

Annotated Reference Bibliography for Biblical and Theological Research

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The work of research and writing requires significant preparatory work if the finished product is to have lasting value. Student needs to remember that papers and theses completed in seminary will often form a basis for a preaching or teaching series, or perhaps even a writing ministry, in the future. Good study habits and sound research methodology will under gird your future work and ministry.

This bibliography is designed to provide information on the key resources for the various disciplines of study within the setting of *The Master's Seminary*. The annotations are, unless otherwise noted, are my own and may not represent the views of either the seminary or my faculty colleagues. Part One is designed to be more exhaustive than the other sections and serves to provide as an introduction to the resources for research specific to *The Master's Seminary Library*. In the sections related to the particular academic divisions of the seminary I have listed reference works that are specific to that discipline. I also provide a list of journals currently received by the library that are generally "topic" specific within a particular field. The exception is in the area of *Bible Exposition*, where I list journals that are more generalized in terms of their article subjects. I have not created duplicate listings for entries. For instance, *New Testament Abstracts* is listed in *Part One* under "Essential Indexes." It is not listed again in *Part Four* for "New Testament resources."

Please note that I do not list individual commentaries, theologies, background works, and other monographs (see the bibliography section in Part One for suggested resources to guide you in this area). This bibliography is designed to provide an entry point to your specific area research and to point you in the right direction within those specific disciplines. One other note, for simplicity sake in my listings I often use publisher information of who is currently printing an item. Often times this is a publishing house like Kregel Publications or Hendrickson Publishers who often reprint classic works. For original publisher information refer to either our OPAC or the actual work itself.

Part One: Introductory Bibliography for Research and Writing with a Discussion of TMS Specific Databases and Other Web Resources

Research and Writing Skills:

There are many useful books on both the craft of writing and of research. For writing, it is advisable for everyone to acquire at least one basic work on grammar and punctuation; additionally, here are also several on-line resources for writers as well. Your personal library should also contain *Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language Unabridged* (Springfield, MA: Merriam, 1967), which is the spelling standard for *The Master's Seminary*. For English etymology the twenty-one volume *Oxford English Dictionary* is the definitive work. For Biblical and theological studies it is often necessary to be famil-

iar with non-English words, phrases, and expressions. A helpful volume to add to your library is the *Oxford Dictionary of Foreign Words and Phrases* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).¹

Adler, Mortimer J and Charles Van Doren. *How to Read a Book* (revised). New York: Simon and Shuster, 1972.

If you weren't required to read this book in high school or college then you need to do so now. It is a classic work on how to properly read and comprehend the material. It is written in a popular style and the material here will serve you well.

Badke, William B. *The Survivor's Guide to Library Research*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing Co., 1990.

A delightfully helpful book that handles all of the basics of library research, interjects good humor, and has a good section on the basics of writing. Strangely though, there is no subject index and no bibliography.

_____. *Research Strategies: Finding Your Way Through the Information Fog*. San Jose, California: Writer's Club Press, 2000.

Along the lines of Badke's earlier work with some new illustrations and case studies, this work includes more information for online work. However, this work is really geared towards advanced high school and college level studies.

Barber, Cyril J. *Introduction to Theological Research*. Chicago, Illinois: Moody Press, 1982.

Sadly, this book is out of print. If you should run across one in a used bookstore by all means buy it. It is very useful, although some of the resources he references are out of date or no longer in publication. This edition will provide no help in the area of computer technology or databases.

_____. and Robert M. Krauss. *Introduction to Theological Research: A Guide for College and Seminary Students*. Landham, Maryland: University Press of America, 2000.

An updated edition and revision of Barber's earlier work. This book includes updated material on online and electronic searches and more modern technology. This work is hindered by the price (University Press of America is notoriously overpriced) and it's general difficulty to obtain (it almost always has to be specially ordered).

Barzun, Jacques and Henry F. Graff. *The Modern Researcher* (4th edition). New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich Publishers, 1985.

A classic work on research edited and revised over the last 30 years. The authors are professors of history at Columbia University and have provided one of the outstanding works on the subject of research and writing. Very detailed and often technical, this book is highly recommended for the student who will pursue a research and writing ministry. The emphasis is on history and historical writing, but the methodology described in this work transcend the disciplines.

Becker, Howard S. *Tricks of the Trade: How to Think About Your Research While You're Doing It*. Chicago: University Of Chicago Press, 1998.

An excellent work that deals more with the philosophy of research than methodology. He does cover the "how" aspect of research, but from the angle of careful and creative thinking to discover new possibilities and lines of inquiry. Part of the *Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing and Publishing* series.

Bernstein, Theodore M. *The Careful Writer: A Modern Guide to English Usage*. New York: Atheneum, 1977.

An important and extremely useful tool.

Booth, Wayne C., Gregory G. Colomb and Joseph M. Williams. *The Craft of Research* (2nd Edition). Chicago, Illinois: University Chicago Press, 2003.

¹ See also the section on "Biblical and Theological Studies" in this bibliography for additional specialized non-English language resources.

An eminently helpful work covering the basics of research in all its aspects. This is a required text at *The Master's Seminary* and should be read during the first semester of studies. Part of the *Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing and Publishing* series, the new edition was just released, updating the 1995 edition.

Carson, D. A. *Exegetical Fallacies*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1984 (revised and updated, 1997).
An important volume to have and read. Carson provides an important service in the area of developing clear thinking and clear writing. The reader might wonder if Carson believes anyone but himself thinks and exegetes logically, but this is a minor flaw.

The Chicago Manual of Style, 14th edition, Revised and Expanded. Chicago, Illinois: University of Chicago Press, 1993.

For those who want the real thing this is the "bible" for writers. *Turabian* is a condensation of the current *Chicago Style of Manual*. Will need to be supplemented with Walker for online citation guides until the 15th edition appears. Part of the *Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing and Publishing* series

Hane, Paula J. (edited by Reva Bausch). *Super Searchers in the News: The Online Secrets of Journalists and News Researchers*. Medford, New Jersey: Cyber Age Books, 2000.

This is a helpful book in terms of online research strategy from a secular point of view. It is ten stories of news researchers who used the Internet to quickly and efficiently gain the information they required. Helpful to understand the nature and limitations of online searching.

Hacker, Diana. *Resources for Research and Documentation Across the Curriculum to Accompany Fourth Edition, The Bedford Handbook for Writers*. Boston, Massachusetts: Bedford Books, 1994.

This is a helpful little book that provides a listing of major indexes and other resources for research in all of the academic disciplines.

Johnson, Andrew P. *A Short Guide to Academic Writing*. Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America, 2003.

This is a helpful little book that serves well as a guide to proper academic writing. The author deals with some issue of grammar and word use in formal writing that is often neglected in some other works.

Kane, Eileen and Mary O'Reilly-de Brun. *Doing Your Own Research*. New York: Marion Boyars, 2001.

This is a thorough book on research in the humanities. While there are several chapters that will not have any great relevance for theological research (e.g., group research, surveys, probability studies, etc.) there is a great deal of useful information to be found here, especially in terms of critical thinking and information evaluation.

Kennedy, James R. *Library Research Guide to Religion and Theology: Illustrated Search Strategy and Sources*. Ann Arbor, Michigan: Pierian Press, n.d.

Written in a clear and engaging style (similar to that of Badke) this small loose-leaf booklet is no longer in print. His methodology is entirely designed around non-technology aided research, but there is still much valuable information to be obtained from this work. Since many of the "print" resources that are described in this and other works have found, or are finding their way into electronic format, the methodological exercise of thinking through these works will be valuable.

Montgomery, John Warwick. *The Writing of Research Papers: An Introductory Lecture, with a List of Basic Reference Tools for the Graduate Student*. Edmonton, Alberta: Canadian Institute for Law, Theology and Public Policy, 1996.

A small pamphlet type booklet. Contains useful, though dated, information and a basic philosophy of writing research papers. Written in Montgomery's rather tedious and pedantic style; however, the list of 150 reference works is worth reviewing. Can only be obtained directly from the publisher.

Newman, Isadore, Carolyn R. Benz, David Weis and Keith McNeil. *Theses and Dissertations: A Guide to Writing in the Social and Physical Sciences*. Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America, 2003.

This book will be somewhat helpful for the student in Biblical and theological studies, especially in the area of collecting information, personal interviews and statistical information. The formatting section of this book is superseded by the guidelines of *The Master's Seminary*.

O'Conner, Patricia T. *Woe is I: The Grammarphobe's Guide to Better English in Plain English*. New York: Riverhead Books, 2003.

This is one of the best and most readable works on English grammar for writers. The author wanders through the morass of the real and imaginary rules of English grammar, explaining the real and debunking the imaginary.

_____. *Words Fail Me: What Everyone Who Writes Should Know About Writing*. San Diego, California: Harvest Publishers, 1999.

Another extremely helpful book on writing. Entertaining style with excellent observations and illustrations.

_____, and Stewart Kellerman. *You Send Me: Getting it Right When You Write Online*. New York: Harcourt, 2002.

This is the best book available for online writing style. Particularly helpful for email and bloggers.

Rodale, J. I. *The Synonym Finder*. Emmaus, Pennsylvania: Rodale Press, 1978.

An essential reference work for the pastor, writer or student. Should be alongside a good dictionary.

Hacker, Diana. *The Bedford Handbook for Writers*, 4th edition. Boston, Massachusetts: Bedford Press, 1994.

Strunk, William, Jr., and E. B. White. *The Elements of Style*, (3rd edition). New York: Macmillan Press, 1979.

You need to have a basic style and grammar-usage reference available. Strunk and White have been a standard for many years; however, we find that Hacker is extremely helpful and much better in terms of organization, examples and general usefulness.

Turabian, Kate L. *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations*, 6th edition (revised by John Grossman and Alice Bennett). Chicago, Illinois: University of Chicago Press, 1996.

This is the approved style manual for *The Master's Seminary*. The layout is extremely easy to use and the indexing is excellent. There are also numerous pages of examples for page formatting and layout. Part of the *Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing and Publishing* series

Vyhmeister, Nancy. *Quality Research Papers for Students of Religion and Theology*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 2001.

This is a recent addition to the literature on research and writing. Covers much of the same material as others in this field. It is geared specifically towards the field of theology and has strong points, including decent bibliographic sources for beginning research in various areas and explanations of various research models. Weaknesses include the tendency to view theology and Biblical studies too abstractly and too closely connected with sociological or psychological constructs. Additionally, the chapter on "Biblical Exegesis as Research" is overly simplistic and of little value for graduate students.

Walker, Janice R. and Todd Taylor. *The Columbia Guide to Online Style*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1998.

Endorsed by the *Alliance for Computers and Writing*, this is an expansion of the author's earlier works in this field. Absent a coherent citation style guide, in the early 1990's the author prepared a simple and reasonably useful style guide for online sources. This work's primary purpose is to provide a set of guidelines for the overall style of online publications or *e-journals*. This work fills a current gap in both the *Chicago Manual of Style* and by extension *Turabian*. When those works are updated (along with APA and MLA in the other disciplines) this work will be superseded and no longer be needed for non-online reference. There are online updates available at <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cup/cgoes>.

Williams, Joseph M. *Style: Towards Clarity and Grace*. Chicago, Illinois: University of Chicago Press, 1990.

By one of the co-authors of *The Craft of Research*, this is an excellent guide to style and good writing. Not formulaic or pedantic. This is an excellent work and should be read by everyone who endeavors to write well. Part of the *Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing and Publishing* series

_____, and Gregory G. Colomb. *The Craft of Argument*. (2nd Edition). New York: Longman Publishing, 2003.

This is a **must have** for your library. This is an excellent work detailing the art of crafting a convincing and logically sound written presentation. Will be of immense help in both writing and public speaking.

Zerubavel, Eviatar. *The Clockwork Muse: A Practical Guide to Writing Theses, Dissertations and Books*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1999.

This is a small and simple, but imminently practical book on writing. Although secular, these are principles that will work well for the busy pastor preparing sermons or writing as well as the student.

Zinsser, William. *On Writing Well: An Informal Guide to Writing Non-Fiction*. New York: Harper & Row Publishers, 1985.

From the author's many years of lecturing at Yale University, one of the most respected works in the field of writing and writing style.

Computer Technology and the Internet:

With the rapid advances being made in computer technology, the Internet and the World Wide Web, books that cover anything beyond the basic essentials are generally obsolete before they even go to print. One major Christian publisher, in fact, has established a policy of not publishing any books related to this field, because of the almost immediate lack of currency. The best advice is to get online as soon as possible and begin to stay abreast of information and trends in the field directly and to examine current periodical literature. Recognized web pages, such as *The Master's Seminary Online*, also keep current links to the best resources on the web (see <http://www.tms.edu/links.asp>).

Adair, James and Patrick Durusau (editors). "Offline 66" *Religious Studies News*, Atlanta, Georgia: Scholars Press, 1985-.

This column is a regular feature in *Religious Studies News*. It is a valuable source for current information on computers and technology in the area of biblical and theological studies. There are various contributors for this series.

Baker, Jason D. *Christian Cyberspace Companion*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1995.

The author has produced a workable introductory text for the world of "cyberspace." He will apparently attempt to maintain the currency of his work by providing updates on his own web page. Check his site at <http://www.bakerbooks.com/ccc/> to see if he is successful.

Bielefield, Arlene and Lawrence Cheeseman. *Technology and Copyright Law: A Guidebook for the Library, Research and Teaching Professions*. New York: Neil-Schuman Publishers, 1997.

An important reference source (probably not something the average individual would buy) on the issues relating to copyright, citations, public domain, "fair use," etc., as it relates to technology and the internet. It has a valuable discussion of the history of copyright and untangles some of the complex issues related to copyright and the Internet.

Durusau, Patrick. *High Places in Cyberspace: A Guide to Biblical and Religious Studies, Classics, and Archaeological Resources on the Internet*. Atlanta, Georgia: Scholar's Press, 1996; Second edition, 1998.

This work is exclusively dedicated to a listing of sites dealing with those subjects listed in the title. This work was produced under the auspices of *Scholar's Press* and the *Society of Biblical Literature*. In addition to an regular (annual?) reprinting of new listings, the plan is to also maintain regular updates on their web page at: <http://scholar.cc.emory.edu/scripts/highplaces.html>. The author also gives a good introduc-

tory discussion of the Internet and electronic research in general. This work is now out of print, but the web page is still active.

Groothuis, Douglas. *The Soul in Cyber-Space*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1997.

The author, perhaps better known for his work in apologetics and cults, has presented something of a “philosophic yellow-light” or warning about the Internet, World-Wide-Web and all things technological. He discusses the very real dangers of the “internet community,” a lack of personal interaction, the reality and dissemination of truth, and several other topics. The book is worth consulting, although it is now out of print. The author was something of an alarmist and the book tends to ramble in places and he never really identifies his audience.

Harnack, Andrew and Eugene Kleppinger. *Online! A Reference Guide to Using Internet Resources*. New York: St. Martins Press, 1997.

A small handbook that gives the basic of internet usage. Has style guides for Internet sources for all of the major style guide sheets. Students of *The Master's Seminary* should refer to the section from the *Chicago Manual of Style*.

Schultze, Quentin J. *Internet for Christians: Everything You Need to Start Cruising the Net Today*. Muskegon, Missouri: Gospel Communications, 1995.

A good basic introduction, although in our opinion superseded by Baker. Schultze, a professor of communication at Calvin College, does put out a regular newsletter dealing with new items of interest to Christians on the Internet and World-Wide-Web. You can subscribe for free at <http://www.gospelcom.net> Not our first choice, but does contain good basic information.

Biblical and Theological Studies:

In the field of Biblical and theological studies, bibliographies should become your closest friends. Almost every division of study and all of its sub-divisions will have a bibliography in print somewhere. If the work is annotated, it obviously becomes even more valuable. These works will save you time in your research and help you as you plow the ground and turn over stones. I have only listed a sampling of some of the better bibliographies. Remember that in the process of your research every article or monograph will list sources in the footnotes or bibliography. In the *Library of Congress Classification System* bibliographies for Biblical and Theological studies will be found from Z 7000 to Z 8999.

ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM, & Religion Index One/Two: Periodicals, Religion, and Theological Abstracts and Book Reviews in Religion. Evanston, Illinois: American Theological Library Association, 1999 (with biannual updates).

This is the main source for searching religious and theological materials. The interface provided by ATLA can be a bit tedious at times, and the user must have some knowledge of subject headings to use it efficiently. Silver Mountain Software also provides a search engine that is somewhat more efficient. The print version is almost entirely passé. The most efficient method to access the ATLA databases is via First Search. There is a direct link to First Search on the library OPAC page at <http://www.tms.edu/libsplash.asp> See below for fuller description of the database features.

Barber, Cyril J. *The Minister's Library* (Volumes 1-2). Chicago, Illinois: Moody Press, 1975 and 1979.

An excellent resource listing books in all fields of religious studies published before 1976. There is a promise of a third volume and the material available in a CD format. Barber is helpful for the breadth of his work, but the comments tend to be short and occasionally vague. He marks recommended books with an * and books he warns against with a †.

_____. *Best Books for Your Bible Study Library*. Neptune, New Jersey: Loizeaux, 2000.

Designed really for the layman and pastor with limited means to assist them in building a personal library. Nonetheless this work contains useful comments for general consideration. His book recommendations, especially regarding commentaries, tend towards popular and the Dallas Seminary form of classic dispensationalism.

Barker, Kenneth L., Bruce K. Waltke and Roy B. Zuck. *Bibliography for Old Testament Exegesis and Exposition* (4th Revised and Enlarged edition). Dallas, Texas: Dallas Theological Seminary, 1979.

Produced by three excellent researchers and scholars. Helpful listings of important materials for research, especially in the field of Old Testament studies. Now somewhat dated, but still useful in compiling a library.

Beeke, Joel R. *A Reader's Guide to Reformed Literature: An Annotated Bibliography of Reformed Theology*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Reformation Heritage Books, 1999.

This is an interesting book of Reformed Theology. Materials are divided into subject category according to the 36 sections of the Belgic Confession. Within each section the material is sometimes further subdivided by century.

Bolich, Gregory G. *The Christian Scholar: An Introduction to Theological Research*. Landham, Maryland: University Press of America, 1986

A thoroughly well-written introduction. Unfortunately it is out of print. If you can acquire this work it is well worth the investment.

Bollier, John A. *The Literature of Theology: A Guide for Students and Pastors*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Westminster Press, 1979.

An important work, unfortunately now out of print. If you run across one in a used bookstore by all means pick it up.

Bradley, James E. and Richard A. Muller. *Church History: An Introduction to Research, Reference Works and Methods*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans Publishers, 1995.

This is an excellent primer on research methodology in church history, although the principles are applicable to other disciplines as well. The other main strength of this work is the extensive bibliography, the most comprehensive and well designed, that one will see for any comparable work.

Branson, Mark Lau. *The Reader's Guide to the Best Evangelical Books*. San Francisco, California: Harper and Row, 1982.

A hard to find, but useful book of review the evangelical books. It is something after the work of Cyril Barber, but not as thorough. It does also have an interesting section of the most significant books as related by outstanding pastors and bible teachers of the day.

Bretzke, James T. *Consecrated Phrases: A Latin Theological Dictionary, Latin expressions Commonly Found in Theological Writings*. Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 1998.

A superb work that is exceptionally helpful in both reading and understanding theological expressions occurring in Latin. The author both translates and gives a useful definition and explanation of the phrase. The author is Catholic, but is generally even handed in his definitions, especially with the *solas*.

Carson, D. A. *New Testament Commentary Survey* (5th edition). Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 2001.

This is an excellent survey of New Testament commentaries. Carson's remarks are occasionally acerbic, but usually helpful. A companion to Longman's *Old Testament Commentary Survey*; however, the spectrum of Carson's selections is wider and more valuable than Longman. See our review of this work in *The Master's Seminary Journal* 13:1 (Spring 2002), 112-13.

Danker, Frederick W. *Multipurpose Tools for Bible Study* (revised and expanded). Minneapolis, Minnesota: Fortress Press, 1993.

This is an outstanding compilation of essential tools for Biblical studies. Danker's perspective is Lutheran and tends towards the liberal end of Biblical scholarship. His section on commentaries is scanty in terms of conservative works, but does give outstanding comments on those more liberal and critical series. He has a very thorough discussion of grammars and lexicons and their use and his discussion on Bible versions (despite the inexplicable lack of an entry for the NASB) is also very valuable. This work is a valuable companion to Dockery, Matthews and Sloan.

Darling, James. *Cyclopaedic Bibliographica: A Library Manual of Theological and General Literature and Guide to Books for Authors, Preachers, Students and Literary Men. Analytical, Bibliographical and Biographical*. London: James Darling, 1859.

This is an extremely rare but immensely valuable work. Structured in a manner similar to Cyril Barber's two volumes, or better Barber apparently followed the general style of this earlier work. It is especially strong in listing commentaries and theological works. Obviously nothing printed after 1859 listed. Covers a greater range of material than Spurgeon's *Commenting and Commentaries*, but used together one would have an almost exhaustive grasp of the commentary material from the Victorian and Pre-Victorian era..

Davis, John Jefferson. *Theology Primer: Resources for the Theological Student*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1981.

This is an introduction to the terms, concepts and notable "modern" theologians. Presents handy definitions and clear explanations. The section on theologians is rather odd, one really isn't sure what Davis means by "modern." There are no dispensational or even premillennial scholars listed at all.

Dawsey, James. *A Scholar's Guide to Academic Journals in Religion*. ATLA Bibliography Series #23. Metuchen, New Jersey: The Scarecrow Press, 1988.

Covers a wide variety of theologically orientated journals. Gives bibliographic information as well as a quick summation of the basic editorial guidelines and theological distinctions of each. Obviously only covers titles in print before 1988. This is especially useful for information on titles that have ceased publication.

Dockery, David S., Kenneth A. Matthews and Robert B. Sloan. *Foundations for Biblical Interpretation: A Complete Library of Tools and Resources*. Nashville, Tennessee: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1994.

This is an excellent series of articles dealing with the major fields of biblical studies. Each chapter contains a thorough bibliography. There is also a fine chapter on periodical literature.

Fitzmyer, Joseph A. *An Introductory Bibliography for the Study of Scripture* (third edition). Rome, Italy: Editrice Pontificio Istituto Biblico, 1990.

One of the most thorough bibliographies in print (one would hope for a 4th edition in the near future). A Catholic scholar and notorious liberal, Fitzmeyer's bibliography is almost devoid of conservative works and those that he does list generally receive some negative criticism. His section reviewing journals is particularly helpful. He also lists book review references from major theological journals of the works he cites. His section on bibliographies is also extremely valuable. Despite our criticisms this work should be a "first stop" in research for a NT, OT or Bible exposition paper or thesis.

Glynn, John. *Commentary and Reference Survey: A Comprehensive Guide to Biblical and Theological Resources*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Kregel Publications, 2003.

A new work that has the useful feature of dealing with all of the planned works in series dedicated to Biblical and theological studies. The author has scanned the publishers and lists not only new material but also those items that are forthcoming. Perhaps the best work available for sources written in the last 10-15 years. It is relatively weak in classics works and materials written earlier than 1950. Covers every aspect of the field and evaluates each author on an "evangelical to liberal" scale.

Gorman, G. E. and Lyn Gorman. *Theological and Religious Reference Materials: General Resources and Biblical Studies*. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1984.

Deals only with material before 1983, however it is extremely thorough, if not exhaustive. The notations are generally not favorable towards conservative scholarship and there is a bit of an "academic elitism" in

the tone of all of the notes. However, that aside, this is an extremely valuable work and worth consulting if only to gain an understanding of the breadth of material available to that date.

_____. *Theological and Religious Reference Materials: Practical Theology*. Bibliographies and Indexes in Religious Studies series #7. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1986.

_____. *Theological and Religious Reference Materials: Systematic Theology and Church History*. Bibliographies and Indexes in Religious Studies series #2. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1985.

These works share the same strengths and weaknesses as the first work by the Gorman's listed above. This entire series is, of course, worth consulting for any research project in the area of Biblical and Theological studies.

Huey, F. B., and Bruce Corley. *A Student's Dictionary for Biblical and Theological Studies: A Handbook and Special and Technical Terms*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing, 1983.

Not as many terms as McKim, but the definitions are more coherent and helpful. This work is also very strong in linguistic terminology. Some of the included terms will strike some as strange and this work is not as strong in theological categories as McKim.

Kepple, Robert J., and John R. Muether. *Reference Works for Theological Research: An Annotated Selective Bibliographical Guide*. Landham, Maryland: University Press of America, 3rd edition, 1992.

An important work finally updated and re-issued. Contains much of what you will find in Bollier, but also has up to date information. Unfortunately the publisher (UPA) is not known for reasonable prices and items must be ordered directly from them. There have been rumors of an updated edition for some time, but Kepple has left that to Muether and is not currently involved in the project.

Krupp, R. A. *A Primer on Theological Research Tools*. Landham, Maryland: University Press of America, 1990.

This book is difficult to come by and was designed as a text in the author's theological research courses at Western Seminary. The works cited are now, for the most part dated or superceded. However, there are valuable examples and research questions that will help the reader understand how these tools can and cannot be used.

Johnston, William M. *Recent Reference Books in Religion: A Guide for Students, Scholars, Researchers, Buyers and Readers*. Downer's Grove, Illinois: Inter-Varsity Press, 1996.

As the author states this is the "era of the reference book" and he painstakingly survey's most if not all of the reference books in the biblical-theological-philosophic fields in print. His comments are often extensive, although he is not well disposed towards conservative or evangelical theology. This work is aimed at the scholarly and library community, not the average pastor.

Longman, Tremper III, and Craig Evans (eds.) *IBR Bibliographies*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1992- (14 volumes: *proposed*).

A proposed 14 volumes series with promised regular updates. Thus far the series had produced nine works of uneven quality. Most have a decidedly liberal and historical-critical flavor while trying to remain broadly evangelical. Evan's *Jesus*, is perhaps the most disappointing of all, and thankfully has already gone out of print. Green and McKeever's *Luke-Acts* is perhaps the strongest entry thus far. Only recently has a new entry (2000) been added after a hiatus of three years. Also the lack of the promised updates every five years makes one wonder how committed Baker is to this series, which seems destined to "stumble" to the finish line. See my reviews of the series (to that date) in *The Master's Seminary Journal*, 7:1 (Fall, 1996), 121-23 and 12:1 (Spring 2001), 113-15. With the publication of the *The Pentateuch* and the *The Pauline Writings*, Evans has become the sole editor of the series. A new preface was written with no mention of updates. The following parts of the series have been completed:

Martens, Elmer A. *Old Testament Theology*, IBR #13. 1997.

Porter, Stanley E., and Lee Martin MacDonald. *New Testament Introduction*, IBR #12. 1995.

Hostetter, Edwin C. *Old Testament Introduction*, IBR #11. 1995.

Green, Joel B., and Michael C. McKeever. *Luke-Acts and New Testament Historiography*, IBR #8. 1994.

Evans, Craig A. *Jesus*, IBR #5, 1992.

Enns, Peter. *Poetry and Wisdom*, IBR #3. 1997
McKnight, Scot and Matthew C. Williams. *The Synoptic Gospels*, IBR #6, 2000.
Sparks, Kenton L. *The Pentateuch*. IBR #1, 2002
Seifrid, Mark A., and Randall K. J. Tan. *The Pauline Writings*. IBR #9, 2002

_____. *Old Testament Commentary Survey*. 3rd Edition. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 2003.
The companion to Carson's *New Testament Commentary Survey*, this work has recently been updated (the first update since 1995). The author has a somewhat arcane coding system for his evaluations that is of little value. There are several valuable appendices and the comments are generally helpful. His covenantalism, however, clearly effects both his selections and comments.

Martin, Ralph P. *A Guide to the Puritans*. Carlisle, Pennsylvania: Banner of Truth Trust, 1997.
An exhaustive, subject divided listing of Puritan writings. This is an indispensable reference for primary materials by Puritan writers.

McKim, Donald. *Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms*. Louisville, Kentucky: John Knox/Westminster Press, 1996.
This is a helpful work of brief (occasionally too brief) definitions of various theological terms. Some of the definitions are occasionally slanted to what the author "wishes" they were.

Mills, Watson E. (compiler). *Bibliographies for Biblical Research: Old Testament Series*. New York: Edwin Mellen Press, 32 Volumes, 1993-

_____. *Bibliographies for Biblical Research: New Testament Series*. New York: Edwin Mellen Press, 21 Volumes, 1993-
These two sets of bibliographies are thorough and reasonably complete. They include periodical literature as well as monographs. They should be consulted for research papers and theses.

Muller, Richard A. *Dictionary of Latin and Greek Theological Terms*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1985.
An extremely helpful work to sort through the maze of various Latin and Greek terminology. Excellent and thorough definitions. Should be in every student/pastor's library.

Princeton Theological Seminary. *A Bibliography of Bible Study for Theological Students*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton Seminary Press, 1960.
Revised and enlarged from the original 1948 edition. A helpful listing of materials and resources related to Biblical studies. Interesting now for retrospective examination of materials formerly required by a now decidedly liberal seminary.

Richardson, Ernest Cushing. *Periodical Articles on Religion (1890-1899)*. New York: Charles Scribner and Sons for Hartford Theological Seminary Press, 1911.
Used in conjunction with *Poole's Index to Periodical Literature* this work is nearly exhaustive in its scope of articles on religion, Biblical and theological studies in the last decade of the 19th century. Broken down into useful categories, this is an immensely helpful tool.

Rosscup, Jim. *Commentaries for Biblical Expositors*. Sun Valley, California: Grace Book Shack, 1993, rev. ed., 2004.
Perhaps the most thorough bibliography of *commentaries* in terms of helpfulness currently available. Rosscup's layout and arrangement is well conceived and his comments are among the most extensive one will find in this field. Although it is somewhat weak in works outside of broad evangelicalism, this single work is more valuable than those of Carson and Longman.

Simpson, D. P. *Cassell's Latin Dictionary*. New York: MacMillan Publishing Company, 1977.
Research that takes the student into works written prior to about 1920, and more scholarly works in the modern era, will often encounter quotations in Latin. This is a handy one volume Latin dictionary and has the advantage of also being an English to Latin dictionary.

Smith, Wilbur M. *A Treasury of Books for Bible Study*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1960.

Dr. Smith was one of the great Christian “bibliophiles” of the last generation. Any of his works dealing with this subject will be valuable for the time period prior to his death. If you can locate them in a used bookstore they should become part of your library.

_____. *A List of Bibliographies of Theological and Biblical Literature Published in Great Britain and America, 1595-1931, with Critical, Biographical and Bibliographical Notes*. Coatesville, Pennsylvania: by the author, 1931.

This is a substantial work packed into 62 pages. It is now very difficult to obtain, but should be consulted if possible. He also published a supplement “A Bibliography of Biblical, Ecclesiastical and Theological Dictionaries and Encyclopedias Published in Great Britain and America” (Fuller Library Bulletin, no. 20-23 [1954-55], pp. 4-29).

_____. *Chats from a Minister's Library*. Boston, Massachusetts: W. A. Wilde Company, 1951.

Anything written by Smith is worth reading, especially as he relates reading, research and scholarship to the work of the ministry. The chapters were a series of addresses that Smith used to give on his Moody Radio program by the same name.

_____. *The Minister in His Study*. Chicago, Illinois: Moody Press, 1973.

As already noted anything by Smith is worth reading. This is his basic introduction to the pastoral library. Lists a basic bibliography (now naturally dated), but the principles of study and research that he expounds is worth the effort you will undertake to locate a copy of this work.

Spurgeon, Charles H. *Commenting and Commentaries*. London: Passmore and Alabaster, 1893; reprint: Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust, 1969

Spurgeon's work contains two lectures on “commenting” or what we would call expository preaching and then an annotated listing of commentaries. Most of his remarks are short, but often quite instructive, especially in the literature of the previous century. In Spurgeon's monthly publication *The Sword and Trowel*, he had a regular section of longer books reviews. This work was actually the fourth book in a series, *Lectures to My Students*. All four books are available in a single binding from Pilgrim Press.

Stelten, Leo F. *Dictionary of Ecclesiastical Latin with an Appendix of Latin Expression Defined and Clarified*. Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson, 1995

Very useful Latin dictionary, emphasizing those words and phrases that appear in the liturgy and theological writings. Definitions are often too brief.

Swanson, Dennis M. “The Writings of Dr. Robert L. Thomas, Th.D., A Select Bibliography 1956-1999.” *The Master's Seminary Journal* 10:1 (Spring 1999), 9-18.

_____. “Bibliography of Works on the Biblical Covenants.” *The Master's Seminary Journal* 10:2 (Fall 1999), 271-79.

_____. “Bibliography of Works on Christian Ethics.” *The Master's Seminary Journal* 11:2 (Fall 2000), 229-38.

_____. “Bibliography of Works on The Openness of God Controversy.” *The Master's Seminary Journal*, 12:2 (Fall 2001), 223-29.

_____. “Bibliography of Works on Pretribulationism.” *The Master's Seminary Journal* 13:2 (Fall 2002), 255-63.

_____. “Bibliography on Cessationism.” *The Master's Seminary Journal* 14:2 (Fall 2003), 255-65.

_____. “Bibliography on the Christian Scriptures.” *The Master's Seminary Journal* 15:2 (Fall 2004), 255-62.

The first entry is a listing of the writings of Dr. Thomas as of 1999 completed in the issue of the journal dedicated to him. The other entries are part of an ongoing project in the journal to print subject bibliographies on the theme of the faculty chapel lecture series.

Thorsen, Don. *Theological Resources for Ministry: A Bibliography of Works in Theological Studies*. Nappanee, Indiana: Evangel Publishing House, 1996.

A work which sub-divides the various theological areas and lists various works. There are no annotations, and the work is almost bereft of conservative titles. He places an * by his recommended works which are typically representative of liberal to radical Arminianism.

Wagner, Günter (ed.). *An Exegetical Bibliography of the New Testament*. Macon, Georgia: Mercer University Press, 1983- (6 volumes proposed).

This is one of the finest sets to come on the scene in recent years. The author/editor has listed pertinent articles from journals, multi-author works and *festschriften* and placed them with each verse of the NT to which they mainly or exclusively pertain. Thus if you were doing research on Romans 12:1-2 you would be met with over 100 titles to begin your research. Four volumes are currently available, but it now seems unlikely that the series will be completed.

Waldman, Nahum M. *The Recent Study of Hebrew: A Survey of the Literature with Selected Bibliography*. Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, 1989.

Perhaps the most thorough resource on all aspects of Old Testament studies. Unfortunately nothing comparable exists for the New Testament.

Ziefle, Helmut W. *Dictionary of Modern Theological German*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1982.

A helpful work for the theological student. Occasionally the definitions are a bit brief and one might have hoped for a little more introductory material and a more complete bibliography.

Essential Indexes and Bibliographic Reference for Biblical and Theological Studies

The following are the “key” indexes for Biblical and Theological Studies. Indexes are collections of journal articles, multi-author works, theses and dissertations, book reviews and other collections. Normally an index will provide a short abstract along with the bibliographic information. Remember that no individual index is *exhaustive*, a variety of indexes must be examined in any serious research project. We have not listed indexes and tools in the ancillary disciplines; however, the student should remember that there are excellent indexes and reference tools for every major discipline. There are many smaller and specialized indexes reference works and bibliographies. In *The Master’s Seminary Library* these will normally be located in the “Z” section; however, due to the general quirkiness of the *Library of Congress Classification* system the student is wise to check within the call number for your subject as occasionally useful reference and bibliographic tools for that singular subject will be found elsewhere within the library. Additionally, most scholarly journals will publish regular indexes, usually at five or ten year intervals. For example *The Master’s Seminary Journal* has both five and ten-year cumulative indexes containing (1) Index of Selected Names and Subjects; (2) Index of Selected Scriptures; (3) Index of Essay Authors; (4) Index of Books Reviewed, by Author. See *TMSJ* 6:2 (Fall 1995), 272-90 and 11:2 (Fall 2000), 276-352.

ATLA Bibliography Series. Landham, Maryland: The Scarecrow Press. Continuing Series since 1974.

This series of bibliographies (now numbering nearly 50) is of vital importance to the researcher in Biblical and Theological Studies. The range of subjects is from individuals (i.e.: *Paul Tillich; A Comprehensive Bibliography* [#9]), to movements (i.e. *A Guide to the Study of the Pentecostal Movement* [#6]), to locations (i.e.: *Jerusalem, the Holy City: A Bibliography* [#20]), to books of the Bible (i.e.: *The Book of Jeremiah: An Annotated Bibliography* [#41]). The usefulness and importance of this series cannot be overstated. For instance, *The Book of Jeremiah: An Annotated Bibliography* by Henry O. Thompson

[1996], will yield to the researcher 745 pages of bibliographic entries in addition to a Scripture and Subject index.

Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte (An International Journal concerned with the history of the Reformation and its significance in world affairs). Stuttgart, Germany: Society for Reformation Research. Published bi-annually.

A journal containing an annual index and literature review. The most comprehensive index of materials related to the Reformation era. In *The Master's Seminary Library* this work will be found in the periodical department.

Biblical Bibliography. Quebec, Canada: Les Presses de L'université Laval, 1983, Three Volumes.

Covering the period of 1930 to 1983 this reference work categorizes and lists over 70 Catholic periodicals written in French, German, Italian, English and Portuguese. An essential work for Biblical and theological research from a Catholic view and Catholic history and thought leading up to and immediately after Vatican II.

Bibliografía Teológica Comentada. Buenos Aires: Instituto Superior Evangelica de Estudios Teologicos.

Since 1973 this index has provided an annual review of books and periodicals dealing with the often neglected area of Latin American theology.

Bulletin de Théologie Ancienne et Médiévale (Bulletin of Ancient and Medieval Christian Literature). Louvain: Abbye du Mont Cesar.

Since 1929 this important reference tool has indexed and provided abstracts of literature dealing with ancient and medieval Christianity. Published every five years so the currency is often an issue. Most abstracts are written in French, few are in English.

Catholic Periodical and Literature Index. Pittsfield, Massachusetts: Catholic Library Association, published quarterly.

Published since 1930 this index covers "significant Catholic periodicals of permanent value." This indexing tool is the one of the most significant sources for subject, author/editor series, book title index and book review indexes of materials derived from Catholic periodicals. Until 1968 was titled *Catholic Periodical Index*.

Christian Periodical Index. Cedarville, Ohio: Association of Christian Librarians. Published quarterly with an annual bound volume.

Since 1956 this index provides coverage on articles from about 200 distinctly evangelical magazines and journals. While there are some scholarly works indexed, many would be classified as "popular." It has a combined author and subject index, however no abstracts. Should be used in conjunction with *Religion Index One*.

Critical Review of Books in Religion. Macon, Georgia: Cooperative Venture of the Journal of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature. Published bi-annually.

This cooperative venture since 1968 provides review information on important books in religion. Tends towards liberal and comparative religion material.

Dissertation Abstracts International. Ann Arbor: Michigan: University Microfilms International.

This work provides information on virtually every doctoral dissertation published in North America. It is published monthly and is also available through the TMS computer network and through OCLC.

Elenchus Bibliographicus Biblicus. Rome, Italy: Editrice Pontificio Instituto Biblico. Published annually.

From 1920 to 1984 this is the premier bibliographies for Biblical and Theological studies, specializing in archaeology, languages and theology. In 1984 the title changed to *Elenchus of Biblica* under the editorial direction of Robert North. From 1920 to 1967 this series was issued as a part of the journal *Biblica*. Beginning in 1968 it was published separately. One note: this title began at Volume 49. In *The Master's Seminary Library* all issues of *Elenchus* (volumes 49+) are found in the Reference Department, Index

area. All prior issues, when the *Elenchus* was a part of *Biblica*, are located in the first floor periodical department. This is one of the most massive and comprehensive tools available. For example in 1997 there were actually two volumes issued, each over 900 pages. Tends to be one or two years behind in publication.

Elenchus of Biblica. Rome, Italy: Editrice Pontificio Instituto Biblico. Published annually.

Since 1985 superseded *Elenchus Bibliographicus Biblicus*. See above notation. Additionally see the handout in this syllabus "Elenchis Elucidated: Or How to Find Things in Elenchus Bibliographicus Biblicus" by Paul F. Stuehrenberg (*Elenchus Bibliographicus Biblicus*, 57 (1976), p.xlvi-xlviii).

Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses. Louven, France: Catholic University of Louven. Published bi-annually.

A theological journal that also publishes an index of theological works as issue two each year. It contains mainly non-English articles published since 1924. Entries are broken down into fairly logically categories. The headings and text is in French and some facility in that language is necessary use this tool.

Guide to Social Science and Religion in Periodical Literature. Clearwater, Florida: National Periodical Library.

Since 1966 this has been another source for periodical literature information. Much broader than most religious indexes, and perhaps not as useful. In it's first year of publication (1965) it was titled, "Guide to Religious and Semi-Religious Periodicals." The next year the title and name of the publisher both changed (publisher was formerly National Library of Religious Periodicals).

Index of Articles on Jewish Studies (and the study of Eretz Israel). Kiryat Sefer, Israel: The Jewish National and University Library. Publishing annually.

Since 1958 this index provides a thorough and complete index of articles worldwide on Jewish studies and issues related to the land of Israel. This is an excellent source for materials, especially as related to the OT and matters of archaeology and history. This index is also available through the internet at the new RAMBI website at http://aleph.libnet.ac.il/F/?func=file&file_name=start-main&local_base=rmb01

Index to Book Reviews in Religion: An Author, Title, Reviewer, and Annual Classified Index to Reviews of Books Published in and of Interest to the Field of Religion. Evanston, Illinois: American Theological Library Association. Published quarterly.

See comments below on Religion Index One. Additionally, an important source of review information for books, more emphasis on evangelical works than *Critical Review of Books in Religion*.

Internationale Zeitschriftenschau für Bibelwissenschaft und Grenzgebiete (International Review of Biblical Studies). Dusseldorf, Germany: Patmos Verlag Dusseldorf. Published annually.

This excellent index for Biblical and Theological studies has been in print since 1953. It contains mainly German, French and English language articles. Should be consulted in conjunction with *Elenchus of Biblica* and *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses*.

International Bibliography of the History of Religions. Leiden: E. J. Brill Published annually in connection with Numen and the support of UNESCO under the auspices of the International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies.

Since 1952 this annual attempts to list as complete as possible books and articles relating to the history of religions for that year. Excellent resource.

Mosher Periodical Index. Dallas, Texas: Dallas Theological Seminary, Mosher Library. Published monthly from 1969-84.

From 1969 through 1984 the library staff of Dallas Seminary undertook a massive task of indexing a large number of the periodicals they were receiving during that time. The result was a fine subject only index of over 100 different periodicals. There were three different titles: (1969) "Subject Index to Select Periodical Literature for Mosher Library"; (1-10) "Subject Index to Periodical Literature." And (11-15), "Mosher Periodical Index." The organization of this index is sometimes complicated by the fact that the volume

and issue numbers were often either transposed or simply wrong. Not essential, but worthwhile to check for those years to fill in gaps left by other indexing tools.

New Testament Abstracts. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Weston School of Theology in cooperation with the Catholic Biblical Association of America, published tri-annually.

Since 1956 this index has abstracted periodical literature in the area of New Testament and related studies. The importance of this index cannot be overstated. Two lithographed issues appeared in early 1956 as a "test" before official publication began in May 1956; however, these two issues are almost impossible to acquire.

Old Testament Abstracts. Washington, DC: Catholic Biblical Association of America, published tri-annually.

Since 1978 this important tool records and abstracts periodical literature dealing with the Old Testament, including backgrounds, archaeology, language and theology. Also includes brief notices of recent books on Old Testament themes.

Poole's Index to Periodical Literature. New York: Houghton, Mifflin and Company, The Riverside Press. Two volumes and five supplements covering the period of 1802-1907.

Mary Poole, of the Newberry Library in Chicago, indexed significant periodical articles of the 19th century. William Fletcher, formerly the head librarian of Amherst College, continued the work. This tool is of primary importance for materials of the 19th century. This work may also be found in its reprinted form from Pierian Press, 1971. The editor, C. E. Wall also produced an extremely helpful cumulative author index.

Religious and Theological Abstracts. Myerstown, Pennsylvania: Religious and Theological Abstracts Inc., published quarterly.

This is a significant indexing tool for materials in Biblical and theological studies. Covers periodicals not covered in other of the main indexing tools. Provides unusually thorough abstracts.

Religion Index One: Periodicals: A Subject Index to Periodical Literature including an Author/Editor and a Scripture Index. Evanston, Illinois: American Theological Library Association. Published semi-annually.

One of the most important of the indexes, although the print version is superseded by the CD-ROM product (see above) and the new OPAC database via *The Master's Seminary* system. The index is generally up to date and well done, indexing the most important theological journals. The print version is limited in that there is no cumulative index, each year must be searched separately.

Religion Index Two: Multi-Author Works. Evanston, Illinois: American Theological Library Association. Published annually.

See comments for *Religion Index One*.

Research in Ministry (RIM): An Index to Doctor of Ministry Project Reports Submitted by Reporting ATS Schools. Evanston, Illinois: American Theological Library Association. Published annually.

A handy index, useful for projects in the field of pastoral ministry, although a doctor of ministry project will occasionally drift into the other fields. Contains a author, subject index and a separate listing of abstracts for each project. This information is also accessible through the ATLA Religion Database. This database is limited by its exclusion of non-ATS schools that also have doctor of ministry programs. For non-ATS schools the TREN database will serve as a supplement.

Revue D'histoire Ecclésiastique. Louvain: Université Catholique de Louvain. Irregular publication normally combines issues within an annual volume.

Since 1905 this has been one of the leading journals for church history in Europe. Formatted in a similar fashion to *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses*, nearly half of the annual will be devoted to indexes of articles related to church history. Entries are broken down into fairly logically categories. The headings and text is in French and some facility in that language is necessary use this tool.

Society for Old Testament Study Book List. Sheffield, England: Society for Old Testament Study. Published annually.

Since 1949 this list was published as a separate title, since 1998 it has been published as a supplement to *The Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*. Over 500 recent books in the field of OT studies are listed and brief (1-2 paragraph) reviews are included. The list is broken down into 10 major categories with indexes of authors, series and publishers included. This is an important tool for OT research. A compilation of the years 1957-1966 was also issued: G. W. Anderson (ed), *A Decade of Bible Bibliography: The Book Lists for the Society for Old Testament Study 1957-1966*. (Oxford: Blackwell, 1967). In *The Master's Seminary Library* this title will be found in the Reference Department.

Southern Baptist Periodical Index. Bolivar, Missouri: University Library, Southwest Baptist University. Published annually.

Since 1984 this tool indexes periodicals "published by corporations related to the Southern Baptist Convention." This tool is useful for locating material from their "popular" journals and magazines. The scholarly materials of the SBC are also indexed elsewhere. Continues the project of the Historical Commission of the SBC of 1964-84. It has subject and author indexes as well as brief abstracts for some articles.

Theological Research Exchange Network (TREN). Portland, Oregon: TREN Inc.

The online database is located at <http://www.tren.com> and is also available through the TMS library OPAC system. This database provides access to nearly 10,000 thesis/dissertation titles from over 70 different schools. Additionally, conference papers from several societies, including ETS, are available. The TMS library has nearly all of the TREN microfiche collection. You can also order copies of the items directly from TREN. The database is a little weak in terms of access points, but is still invaluable.

Theology in Context: Information on Theological Contributions from Africa, Asia, Oceania and Latin America. Aachen, Germany: Institute of Missiology.

Since 1983 this is an important supplement to standard North American and European centered indexes. Contains an annotated bibliography, summaries of selected materials, book surveys, reports from theological conferences, indices of authors and key words.

The Philosopher's Index: An International Index to Philosophical Periodicals. Bowling Green, Ohio: Philosopher's Information Center. Published quarterly with an annual cumulative release.

Since 1967 this has been the standard index for philosophical works. Includes a subject index and an author index with article abstracts. Covers some theological journals, but most valuable for its breadth of research in general philosophy. Two other sets were published: "The Philosopher's Index: A Retrospective Index to U.S. Publications from 1940 [to 1976]" and "The Philosopher's Index: A Retrospective Index to Non-English Publications from 1940 [to 1976]". These works will often provide material not to be located in the other indexes.

Key Informational Sites on the World Wide Web for Biblical and Theological Studies

The following sites are for "Web Bibliographies." These sites generally do not take you immediately to sources of full-text resources, but list and provide links to sites where items can be found. Again, not everything on each one of these sites may be doctrinally sound, but most are good sources of information. The "gateway" to online resources at The Master's Seminary is through our library page at <http://www.tms.edu/libsplash.asp>. Starting at this page you can access the TMS OPAC system and the OCLC "First Search" System.

The Master's Seminary Online (links) <http://www.tms.edu/links.asp>

We maintain this large set of links, primarily designed for research and informational needs. It is updated and checked on a regular basis.

Phil Johnson's Bookmark's

<http://www.gty.org/~phil/bookmarks.htm>

Phil Johnson is the Executive Director of Grace to You and also maintains several web pages. His list of links is mainly in the area of theology. He lists all manner of material and categorizes it in terms of "good theology," "bad theology," "really bad theology," and "really, really bad theology." He annotates the links with his own comments and keeps it updated fairly well.

The Lambert Dolphin Library

<http://www.best.com/~dolphin/asstbib.shtml>

This is perhaps the most extensive set of links on the web for Biblical and Theological studies. It is also somewhat eclectic covering a lot of other subject. Well worth referring to.

Finding God in Cyberspace

<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~mikef/fgic/contents.htm>

One of the most thorough and up-to-date sites for the various Internet resources. Maintained by John Gresham, head of Information Services at John Paul II Library, Franciscan University of Steubenville. This site should be a first-stop as you learn more about the resources on the web.

The Society of Biblical Literature

<http://sbl-site-org>

This site has a great deal of information (some of which is in this syllabus with permission) on style, fair use issues, publishing and the definitive list of abbreviations for scholarly papers.

Review of Biblical Literature

<http://www.bookreviews.org/>

The Review of Biblical Literature (RBL), founded by the [Society of Biblical Literature](#), presents reviews of books in biblical studies and related fields. Appearing in this digital form and in print, RBL is comprehensive, international, and timely. RBL includes reviews of various topical studies, multi-author volumes, reference works, commentaries, dictionaries, bible translations, software, and other resources for the classroom and research. Multiple and contrasting reviews are often presented. The material reviewed and our reviewers come from varied academic, social, and religious perspectives. RBL produces reviews of the most recent titles in biblical studies, using the technology of the internet and allowing readers to stay current with the freshest trends in the field.

The Narnia 3 Web Page

<http://www.narnia3.com>

This new web page is run by me. I have a lot of links to other sites and it is growing. I also maintain two blogs, one of which is a Book Review Blog.

Online Databases Available Though The Master's Seminary Web Page

In order to provide the most important information databases for research, The Master's Seminary has online access to several significant research and informational databases. Most of these are accessible directly only from the seminary campus via an IP Address recognition system; that is, the owners of the databases will allow access from computers on our campus because they are recognized. The contractual arrangements with these companies does not allow for off-site access except to the seminary faculty. Besides OCLC First Search and the ATLA Religion Database, the following databases are available on the seminary campus:

OCLC First Search.

OCLC First Search is a comprehensive and complete reference service with a rich collection of databases and with links to the World Wide Web, over 5.9 million online full text articles, full-image articles from over 3,500 electronic journals, library holdings, and interlibrary loan. It supports research in a wide range of subject areas with well-known bibliographic and full-text databases in addition to ready-reference tools

such as directories, almanacs and encyclopedias. The Master's Seminary also has access to the ATLA Religion Database through First Search, as well as over two-dozen significant research databases.

ATLA Religion Database

The *ATLA Religion Database* is an essential tool for the study of religion. It is the premier index to journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion. The fact that many publishers solicit the inclusion of their journals in *ATLA RDB* is indicative of the stature it has achieved in the community of religion scholars. The more than 1,100,000 records in the *ATLA Religion Database* include:

- 372,000 journal articles
- 200,000 essays from 15,500 multi-author works
- 364,000 book reviews
- 1,523 journal titles; 600 of which are currently indexed
- 36 languages
- 128,000 cross-referenced subject headings

Journals are selected for inclusion according to their scholarly merit and scope. Journals representing all the major religious faiths, major denominations, and numerous language groups are included. ATLA's indexing of multi-author works, such as *Festschriften* and conference proceedings, is unique among religion databases. Unlike indexes that catalog books of essays as a single entry, ATLA indexes the individual essays in each such work. (from their web site).

The main databases for Biblical and Theological studies will be as follows:

1. World Cat: The entire listing of books catalogued by OCLC and the libraries that hold them.
2. Books in Print: The Bowker Company listing of current books in print.
3. ATLA Religion Database: Access to Religion Index One and Two online.
4. Book Reviews: Online catalogue of book reviews from various sources.
5. Humanities Index: Index of works in the humanities, which is where Religion is currently listed.
6. Dissertation Abstracts: A database of doctoral level dissertations on various topics.

There are additionally about 40 other specialized databases available through First Search.

UMI Pro Quest

<http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb>

The ProQuest online information service provides access to thousands of current periodicals and newspapers, many-updated daily and containing full-text articles from 1986. The deep back files of archival material are also expanding daily as they digitize 5.5 billion pages from their distinguished microfilm collection. (from their web site).

Ad Fontes

<http://www.ad-fontes.com/DLCP/search.asp?User=>

A uniquely exhaustive resource for historians, theologians, political scientists, and sociologists studying the religious and social upheavals of the 16th and 17th centuries, the *Digital Library of Classic Protestant Texts* gives researchers immediate, Web-based access to an extensive range of seminal works from the Reformation and post-Reformation eras. With new content uploads occurring on a weekly basis, the database offers a constantly growing treasury of theological writings, biblical commentaries, confessional documents, and polemical treatises written by more than 300 Protestant authors. (from their web site).

Encyclopedia Britannica

<http://search.eb.com/>

This is the standard reference site for students, educators, and parents synthesizing editorially reviewed websites and the *Encyclopedia Britannica*. This site also allows for searching the *Collegiate Dictionary* and *Collegiate Thesaurus* with *Merriam-Webster Search*. This site is updated more frequently than the print edition of *Britannica*. (from their web site).

Lexis Nexis

<http://web.lexis-nexis.com/universe>

LexisNexis Academic Universe provides searchable access to a comprehensive spectrum of full-text information from over 5,600 sources, selected to meet academic research needs, including:

- National and regional newspapers, wire services, broadcast transcripts, international news, and non-English language sources
- U.S. Federal and state case law, codes, regulations, legal news, law reviews, and international legal information Shepard's Citations for all U.S. Supreme Court cases back to 1789
- Business news journals, company financial information, SEC filings and reports, and industry and market news (from their web site).

American History and Life and Historical Abstracts <http://serials.abc-clio.com/>

America: History and Life is a complete bibliographic reference to the history of the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present. Published since 1964, the database comprises over 450,000 bibliographic entries, providing an incomparable research tool for students and researchers of US and Canadian history.

Historical Abstracts is your complete reference guide to the history of the world from 1450 to the present (excluding the United States and Canada, which are covered in *America: History and Life*). This database is packed with annotated references to information on topics from the Renaissance to Tiananmen Square over half a million entries in all. (from their web site).

Part Two:
Introductory Reference Bibliography
for
Bible Exposition

In this section we have also included the reference works related to the subject of Biblical Theology and Hermeneutics, however, only a sampling of individual texts on hermeneutics. The periodical listing is a “sampling” of those journals that should be consulted in papers in the Bible Exposition field.

Bibliographic Resources

American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting Abstracts. Atlanta, Georgia: Scholars Press (and others).

In the TMS library these volumes are located in the Reference Department. Provides abstract information on all of the paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Academy of Religion and The Society of Biblical Literature. These volumes will be separating in the near future, as the two groups are no longer going to have combined annual meetings. These are an important resource for research.

Reference Resources²

Alexander, T. Desmond and Brian S. Rosner (ed’s). *New Dictionary of Biblical Theology.* Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 2002.

The sub-title is “Exploring the unity and diversity of Scripture.” More specialized than the work by Ellwell. The work is divided into two parts: A section on the 66 books of the Bible and another section on specialized topics.

Beitzel, Barry J. *The Moody Atlas of Bible Lands.* Chicago, Illinois: Moody Press, 1985.

This is one of the best Bible atlas’ in print. Contains excellent text and bibliographic resources.

Blaiklock, E. M. and R. K. Harrison (ed’s). *The New International Dictionary of Biblical Archaeology.* Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan publishing, 1983.

Although it is now a little dated, this is still an excellent reference to find information on different aspects of Biblical archaeology, site locations and terminology as well as leading figures and significant finds.

Bromily, Geoffrey W. (ed). *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia.* (3rd edition revised, 4 volumes). Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1979-88.

This is the current manifestation of this standard reference. First published in 1929 under the editorial direction of James Orr (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans Publishing, five volumes), this set has had a couple of revisions (1945 of the original series), and given its history we might expect the publisher to commission another major revision soon. The original edition was relatively conservative; the 1945 edition was decidedly less so. The editions under Bromily’s editorship have been moderately evangelical. Personally I find the older edition preferable and use it in conjunction with *The Anchor Bible Dictionary.*

² Throughout the following sections there may be some confusion between the words “dictionary,” “encyclopedia,” and “handbook.” Technically an encyclopedia is supposed to be a multi-volume work and a dictionary should be a single volume and generally dedicated to a single subject. The category “handbook” is rarely used anymore but denotes a brief work that is particularly specialized. In recent years publishers have tended to neglect these traditional distinctions so a title may reflect either “dictionary” or “encyclopedia” somewhat haphazardly.

Buttrick, George A. (ed). *The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible: An Illustrated Encyclopedia*. (five volumes) Nashville, Tennessee: Abington Press, 1962.

A little skimpy of bibliographic resources, but this is a standard set that should be consulted. Tends towards liberal conclusions and interpretations, heavily influenced by the Bultmann tradition, now very dated.

Coggins, R. J. and J. L. Houlden (ed's). *A Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Trinity Press International, 1990.

This work exposes the reader to various interpretative models and terminology that will be encountered in critical commentaries.

Douglas, James D. (ed). *The New Bible Dictionary*. Downer Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1982.

This is the second edition of this most useful one volume Bible dictionary. The original (1962) was also edited by Douglas, so there is a good editorial consistency to the work.

Elwell, Walter A. (ed). *Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible* (two volumes). Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1988.

In many ways this is the best conservative Bible encyclopedia available. There have been a couple of different printings, and work originally issued in four volumes, but this two volume edition is the standard. Students should note that any reference work edited by Elwell is worth getting.

_____. *Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1996.

Part of the Baker Reference Library Series. Excellent one-volumes introduction to issues related to Biblical Theology.

Freedman, David N. (ed). *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*. (six volumes). New York: Doubleday Publishers, 1992.

These are six massive volumes each over 1,000 pages and for our purposes is the best Bible dictionary available today. The strength of course is the information, not the interpretations of the data. The articles tend towards liberal and historical critical methodologies.

_____. *Eerdmans' Dictionary of the Bible*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans' Publishing, 1999.

This is a major revision of the original edition edited by Allen C. Myers (1975). The articles are moderately evangelical and for a one-volume dictionary it is quite serviceable. The main thing to commend it of course is that Dr. Michael Grisanti and myself contributed articles to the revision.

Goldingay, John. *Models for Interpretation of Scripture*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans' Publishing, 1995.

The author presents four differing models to Biblical exegesis, frankly without ever really saying which one is "the" right model to use (mainly because he believes in using differing models for differing situations). Still contains a highly useful bibliography and serves as a good resource for additional study.

Gowan, Donald E. *The Westminster Theological Wordbook of the Bible*. Nashville, Tenn.: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2003.

This work is designed for the layman and pastor with limited facilities in the original languages. Covers Greek and Hebrew entries (thus our inclusion of this work in the general category of Bible Exposition). This work has a non-inerrantist and only a broadly evangelical perspective. *Vine's Expository Dictionary* is still superior to this work. See our review in *TMSJ* 15:1 (Spring 2004): 118-20.

Hastings, James (ed). *A Dictionary of the Bible: Dealing with its Language, Literature, and Contents, Including a Biblical Theology*. (five volumes). Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1898.

Singularly the most massive reference work created on just the Bible in history. The research is now over 100 years old, but this work should still be consulted.

- Lonenecker, Richard N. *Biblical Exegesis in the Apostolic Period* (2nd edition). Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans's Publishing, 1999.
Careful examination of exegesis in the apostolic and immediate post-apostolic era. Excellent Bibliography.
- Lundin, Roger, Clarence Walhout and Anthony C. Thiselton. *The Promise of Hermeneutics*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans's Publishing, 1999.
A series of essays on some of the modern (and speculative) approaches to hermeneutics. Contains a useful bibliography for the researcher.
- McCartney, Dan and Charles Clayton. *Let The Reader Understand: A Guide to Interpreting and Applying the Bible*. Wheaton, Illinois: A Bridgepoint Book, 1994.
By the long-time professor at Westminster Seminary. Presents a classic Reformed viewpoint of hermeneutics. Good research material, but lacking a proper bibliography the researcher must mine the footnotes.
- McKim, Donald K. *Historical Handbook of Major Biblical Interpreters*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1998.
This is an impressive historical work that will give the student an introduction to the history of interpretation and hermeneutics. McKim is generally not one of my favorite author/editors, but in this work his usually liberal bent is less evident.
- M'Clintock, John and James Strong (ed's). *Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological and Ecclesiastical Literature*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1968.
Commonly referred to simply and "McClintock and Strong." First published in 1867 it has been a standard reference work since then. Obviously, the research contained here is now well over 150 years old, but there is a reason that it has remained in print all these years. Not the first place to look in your research, but it should not be ignored either.
- Soulin, Richard N. and R. Kendall Soulen. *Handbook of Biblical Criticism* (3rd edition revised and expanded). Louisville, Kentucky, 2001.
This volume now includes precritical and postcritical interpretational models. Contains excellent introductory articles on the various aspects and terminology of Biblical criticism. Not always even-handed towards conservative idea, but generally good.
- Tenney, Merrill C. (ed). *The Zondervan Pictorial Dictionary of the Bible*. (five volumes). Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1975.
For many years this was the best conservative Bible encyclopedia available and it is still worth acquiring if you can find it for a reasonable price. It is now severely dated in places (the original research in some cases is over 30 years old) and needs a major revision if the publisher expects to have this work continue to be both accepted and useful.
- Thomas, Robert L. *Evangelical Hermeneutics : The New Versus the Old*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Kregel Publications, 2002.
Excellent work on hermeneutics following a somewhat thematic approach dealing with current issues rather than an affirmative presentation of a particularly hermeneutical system. Lacks a stand alone bibliography so the researcher must cull through the footnotes for resources.

Periodical (Journal) Resources: A Sampling

Bible Review. Washington, DC: Biblical Archaeology Society. Published bi-monthly.

Biblical Archaeology Review. Washington, DC: Biblical Archaeology Society. Published Bi-monthly.

The Biblical Illustrator. Nashville, Tennessee: The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Biblical Interpretation. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers. Published quarterly.

Bibliotheca Sacra. Dallas, Texas: Dallas Theological Seminary. Published quarterly.

IBR: Bulletin for Biblical Research. Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns for Institute for Biblical Research. Published bi-annually.

Catholic Biblical Quarterly. Washington, DC: Catholic Biblical Association, Catholic University of America. Published quarterly.

Currents in Research. Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press. Published annually.

Detroit Baptist Seminary Journal. Detroit, Michigan: Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary. Published annually.

Emmaus Journal. Dubuque, Iowa: Emmaus Bible College. Published bi-annually.

Evangelical Quarterly. Exeter, England: Paternoster Periodicals. Published quarterly.

Interpretation. Richmond, Virginia: Union Presbyterian Seminary. Published quarterly.

Journal of Biblical Literature. Atlanta, Georgia: Society of Biblical Literature. Published quarterly.

The Master's Seminary Journal. Sun Valley, California: The Master's Seminary. Published bi-annually.

Review and Expositor. Louisville, Kentucky: Review and Expositor, Inc. Published quarterly.

Society of Biblical Literature: Seminar Papers. Atlanta Georgia: Society of Biblical Literature, 1960-
Every year the majority of the papers presented at the SBL annual meetings are collected and printed in a single volume. These papers tend towards the liberal end of Biblical criticism, but are still quite a helpful resource for the researcher. In the TMS library these volumes are located in the Reference Department.

Trinity Journal. Deerfield, Illinois: Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Published bi-annually.

Part Three:
Introductory Reference Bibliography
for
Old Testament Studies

In this section we have listed those reference works that will tend to lead the researcher to additional material; that is, those with bibliographic entries. We have not listed individual grammars, concordances, and the smaller or “popular” lexical works. The periodical listing is a “sampling” of those journals that should be consulted in papers in the Old Testament field.

Bibliographic Resources

Dogniez, Cecile. *Bibliography of the Septuagint 1970-93*. Supplements to Vetus Testamentum #60. Leiden: Brill, 1994.

The most thorough bibliographic index of the ever-expanding field of Septuagint Studies.

Hupper, William G. *An Index to English Periodical Literature on the Old Testament and Ancient Near Eastern Studies*. ATLA Monograph Series #21 (three volumes). Metuchen, New Jersey: Scarecrow Press, 1989.

This represents a first stop in terms of research in Old Testament studies for periodical literature. Three large volumes covering every nook and cranny of English periodical literature.

Reference Resources

Alexander, T. Desmond and David W. Baker (ed's). *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 2002.

The first volume in a proposed four-volume set corresponding to the well-known New Testament set. Part of the *IVP Reference Series*. Good articles with useful bibliographies. Personally I think this volume is superior to any of the New Testament series, Alexander is a superior editor.

Botterweck, G. Johannes, and Helmer Ringgren, eds. *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament* (14 volumes to-date). Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans Publishing, 1974-.

This is a set in progress, translating the massive *Theologisches Worterbuch zum Alten Testament* (Stuttgart, Germany: Verlag W. Kohlhammer, 1970) into English.

Harris, R. Laird, Gleason L. Archer and Bruce K. Waltke (ed's). *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (2 volumes). Chicago: Moody Press, 1980.

One of the most useful shorter lexicons for the Old Testament. Conservative, with useable bibliographies. Coded also to Strong's numbers.

Jenni, Ernst and Claus Westermann (translated by Mark. E. Biddle). *Theological Lexicon of the Old Testament* (3 volumes). Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, 1997.

This is the Old Testament companion to Spicq. This three volume work originally published in German under the title *Theologisches Handwortsbuch zum Alten Testament* (1976). A first rate lexical work arranged in order of the Hebrew alphabet. Individual articles are noted by author and generally well footnoted with a bibliography after each article.

Koehler, Ludwig, and Walter Baumgartner, *The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of The Old Testament*. (five volumes). Leiden: Brill Publishers, 1994-2000.

This is a standard lexical reference for the Old Testament.

Schiffman, Lawrence H and James C. VanderKam (ed's). *Encyclopedia of the Dead Sea Scrolls*. (two volumes) Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.

This is the best reference source to date on the Dead Sea Scrolls. Excellent articles and very well documented.

Van Gemeren, Willem A. *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis*. (five volumes). Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing, 1997.

The most recent and highly useable Old Testament lexical aid. This is the Old Testament counterpart to the New Testament set edited by Colin Brown.

Periodical (Journal) Resources: A Sampling

Bulletin of the International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies. Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns for the International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies. Published annually.

Hebrew Studies. Madison, Wisconsin: University of Wisconsin, Madison. Published annually.

Journal for the Study of the Old Testament. Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press. Published five times a year.

Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages. Stellenbosch, South Africa: University of Stellenbosch. Published bi-annually.

Journal of Semitic Studies. Manchester, England: University of Manchester. Published bi-annually.

MAARAV: A Journal for the Study of Northwest Semitic Language and Literature. Rolling Hills Estates, California. Published bi-annually.

Textus: Annual of the Hebrew University Bible Project. Jerusalem: The Magnes Press of the Hebrew University, 1961-.

Published annually the articles deal exclusively with textual issues related to the Old Testament. Excellent articles, scholarly and often technical. In the TMS library these volumes are located in the Reference Department.

Vetus Testamentum. Leiden: Brill Academic Press. Published quarterly.

Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter. Published quarterly.

Part Four:
Introductory Reference Bibliography
for
New Testament Studies

As with the section on the Old Testament we have not listed concordances, grammars and popular lexical works. The periodical listing is a “sampling” of those journals that should be consulted in papers in the New Testament field.

Bibliographic Resources

Aune, David E. *The Westminster Dictionary of New Testament and Early Christian Literature and Rhetoric*. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2003.

This is an excellent work for an overview of rhetorical and literary terminology and overviews of major movements, individuals and issues in New Testament literature. There are some decided weaknesses in this work. See my review in *TMSJ* 15:1 (Spring 2004): 107-09.

Casarella, Anthony. *Bibliography of Literature on First Peter*. New Testament Tools and Studies Volume #23. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1996.

Evans, Craig A. *Life of Jesus Research: An Annotated Bibliography*. New Testament Tools and Studies Volume #24. Leiden: Brill, 1996.

This replaces Volume 13 in the series by the same title. For some unknown reason the publisher decided to give a new volume number to revised editions. However, there is nothing in Volume 13 that is not repeated in this revised edition. Publisher’s for some reason never consult librarians for some guidelines in helping readers ☺.

Mattill, A. J. and Mary Bedford Mattill. *A Classified Bibliography of Literature on the Acts of the Apostles*. New Testament Tools and Studies Volume #7. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1966.

Metzger, Bruce M. *Index to periodical Literature on the Apostle Paul*. New Testament Tools and Studies, Volume #1. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1960; 2nd edition with additions and corrections, 1970.

_____. *Index to Periodical Literature on Christ and the Gospels*. New Testament Tools and Studies Volume #6. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1966.

Now superceded by the work by Watson E. Mills (Volume #27 in the same series). See notation there.

Mills, Watson E. *Index to Periodical Literature on Christ and the Gospels*. New Testament Tools and Studies Volume #27. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1998.

This is a revision and update of Metzger’s work in the same series and by the same title (Volume #6). For some reason the publisher decided to retain Metzger’s original work in the series and add an entire new volume, even though the totality of Metzger’s original work is contained in the new volume. For research sake there is no reason to use anything but this volume.

Weima, Jeffrey A. D. and Stanley E. Porter. *An Annotated Bibliography on 1 & 2 Thessalonians*. . New Testament Tools and Studies Volume #26. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1998.

Reference Resources

Balz, Horst and Gerhard Schneider (ed’s). *Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament* (five volumes). Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdman’s Publishing Company, 1990-.

This is the English language edition of the *Exegetisches Wörterbuch zum Neuen Testament* (Stuttgart, Germany: Verlag W. Kohlhammer, 1978-80). Well documented and excellent resource.

Brown, Colin (ed). *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology* (four volumes). Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishers, 1975-86.

This is an excellent lexical work. The fourth volume is the index volume for the rest of the set. This set will frustrate on occasion by not having an entry on the word that the researcher actually needs.

Cleon L. Rogers Jr. and Cleon L. Rogers III. *The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishers, 1998.

This one volume work should not be ignored in studies. This is the revised edition of the earlier work that the senior Rogers authored with Fritz Rienecker. Very useful for lexical information and quite a lot of bibliographic material stored in the short entries.

Green, Joel B. and Scot McKnight. (ed's). *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1992.

Hawthorne, Gerald and Ralph P. Martin. *Dictionary of Paul and His Letters*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1993.

Martin, Ralph P. and Peter H. Davids. *Dictionary of the Later New Testament and its Developments*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1997.

Evans, Craig A. and Stanley E. Porter (ed's). *Dictionary of New Testament Background*. Downers Grove Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 2000.

This is the four-volume New Testament set in the *IVP Reference Series*. Good articles and excellent bibliographies. Some lack of care in the editorial process mars some of the work here as the editors seemed anxious for academic (and occasionally social) acceptance which occasionally interfered with good editorial judgment. This set is strong in historical critical methodology and background material. Despite the criticism, this will be the standard New Testament reference work for many years.

Hastings, James. *A Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels*. (four volumes). Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1911.

As noted, anything by Hastings should be consulted. This is the set that inspired the new IVP series. The research is now about 100 years old, but it does represent work when historical criticism was just beginning and had not become as thoroughly pervasive as it is now.

_____. *A Dictionary of Apostolic Church* (two volumes). Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1911.

Deals mainly with the material and background in the Book of Acts. The IVP series for some reason did not make much of an effort in the Book of Acts and so this volume remains valuable.

Kittel, Gerhard, and Gerhard Friedrich. *The Theological Dictionary of the New Testament* (ten volumes). Translated by Geoffrey Bromiley. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans Publishers, 1964-76.

Perhaps the most well-known and cited New Testament lexical reference works. This is the English edition of the original German language work. The researcher should note that some of the articles are marred by some thoroughly anti-Semitic prejudices. Kittel himself was a Nazi apologist and was held for several years as a war criminal after WWII, he died shortly after his release.

Liddell, Henry George and Robert Scott. *A Greek-English Lexicon* (with revised supplement, 1996). Oxford: The Clarendon Press, 1996.

This is the classic Greek-English lexicon for New Testament and classical Greek literature. It is also the standard lexicon for work in the Septuagint. The researcher will need to be familiar with abbreviations for the classics for this to be entirely useful.

Spicq, Ceslas (translated and edited by James D. Best). *Theological Lexicon of the New Testament*. (three volumes). Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, 1994.

This is the New Testament companion to Jenni and Westerman. Originally published under the title *Notes de lexicographie neo-testamentaire* (1978). Arranged according to the Greek alphabet. The articles are footnoted heavily. There is no bibliography at the end of the articles the reader is left to cull out the research information from the footnotes.

Thomas, Robert L. and Stanley M. Gundry. *A Harmony of the Gospels, with Explanations and Essays*. San Francisco: Harper and Row Publishers, 1978.

This is the best harmony of the gospels available. It has been done for the NASB and the NIV texts (one might wish they would issue a NKJV as well). Useful bibliographic detail and informative articles on historical criticism of the Gospels and methodology related to harmonization.

_____, and F. David Farnell. *The Jesus Crisis: The Inroads of Historical Criticism into Evangelical Scholarship*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Kregel Publications, 1998.

A series of important essays on the subject of Historical Criticism and the Gospels. The bibliographic detail is thorough, but not listed separately, so one has to cull the data from the footnotes.

_____. (ed). *Three Views on the Origins of the Synoptic Gospels*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Kregel Publications, 2002.

An interactive series of articles by proponents of three differing views of Gospel origins. Includes chapters by David Farnell, Grant Osborne, Matthew Williams, and John H. Niemela. As with *The Jesus Crisis*, the scholarship and research is extensive, but lacking a single bibliography for the work, the researcher is left to mine the footnotes for the material. The work is also poorly indexed.

Periodical (Journal) Resources: A Sampling

Journal for the Study of the New Testament. Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press. Published quarterly.

New Testament Studies. Cambridge, England: Studiorum Novi Testament Societas. Published quarterly.

Novum Testamentum. Leiden: Brill Academic Press. Published quarterly.

Zeitschrift für die Neutestamentliche Wissenschaft. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter. Published quarterly.

Part Five:
Introductory Reference Bibliography
for
Theological Studies

As previously noted we have not listed individual works of theology or denominationally specific resources. There are several specific resources related to denominational and religious affiliations that students can refer to for research information. The periodical listing is a “sampling” of those journals that should be consulted in papers in the field of theological studies.

Bibliographic Resources

See Part One under *Biblical and Theological Studies*.

Reference Resources

Bercot, David W. (ed). *A Dictionary of Early Christian Beliefs*. Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, 1998.

This is a good beginning source for early Church history and theological positions. The bibliographic entries are occasionally a bit weak and self-evident.

Burgess, Stanley M. and Gary B. McGee (ed's). *Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishers, 1993.

Excellent and even-handed reference work. A little skimpy on bibliographic detail, but a good place to start for research in that area.

Carey, Patrick W. and Joseph T. Leinhard. *Biographical Dictionary of Christian Theologians*. Peabody, Massachusetts, 2002.

This work has a good series of biographic entries with usually good bibliographic detail. Deals almost exclusively with theologians, not Christian leaders and personalities at large.

Enns, Paul. *The Moody Handbook of Theology*. Chicago, Illinois: Moody Press, 1989.

One of the best handbook type works. Excellent bibliographic detail and good overviews of theological positions and terminology.

Fahlbusch, Erwin, et al (ed's). *The Encyclopedia of Christianity*. (five volumes proposed, three currently issued). Geoffrey W. Bromily, translator and English Language editor. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans Publishing, 1999-.

This proposed set is bringing the German, *Evangelisches Kirchenlexikon* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, 1986-97) into the English language. Although this is going to be a standard reference work there are several weaknesses. It is, however, well documented. See our reviews of the currently released volumes in *TMSJ* 11:1 (Spring 2000), 124-26; *TMSJ* 13:1 (Spring 2002), 124-26 and *TMSJ* 15:1 (Spring 2004), 114.

Elwell, Walter A. (ed). *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology* (2nd edition). Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 2001.

Part of the *Baker Reference Library Series*. An excellent one-volume work. The first edition had a slightly different title, *Baker Encyclopedia of Evangelical Theology* and follows in the tradition of the *Baker's Dictionary of Theology* originally edited by Everett F. Harrison.

Geisler, Norman L. *Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1999.

This volume has useful articles and helpful bibliographies. Not really an “encyclopedia” since all of the articles are written by Geisler. A certain level of inventive or idiosyncratic definitions also occur. Part of the *Baker Reference Library Series*.

Hart, Trevor A. and Richard Bauckham. *Dictionary of Historical Theology*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans Publishing, 2000.

One of the best one-volume dictionaries available in the historical theology field. Excellent bibliographic notations.

Hastings, Adrian, Alistair Mason and Hugh Poyer (ed’s). *The Oxford Companion to Christian Thought*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.

Any of the Oxford Companions or Oxford Dictionaries are normally worthwhile investments (even though they always tend to be pricey). This edition is very helpful in terms of theological terminology, especially in the context of historical theology. Good bibliographic resources.

Hastings, James (ed). *Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics*. Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1924 (12 volumes).

Hastings was the “father” of modern Biblical and theological reference works. All of his works are worth consulting despite the fact that the research in them is now nearly 100 years old. The bibliographic entries are useful in that the more modern reference works will likely not include them.

Payne, J. Barton. *Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy*. San Francisco, California: Harper and Row, 1973.

One of the most even handed reference works on prophecy available. Deals with every prophecy in the Bible presenting options and an interpretation.

Rahner, Karl. *Sacramentum Mundi: An Encyclopedia of Theology*, (six volumes). New York: Herder and Herder, 1968.

This is one of the more definitive works of Catholic scholarship. Deals with all aspects of theology from a Catholic perspective. Well documented.

Schaff, Philip. *The Creeds of Christendom with a History and Critical Notes*. (three volumes). New York: Harper and Brothers, 1905.

This is the best work of its kind bringing together all of the great doctrinal statement and affirmations of creedal positions in the history of the church.

Smith, William and Henry Wace (ed’s). *A Dictionary of Christian Biography, Literature, Sects and Doctrines*. (four volumes). Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1877.

This is an important set for church history and the theological climate in the past. Unfortunately nothing quite like it exists for the modern era.

Periodical (Journal) Resources: A Sampling

Biblical Theology Bulletin. Jamaica, New York: Biblical Theology Bulletin, Inc. Published quarterly.

Conservative Theological Journal. Fort Worth, Texas: Conservative Theological Seminary. Published three times a year.

Criswell Theological Review (new series). Criswell College, Dallas, Texas. Published biannually.

Evangelical Review of Theology. Exeter, England: World Evangelical Alliance. Published quarterly.

International Journal of Systematic Theology. Malden, Massachusetts: Blackwell Academic Publishers. Published 3 times a year.

Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society. Lynchburg, Virginia: the Evangelical Theological Society. Published quarterly.

The Journal of Theological Studies. Oxford, England: Oxford University. Published bi-annually.

Lutheran Quarterly. Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Lutheran Quarterly, Inc. Published quarterly.

Modern Theology. Malden, Massachusetts: Blackwell Academic Publishers. Published bi-annually.

Pneuma: the Journal of Pentecostal Studies. Leiden: Brill Academic Press. Published bi-annually.

Review of Theological Literature. Leipzig, Germany. Theologische Literaturzeitung. Published bi-annually.

Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology. Edinburgh: Scottish Society of Evangelical Theology. Published bi-annually.

Part Six:
Introductory Reference Bibliography
for
Pastoral Ministry Studies

The Master's Seminary does not have a Master of Theology option in Pastoral Ministries, so we have not listed as many reference sources in this field. The periodical listing is a "sampling" of those journals that should be consulted in papers in Pastoral Ministries.

Bibliographic Resources

Thomsen, Brad. (ed). *Bibliography of Christian Worship*. ATLA Series #25. Metuchen, New Jersey: Scarecrow Press, 1989.

Part of the *ATLA Bibliographic Series*, over 400 pages of references related to Christian worship and preaching.

Reference Resources

Anthony, Michael J. (ed). *Evangelical Dictionary of Christian Education*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 2001.

Useful articles and bibliographic data on various aspects of Christian education. Part of the *Baker Reference Library Series*.

Atkinson, David J. (ed). *New Dictionary of Christian Ethics and Pastoral Theology*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1995.

Well documented like all IVP reference works. A good starting point for research into pastoral theology.

Benner, David G. and Peter C. Hill (ed's). *Baker Dictionary of Psychology and Counseling* (2nd edition). Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1999.

Part of the *Baker Reference Library Series*. Well documented, and useful articles. Not as thoroughly Biblically oriented in terms of either epistemology or anthropology.

Berkley, James D. (ed). *Leadership Handbooks of Practical Theology* (three volumes). Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1992.

A series of indexed articles from Leadership Magazine. Has useful bibliographic information for additional research.

Hunter, Rodney J. (ed). *Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling*. Nashville, Tennessee: Abington Press, 1990.

Useful and well annotated articles. Tends to view pastoral ministry from a sociological perspective, but the historical articles are excellent and there is much to be gained here.

Moreau, A. Scott. (ed). *Evangelical Dictionary of World Missions*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 2000.

Useful articles and bibliographic data on world missions, organizations and individual significant missionaries. Part of the *Baker Reference Library Series*.

Webber, Robert E. (ed). *Complete Library of Christian Worship* (seven volumes). Nashville, Tennessee: Star Song Publishers, 1993.

This is a unique work, and because a smaller firm published it, it is not as well known as it should be. Contains useful articles and good background and bibliographic information on all aspects of Christian worship.

Periodical (Journal) Resources: A Sampling

Clergy Journal. Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota: Logos Productions. Published monthly.

Homiletic. Dallas, Texas: Academy of Homiletics and Religious Communication. Published bi-annually.

Journal of Biblical Counseling. Glenside, Pennsylvania: CCEF. Published quarterly.

Journal of the Evangelical Homiletics Society. South Hampton, Massachusetts: Society of Evangelical Homiletics. Published irregularly.

Journal of Pastoral Theology. New Rochelle, New York: Iona College. Published annually.

Leadership Magazine. Carol Stream, Illinois: Christianity Today, Inc. Published quarterly.