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DR. DAVID BECK ON USING THE LIBRARY FOR BIBLICAL EXEGESIS



Attention faculty: *This is the second article in a series on how The Library is useful for seminary and college education at Southeastern. This month's writer is Dr. David Beck, professor of New Testament and Greek and Associate Dean for Biblical Studies at Southeastern Seminary.*

"If the Word of God is inerrant and sufficient, why do we need to do library research for exegesis?" This question is in the minds of many students as they enter SEBTS, and it deserves an answer.

The first reason why we need to do exegetical research is because the Bible **IS** the inerrant Word of God. Unlike any other book, the Word of God matters, ultimately and eternally. Furthermore, while it is fully inerrant and sufficient, none of us are. No expositor, interpreter, or scholar since the original authors is inerrantly inspired. The Word of God itself commends research. In Luke's preface to his Gospel, he informs us that he, aware of the previous work of others "investigated everything carefully from the beginning" in order that we might have "the exact truth," (Luke 1:3-4 NASB).

The practical reasons necessitating research are two-fold. [continued on page 2]

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Terese M. J. Jerose is Reference Librarian and Assistant Director of The Library at Southeastern. She has worked for The Library since 1997. Terese fell in love with libraries because of the influence of her hometown librarian, Mr. Butler. She has worked in libraries since she was seventeen years old, and has done everything from archives to serials. A woman of many talents, Terese has also worked for a construction supply company, the USO and she has even administered electric shock therapy for a chiropractor. In college, she studied French and French Literature, with a minor in archaeology. Terese also earned a Masters of Library Science at University of North Carolina-Greensboro. Terese has been married to David, a geologist and native Yankee, for twenty three years. Both Terese and David view their jobs as opportunities to serve other people. Terese enjoys reading (she works in a library, of course!) and cooking. Another favorite hobby is gardening, which someone once said leads to peace, quiet and a well-tilled earth! Despite local rumors, she is not a distant relation of Bella Donna Took, though she does have Tookish qualities such as a love of adventure and an inability to sit still.



DAVID BECK ON THE LIBRARY AND EXEGESIS (CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE)

The first is the complexity of language. No one alive today speaks or thinks in first-century Koine Greek (or ancient Hebrew). We must delve into the findings of those who have given their lives to the study of these languages, keeping abreast of further refinements in that understanding.

Secondly, since "context is king" and "a text without a context is a pretext for a proof text" we must seek to

understand the ancient political, social, cultural, and religious context in which God's Word was given. The Bible was not written in a 21st century American context.

What is gained from a student's exegetical library research? The first goal of a research assignment is to instill humility by making them aware that the depth of meaning of the biblical text is far greater than they ever imagined. The second is to

introduce them to the vast array of exegetical research tools available, including language resources, exegetical dictionaries and encyclopedias, scholarly commentaries, and exegetical and theological journals. It is hoped that they will become aware of their need and develop a plan for building their own library of exegetical tools for the time when a theological library may not be at their disposal.

*"Realists do
not fear the
result of their
studies."*

*- Fyodor
Dostoevsky*

SELECTED NEW FACULTY BOOKS AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY

George Braswell, *Islam and America: Answers to the 31 Most Asked Questions*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2005.

John Hammett, *Biblical Foundations for Baptist Churches*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2005.

Keith Harper and C. Martin Jacumin, eds., *Esteemed Reproach: The Lives of Reverend James Ireland and Reverend Joseph Craig*. Macon: Mercer University Press, 2005.

Robert Jones, *Uprooting Anger: Biblical Help for a Common Problem*. Philipsburg, NJ: P&R, 2005.

Andreas Kostenberger and Thomas Schreiner, eds., *Women in the Church: An Analysis and Application of 1 Timothy 2:9-15*, 2d ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005.

Andreas Kostenberger and Robert Yarbrough, trans., *Do We Know Jesus? Daily Insights for the Mind and Soul*, by Adolf Schlatter. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2005

Bruce Little: *A Creation-Order Theology: God and Gratuitous Evil*. Lanham, MA: University Press of America, 2005.

Maurice Robinson and William Pierpont, eds., *The New Testament in the Original Greek: Byzantine Textform*. Southborough, MA: Chilton, 2005.

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: THE EUGENE MCLEOD RARE BOOK ROOM & SEMINARY ARCHIVES

Located on the second floor of The Library, the McLeod Rare Book Room and Seminary Archives is the historical repository on campus. The Archives is responsible for several important collections on campus. The Manuscript Collection includes the personal papers of notable Bap-

tists and other leaders in evangelical life. The Institutional Collection includes documents related to the history of the seminary and The Library.

The Archives is also the starting point for use of the following resources:

1. Closed Shelves: a collection of rare and older books
2. Faculty Shelves: a second, non-circulating copy of every book written by SEBTS faculty, plus their dissertations
3. Theses Collection: a second, non-circulating copy of every thesis written at SEBTS

4. The Baptist Materials Room: a collection of Baptist associational minutes, back issues of state Baptist papers and other Christian periodicals.

All archival resources must be used on The Library's second floor.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY AT SOUTHEASTERN

The Library at Southeastern has recently added several significant resources to the collection.

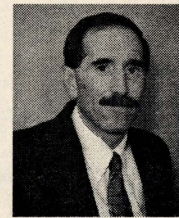
Among the new purchases is the 2nd edition of the *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, originally published in 1967.

The Library has also acquired from Judaica Press an English translation of the *Mikraoth Gedoloth*, with the Rashi commentary as explained by leading "supercommentaries," a selection of other Jewish commentaries. This is the first time The Library has had

these Jewish works available in English for our patrons.

We also now have copies of all three of the major New Testament uncials produced in the 4th and 5th centuries AD: codices Sinaiticus, Alexandrinus, and Vaticanus. The Library has owned a copy of Alexandrinus for several years. The Library's copy of Vaticanus is a full-color reproduction purchased directly from the Vatican about two years ago. In January we acquired a photoreproduction of Sinaiticus, completing our collection of these invaluable codices.

The Library also recently acquired Michael William's *Isaac Taylor Tichenor: The Creation of the Baptist New South*, a new scholarly biography of one of the most influential Baptist leaders during the late 19th century.



Steve Frary, Acquisitions guru at The Library at Southeastern.

DID YOU KNOW...

The basic procedures for checking out materials from The Library at Southeastern? We hope you do, but just in case you don't, consider this a "crash course."

Audiovisual material can be checked out for one week, with a one week renewal.

Patrons must present their student ID or guest card to check out any material.

Regular circulating books are

checked out for three weeks, with a one week renewal.

Faculty, staff and graduate students check out books for three months, but must return any book that has been requested by another patron in three weeks.

Books and AV items can be renewed by phone or email, and can be renewed by the student on line.

Reserve books are shelved

in the reserve alcove and are shelved according to call numbers, not professors reserve lists. Only one reserve book per class may be checked out at the time.

All reserves are due at 9:00 AM on the date that they are due. Fines are \$0.25 per hour or part of an hour. Overdue notices are sent automatically to your SEBTS email address

If you have another email, we will be unable to send emails to that address.

Please check your seminary email often, even if you have another email address. The space in your seminary email box is limited, so if the box is full, you will not receive any emails (from The Library or anyone else!).

CONAN'S CORNER



Conan the Librarian, AKA Shawn C. Madden, Head-High Mucky-Muck of Library Services at SEBTS.

The third place, I am told, is that place that follows the residence of your bed and then the residence of your desk—what ever it may be—which for some, follows at a further distance than for others, depending, I suppose, on the quality of bed and desk—and on many campuses/i/ae that third place is the library, no doubt because folks bump into each

other enroute to the completion, timely or un-, of research necessary to the, hopefully, well executed termination of a paper of promising import, affect, and/or transformational quality for a professor who will readily, no doubt, include references to it in a lecture either as an illustration of a "do thou thusly" but perhaps as a "do thou not thusly", fame being

desirous without regard to position on the qualitative or aesthetic scale, and who will share research or familial insight and news with one another, and will, in the greatest of cheer, remark one to the other of what a wonderful third place The Library is—that, of course, being our fondest hope and desire. He spoke and drank rapidly a glass of water.

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
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The Library at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary is dynamically involved with faculty and students in the achievement of education objectives. It provides resources and services to support the research and study of the faculty and to meet the needs of the students for the free and independent study which is stimulated by classroom, chapel, and other components of student life situations. Provided also is a broad range of materials for the general educational, cultural, and recreational interests of students, faculty, and their families.

THE LIBRARY ADDS PAPERS OF NOTABLE APOLOGIST JOHN WARWICK MONTGOMERY

BY JIM LUTZWEILER, ARCHIVIST

The Archives is pleased to announce the acquisition of the first installment of the papers of the world-renowned Christian apologist Dr. John Warwick Montgomery. Though a Lutheran clergyman, Dr. Montgomery came to Christ in New York under the combined influence of his Baptist grandmother and a Baptist laymen working with students at Cornell University. During his colorful career, which is still ongoing, he is perhaps best recalled for his debates with the atheist Madelyn Murray O'Hair and "God is Dead" theologians like Thomas J. J. Altizer, formerly at Emory University. He currently resides in Soufflenheim, France, where he conducts an annual apologetics, evangelism and human rights summer seminar in nearby Strasbourg.

Dr. Montgomery has earned ten degrees during his academic pilgrimage. Among them are three earned doctorates, a li-

brary science and law degrees. He earned his first PhD in theological bibliography at the University of Chicago, where he served for a time as the librarian. He has taught and lectured at various colleges, seminaries and universities around America and Europe. When he taught at Trinity Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois, he had as one of his students the popular contemporary author Ravi Zacharias. One of Zacharias' college term papers on apologetics is among the materials in the present collection. Another of his students was William Dembski of Intelligent Design fame. Dembski recently joined the faculty of our sister seminary in Louisville.

Dr. Montgomery is the author of over fifty books, one of them capturing his epistolary exchange with C. S. Lewis. One of his paraphrases of Luther's words about the Scriptures was widely circulated during the Conservative Resurgence by authors

such as Harold Lindsell in *The Battle for the Bible*. Another of his more recent publications deals with Sherlock Holmes. Montgomery is a member of one of the Holmesian literary and fraternal societies, and he has used this context in which to compose a book defending orthodox Christianity. In addition to the Holmesian Society Dr. Montgomery is a member of The Atheneum Club in London, a club that boasts over 50 Nobel Prize winners among its members.

He not only writes books but he collects books. His personal library includes over 25,000 volumes related primarily to his theological specialties but also to gourmet cooking. After all is said and done, however, his chief passion and dedication is to evangelism; and the books he has written and the books he has collected, as well as the papers he has amassed, all direct toward that end.