

MAJOR THEOLOGICAL REFERENCE RESOURCES: 1994.

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Our ongoing purpose is to draw attention to the availability of recently published reference resources. The annotations are meant to assist with selection decisions. Imprints include 1993 titles, which were not here in time for last year's list, along with some 1994 publications.

Biblical Studies: General

1. Danker, Frederick W. *Multipurpose tools for Bible study*. Rev. and expanded edn. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1993. xiii + 330pp. 0-8006-2598-6. US\$18.00.

See my review of this very useful work in *Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association newsletter* 22 (May 1994): 32-33.

2. *The New Interpreter's Bible: general articles & introduction, commentary, & reflections for each book of the Bible, including the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical books*. Edited by Leander Keck et al. 12 vols. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1994 - c.US\$65.00 per volume (certain Australian suppliers are offering discounts).

Projected in twelve volumes, the *NIB* provides general articles, particularly in volumes 1 and 8, at the beginning of the coverage of the Old and New Testaments respectively. Coverage of each biblical book begins with an introduction, bibliography and an outline and then the texts of the New International Version and the New Standard Revised Version are presented in parallel columns. The texts are divided into units and followed by the commentary section with its exegetical analysis and a further section called 'Reflections'. Those familiar with the 'old' *Interpreter's Bible* (1951-1957) will recall this structuring. The list of contributors is thoroughly ecumenical. Designed as it is to support teaching and preaching, study and reflection, this attractively presented set will be a 'must' in all theological libraries.

3. *The Oxford companion to the Bible*. Edited by Bruce M. Metzger and Michael D. Coogan. New York: Oxford University Press, 1993. xxi + 874 pp. 0-19-504645-5. US\$49.95.

With some 250 scholars contributing, this work provides a distinctively academic one-volume reference to the people, places, events, books, institutions, beliefs, and secular influence of the Bible. More comprehensive than the usual Bible dictionary, the *Companion's* special feature is the use of major interpretive essays as well as short articles. The volume is consciously pluralistic, reflecting a diversity of interpretations; no attempt has been made to impose dogmatic unity. Includes a detailed subject index and an index to fourteen rather unspectacular maps. The volume presents recent biblical scholarship and should be considered by all theological libraries.

Hebrew Scriptures

4. *The New encyclopedia of archaeological excavations in the Holy Land*. Edited by Ephraim

Stern. 4 vols. Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society & Carta; New York: Simon & Schuster, 1993. 1,552 pp. 0-13-276288-9 (set). US\$295.

The first edition of this work was originally published in Hebrew (Jerusalem, 1970) and then Michael Avi-Yonah edited an English-language edition in four volumes (1975-1978). This new set effectively revises that work and includes articles on some 400 sites by more than 200 scholars. Some 75 percent of the old entries have been updated; the amount of text has nearly doubled. There are over 4000 illustrations, maps, charts and drawings, including 64 pages in colour. The fourth volume concludes with chronological tables, a glossary, an index to persons, places and biblical references. The work is a major achievement.

Now simply to note the appearance of two major Hebrew-language tools which will compete for attention and, perhaps, the acquisition dollar:

5. *The Dictionary of classical Hebrew*. Edited by David J. A. Clines. Vol. 1: Aleph. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1993. 475 pp. 1-85075-244-3. £50 (volume 1 only).

The first volume (of eight) in what the publishers announce as the first dictionary ever compiled of the classical Hebrew language as a whole, that is, including the Bible, Ben Sira, the Dead Sea Scrolls and other Hebrew texts (down to around 200 CE). Except for the most common words, citations are given for all the occurrences of a given word in the extant literature.

6. Koehler, Ludwig, Walter Baumgartner and Johann Stamm. *The Hebrew and Aramaic lexicon of the Old Testament*. Translated and edited by M. E. J. Richardson. 4 vols. Leiden: Brill, 1994 -. Details for vol. 1: 'aleph - heth. cvi + 365pp. 90-04-09696-5. DLG 130.00. (ISBN for set - 90-04-09700-7).

Here is the long-awaited English version of this classic reference tool as translated from the third German edition (1967-). The work has long been recognised as a monument of biblical scholarship and this translation will ensure its continuing as the standard modern dictionary for biblical Hebrew.

New Testament

7. *The Greek New Testament*. Edited by Barbara Aland et al. 4th rev. edn. Stuttgart, Germany: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1993 (2nd printing, 1994). 3-438-05110-9. DM 38.

The last edition of the GNT (the third corrected) was published in 1983. There are numerous changes in this new edition reflecting an editorial promise to improve on reliability and clarity. This edition is essential for all theological libraries.

8. *Dictionary of Paul and his letters*. Edited by Gerald F. Hawthorne and Ralph P. Martin. Downers Grove, ILL: InterVarsity Press, 1993. xxix + 1038pp. 0-8308-1778-6. US\$34.99.

The intention of this companion to the *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels* (1992) is to present 'the fruit of evangelical New Testament scholarship at the end of the twentieth century'. It includes outstanding and lengthy articles, for example J.D.G. Dunn on 'Romans'

and S. J. Hafemann on 'Paul and his interpreters' and the entries generally, with good bibliographic support, present a balanced view of Pauline issues and continuing problems. There are indexes to scriptural passages, to subjects and to the articles themselves. For all theological libraries.

Church History

9. Robinson, Thomas A et al. *The early church: an annotated bibliography of literature in English*. ATLA Bibliography series, 33. Metuchen, NJ: American Theological Library Association and Scarecrow Press, 1993. xxiii + 495pp. 0-8108-2763-8. US\$ 57.50.

Here is a very useful survey of recent English-language material on the early church from the post New Testament era to the sixth century. It is designed for undergraduates and beginning graduate students and is divided into twenty-six distinctive sections. Each section has a two to three page introduction which is followed by a list of books and articles on the theme. Full citations are given and each entry is well annotated. Revisionism in a given area is noted. Most annotations for books conclude with references to reviews. Where relevant, coding is used to provide additional information about the work in question. There is an index to authors and a subject index. The combination of well-written introductions, carefully chosen items and pertinent annotations makes this a most important resource. Highly recommended.

10. *Handbook of European history 1400-1600: Late Middle Ages, Renaissance, and Reformation*. Edited by Thomas Brady, Heiko Oberman and James Tracy. 2 vols. Vol. 1: Structures and assertions; vol. 2: Visions, programs, outcomes. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1994; 1995. xxiv + 709pp; c. 620pp. 90 04 09762 7 (set). US\$100 (set).

Not strictly for the reference collection but a work which, because of its comprehensiveness, appendixes and indexes, is likely to function as a reference tool. The two volumes will include contributions by forty leading scholars who discuss the grand themes, main controversies and recent trajectories in research on this period. Volume 1 deals with the structures of everyday life and with the political and ecclesiastical assertions of the time. It includes maps, tables and figures and is separately indexed.

Volume 2, promised for 1995, will cover humanism, the Reformation period and the process by which newly established confessional structures began to work their way in the world. The price is not outrageous given both the level of scholarship and the generous proportions of the work. Libraries supporting history courses in these areas will want this set.

11. *Dictionary of Scottish church history and theology*. Edited by Nigel M. de S. Cameron et al. Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1993. xx + 906pp. 0-567-09650-5. £39.95.

Here is a sumptuous answer to a longfelt need. This volume offers a balanced treatment of Scotland's Christian past and its influence upon the church and its mission throughout the world.

There are in all 3,500 entries and the list of 350 contributors includes many an acknowledged expert in Scottish church history. The dictionary includes biographies, entries on theological

doctrines and controversies, ecclesiological topics, and countries, like Australia and New Zealand, which accepted Scottish missions and emigration. It covers all denominations of any importance from the earliest to most recent times. Naturally, the centre of gravity lies within the Reformed tradition but there is adequate treatment of the pre-Reformation period, including the Celtic church and the mediaeval *ecclesia scotiana*. Post-Reformation material also reflects Dissenting, Episcopalian and Roman Catholic traditions. Most entries are followed by bibliographies. A most valuable resource. Highly recommended.

12. *The Australian Dictionary of evangelical biography*. Edited by Brian Dickey. Sydney: Evangelical History Association, 1994. xxi + 417pp. 0-646-16625-5. \$40.00.

This dictionary contains biographical entries for almost 700 persons who have contributed to the making and transmission of evangelical Protestantism in and from Australia. The introduction defines 'evangelical Christian', discusses the problematic of producing such a work and provides interesting statistics. The body of the work consists of signed entries, most in 600 words or less, on 'those who did stand firm in their faith' and who are now dead. There is a listing by denominational affiliation and by membership of missionary societies. There will be some curiosity about 'who is in' and 'who is not', but the biographical coverage provided by this ground-breaking work means that most libraries will need it.

Theology

Firstly, to note that publication of the third edition of the great German Catholic resource, *LTK*, has commenced:

13. *Lexikon für Theologie und Kirche*. Edited by Walter Kasper et al. Projected in 11 volumes. Freiburg: Herder, 1993 -. 3-451-22001-6 (set). Subscription price for the set is DM 4180.

The second edition of *LTK*, including its three volume supplement on Vatican II, was issued from 1957 -1967. The first volume of the new edition: A - Barcelona, and *Abkürzungsverzeichnis* were published in 1993. All major Catholic libraries, at least, will require this superb set.

14. *Dictionary of fundamental theology*. Edited by René Latourelle. New York: Crossroad, 1994. xxxix + 1222pp. 0-8245-1395-9. US\$75.00.

In Catholic theology the old discipline of apologetics has a new identity and status. The shift to fundamental theology has been informed by changes such as pluralism, social indifference, scientific inquiry and chiefly by a change in attitude. The present dictionary, the original edition of which was published as *Dizionario di Teologia Fondamentale* in 1990, reflects a dialogical approach. It contains more than 220 articles of which 30 major ones serve as keys to the whole (for example, christology, church, history, revelation). It also includes subjects which are 'brand new' to apologetics (beauty, feminism, inculturation, silence, structural analysis) and also finds space for the giants of the discipline, such figures as Augustine, Barth, Newman and Rahner. The 93 contributors - 37 of whom teach at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome - represent 15 countries. There is a systematic index and a very useful analytic index.

This most impressive work will be required by all libraries supporting courses in recent Catholic theology, in ecumenism and multiculturalism.

15. *The Blackwell encyclopedia of modern Christian thought*. Edited by Alister McGrath. Oxford; Cambridge MA: Blackwell, 1993. xiii + 701pp. 0-631-16896-6. £60.00; US\$94.95.

The work covers Christian theology from the dawn of the enlightenment to the present day. There are substantial essays on central themes such as the doctrine of God, christology and ethics. Another cluster of major articles deals with influential philosophical movements, for example existentialism, Kantianism and Marxism as well as the leading branches of the sciences (McGrath's explanatory introduction is compulsory reading). Major denominations of the church and influential theologians feature prominently. Entries are accompanied by bibliographies. There is a useful glossary of theological terms and a well-produced index to the whole. The contributors are well-known in their fields; the work is ecumenical. The predominant ethos tends toward theological conservatism. Recommended for much-used reference collections.

Ethics

16. *The New dictionary of Catholic social thought*. Edited by Judith Dwyer. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press: Michael Glazier Books, 1994. xxxi + 1019pp. 0-8146-5526-2. \$79.50.

The purpose of this work is to analyse the major modern social encyclicals, from Leo XIII's *Rerum novarum* to John Paul II's *Centesimus annus*, as well as to inspect central movements, figures, and themes that have been the hallmark of Catholic social thought for one hundred years. Writers from around the world contribute articles on issues ranging from 'Aborigines, Australian' to 'Worker priests'. Entries are accompanied by see references and bibliographies and the work is well-indexed. An important resource for all involved in social outreach and for those libraries supporting courses in ethics.

Liturgy

17. Day, Peter D. *The liturgical dictionary of Eastern Christianity*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press: Michael Glazier Books, 1993. viii + 334pp. 0-8146-5848-2. US\$29.95.

Most theological librarians have problems with reference questions about Eastern Christian liturgical terms. Here is a user-friendly guide for those looking for simple rather than scholarly explanations. It includes ecclesiastical and liturgical terms and entries on the various Eastern churches. The dictionary proper is followed by a list of familiar Western terms with equivalent entries for the different Eastern rites, which can then be located within the dictionary. The Eastern terms are anglicised throughout. Peter Day has written in this field and this work, although introductory, is recommended for comprehensiveness and accuracy.

Ecumenism

18. *Stages on the way: documents from the bilateral conversations between churches in Australia*. Edited by Raymond K. Williamson. Melbourne: Joint Board of Christian

Education, 1994. 264pp. 1-86407-031-5. \$17.95.

The Faith and Order Commission of the Australian Council of Churches has published documents which have issued from the national bilateral conversations thus far. They reflect the growing understanding and relationships between churches and help assess the present strengths of ecumenism. Denominations specifically represented are Anglican, Churches of Christ, Greek Orthodox, Lutheran, Roman Catholic and Uniting Church. An important collection for all libraries.

Serials

Two new serials have strong reference potential:

19. *Feministische Theologie im europäischen Kontext = Feminist theology in a European context*. (Annual) Edited by Annette Esser and Luise Schottroff. Vol. 1 (1993). Kampen: Kok Pharos; Mainz: Grünewald, 1993. 225pp. 90-390-0047-6 (Kok); 3-7867-1724-9 (Grünewald). f45,00 / c. £16.00.

The first volume of the Yearbook of the European Society of Women in Theological Research includes scholarly surveys and articles on feminist themes in German, French and English. A major feature is a lengthy section (75 pages in this first volume) devoted to reviews of feminist literature and bibliographies, arranged by subject. This annual is likely to be useful for graduate work in feminist studies.

20. *Reviews in religion and theology*. (Quarterly). Edited by Gareth Jones. Vol. 1 (1994). London: SCM Press, 1994. Each issue to date has 96pp. ISSN 1350-7303. Annual subscription £14.00.

Intends to supply quick, high quality coverage and analysis of new publications in all areas pertaining to religion and theology. Includes lengthy review articles, followed by short notices and lists of books received. This one should be a good 'faculty stirrer' for selection purposes. Ordering details include prices but not ISBNs. The first issues are certainly promising.

General - Style manuals

21. *Style manual for authors, editors and printers*. 5th edn. Canberra: Australian Government Publishing Service, 1994. xi + 468 pp. 0-644-29770-0; 0-664-29771-9 (pbk). \$39.95; \$24.95 (pbk).

The new edition builds on the fourth and its revisions take account of changes that have inevitably taken place since 1988, and new material has been added. For all libraries.

22. McIntosh, Lawrence D. *A style manual for the presentation of papers and theses in religion and theology*. Wagga Wagga: Centre for Information Studies, 1994. xi + 140pp. 0-949060-27-5. \$15.00.

Provides a guide to the presentation and mechanics of writing, documentation, and the options available for formatting citations. Modesty precludes further comment.