

AIDS FOR IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THE SCRIPTURES

Some students have the view that they can entirely understand the Scriptures without reference to any scholarly works or perhaps only to one or two, such as Strong's concordance. This approach has often led to the formation of cults because insufficient up-to-date information has been applied to the studies of the Scriptures. For example, with limited information some individuals or organizations have placed their followers under tithing systems which have brought many members to desperate poverty. Others have placed their members into unnecessary life or death situations or situations that waste huge amounts of time for no real Christian purpose. Yet others have insisted that some members remain in intolerable marital situations.

As an illustration of why it is beneficial for Christians to use up-to-date scholarly works we may refer to court cases where either the judge or a lawyer will call for "expert" witnesses. These "experts" will be the individuals who have a very great amount of knowledge and experience in, for example, forensics or post mortems or air crash investigation or in how fires may have been started etc. Some "expert" witnesses may even contradict others so once the judge and the jury have taken in the testimony from these "experts" they must filter it through all other information given regarding the case. Then they must weigh up everything they know pertaining to the particular case and come to a conclusion. In this way they can come to a much better decision than they otherwise would have if "expert" witnesses had not been called. This is also true regarding biblical studies. When one has access to the works of the best of the scholars and the work of those who have deciphered the multiplicity of archaeological finds relevant to biblical research, then one can considerably improve ones understanding of the Scriptures.

SUGGESTED LITERATURE and DVDS

Literature available from the Restoration Fellowship:

BOOKS

- They never told me ***this*** in church *by Greg Deuble*
- The Doctrine of the Trinity – Christianity's Self-Inflicted Wound *by Anthony Buzzard*
- Jesus Was Not a Trinitarian *by Anthony Buzzard*
- Our Father's Who Aren't in Heaven *by Anthony Buzzard*
- The Coming Kingdom of the Messiah *by Anthony Buzzard*
- The Law, The Sabbath and New Covenant Christianity *by Anthony Buzzard*
- The Amazing Aims and Claims of Jesus *by Anthony Buzzard*
- The End-Time Timeline *by Jim Mattison*

BOOKLETS

- Who Is Jesus? *by Anthony Buzzard*
- What Happens When We Die? *by Anthony Buzzard*

The above can be accessed from the www.restorationfellowship.org website.

It is recommended that all the above literature is one's first port of call for serious study of the Holy Scriptures.

In addition to the above recommendations we suggest choosing from the following literature as either giving further scholarly support to the explanations in the above literature or as dealing with further subjects not covered in the above literature. The symbol ♣ next to a book means that it is particularly recommended in relation to the relevant particular subject:

NOTE: We do not agree with everything stated in many of the following books i.e. trinity references or certain interpretations etc.

RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE

- ♣ The New Testament Documents – Are They Reliable *by F. F. Bruce*
- ♣ The Old Testament Documents – Are They Reliable & Relevant *by Walter Kaiser Jr.*
- ♣ The Historical Jesus *by James H. Charlesworth*

WORKS ON DOCTRINE

CHRISTOLOGY

Christology in the Making *by James D.G. Dunn* SCM Press.

- ♣ Did the First Christians Worship Jesus? The New Testament Evidence *by James D.G. Dunn* **NEW**

Born Before all Time? *by Karl-Josef Kuschel* (only 2nd hand from abebooks).

- ♣ One or Three? *by Karl-Heinz Ohlig*

The Human Face of God *by J.A.T Robinson* SCM Press.

One God, One Lord *by Graeser, Lynn and Shoenheit* Christian Education Services.

- ♣ Is God a Trinity? *by David Kemball-Cook*

Birth of the Messiah *by Raymond E. Brown.*

The Virginal Conception & Bodily Resurrection of Jesus *by Raymond E. Brown*

The Christian Experience of God as Trinity *by James P. Mackey* SCM Press

Jesus Symbol of God *by Roger Haight* Orbis Books

The Epistle to the Hebrews *by F.F. Bruce* (New International Commentary on the N.T)

THE STATE OF THE DEAD

- ♣ Immortality or Resurrection? *by Samuele Bacciocchi.* 7th Day Adventist Remnant Publications

Life, Death and Destiny *by Warren Prestidge* (available from Restoration Fellowship)

The Fire that Consumes *by Edward William Fudge.* Paternoster Press, Carlisle

PREDESTINATION TO SALVATION, FREE WILL, and GOD'S FOREKNOWLEDGE

- ♣ God of the Possible *by Gregory A Boyd*

- ♣ The God Who Risks *by John Sanders* **NEW**

Life in the Son *by Robert Shank.*

Elect in the Son *by Robert Shank*

♣ The Believer's Conditional Security *by Daniel D Corner* Evangelical Outreach

The Epistle to the Romans *by C. K. Barrett* (Black's New Testament Commentary)

Wrestling with Romans *by John A.T. Robinson*

What Love Is This? – Calvinism's Misrepresentation of God *by Dave Hunt*

PROPHECY

♣ The Church and the Tribulation (Post-Tribulationism) *by Robert H. Gundry* (Zondervan)

First the Antichrist (Post-Tribulationism) *by Bob Gundry* (Baker)

The Approaching Advent of Christ (Post-Tribulationism) *by Alexander Reese.* Grand Rapids

Coming Events (Post-Tribulationism) *by G.H. Lang* Schoettle Publishing

♣ The Histories and Prophecies of Daniel *by G. H. Lang* Schoettle Publishing

♣ The Revelation of Jesus Christ (Post-Tribulationism) *by G.H. Lang* Schoettle Publishing

♣ Revelation *by Grant R. Osborne* Baker Academic

Daniel and the Latter Days *by Robert D. Culver.* Moody Press.

The Blessed Hope *by George E. Ladd*

Until the Coming of Messiah and His Kingdom *by Robert Shank.*

He is Nigh *by Richard Ackeroyd* Portals Press.

The Coming Last Days Temple *by Randall Price.* Harvest House Publishers.

The Theocratic Kingdom *by George N. H. Peters.* 3 Volumes. Kregel publications.

The Antichrist *by Arthur W. Pink* Kregel Publications

The Prophecy of Isaiah *by J. Alec Motyer*

♣ The Fourth Gentile Kingdom (in Daniel&Revelation) *by Charles Ozanne* The Open Bible Trust **NEW**

♣ Empires of the End Time *by Charles Ozanne.* The Open Bible Trust. **NEW**

CHRISTIAN LIVING

♣ The Theology of Paul the Apostle *by James Dunn*

Paul's Idea of Community *by Robert Banks*

Studies in the Sermon on the Mount *by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

♣ Biblical Eldership – An Urgent Call to Restore Biblical Church Leadership *by Alexander Strauch*

♣ Divorce and Remarriage in the Bible – The Social and Literary Context *by David Instone-Brewer*

The First Epistle to the Corinthians (New International Commentary on the N.T)

CREATION / EVOLUTION ISSUES

The Dawkins Delusion by *Alister McGrath*

The Cell's Design - How Chemistry Reveals the Creator's Artistry by *Fazale Rana*. Baker

♣ Who was Adam? by *Fazala Rana with Hugh Ross*. Navpress.

Journey Toward Creation by *Hugh Ross*. DVD Questar.

Designer Universe by *Jimmy H. Davis and Harry L. Poe*. Broadman & Holman Publishers.

The Privileged Planet by *Guillermo Gonzales & Jay W. Richards*.

♣ The Privileged Planet. DVD

Incredible creatures that Defy Evolution. DVDs #1, #2, and #3 (#1 is hard to obtain).

♣ Life's Story. DVDs Parts 1 and 2.

THE GENESIS 'DAYS' ISSUE

The Genesis Debate by *David G. Hagopian*. Crux Press Inc.

♣ Genesis 1 – 4 by *C. John Collins*. P&R Publishing.

In the Beginning – The Opening Chapters of Genesis by *Henri Blocher* IVP

♣ The Lost World of Genesis One – Ancient Cosmology/Origins Debate by *John Walton*

God's Pattern for Creation – A Covenantal Reading of Genesis 1 by *W. Robert Godfrey*

♣ The Genesis Question by *Hugh Ross* Navpress.

A Matter of Days by *Hugh Ross* Navpress.

A Biblical Case for an Old Earth by *David Snoke* Baker Books

BIBLE CHRONOLOGY

♣ Handbook of Biblical Chronology by *Jack Finegan*

Chronology of the Old Testament by *Dr. Floyd Nolen Jones*.

LOCATION OF MOUNT SINAI ISSUE

The Exodus Revealed – Search for the Red Sea Crossing. DVD.

Mountain of Fire – Discovery of the Real Mount Sinai. DVD.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE WORKS

NAS Exhaustive Concordance Zondervan

Figures of Speech used in the Bible by *E. W. Bullinger*

Paul's Metaphors *by David J. Williams*

Trench's Synonyms of the New Testament

A Harmony of the Gospels *by A.T. Robertson.* Harper San Fransisco

NET BIBLE – Synopsis of the Four Gospels *by Gregory White, ed.* **NEW**

The Word Biblical Commentary (54 volumes on CD ROM)

ISSUES FOR VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS

♣ Old Covenant – New Covenant - the case against legalism *by Jesse Acuff.* Tate Publishing **NEW**

♣ Biblical Demonology –A Study of Spiritual Forces at Work Today *by Merrill Unger* **NEW**

♣ The Gentile Times Reconsidered *by Carl Oloff Jonsson* **NEW**

♣ Three Dissertations on the Teachings of Jehovah's Witnesses *by Greg Stafford* **NEW**

♣ Twisted Scriptures *by Mary Alice Chrnalogar* **NEW**

By Raymond C. Faircloth

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