still well read and stimulating teachers. One can also recall many examples of the other sort - who never visit libraries and have not changed their lectures in twenty years. In terms of quantity students on the whole are better library users, but why do they use the library? Surveys indicate that they use our buildings for reasons other than their primary purpose, and most use them as a place to read their own books or to write essays rather than to seek information. Many students use the library only as essay deadlines approach, and they are not encouraged to regard the library as an essential and ongoing resource. Finally, parish priests as a professional group have the reputation of being less well read and less up to date than any other professional group. On the one hand they complain vigorously about the exorbitant price of books and the fact that they cannot afford even the sale prices. Therefore, they ought to be prime users of our libraries. On the other hand they rarely use them either in person or by post. Highly unscientific sampling of clergy in three Anglican dioceses (Ballarat, The Riverina, and Canberra - Goulburn) indicate that no more than fifteen per cent of clergy ever use a library as part of their professional support system. But if they did not use them as students and were not taught to, why should we expect them to as busy pastors?

On the whole those in the nonscientific professions seem to put a depressingly low priority on the library as a source of information. Is there any reason why theological library users should respond differently? There is no concrete evidence to convince one that they are out of the ordinary. The simple fact of the matter is that people do not use libraries effectively, and they certainly are not using the reference collections to advantage either. While there are no survey data of theological libraries to support these comments, there is a great deal of information from academic libraries generally and from public libraries which point to one glaring reason for this state of affairs. Librarians on average are able to satisfy their users with the correct and adequately detailed information only 50 to 60 per cent of the time. In their recent study of academic and public library reference services Hennon and McClure reach one incontrovertible conclusion: "participants in the study answered 62 per cent of the questions correctly and 38 per cent of the questions incorrectly".<sup>2</sup> In a slightly earlier

study of public libraries Gers and Seward focus on somewhat different variables, but their results show a remarkable similarity to Herson and McClure: the correct answers (but not always the correct source) are provided in 54.9 per cent of cases.<sup>3</sup> On the one hand all librarians agree that effective reference service centres on providing the right information to the right user in the shortest possible time. This simple proposition, on the other hand, fails to become reality in nearly half the cases studied in a range of academic and public libraries. Why is this so? There are at least four reasons for this, and they all have to do with qualitative and quantitative constraints in reference service.

**Budget.** First of all, library budgets are chronically inadequate, and this is especially telling in the reference area, where titles cost most. What librarian will not proceed cautiously when selecting a \$400 encyclopedia, when the same money will purchase eight or ten monographs that appear on subject reading lists? Will the library commit itself to the recurrent expense of an indexing or abstracting service when it subscribes to only a handful of the serials indexed or abstracted? In most cases the replies to such questions indicate that the reference collection has a low priority when the book vote is distributed. This in turn means that reference collections suffer by becoming dated and outmoded at a faster rate than the circulating collections. To compound the problem, as budgets become increasingly incapable of upgrading reference collections, the volume of reference literature continues to reach new heights. In America alone we have identified more than 2000 new theological reference titles published in the past two and a half years.

**Time.** The second factor is linked to the first. A basic principle of collection building is that if the library does not acquire a title now, when it is published, it probably will never acquire it at all. Time marches on, and simply keeping up with the latest releases means that yesterday's attractive title, unless in constant demand, simply becomes forgotten - to the possible detriment of the collection. But there is another dimension to time, one related to budget. If money is in short supply, the library is bound to be understaffed. If the library is understaffed, there is inadequate time to deal fully and competently with information requests, especially the detailed ones so popular with theological students. How many theological libraries are able to provide SDI or current awareness services? How many are able to compile bibliographies or conduct detailed searches of the major religion indexes? How many offer reader education courses? And how much of the negative response to these questions is due to inadequate staffing?

**Quality of Staff.** Of course, time or its lack is a convenient explanation for a multitude of sins, but here is one case where "*Absolvo te*" is simply not on. At the risk of being offensive, the third reason why librarians answer queries so poorly is because we are unable to. On the whole librarians are pretty bad at finding information, at teaching users how to find information and at articulating either the information or the process. This is so for many reasons, including the personality traits of bookish people and inadequate teaching in library schools. Furthermore, librarians seem unwilling to engage in critical dialogue with their reference collections. Selecting a title is one thing, and that happens normally on the basis of second hand knowledge. But getting to know

it intimately as a working tool is something else. No book should be placed in the reference collection until the librarian, the craftsman using the tool, has a sound working knowledge of its content, arrangement, level and value as an information source. Quite simply, the less familiar one is with something, the less one uses it. Yet how often does the librarian bother to become genuinely familiar with the latest additions to the reference collection? It somehow always seems easier to rely on the tried and tested old sources when dealing with requests for information.

**Quality of Reference Literature.** This leads naturally to the fourth reason for our reference inadequacy and to the purpose for the project about to be proposed. The quality of reference literature in theology, like reference literature in other disciplines, is far from acceptable in relation to its quantity. Of the titles being scanned for Volumes 4 and 5 of *Theological and Religious Reference Materials* and its supplement one can estimate that something like 30 per cent are genuinely worthy additions to a collection; the rest are inferior reinventions of the wheel.<sup>4</sup> We seem incapable of existing without Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Anglican wheels; accordingly, Westminster, Abingdon, Sheed and Ward, Mowbrays and others must put their imprint on dustjackets which so often cover only cosmetic differences. By evaluating as objectively as possible a wide range of new reference tools it is apparent that much of the literature is repetitious, that much of it is inferior. We could well do without this, yet someone must be buying the products. And if libraries are buying second rate or unnecessary reference books and then placing them on shelves without first studying them, this is only compounding the problem of under-utilization of reference collections.

### Proposal for an Australasian Religion Index

What can theological librarians do to alleviate this unfortunate situation? In the Australian context there are several possibilities, including the production of genuinely critical analyses of the literature and the development of services tailored to the specific needs of Australian theological collections. First, though, it is important to understand that existing services, whether foreign or indigenous, are inadequate for Australian theological enquiries. *Religion Index One* (produced by the American Theological Library Association) surely the premier anglophone indexing service in this field, covers only a handful of the better known Antipodean theological serials. *APAIS* (*Australian Public Affairs Information Service*) indexes more than twice as many relevant publications, most of them "news and views" titles rather than scholarly journals. Appendix I summarizes the Australian theological coverage in these two services and indicates the possible range of titles that might be indexed. If the numbers of serials treated is depressingly low, so is the quality of service. A recent search for information on the ordination of women issue in the Anglican Church of Australia indicated that *RIO* was still using "Church of England in Australia" as well as the newer title but that all relevant articles were not appearing under either name. Equally frustrating, *APAIS* failed to index the many important newspaper articles (particularly in *The Age*) on this subject. In short, neither of these potentially useful services covers an acceptable

number of Australian theological serials , nor do they provide adequate indexing of the titles ostensibly covered.

We have concluded, then, that there is at present no comprehensive indexing service covering religious serials published in Australia and New Zealand; at the same time a fairly crude analysis of titles listed in the *Australasian Union List of Theological Serials (AULOTS)* suggests that there are some 200 current titles produced in the region. While many of these can be regarded as marginal in terms of information or scholarly content, many others are of acceptable quality and, together with the major metropolitan newspapers, deserve indexing in a single, comprehensive source. Accordingly, the focus of the proposed service is religious serials of all types produced in Australia and New Zealand by and for various traditions. Publications of individual denominations and orders, of scholarly and professional bodies, of local or regional focus are to be included. There is to be no limitation on the subject coverage, and the sole criterion for exclusion should be the quality of a serial's contents. Those with substantial scholarly content are to be included, as are those which discuss issues at a more popular, pastoral or devotional level.

Criteria for inclusion and exclusion are to be established by a proposed editorial board appointed by the co-sponsors, ANZTLA and the Centre for Library Studies.<sup>5</sup> The board will also be responsible for determining policy with regard to format, frequency, supply of data and related matters. It is expected that editorial staff at the Centre will administer the project in accordance with this policy and under the board's direction. The following additional points are offered for initial guidance during the feasibility study:

coverage of serials will be determined by the board on the basis of clearly articulated criteria;

responsibility for indexing titles will be shared equitably among ANZTLA libraries;

titles will be indexed in a standard form and format to be determined by the board and monitored by the Centre;

the Centre for Library Studies will serve as the initial project base because of its excellent computing, publishing and editorial facilities; the Centre will manage the pilot project on a cost recovery basis;

entries supplied to the Centre on data sheets designed for this purpose (see Appendix 2) will list the following: author, article title, serial title, volume and issue number, date, pages, content note, descriptors

subject descriptors will be selected from *Religion Indexes: Thesaurus*, and the descriptors for each entry will be permuted as necessary.

the alphabetical subject sequence will be supplemented by the following contents in each issue: list of serials and issues indexed, author index; list of book reviews; the fourth and final issue each year will be an annual cumulation.

The libraries which have agreed to participate in the feasibility study include: Lohe Memorial Library (Luther Seminary) in Adelaide, Veech Library (Catholic Theological Institute) in Sydney, Joint Theological Library (at Ormond College) in Melbourne and the libraries of Whitley College and Ridley College in Melbourne. Each of these will index the contents of five different serials, and the resulting data will be used by the Centre to produce two pilot issues. Issues will be sent to all ANZTLA member libraries and other libraries on application. The results will be evaluated at the next ANZTLA Conference (Canberra, August 1988.)

#### Appendix 1, Australasian Religious Serials in APAIS and RIO

Australasian Religious Serials	in APAIS	In RIO
AASR Newslink		
ACR News		
AWD Newsletter		
Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship Magazine		
About Catholic Schools		
Accent		
Accent on Worship		
Across the Currents		
Adelaide Church Guardian	*	
Advance		
Advance Australia		
Advocate		
Alpha		
Alternatives		
Anglican		
Anglican Communications Office Bulletin		
Anglican Encounter		
Anglican Messenger		
Anglican News		
Annals		
Annals of the Propagation of the Faith		



Anthropological Forum	
Antichton	
Australian Catholic Record	*
Australasian Journal of Philosophy	
Australasian Record and Advent World Survey	
Australian and New Zealand Journal of Sociology	
Australian Baptist	
Australian Biblical Review	*
Australian Catholic Digest	
Australian Chaplain	
Australian Christian	
Australian Church Quarterly	
Australian Church Record	*
Australian Evangelical	
Australian Frontier Newsletter	
Australian/Israel Review	
Australian Journal of Sex, Marriage & Family	
Australian Jewish News	*
Australian JewishTimes	
Australian Presbyterian Life	
Australian Society	
Australian SCM National Newsletter	
Australia's New Day	
BCA: Bulletin of Christian Affairs	
Background	
Bread and Wine	
Bridge	
CIRC Papers	
CMS News	
CPS Bulletin	
Canon Law Society Newsletter	
Carpentarian	
Catalyst	
Catholic Education	
Catholic Education Commission Circular	
Catholic Leader	*
Catholic Missions	*
Catholic School Studies	*
Catholic Theological Review	
Catholic Viewpoint	
Catholic Weekly	*
Celebrate	
Chair Talk	

Checkpoint  
 Chomi Das  
 Christian Activity  
 Christian Brothers Studies  
 Christian Echo  
 Christian Review  
 Church Alive  
 Church and Nation \*  
 Church Chronicle  
 Church Gazette  
 Church Heritage \*  
 Church News \*  
 Church Scene  
 Circle  
 Clef  
 Colloquium \* \*  
 Communicate  
 Communication  
 Communion  
 Compass  
 Concern  
 Contact  
 Curriculum Exchange  
 Dedication  
 Descent  
 Digest  
 Dioscene  
 Echo  
 Ecumenical Liturgical Centre Newsletter  
 Evangelical Presbyterian  
 Ex Nihilo  
 Family  
 Far East  
 Focus  
 Footprints  
 Four Rivers  
 Friends Quarterly \*  
 Frontier News  
 Gippsland Anglican Church News  
 Go Spread the Good News  
 Grail Newsletter  
 Harvest  
 Healing Resource Bulletin

Historical Studies: Aus & NZ

Home and School

Humanity

In Unity

Institute of Family Studies

Discussion Papers

Family Information Bulletin

Working Papers

Interaction

Interchange

Johannine

Journal of Christian Education

Journal of Intercultural Studies

Journal of Pacific History

Journal of Religious History \*

Journal of Studies in the Bhagavadgita \*

Journal of the Aus. Catholic Historical Society \*

Journal of the C of E Historical Society

Journal of the ICE

Journal of the Polynesian Society

Justice Trends

Landfall

Latimer

Leaping

Life and Times

Light

Liturgy

Liturgy News

Lutheran

Lutheran Theological Journal \*

Majellan

Marist Messenger

Mental Health in Australia

Migration Action

Millions

Minimag

Ministry

Ministry in New Zealand

Mission Probe

Mission Review

Missionary News

Morpeth Review

NCC News Service

NCRC Newsletter		
National Outlook		
Network		
New Age		
New Citizen		
New Day		
New Envoy		
New Life		
New Times		
New Zealand Baptist		
New Zealand Christian		
New Zealand Journal of History		
NZ Society for the Study of Religion and Communism Newsletter		
News Weekly		
Norcenzo		
Northern Churchman		
Nungalinya News		
Oceania		
On Being		
On the Move		
Outlook		
Outreach	*	
PSC News		
Pacifica News		
Pastoral Liturgy		
Pax Christi Newsletter		
People at Work		
Pivot		
Praise		
Presence		
Profile		
Queensland Baptist	*	
Real Australian		
Reaper		
Reformation in Australia		
Reformed Theological Review		
Religious Educator	*	
Religious Traditions		*
Renewing		
St. Mark's Review	*	*
St. Thomas More Society Journal	*	
See		

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 Migration Action  
 Millions  
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 Ministry in New Zealand  
 Mission Probe  
 Mission Review  
 Missionary News  
 Morpeth Review  
 NCC News Service

NCRC Newsletter		
National Outlook		
Network		
New Age		
New Citizen		
New Day		
New Envoy		
New Life		
New Times		
New Zealand Baptist		
New Zealand Christian		
New Zealand Journal of History		
NZ Society for the Study of Religion and Communism Newsletter		
News Weekly		
Norcenzo		
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People at Work		
Pivot		
Praise		
Presence		
Profile		
Queensland Baptist	*	
Real Australian		
Reaper		
Reformation in Australia		
Reformed Theological Review		
Religious Educator	*	
Religious Traditions		*
Renewing		
St. Mark's Review	*	*
St. Thomas More Society Journal	*	
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Shaker  
 Social Survey  
 Societas  
 Soundings  
 Southern Cross  
 Summit  
 Theosophy in NZ  
 There and Here  
 Today  
 Together  
 Trowel and Sword  
 Tyndale Papers  
 Unison  
 Uniting  
 Victorian Catholic Education Bulletin  
 Vineyard  
 Vision  
 Vox Reformata \*  
 War Cry \*  
 Western Impact  
 Willochran  
 Witness  
 Word of Salvation  
 Youth Leader  
 Zadok Centre News

## Appendix 2. Sample Entries in Australasian Religion Index

### CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS/INDONESIA

Hutagalung, S M The Pancasila in Indonesia L Theol J 21, 2 Aug 87 90-98

Argues that the 5 principles in the Indonesian constitution preamble enshrine doctrines of religious freedom and tolerance and that these should form the basis for Christian engagement with Indonesian political ideology.

CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS/INDONESIA

IN VITRO FERTILIZATION/ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH/  
LUTHERAN CHURCH/AUSTRALIA

Overduin, DC A response to the Vatican document on IVF and related issues  
L Theol J 21, 2 Aug 87 82-89.

Discusses key issues in Instruction on Respect for Human Life (1987)  
and indicates common ground with a similar Lutheran statement  
(1987) still awaiting formal discussion.

IN VITRO FERTILIZATION/ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH/  
LUTHERAN CHURCH/AUSTRALIA

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION/FIELD EDUCATION/  
LUTHERAN CHURCH/AUSTRALIA

Koch, J B New directions in seminary education L Theol J 21, 2 Aug 87 68-81  
Based on Farley's *Theologia*, argues that changing perceptions of  
ministry require new educational responses. Alternative patterns,  
types of field education and models are discussed, with emphasis on  
field education at Luther Seminary.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION/FIELD EDUCATION/LUTHERAN  
CHURCH/AUSTRALIA

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIES

Huber, D The place of the seminary library in the church L Theol J 21, 2 Aug 87  
55-67

Discusses the roles of a theological library, resources for development  
and range of challenges, including collection development,  
automated storage and retrieval.

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIES

Notes

1. This paper was presented at the Inaugural Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association at Ridley College, Melbourne, in August 1987. At this conference ANZTLA, in co-operation with the Centre for Library Studies at the Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education, agreed to undertake a feasibility study of the time and costs involved in creating and maintaining the Australasian Religion Index.
2. Peter Hernon and Charles R. McClure, "Unobtrusive Reference Testing: The 55 Percent Rule," *Library Journal* (15 April 1986): 40.



3. Ralph Gers and Lillie J. Seward, "Improving Reference Performances: Results of a Statewide Study," *Library Journal* (1 November 1985): 32-35.
4. The three volumes published to date are to be continued by volumes on Judaism and Islam and on the Eastern religions. There will also be, *Deo volente*, a final supplementary volume to cover important omissions and publications of the decade or so that has elapsed since the project began.
5. Centre for Library Studies, School of Information Studies, Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education, P.O. Box 588, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650. Telephone: (069) 232460.

This address was delivered to the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association Second Conference, at Ridley College, Melbourne, on Sunday 23rd August, 1987.

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## ERRATUM

Our apologies to Ms Frances Awcock for the error which the editor failed to correct in her article in Newsletter No. 3 (see page 4, second paragraph). The relevant sentence should read :

'... mankind's innate drive to record and to communicate is living testimony to the power of the word ...'

We beg forgiveness for so reducing the impact of Frances' message.

## RELIGION IN DEMAND?

Studies of the use of materials across the various subject categories in two major Australian libraries reveal that religious literature is not in very heavy demand. At both the National Library and the State Library of NSW, the Dewey 200 category reflected the second lowest of all the Dewey categories: 2.6% of all materials used at SLNSW and 1.48% at NLA. Does this reflect a lack of interest in theology - or superior service being provided by the theological libraries?

## ABTAPL SPRING WEEKEND 1987

In April 1987 I was able to attend the Spring Weekend of the Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries (ABTAPL) held at Lancaster University. It was a packed day and a half, from our arrival in time for an evening meal on Friday until the end of the final session after 10 p.m. the next day. The strong Quaker links of this area of England were emphasized by two of the papers presented and supplemented by a visit to the Friends' Meeting House in Lancaster. A third paper touched on the links between literature and theology and was presented by Dr. Michael Wheeler, associate editor of the new Oxford University Press periodical, *Literature and theology*. As well, we toured the University Library and went by bus to the Library at Stonyhurst College, a famous Jesuit boarding school with a wonderful collection of older books.

The papers presented were scholarly rather than practical, interesting if not particularly relevant to my situation in New Zealand. There was a pleasant balance struck between sitting and absorbing the contents of the papers and moving off on the various scheduled outings. As with most events of this kind, it was the chance to talk informally and exchange ideas with colleagues that I found most stimulating. This was enhanced by the Conference being residential, giving maximum opportunity to meet the 20 or so participants over meals or as we moved about the corridors of the university hostel. I was struck by the warmth of my welcome from ABTAPL members and the lengths to which everyone went to make me feel included.

I had hoped to visit some other libraries whilst in Britain. Unfortunately, family commitments meant that I could call in only briefly at New College, Edinburgh (whose librarian was a very recent appointment) and at the USPG Library in London (which was being packed up for the move to a new building).

It is encouraging to see the contacts being established between our two associations, through my attendance at Lancaster and Patrick Lambe's at the Melbourne meeting of ANZTLA.

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### VEECH LIBRARY, CATHOLIC INSTITUTE OF SYDNEY

This library's origins go back to the 1840s when it began as part of the Benedictine Monastery at St. Mary's Cathedral site. After moves to Lyndhurst, Glebe and St. John's College, University of Sydney, the growing collection arrived at the St. Patrick's College site in 1889 to serve the national seminary and later seminary for the Catholic dioceses of N.S.W. In the early 1950s the seminary became an Ecclesiastical Faculty and in the 1970s became a member institution of the Sydney College of Divinity.

The Veech Library is a curriculum oriented collection with some research strengths and a fine reference collection. It is particularly strong in Catholic and continental theology. Its historical collections which include over 4000 pre-1800 imprints, include the early Benedictine collection, Rare Books (other pre-1850 imprints), Irish and Australiana and some smaller special collections. The Veech Library also is home to the Centre for Australian Catholic Documentation which comprehensively collects printed, pictorial and sound materials relating to Australian Catholicism.

**Stock:** monographs - 61000 (catalogued); periodicals - 240 subscriptions, 520 other backruns and part holdings of journals; other materials - 1300 microfiche, 820 slides, 140 tapes.

**Classification:** DDC 17th edition, modified DDC 200 tables. Dictionary catalogue cards produced by means of Bibliofile.

**Access:** Staff and students of C.I.S. and S.C.D. and others whose needs cannot be served by other libraries. Cooperates in ILL. Restricted ILL monograph lending.

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## UNION LISTING OF SERIALS

Recent changes in the manner of reporting of serial holdings to the National Library for inclusion in NUCOS will have serious repercussions for the majority of Australian theological libraries for whom joining the ABN network is not an economically feasible option. From January 1988 onward, additions and deletions in serial holdings can no longer be reported on cards as has been customary since the inception of SALSSAH.

On the other hand the Australasian Union List of Serials in Theological Collections (AULOTS) in its present edition is already five years old and in urgent need of updating.

In the interest of credible theological research and informed religious debate in the South Pacific the question must be raised how to continue the work done for theological libraries by NUCOS (and its predecessor SALSSAH) and by AULOTS.

Whereas the National Library seems at present open to the idea of addition notable collections of holdings<sup>1</sup> previous approaches concerning the possibility of adding AULOTS holdings to the national database have been far from encouraging.

There are a number of reasons for maintaining a separate Union listing of serials in a readily usable format (paper or microfiche). Contribution to NUCOS certainly has the effect of drawing us closer into a national library network. Yet, if we analyse our Interlibrary loan requests we note that apart from those emanating from libraries represented in AULOTS the remainder is largely from academics or postgraduates with close links to the theological library world who are well aware of the existence of AULOTS. On the other hand, AULOTS is a considerable ecumenical effort promoting close cooperation among theological librarians, its format allows quick and transportable reference use, it is a source for rationalisation and consolidation of periodical runs. Moreover, it allows the inclusion of other than Australian libraries in the South Pacific and assists in a more equitable interlibrary loans policy between participating libraries. Finally its price is that of a single purchase unlike NUCOS which, in spite of minor changes (for our purposes) in its rapidly succeeding cumulations needs to be subscribed to at a cost of \$30.00 per annum.

It is true that a considerable number of journals of theological or religious relevance is also or only held by libraries contributing to NUCOS but an enlarged supplement to a new AULOTS edition could bring important material from NUCOS within its confines. After all, the supplement in the first edition was added as an after thought in a matter of days!

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<sup>1</sup>Acquisition, bibliography, cataloguing news (National Library of Australia), no. 27, Dec. 1987, p. 4.

After consultation with the National Catholic Research Council which was responsible for the publication of the first edition (at a considerable financial loss), some progress has now been made in planning its continuation. The original "8" diskettes have now been converted to 5.25 inch format. An investigation is also under way to convert the diskettes produced with a word processing programme into a database to allow print-outs by individual libraries, States, etc. I hope to have the results of this investigation and concrete plans for updating AULOTS ready for discussion at our joint ANZATS/ANZTLA conference in Canberra later this year.

Hans Arns.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is a privilege to be able to communicate with you through the medium of the ANZTLA Newsletter. I would encourage you also to use it to communicate with one another, by sending in news items, stories about your library, book reviews, or more scholarly articles. Our thanks also to Lynn Pryor and Philip Harvey for their contribution in making it all possible.

**Newsletter Subscriptions.** Now is the time to promote the Newsletter and to get it established on a sound financial basis. I understand that only 42 subscriptions have been paid up to date. Will you help to at least double this number by the time of the conference in September? Please check within your chapter or group of theological libraries that all ANZATS libraries are paying up. As from 1988, membership in ANZTLA is no longer being paid by ANZATS. Each ANZATS library must pay its own ANZTLA fee, and this should be for full membership (\$20), which includes the right to vote at meetings of the association. Libraries need to make clear that it is an institutional subscription and who the representative of the library is (i.e. the librarian-in-charge). I suggest the format: [Name of Library]  
c/- [Name of Librarian-in-charge]

Other libraries in your chapter or group should also be encouraged to join as full members. Membership of the chapter implies membership of ANZTLA, but it must be formalized by payment of the prescribed fee. Other libraries and individuals may either join ANZTLA as members or subscribe to the Newsletter only (\$15). Please check out the Bible colleges, church diocesan and administrative libraries, and church CAE libraries, as well as academic libraries and librarians which have an interest in religion and theology. Where a library has more than one member of staff, any who are not covered by the institutional membership may join individually, thus demonstrating their solidarity with the association and earning the right to vote at meetings. Fees for membership and for newsletter subscription cover the calendar year.

**AULOTS.** Following the decision of the Melbourne conference to investigate the possibility of updating the Australasian Union List of Serials in Theological Collections, Hans Arns and Marianne Dacy have been busy, loading the existing data onto the computer at the Catholic Institute of Sydney. They aim to run off a list of each library's holdings and send it to that library for updating.

**Standards.** To date, only one chapter appears to have taken up the ANZTLA Standards document for study and response, (as requested by the Melbourne conference). If your chapter or group is not preparing a collective response, how about doing your own thing and sending a reaction to either the President or the Secretary - by the end of May?

**Australasian Religion Index.** The pilot project for the Australasian Religion Index has been set in motion by Gary Gorman and John Mills. If you have been asked to help with the indexing, please do so promptly and get your data sheets back to the Centre for Library Studies as quickly as possible. Hopefully, the first trial issue of the index will be in your hands within a matter of weeks.

**1988 Conference.** Local factors have determined the timing of the 1988 Conference at Burgmann College, Australian National University, Canberra, from Thursday morning, 8th September, to Saturday noon, 10th September. Unfortunately, this coincides with the beginning of a new academic term for some theological colleges. Nevertheless, it is hoped a good number of people will be able to attend. If your librarian is unable to attend, perhaps your representative at the ANZATS Conference will be able to stay on for the library conference.

**1989 Conference.** Both the Warden (Francis Foulkes) and the Librarian (Judith Bright) of St. John's College, Auckland are keen to host the 1989 conference. With South Australian and Victorian theological colleges changing over to a two-semester (four term/four quarter) system next year, it appears that the majority of the Australian states and New Zealand will be on vacation between 30th June and 10th July. This would appear to be the most suitable time to hold the conference, both from the point of view of those attending and those hosting (who have to have accommodation available). It is Winter, but I am told that July in Auckland is no worse than July in Melbourne! Fortunately, it is the low season as far as air fares are concerned.

**Looking Ahead.** In 1990, ANZATS will be holding its conference in Brisbane; in 1991, in Sydney. Presumably, ANZTLA will follow suit. Finding suitable dates, however, will be a problem for all concerned.

(Rev) Trevor Zwick, President,  
Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association.

## CARD REPORTING TO NUCOS

From January 1988 the National Library will no longer receive and process card reports of new serial holdings for NUCOS. It will only accept card reports for amendments to holdings already in NUCOS following the ZNUC symbol. All other reporting to the National Union Catalogue will in future have to be via ABN or MARC NUCOM.

## COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT CATEGORIES

The National Library is adopting the RLG Conspectus definitions of collecting levels for the revision of its collection development policy. These are the definitions recommended by Gary Gorman in his workshop on collection development in theological libraries at the 1985 ANZATS Library Consultation. (See *Australasian College Libraries* 5;3 (Sept. 1987), p.63-94; *BABTPL* 34/35 (Mar. 1986), p. 19-31).

These definitions have now been adopted by research libraries in virtually all the countries of the western world.

"Conspectus definitions of collecting level:

**LEVEL 0; OUT OF SCOPE:** the Library does not collect in this area.

**LEVEL 1; MINIMAL LEVEL:** A subject area in which few selections are made beyond very basic works.

**LEVEL 2; BASIC INFORMATION LEVEL:** A collection of up-to-date general materials that serve to introduce and define a subject and to indicate the varieties of information available elsewhere. It may include dictionaries, encyclopedias, selected editions of important works, historical surveys, bibliographies, handbooks, a few major periodicals. A basic information collection is not sufficiently intensive to support any courses or independent study in the subject area involved.

**LEVEL 3; INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT LEVEL:** A collection that is adequate to support undergraduate instruction, or sustained independent study; that is, adequate to maintain knowledge of a subject required for limited or generalised purposes, of less than research intensity. It includes a wide range of basic monographs, complete collections of the works of more important writers, selections from the works of secondary writers, a selection of representative journals, and the reference tools and fundamental bibliographical apparatus pertaining to the subject.

**LEVEL 4; RESEARCH LEVEL:** A collection that includes the major published source materials required for dissertations and independent research, including materials containing research reporting, new findings, scientific experimental results, and other information useful to researchers. It is intended to include all important reference works and a wide selection of specialised monographs, as well as a very extensive collection of journals and major indexing and abstracting services in the field. Older material is retained for historical research.

**LEVEL 5; COMPREHENSIVE LEVEL:** A collection in which a library endeavours, so far as it is reasonably possible, to include all significant works of recorded knowledge [publications, manuscripts, other forms], in all applicable languages, for a necessarily defined and limited field. This level of collecting intensity is one that maintains a "special collection"; the aim, if not the achievement, is exhaustiveness. Older material is retained for historical research."



## NEW AND ALTERED LC SUBJECT HEADINGS

Among new and altered subject headings adopted by Library of Congress are some which may be useful in theological libraries. In the examples which follow, if you are still using the old style of subject authority, for "UF" read "x" and for "RT" and "BT" read "xx".

The subdivision "Text-books" has been replaced by its unhyphenated form, "Textbooks".

### Draft resisters (May Subd Geog)

UF Dodgers, Draft

UF Draft dodgers

UF Resisters, Draft

SA subdivision Draft resisters under the names of individual wars,  
World War, 1939-1945 - Draft resisters.

Haiti - History - 1934 - CANCEL

Haiti - History - 1934-1986 (Not Subd Geog)

Haiti - History - 1986 (Not Subd Geog)

### Interfaith marriage (May Subd Geog)

UF Inter marriage, Religious

UF Interreligious marriage

UF Marriage, Interfaith

UF Marriage, Mixed

BT Inter marriage

### Inter marriage (May subd Geog)

Here are entered works which discuss collectively marriage between persons of different religious, religious denominations, races, and ethnic groups.

UF Marriage, Mixed

UF Mixed marriage

BT Marriage

Marriage, Mixed CANCEL

Military service, Compulsory - Draft resisters CANCEL

### Rajneeshees (May Subd Geog)

Rajneeshees - Biography

UF Rajneesh Foundation International - Biography

Rajneesh Foundation International

## NEW ABN SUBJECT HEADINGS

The following are some of the new subject headings approved by the ABN Subject Headings Review Panel:

### Anzac Day sermons

- UF Anzac Day - Sermons
- UF Sermons, Anzac Day
- BT Anzac Day
- BT Occasional sermons

### Didjeridu

- UF Didgeridoo
- UF Didjeridoo
- UF Digeridoo
- UF Dijiridu
- BT Aborigines, Australian - Music
- BT Musical instruments - Australia
- BT LWind instruments

### Knights of Malta (May Subd Geog)

- BT Hospitalers
- BT Orders of knighthood and chivalry

### Lasseter's Reef (Legendary gold reef)

### Pilbara (W.A.)

(Chosen in preference to LCSH form: Pilbara (W.A. : Region))

### Women convicts (May Subd Geog)

- UF Female convicts
- BT Convicts.                      BT Female offenders
- BT Women prisoners

## RELIGION INDEX TWO

A revised edition of *Religion Index Two: Multi-Author Works, 1976-1980* is being published in a two-volume, cumulated set. The annual volumes have been augmented to approximately 1250 titles and 16,000 entries. The pre-publication price (till October 31, 1988) is \$US495. Libraries can gain \$US30 credit for all annual volumes between 1976 and 1980 returned to ATLA Religion Indexes. The address: 5600 S. Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60637.

## NEWS

### FROM NSW STATE CHAPTER

- The United Theological College has finally left the Enfield campus and is now located within the newly constructed Centre for Ministry, 16 Mason's Drive, North Parramatta (Tel. 02.683 3655). The Centre provides a range of courses in theological and pastoral education for lay and ordained ministry extending the scope of the Cambden library.
- Judith Goodwin, formerly librarian at Catholic Theological Union, Hunter's Hill has now moved to the Columban Fathers' Seminary at Turramurra to take over management of the library from Dr Don Wodarz. C.T.U., Hunter's Hill now has a full time librarian, Gabrielle Smith.
- In view of imminent enrolments in Master's programmes, the libraries of the Sydney College of Divinity are at present engaged in compiling a Collection Development Policy for the S.C.D. They are assisted in this difficult task by Rev. Gary Gorman and Brian Howes of the Riverina-Murray Institute for Higher Studies.

### FROM THE VICTORIAN CHAPTER

- The libraries of the Divine Word Missionaries at Essendon is now being amalgamated with that of St. Paschal's College at Box Hill. These collections are now jointly owned by the Franciscan Fathers. Helen Frank presently spends one day a week at Essendon and three days at St. Paschal's.
- The Christian Brothers Provincial Library is now located at 974 Canterbury Road, Box Hill. Mrs. Julianne Barlow has moved with the collection from its former premises at Treacy College, Parkville.
- It is with regret that the chapter has accepted the resignation, at our last meeting, of Tony Allen, as Chairperson of the Chapter. Tony was formerly Librarian at the Central Catholic Library, Melbourne. A new Chairperson was duly elected - Dr Lawrence McIntosh, of the Joint Theological Library, Ormond College, University of Melbourne.

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