

DEWEY USERS GROUP - Note from Wendy Davis

I have written to the ATLA with regard to our participation in their Dewey User group and am awaiting a reply. Meanwhile, here are the details of the Dewey 200's book as requested by several people at the conference.

Dewey Decimal Classification : 200 Religion Class, Albany, NY : Forest Press, 1989. ISBN 0-910608-43-1

This is available direct from the publisher for US\$20 (includes postage and handling). Write to:

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Director,
OCLC Asian/Pacific Services,
6565 Frantz Road,
Dublin, OHIO, 43017-0702
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

They do request pre-payment but are very prompt.

REVIEWS

Eureka Street. (Richmond : Eureka Street Magazine, Vol. 1, 1991)
11 issues per year. \$35 annual subscription.

Stamped with the bold motto 'Find out what the others missed', this handsome new journal has the promise of becoming one of the significant magazines of debate and opinion within Australia. It plans to address a broad range of social, cultural and religious issues. Feature articles from national and international writers will appear regularly, together with regular columns and reports on subjects such as education, media, race relations, church and world issues. Review of art, books and film will also appear.

The journal was initiated by the Jesuits in association with the Sisters of Mercy, the Loreto Sisters and the De La Salle Brothers. These orders are

represented on the editorial board, however the majority of board members are lay people. Though coming out of the Catholic tradition the journal "seeks to promote an intelligent dialogue between decision makers and communicators, whether they are Christian or not."

The editorial presents its case clearly. "We believe that with the mass media now in fewer hands than they have been for decades, the perspectives offered to Australian readers are too few. And the right questions - the questions behind the questions - are not being pursued vigorously enough. *Eureka Street* aims to pinpoint issues of importance to Australia, in the context of the region and the wider world." The scope of interests in just the first issue is a good sign that this journal will be various and challenging, and that it will live up to its claim of being "an open, thoughtful, and spirited forum that can make a real contribution to Australian life in the 90s and beyond."

Subscriptions from : *Eureka Street* subscriptions, PO Box 553, Richmond, Victoria, 3121.

Pointers : bulletin of the Christian Research Association. (Hawthorn : Christian Research Associations, vol. 1, 1990) 3 issues per year. \$15 annual subscription; free to all full and associate members of the Association.

The Christian Research Association was formed in 1985 with the purpose of providing up-to-date and reliable information about religious faith and church life in Australia. The Association has already published many of its findings and has created the bulletin as a further outlet for its work.

The editorial promises that "the newsletter will provide brief descriptions of research that has been completed or is underway, summarising results and provide references for those who are interested in pursuing the details further."

The first number includes reports and findings of surveys with non-church goers and their responses to Christianity, urban surveys and a survey made of New Zealand values and religion. Proposed surveys are also announced, relevant theses are abstracted and notices of events and publications are listed.

Subscriptions from : *Christian Research Association Bulletin*, 8 Power Street, Hawthorn, Vic., 3122.

Gesher [= Bridge] : the official journal of the Council of Christians and Jews. (Melbourne : The Council of Christians & Jews. v. 1, 1990) Irregular. Annual membership subscription to the council includes subscription to Gesher : \$15. Students, \$5.

The Council proposes a number of purposes for itself. Amongst these are the aims "to educate Christians and Jews to appreciate each other's distinctive beliefs and practices and their common ground; to promote the study of and research into the historical, political, economic, social, religious and racial causes of conflicts between people of different creeds and colours; and to promote, for the benefit of the community, education in those fundamental ethical teachings common to Christianity and Judaism which relate to respect and understanding between people of different creeds." *Gesher* is intended to serve as another bridge in the Council's enterprise.

Authors from both faiths present challenging and sizeable articles in the first issue on topics such as interfaith dialogue, Jews in Australia, *Nostra Aetate* and Jerusalem. Other features of this new venture are reports of meetings, messages, book reviews and important documents.

The Council had its inaugural meeting in February, 1985. Originating in Victoria it is planning to develop a New South Wales link, and should be regarded as of national significance.

Subscriptions from : *Council of Christians and Jews*, 179 Cotham Road, Kew, Vic., 3101.