

My students are already using the *GDT* and are enjoying it. It is bringing a breadth to their studies and introducing them to a wider range of voices and perspectives than most western dictionaries do. For that this work will prove to be of enduring value. However, many of my students are not supplementing the *GDT* with other more standard dictionaries and studies, and that is skewing their perspectives and work (much like Wikipedia does), this too may be one of the enduring affects of the *GDT*. Either way, it is a major resource and a creative one at that which should find a place in any theological library.

### **Myk Habets**

***Essential IVP Reference Collection CD-ROM Version 3.*  
Nottingham: IVP, 2007. [ISBN: 978-1-84474-206-6]**

Specifications: System Requirements: 500mhz Pentium III processor (1 GHz Pentium III recommended), CD/DVD-ROM drive. Operating System: Microsoft Windows 98 or later. Software: Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or later. Memory: 192MB RAM (512MB recommended). Hard Drive: 550 MB hard drive space.

This is the third edition of the well known and well used IVP Reference Collection. Version three includes seventeen books including: twelve dictionaries, three commentaries, one Bible atlas, and a topical book. The 'big black IVP dictionaries' of the New Testament are included but, unfortunately a separate disc must be purchased to get the Old Testament Dictionaries. It is a shame that version 3 did not include the Old Testament Dictionaries as well as this would have made the package that much more attractive and saved the hassle of having to purchase two separate discs. Scholars using this resource would appreciate the inclusion of both Testaments at an additional cost. Included in version 3 is the new Logos Bible Software 3 engine, and an unlockable copy of Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*.

The IVP Dictionaries have set a benchmark for academic scholarship which is up-to-date, concise, and reliable. Having these dictionaries in electronic form allows for searches across all volumes instantaneously and speeds up the time taken for research and of course frees up shelf space. These dictionaries have become indispensable tools for study in biblical scholarship and the electronic Logos form of these

texts just makes their use that much easier. Pagination is included in these volumes which makes full citation an easy task.

This is an affordable package that is easy to install and operate and will find an enduring place in the libraries of scholars, pastors, and interested lay people alike. If you are involved in biblical-theological study then you will want the IVP reference Collection on your desktop – it is as simple as that.

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**R. John Elford and D. Gareth Jones, *A Tangled Web: Medicine and Theology in Dialogue*, Oxford: Peter Lang, 2009 (288pp) [ISBN 978-3-03911-541-9]**

Peter Lang is starting a series entitled *New International Studies in Applied Ethics*, this work being reviewed is the premiere volume. Elford and Jones (eds.) have compiled a series of essays stimulated by D. Gareth Jones' visits to Liverpool and corresponding colloquia papers. The focus of these collected essays is to produce a volume in which one may appreciate how theological and biomedical research and practice may not only intersect but also enlighten each other—a daunting promise from the outset.

Each time a collection of essays on the intersection of theology and medicine crosses my desk I tend to consider the piece in light of the premiere compendium of theological discourse in medicine, *On Moral Medicine* (Lammers and Verhey, eds.). However, as I worked through this volume, I was swiftly moved to evaluate the collection of essays on their own merit. Truly, the pithy and pointed dialogue throughout this text lends itself to an engaging and enriching thought experience that does not serve to emphasize opposition but rather cooperation. However, that same pithy and pointed dialogue leaves one to consider not all is being said—such is the limitation of any compendium developed from essays initially intended to capture the attention of an audience. Nevertheless, as I will continue to show, this first volume does well to not only inform the reader of the intersections of medical science and theological wonder but also it excites the reader (or at the very least me) to approach this interdisciplinary dialogue with a renewed hope that the faithful speech of