

“Quinquennial” – Reflecting on TL’s Fifth Anniversary

It was during a Town Hall luncheon at the 58th Annual Conference of ATLA (held in Ottawa, Ontario) that the launch of the present publication occurred. There are two things I remember vividly about the occasion:

- a sense of anticipation, goodwill, and enthusiasm
- how in spite of our careful planning, the laptop on which we were intending to press the “publish” button had timed-out when the moment of destiny arrived.

All that was required to get *TL* past that minor glitch was a little throat-clearing and ingenuity. But it has taken a lot more than that to get the journal to where it is today, in July 2013. And this is a good time to give credit where credit is due (in somewhat random order):

- to various successive members of ATLA’s Publications Committee, dating from about 2006 onward
- to Jack Ammerman, (who while serving as ATLA Bibliography Series Editor) hatched the idea of a Journal of Theological Bibliography which, while it never came to fruition in its original format, was nevertheless a direct precursor to the publication you are reading now
- to various iterations of ATLA’s Professional Development Committee, who did a good job of keeping this new venture well-integrated with other ATLA endeavors
- to senior leadership (past and present) at ATLA
- to those who have served on *TL*’s advisory Board (providing occasional advice and suggestions for peer reviewers)
- to the Editorial Board
- most of all to you, readers and/or ATLA members, who have played such a decisive part.

We know a lot more now than we did in 2007 about how this journal can serve the theological library community, but your input is just as welcome and needful as ever.

A final word: our longtime colleague as Columns Editor, Andy Keck, is stepping aside from his *TL* responsibilities with this current issue. His work goes back to when the journal was no more than an idea of the Publication Committee on which he served. Nobody has played a more important part, and nobody could have been such a steady and resourceful collaborator. We offer heartfelt thanks to Andy for his outstanding service.

At the same time we are pleased to welcome Andy’s successor, Gary F. Daught (Milligan College, TN). Gary has been a thought-leader in the ways that Open Access publishing is changing our landscape, and is looking forward to the hands-on experience of being on *TL*’s Editorial Board.

Thanks for reading,
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