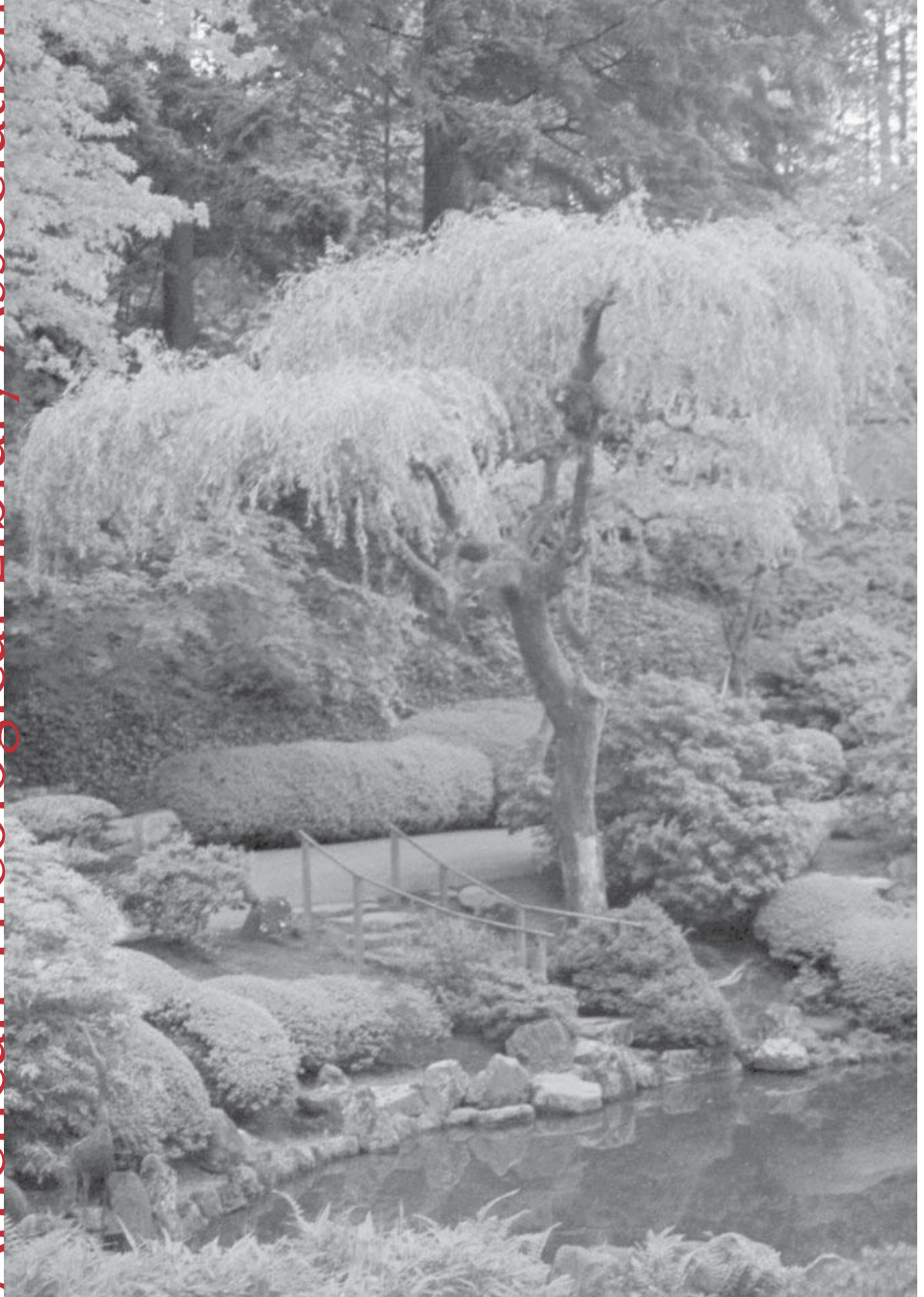


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President's Message

The high point of my summer is always the Annual Conference. Sometimes I can combine it with some vacation travel, sometimes not. Going to Oregon certainly allowed a few vacation days in a beautiful setting. We visited the Oregon Gardens, the Rose and Chinese Gardens, and various points in the magnificent Columbia River Gorge. But aside from the vacation days, if participating in the activities of ATLA members and guests at meetings like our annual conference is work, I may never retire.

In early July I was also at ATLA headquarters and participant to a big step in ATLA's future. As you probably now know, Russell Kracke, a long-time employee and currently Coordinator of Preservation Programs, was named Director of Preservation Products and Services, beginning September 1. This means that our Preservation Program is not only alive and well, but thriving. Orders last year for microfilm rolls were about 400; by July of this year the office has already received about 1400 orders. Indeed, the project entitled "Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions 1850–1950" is already supplying copies of scarce archival materials to libraries around the world.

Some may question the viability of microfilm as the medium of choice for preservation of say, older serials or brittle books. Yet it is still highly valued, used, and requested by research institutions and scholars alike. Digitization as a means of preservation may eventually supercede microforms, but the industry seems to be waiting for more standardization of methods, and assurance that the platforms

holding digitized records will maintain long-term stability. When that happens I am convinced that ATLA will be there. As a matter of fact, in some ways we already are there. Look at the digital repository known as our Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative web page at www.atla.com/digitalresources.

A Chinese proverb (or was it a curse?) states, "May you live in exciting times." I think we do live in exciting/interesting times, and not because of the unrest and terrorism so rampant in the world today. I think that we, as librarians and information professionals, live in exciting times because we by our very profession of serving in theological and religious libraries are able to direct people and society towards working out answers and possibilities for living and action in this distressed world around us. The forms of faith nourished by our various denominational traditions all suggest that religious answers are not just for the end of human life or for the hereafter, but also for how we relate to each thing and every person along the way. So never let anyone tell you that we live in a vacuum. The vacuum is on the other side of that library entrance.

*Paul Schrodt
Methodist Theological School in Ohio*



Member Notes

St. Vincent de Paul Staff Visit Italian Library

Two library staff members from St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida, once again traveled to Norcia, Italy, to attend the inauguration and blessing of the new library at Monastero San Benedetto. Marguerite Wolf and Ethan Allen began to assist the Benedictine community in its organization of a small collection numbering some 2,000 volumes in 2002. The inaugural celebration was the occasion for benefactors to see for themselves a sampling of the liturgical and patristic holdings, which are an important part of this collection. Speeches made by Archbishop Ricardo Fontana, Lord Mayor Alberto Naticchioni and Abbey Prior Cassian Folsom were followed by a harpsichord concert. The theme of the talks centered on the significance of the new library and the relationship between cultus and culture. On March 21, the city's patronal feast day, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger came to celebrate mass and to bless the library. In his comments, Cardinal Ratzinger spoke of the importance of the library to the Benedictines of Norcia and of monasteries throughout the world.

Further work is needed to catalog an additional 4,000 volumes, mostly from Corpus Christi Abbey in Sandia, Texas, which closed in 2002. Marguerite and Ethan plan to continue working on this project.

St. Louis Consortium Holds Workshop

The St. Louis Seminary Librarians' Consortium met the sad saga of soggy books on May 22, 2003. Fourteen representatives from six seminaries and two universities attended a workshop entitled "It's a disaster! Who are you going to call?" The workshop was conducted by Roxanna Herrick, preservation administrator for all of the libraries operated by Washington University in St. Louis.

Roxanna Herrick spent the first training session instructing the disaster planning process. For disasters of all levels the need to be ready is the most important factor for an effective and efficient recovery operation. Working through the development of a disaster plan, Ms. Herrick detailed the need to stop the damage first and then call appropriate action people. Having the prepared list of names, num-

bers, and needed information relative to that call was strongly emphasized. Notebooks with planning documents, emergency procedure lists, sample surveys, and lists of emergency items to always have on hand were distributed to all attendees. Crucial to the success of the disaster plan was making sure the plan was approved and adopted by administrative officials before the disaster occurs.

The second session was a hands-on training exercise. Attendees donned aprons and latex gloves as they retrieved books and magazines that had been soaking in receptacles doused with water at the start of the workshop. Walking through initial assessment and proper recovery techniques proved to be interesting, informative, and entertaining. Learning how to stand, fan, and interleave various monographs, serials, and documents presented new insights into the importance of adequate preparation from the first session. Experiencing the space needs, equipment/material needs, and personnel hours involved in recovery certainly underscored the importance of having an effective disaster plan in place.

At the close of the second session it was unanimously decided that in the event of a disaster we would all call Roxanna Herrick. The workshop closed with several of the attendees joining each other for lunch at a nearby restaurant. A superb day of training is excellent preparation for that day down the road when a disaster may come calling you.

Gerald Truman

Urshan Graduate School of Theology



UBC Group Holds Workshop at Vancouver School of Theology

On April 4, 2003, the UBC Campus and Lower Mainland Theological Libraries Group held a one-day workshop, "Moving to the Web: Planning and Implementing Technology in a Theological Library." The workshop was made possible by a grant from ATLA and was attended by fifteen library staff from four schools. The presenter was David Stewart from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Although the workshop was held at the Vancouver School of Theology, it grew from the spirit of cooperation and mutual support that characterize relationships among libraries at VST, Re-

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gent College, Columbia Bible College, and Western Pentecostal Bible School. All four libraries are at critical stages in automation, and Regent and VST in particular are actively engaged in selecting a new web-based system. As a group, we are distant from other theological libraries and considerably smaller than other academic libraries in the area. These factors made the choice of a facilitator somewhat complicated, but we were very pleased that David Stewart, who moved to Princeton from Regent, was available. His in-depth understanding of our local needs and issues as well as a finely honed knowledge of web systems and resources enabled us to have very targeted and informative sessions.

The day was focussed around four specific themes, though the presentations allowed for wide-ranging comments and interactions. The four themes were Planning, Consortia, ILS selection and migration issues, and Possibilities and options for electronic resources. David's presentation was very well prepared in PowerPoint and stimulated very lively responses and interaction.

A broad view and understanding of planning was encouraged. Relating technological developments to the institutional mission and goals, building faculty enthusiasm and support, and learning from the experience of others can be more productive than funding and technological expertise in the early stages. The keynote of the planning session was that ideas, the ability to move them forward, to work smarter rather than earlier, can be more critical than money. The emphasis on ideas was balanced by David's wise advice: "Don't wait until you know what you're doing before you start."

Because of the proximity of the local theological libraries and some shared constituencies of users, the possibility of a formal consortium is appealing. This session touched on system architecture, record sharing and standards, expansion of the resource base, and greater influence with vendors. We considered other consortia within ATLA and how their experience might apply to our situation.

Choosing and implementing a new library system was a topic of vital interest to most of us, and David provided an overview of printed and online resources that evaluate systems as well as tips from his own experience. The great value of contacting recent purchasers of candidate systems was noted. The importance of involving key staff members in an assessment process was stressed, as was the need

to plan with reference to the sources of IT expertise in the institution.

The final session on library service options in a web environment was much anticipated. Each participant library's situation was different, but we were all aware of much more sophisticated services than we currently offer. E-reserves, e-journals, e-reference, web site development, and educational technology, such as Blackboard, were explored and discussed with considerable excitement as the possibilities opened before us.

To reinforce the value of the sessions, David provided us with a focussed bibliography covering the topics so further reading or follow-up will be easier; he also mounted his resources on a web site as an additional enhancement to the points made in his presentation.

In all, it was a very good day that brought expertise, excitement, and a clear sense of direction along with enthusiasm and a sense of relief that we had been enabled to do this jointly. We are grateful to ATLA for its support in expanding our horizons and overcoming isolation.

Gerald Turnbull
Vancouver School of Theology



Bracewells Visit ATLA Headquarters

On Thursday, July 17, Grant Bracewell and his wife, Eleanor, visited ATLA headquarters in Chicago and gave files for the ATLA archives to ATLA Preservation Specialist Diane Shannon, who is in charge of ATLA's archives held at Yale. These files come from Grant's 12-year service on ATLA's Index Board and his involvement in various committees. Grant and Eleanor reside in Surrey, British Columbia.



Photo (left to right): Diane Shannon, Eleanor Bracewell, Grant Bracewell.

SFTLA Holds First Workshop

On Friday, April 4, 2003, the South Florida Theological Library Association (SFTLA) conducted its first workshop. "Instruction and Information Literacy in Religion" was presented at the South Florida Center for Theological Studies in Miami. Arthur Quinn, director of library and information technology at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Florida, and vice-president/president-elect of SFTLA, was the presenter.

This program focused on the needs for bibliographic instruction for students in a graduate theological program. Mr. Quinn stated that preventing plagiarism, promoting critical thinking, and evaluating sources are the primary goals of information literacy programs. He distributed a packet of handouts which illustrated the main points of the program. Included were copies of a bilingual (Spanish/English) "Handbook for Theological Research," which is given to all students at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary.

Librarians in attendance gave a positive evaluation of the workshop. SFTLA plans to continue offering workshops to promote research in issues concerning theological librarianship.

*Phil O'Neill
Barry University*



Bill Badke Publishes Book

William Badke, Associated Canadian Theological Schools, has just published a book, *Beyond the Answer Sheet: Academic Success for International Students*, intended to help international students through the academic struggles they face in a Western university setting. This handbook is applicable to international seminary students as they navigate their academic environment and do a variety of assignments. For a fuller description and a preview of a portion of the book go to www.iuniverse.com. Bill may be contacted at badke@twu.ca.

Cynthia Derrenbacher Appointed Library Director at Regent College

Regent College has announced the appointment of Cynthia Derrenbacher as library director, commencing August 2003. Cynthia is presently public services librarian at Tyndale College in Toronto. Previously she was chief librarian at the Leonard Library, Wycliffe College. At various times Cynthia has been active with the American Theological Library Association as development officer, grants officer consultant, and development consultant. She earned an MLS degree at Syracuse University in 1992.



Interviewing Resources on ATLA Web Site

Amy Limpitlaw, public services librarian at the Vanderbilt University Divinity School library, and Roberta Schaafsma, associate director of the Duke University Divinity School library, provided resources following the roundtable on job interviewing they facilitated at the ATLA 2003 Annual Conference. These resources, located in the Librarians' Tools section of the ATLA Member Page (www.atla.com/member), include tips on how to prepare for an interview, what questions might be asked, what questions the interviewee might ask, how to present yourself in the interview, following up on the interview, and a brief bibliography. If you do not have ready access to the web and would like a copy of the material, contact Amy or Roberta:

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Bibliography and Publications Grant Applications Being Accepted

The Publications Committee is now accepting applications for next year's Bibliography Grant and Publications Grant. Applications are due **January 15, 2004**.

The Bibliography Grant is for a bibliography or indexing project "that provides access to a significant body of literature within the fields of theological and/or religious studies." The grant allows for great flexibility in terms of length and format and is meant to encourage bibliographical or indexing work at all levels. The grant is open to both members and nonmembers of ATLA, and persons who have never undertaken a major project like this before are encouraged to apply.

The Publications Grant is given annually to one or more ATLA members for the development of works that provide information on theological librarianship or supply professional resources for theological librarians. The scope, length, and format are broadly conceived, with the intent of encouraging cooperative efforts among the membership. This grant is available to ATLA members only.

See the Publications Committee Grant Programs web page (www.atla.com/pub_com/grant.html) for more information and application forms for the two grants.



Membership Renewal Notices Being Sent

The new membership year begins September 1. Membership renewal notices are being sent to all members. If you do not receive your notice by September 1, please contact ATLA Membership Associate Tim Smith (tsmith@atla.com, 888.665.ATLA).



Highlights of the ATLA Board of Directors Meeting, June 26, 2003

The Board discussed policies regarding the archiving of Board documents. A final report will be presented at the January meeting.

Board task forces were appointed to consider the implications of the application for membership of

the Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries and to make recommendations about the shape and duties of a proposed development committee.

The Board adopted a handbook on policies and procedures to assist interest groups. The same information will be mounted on the website as a FAQ document.

The Board met with Charles Willard to discuss issues of interest between ATLA and ATS, including statistical reports and issues related to accreditation. Charles agreed that regular meetings would be to the organizations' mutual advantage.

Paul Stuehrenberg
ATLA Secretary



Highlights of the ATLA Business Meetings

The Special Committee of the Association for International Collaboration presented a lifetime achievement award to John Trotti.

The membership approved changes to the bylaws that would create two new categories of membership: Lifetime Members and International Institutional Members. Lifetime Members include retired members and the former category of "Honorary Members." International Institutional Members are institutions engaged in theological education outside of the United States and Canada. [See p. 17 for more about those bylaws changes.]

Paul Stuehrenberg
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Why not submit it for consideration?
Items for the November issue are due
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ATLA Serials Exchange Update Schedule

In the next few months, new ASE offerings will be made available for claiming on the following dates:

October 1, 2003
December 1, 2003
February 1, 2004
April 1, 2004

Call for Papers

The Annual Conference Committee cordially invites members and friends of the Association to make proposals for **papers**, **presentations**, or **special sessions** for the 2004 ATLA conference. The conference will be hosted by the Kansas City Area Theological Library Association in Kansas City, Missouri, June 16–19. The Committee will consider proposals on theological librarianship, the academic disciplines of theology, and general librarianship. We particularly invite persons to resubmit proposals that were deferred from the 2003 conference. There is no theme for the 2004 conference.

Proposals should include a title, an abstract (not to exceed 200 words), and the name(s) and the institution(s) of the presenter(s). Proposals must be received by **September 26, 2003**. Submit to:

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Call for Ideas

The Education Committee is responsible for planning and coordinating the educational opportunities for the Annual Conference, including the preconference **workshops** and the **roundtables**. We also work with the chairs of the nine interest groups. We are actively soliciting your suggestions for the 2004 conference, to be held June 16–19, in Kansas City, Missouri. The committee is eager to provide sessions that are relevant to your professional needs and interests. Please send your suggestions (along with names of potential presenters if possible) to any of the members of the Education Committee by **September 26, 2003**.

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2003 ATLA Professional Development Seminar:
The Library and the Educational Enterprise, June 25, 2003

For the third consecutive year a full-day Professional Development Seminar was offered prior to this year's ATLA Annual Conference. About thirty people attended this event, which was planned by the Professional Development Committee

In his introductory remarks, PDC Chair David Stewart, quoting a prayer by Mary Gordon, observed that we all understand as librarians how much of the work that we do, and the value of that work, is not immediately apparent to those who lead our institutions:

For Those Whose Work is Invisible:

For those who paint the undersides of boats, makers of ornamental drains on roofs too high to be seen; for cobblers who labor over inner soles; for seamstresses who stitch the wrong sides of linings; for scholars whose research leads to no obvious discovery; for dentists who polish each gold surface of the fillings of upper molars; for sewer engineers and those who repair water mains; for electricians; for artists who suppress what does injustice to their visions; for surgeons whose sutures are things of beauty.

For all those whose work is for Your eye only, who labor for their entertainment or their own, who sleep in peace or do not sleep in peace, knowing that their effects are unknown.

Protect them from downheartedness and from diseases of the eye.

Grant them perseverance, for the sake of Your love which is humble, invisible, and heedless of reward. (Philip Zaleski, ed., *Best Spiritual Writing 2000*. New York: HarperCollins, 2001: 143-44)

David further observed that the seminar's purpose was not to bemoan this "invisible" character of much of our work, but to devote our thinking and discussion to its importance within the educational objectives of our schools. This is all the more neces-

sary when we are adapting to changes at many levels and on many fronts.

During the morning plenary session, Dr. Steve Peterson (Trinity College, Hartford) provided some intriguing background on how this topic has traditionally been conceptualized in academic settings. His experience as a librarian, administrator, and consultant helped to shed light on the strategic ways libraries have found to play a role in educational planning and outcomes. The second segment of Peterson's presentation concentrated on the strategic influence of the librarian as a person, and particularly as a leader in educational administration.

During the afternoon two separate "tracks" were offered. Bill Hook (Vanderbilt Divinity Library) facilitated a fruitful in-depth discussion for administrators on some of the themes raised during the morning plenary. Bill stressed the importance of considering the mission, strategy, and goals of the library in the context of those of the institution. As a director himself, Bill's reflections on how channels for articulating the educational purposes of the library can be fostered, on which administrative relationships are especially crucial, and on the conversations in which the library has to have voice, were especially valuable

Mikail McIntosh-Doty (Episcopal Southwest) and Angela Morris (Louisville Presbyterian) provided a two-part session on "Frontline" leadership from librarians in the public services sector of educational activity. Among other things, their workshops highlighted the need for developing advocacy for the work done by public services staff which plays an important (though seldom recognized) role in supporting the educational objectives of the school, as well as the need to consider the whole library operation as (directly or indirectly) contributing to those objectives.

A final "wrap-up" session brought together seminar participants for some concluding reflections. The seminar evaluations indicated that the event had addressed in a timely, well-integrated, and thoughtful manner a topic of considerable interest to ATLA members.

*David Stewart, Chair
Professional Development Committee
Princeton Theological Seminary*



Member Survey Results

Who are you as a member of ATLA? How long have you been a member? What's your educational background? What could you learn that would help you do a better job in your library? What's important to you about belonging to ATLA?

The Member Services Department asked MemberSurvey.com, a division of Readex, to design and conduct a survey of ATLA's individual members that would give us a good idea of who you are and what you would like from ATLA. Working with member groups such as the Membership Advisory Committee, the Professional Development Committee, the Annual Conference Committee, and the Education Committee, we developed questions that would help give direction to professional development efforts as well as provide demographic data about members.

Thanks to Carol Jones, assistant director of member services, who worked tirelessly with members, other ATLA staff, and MemberSurvey.com to provide and refine questions for inclusion in the survey. Thanks, especially, to the many ATLA members who helped formulate the kinds of information it was important to gather from the survey.

The web-based survey was sent to all individual members with valid email addresses—96% of the full number of individual members. An astounding 57% of those who received the survey responded. This response provided a much larger sample from which to draw than would otherwise have been the case.

Demographics of the "Typical" ATLA Member

About half our members are female, half male (though 2% did not respond to the question). The typical member identifies as Caucasian, has been a theological librarian for at least 5 years, and doesn't expect to retire for more than 10 years. He or she holds a master's in library science and may very well hold one in theology as well. Most of our individual members teach a research component and belong to ALA or a state library association or both.

Selected Survey Responses

Timothy Smith, membership associate, summarized the data from the findings provided by MemberSurvey.com. Some selected responses follow.

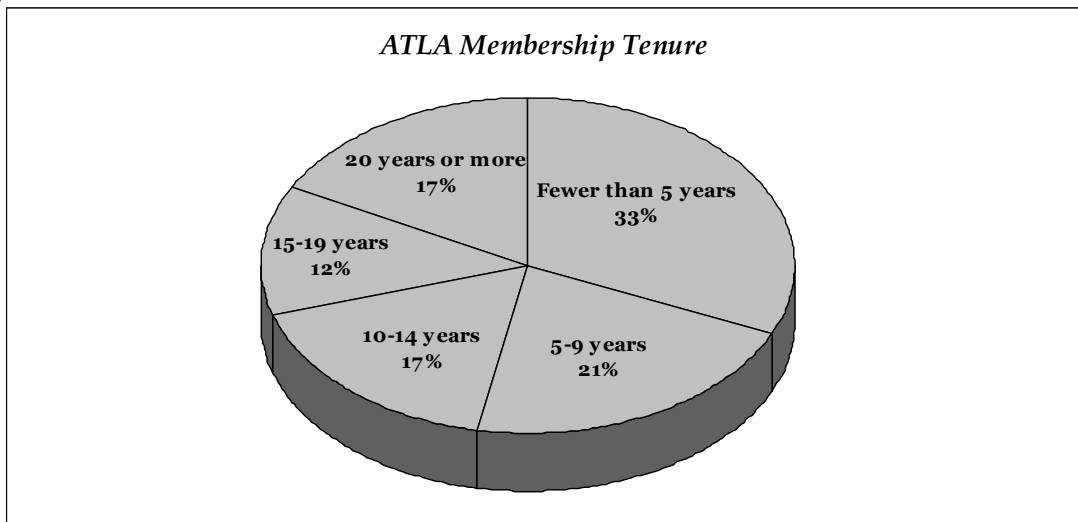
If you have any questions about the survey findings or the survey instrument, please contact Carol Jones at cjones@atla.com or 888.665.2852. We are glad to send you a photocopy of the narrative of the complete findings, but due to the length of the tables generated by responses to the survey, we are unable to include them. Please let Tim Smith know if you would like to see the findings (tsmith@atla.com).

ATLA Membership Tenure

46% have been members of ATLA for more than 10 years; 33% for fewer than 5 years.

Reasons for Joining and Reasons for Renewing

The major reasons members give for joining ATLA become even more important reasons to renew; for example while 17% list "to help shape the profession" as a reason to join ATLA, twice as many name it as a reason for renewing. On the



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other hand, “grow professionally” becomes less of a reason to renew statistically, even though it is still the primary reason.

Reason to Join	Reason to Renew
83% Grow professionally	67%
56% Collaborate	66%
39% Access publications and tools	45%
34% Promote quality	46%
17% Help shape the profession	38%
10% Other	6%

Important Professional Development Areas:

Keeping current with relevant issues	88%
Networking	82%
Professional Resources	73%
Publications on theological librarianship	67%
Conference programming	67%
Collegiality	66%
Professional development workshops	61%
Job opportunities	47%
Preconferences at annual conference	41%
Grants or regional group programs	36%
Travel grants for annual conference	22%
NACO/CONSER training	14%

How Members are Involved in ATLA

Involvement in the Association ranges from participation in an interest group (57%) to reading the *ATLA Newsletter* (87%). For our members, 96% receive Association news by reading the newsletter and 80% from the web site. ATLANTIS continues to be a popular source of news—71% receive news through the discussion list.

Annual Conference Attendance

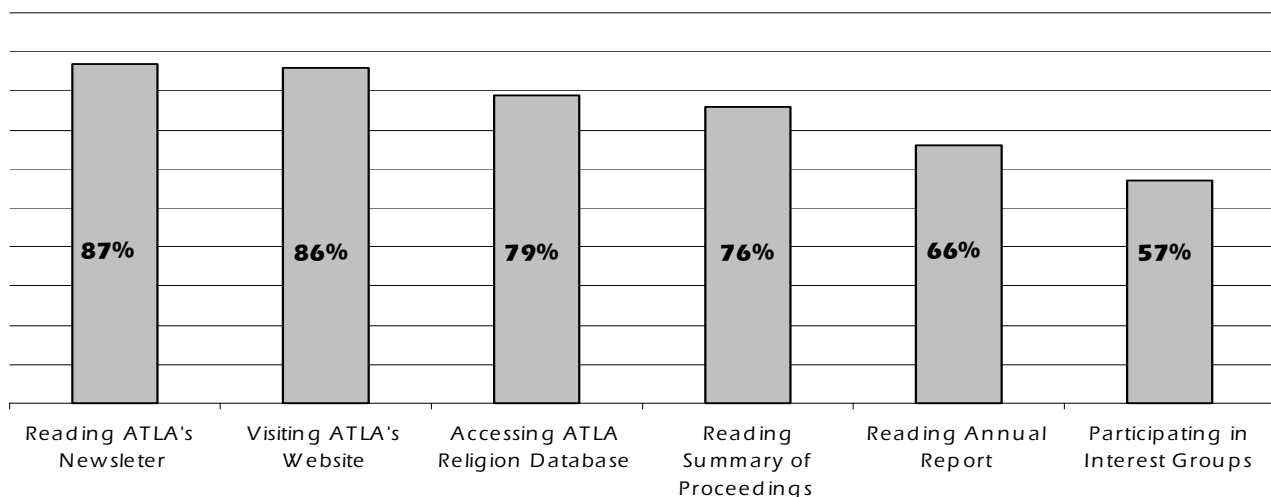
Fully 82% of members responding have attended an ATLA annual conference. Since 1998 conference attendance has been between 46% and 58% of the membership.

Access to Distance Learning Technology

Members are well-equipped with technology to enable distance learning through the internet.

High-speed Internet connection	81%
Classroom with networked computers	49%
Dial-up internet connection	29%
Videoconference facility	25%
Satellite down-link site	10%

Member Involvement with ATLA



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Member Demographics

Male	50%
Female	48%
White	88%
Hispanic/Latino/a	2%
Asian	4%
Black/African American	2%
Other	2%

Expected Retirement

80% of members expect to retire in 10 or more years; 20% of members expect to retire in fewer than 10 years.

Years As a Theological Librarian

<5 years	19%
5-9 years	21%
10-19 years	31%
20+ years	28%

Education

Nearly 90% of ATLA members hold a master's in library science, while nearly 20% have earned a doctorate.

Doctorate

Library Science	2%
Theology	12%
Other field	4%

Master's

Library Science	87%
Theology	58%
Other field	26%

Bachelor's

	71%
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Membership in Professional Associations

ATLA regional group	36%
American Library Association	31%
State/regional library associations	23%
Assn. of College & Research Libraries	17%
Denominational association	14%
American Academy of Religion	13%
Society of Biblical Literature	12%
No other professional association	11%

Professional Activities

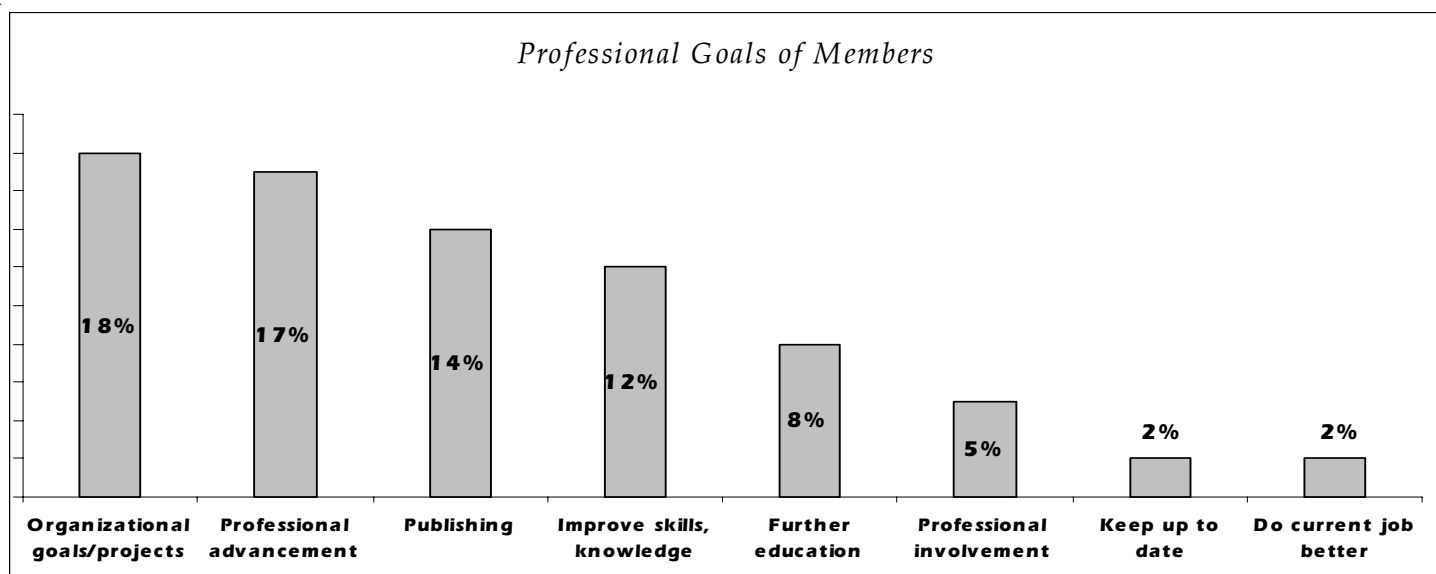
Presented at conference	24%
Published in refereed journal	18%
Served on accrediting visiting team	14%
Published a monograph	8%
Served on accrediting review panel	4%
None of these/no answer	58%

Professional Goals/Skills Needed

Members cited several professional goals they would like to achieve and named the skills they would need to reach those goals.

Professional Goals

Organizational goals/projects	18%
Professional advancement	17%
Publishing	14%
Improve skills, knowledge	12%
Further education	8%
Professional involvement	5%
Keep up to date	2%
Do current job better	2%



Skills Needed to Achieve Goals

Technology/computers	24%
Management	9%
Library skills	5%
Grant-writing	3%
Fund-raising	2%
None	5%

Job Functions

Most members identify themselves as management, with public and technical services about evenly divided.

Management	38%
Technical Services	25%
Public/Reference Services	23%
Collection Development	6%
Other	10%

Percentage of Time Spent in Key Areas

This questions asks, No matter what your title, how much time do you actually spend in these typical library areas?

Administration	27%
Cataloging	20%
Collection development	15%
Reference	14%
Other	24%

Teaching Involvement

More than half of ATLA members are involved in teaching.

Personally teach a research component	54%
Assist faculty with course development	25%
Personally teach non-library subjects	22%

Institutional Accreditation Status

Three-quarters of ATLA's members work at institutions accredited by ATS.

ATS accreditation	76%
Regional accreditation	51%
ATS candidate	2%
Other accreditation	15%
Unaccredited/does not apply	7%

*Karen Whittlesey
ATLA Director of Member Services*

Bylaw Changes

On June 27, 2003, the ATLA membership voted to create two new categories of membership in the Association: International Institutional and Lifetime. The bylaws were amended at the Annual Conference to add these categories. See the May issue of the *Newsletter* for the proposed wording of bylaws and (then) President Eileen Saner's explanations of the proposed changes.

International Institutional Membership is open to a library outside the United States or Canada that supports the mission and purposes of ATLA. Recognizing that ATS or regional accreditation is not applicable in countries outside the United States and Canada, the new bylaw maintains that international libraries may apply for membership if they meet one of the following criteria:

1. are engaged in professional theological education;
2. have graduate religious studies programs that also have a professional librarian or subject bibliographer in the area of religion/theology;
3. are non-degree granting organizations maintaining collections primarily of theological, religious or ecclesiastical research materials.

International Institutional Members receive all the benefits of Institutional Membership except they may not appoint a representative to attend meetings of the Association; nor may they vote.

Lifetime Membership is bestowed on two categories of people: Individual Members who retire after ten continuous years of paying dues and those whom the Association recognizes for outstanding contribution to the advancement of the work of the Association. Lifetime Members, who are exempt from paying dues, have all the rights and privileges of individual membership. ATLA members currently named as either Retired or Honorary will automatically be considered Lifetime Members.

Following on the next page are the bylaws referring to categories of membership as passed by the Association.



Article 1. Membership

1.1 *Classes of Membership.* The Association shall have six (6) classes of membership: institutional, international institutional, affiliate, individual, student, and lifetime.

1.2 *Institutional Members.* Libraries of institutions which wish to support the mission and purposes of the Association shall be eligible to apply for institutional membership if they meet one of the following criteria:

- a) Institutions holding accredited membership in the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada;
- b) Institutions accredited regionally*, that are engaged in graduate theological education or religious studies primarily beyond the undergraduate level;
- c) Regionally accredited universities* with graduate religious studies programs that also have a librarian or subject bibliographer in the area of religion;
- d) Non-degree granting organizations maintaining collections primarily of theological, religious, or ecclesiastical research material.

Applications for institutional membership from institutions which do not fit into one of these four categories may be referred to the Board of Directors, which may approve membership status in cases where these criteria are judged by the Board to be inappropriate.

Institutional members are entitled to attend meetings of the Association, to vote in Association voting matters, to participate in Association programs, and to receive those publications of the Association that are distributed to the membership. An institutional member may send one (1) official delegate to meetings of the Association to represent its interests in the affairs of the association and to cast its vote in Association voting matters, and may send other representatives as desired. An institutional member shall designate its official delegate in writing to the Association as needed.

1.3 *International Institutional Members.* Theological libraries and organizations outside of the United States and Canada that wish to support the mission and purposes of the Association may apply for international institutional membership if they meet one of the following criteria:

- a) are engaged in professional theological education;

- b) have graduate religious studies programs that also have a professional librarian or subject bibliographer in the area of religion/theology;
- c) are non-degree granting organizations maintaining collections primarily of theological, religious or ecclesiastical research materials.

International institutional members are eligible for the same benefits as institutional members with the exception that international institutional members are not eligible to appoint institutional representatives to the meetings of the Association and are not entitled to vote. International theological libraries and organizations that are eligible as international institutional members are not eligible for any other membership class. Membership as an ATLA international institutional member establishes only that the institution supports the mission and purposes of the Association.

1.4 *Affiliate Members.* Organizations that do not qualify for regular institutional or international institutional Association membership, but are supportive of theological librarianship and the purposes and work of the Association shall be eligible to apply for affiliate membership in the Association. Affiliate members are not eligible to appoint institutional representatives to the annual meetings of the Association and are not entitled to vote. Dues for affiliate membership are equal to the lowest established amount for full institutional members.

1.5 *Individual Members.* Any person who is engaged in professional library or bibliographic work in theological or religious fields, or who has an interest in the literature of religion, theological librarianship, and the purposes and work of the Association shall be eligible to apply for individual membership in the Association. Individual members are entitled to attend meetings of the Association, to vote in Association voting matters, to serve as directors or as members or chairpersons of the Association's committees or interest groups, and to receive those publications of the Association that are distributed to the membership.

1.6 *Student Members.* Any student enrolled in a graduate library school program or a graduate theological or religious studies program who is carrying a half-time class load or greater shall be eligible to apply for student membership in the Association. A person engaged in full-time employment in a library or elsewhere shall not be eligible to apply for stu-

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dent membership in the Association. Student members are entitled to attend meetings of the Association, to be members of interest groups, and to receive those publications of the Association that are distributed to the membership, but are not entitled to vote.

1.7 *Lifetime Members.* Lifetime members are individual members who have all the rights and privileges of individual membership and who are exempt from paying dues. There are two ways to become a lifetime member:

- a) Any person who has paid dues for at least ten (10) consecutive years of individual membership in the Association immediately preceding his/her retirement may become a lifetime member of the Association.
- b) Any person who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the work of the Association may be nominated by the Board of Directors and be elected a lifetime member of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership at any annual meeting of the Association.

1.8 *Approval.* The Board of Directors shall establish how applications for membership are approved and how institutions and individuals are received into membership in the Association.

1.9 *Dues.* The Board of Directors shall establish the annual dues for individual, student, institutional, international institutional, and affiliate members of the Association, subject to the ratification of the members at the next following annual or special meeting of the Association.

1.10 *Suspension.* Members failing to pay their annual dues within ninety (90) calendar days of the beginning of the Association's fiscal year shall be automatically suspended and shall lose all rights, including voting rights. A member thus suspended may be reinstated by payment of that member's unpaid dues before the end of the fiscal year in which the suspension occurred, which reinstatement shall be effective when payment is received by the Association. Members may be suspended for other causes by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors and may be reinstated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board.

*Regional Accreditation agencies referred to in clause 1.2b:

- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA)
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (HEASC-CIHE)
- North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NCA)
- Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Colleges
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS)
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (WASC-Sr.)
- or the equivalent in Canadian jurisdictions.



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Conference Summary

For most ATLA members, the opportunity to renew acquaintances or make new friends is an important reason for attending the conference; another is the quality of the programming and the opportunity to improve skills and knowledge. Throw in a beautiful locale, a terrific hotel staff, and a hard-working local host committee, and you have the makings of an outstanding conference.

Surrounded by four mountains sacred to the native people of the area, more than 300 people spent several days enjoying the scenery, the weather, and the hospitality of Portland during the ATLA Annual Conference in June. Several excursions and tours gave people the chance to appreciate the natural beauty of the Rose City and its surroundings.

To nurture growth in their professional lives, members attended seven preconference workshops, two plenary sessions, nine interest group programs, 17 roundtable discussions, two panels and six papers. They visited the exhibit hall where 34 exhibitors displayed their wares.

For spiritual renewal there were two worship services at the hotel and vespers at Mount Angel Abbey. For fellowship there were the opening reception at the World Trade Center, denominational meetings, scheduled and spontaneous lunch and dinner gatherings, and the closing banquet at Mount Angel Abbey.

With 60% of the members completing the web evaluation form (as of mid-July), we can report that the conference overall was rated at 4.6 out of 5. The Annual Conference Committee, Education Committee, Local Host Committee, and past Board President Eileen Saner and current Board President Paul Schrodtt can take credit for such a magnificent conference. The committees were chaired by Roger Loyd (Annual Conference), Jeff Brigham and Saundra Lipton (Education), and Paula Hamilton (Local Host).

Below are some comments from the evaluations and photos of some of the conference-goers. Great conference! See you next year in Kansas City!

Karen Whittlesey
Director of Member Services

“As always, a delight to get together with colleagues, share experiences, and join in learning new things.”

“Great venue, great weather, great people, and a wonderful program.”

“What a wonderful location! Let’s have another conference here!”

“Very rich in relevant sessions and workshops. Great location and venue. Wonderful fellowship.”

“This was my first ATLA conference and the friendliness of the members really made this an enjoyable experience for me.”

“Wonderful location, very easy to get around. The conference was well planned and well hosted. Thank you all.”

“I have attended many conferences over the years, but this, my first ATLA conference, was by far the best. I gained more information relevant to my job . . . at this conference than at any other conference.”



Exhibit News

The exhibits at the ATLA conference in Portland were a huge success. ATLA had 34 exhibitors who purchased 43 tables and three sponsors, EBSCO, OCLC and Endeavor. This year marked our largest turnout of exhibitors and the number continues to grow. Thank you for making the exhibitors always feel welcome and special.

If you know of any exhibitor prospects for the 2004 conference in Kansas City, Missouri, please e-mail me at mdecatur@atla.com.

Melody de Catur
ATLA Exhibits Coordinator



Conference Photos



ATLA President Eileen Saner at the opening reception



Joe Coalter, Christine Wenderoth, and Sara Myers at the opening reception



Local host table



Lynn Berg at the Puvill Libros exhibit



Pre-banquet reception at Mount Angel Abbey

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Outgoing president Eileen Saner receives gift from incoming president Paul Schrodt at the banquet



Kokopelli Quartet at the banquet



2002/2003 Board of Directors (left to right): Sharon Taylor, Bill Faupel, President Eileen Saner, Secretary Paul Stuehrenberg, Mary Martin, Herman Peterson, Susan Sponberg, Vice-President Paul Schrodt, Christine Wenderoth, Joe Coalter (missing are Sara Myers and Anne Womack)



2003/2004 Board of Directors (left to right): Paula Hamilton, Herman Peterson, Timothy Lincoln, Christine Wenderoth, President Paul Schrodt, Sharon Taylor, Secretary Anne Womack, Eileen Saner, Bill Faupel, Vice-President Paul Stuehrenberg, Bill Badke (missing is Sara Myers)

Reference Reviews

June Reference Review

New Catholic Encyclopedia. 2nd ed. New York: Thomson-Gale; Washington, DC: Catholic University of America, 2003. 15 v., with index. \$1,200. ISBN 0-7876-4004-2. Also available to NetLibrary subscribers. \$1,425 for 5-year access, plus annual maintenance fee. ISBN 0-7876-7694-2.

During its first 35 years of life, the New Catholic Encyclopedia established a well-earned reputation as one of our most used, useful, and worthy reference works. The publication of a long-anticipated second edition is cause for celebration in the library community. Our joy is tempered, however, for even a cursory appraisal reveals significant editorial problems. These are dealt with in this preliminary review.

To be sure, these problems do not detract from the many new or updated contributions to the 2003 encyclopedia. The venerable 1967 edition was published after Vatican II but most content was prepared before the Council's impact on the Church was felt. The encyclopedia has long needed a thorough update, not just more supplements. In this new edition, topics important in today's Church are revisited in conscientiously updated entries. Excellent new material has also been added.

On the other hand, the editors decided to copy much of the first edition straight into the second, verbatim. In addition, large numbers of articles received only minor editing, making few substantive changes. To keep to the first edition's 15-volume format (why, one wonders), drastic cuts were made. Although the new edition nicely incorporates the five published supplements, many dated articles (from 1974 and 1979, for example) went in unrevised.

Without detailed analysis, the exact proportion of unchanged, or only cosmetically edited, entries cannot be determined. Nonetheless, the immediate impression on the attentive reader is obvious: a sense that something is wrong.

The publisher's preface to the second edition takes a dramatically different view, asserting that "for all practical purposes, it is an entirely new edition." This review questions their claim. It does not try to determine the precise meaning of "practical."

Anyone with a few minutes to spare can appreciate the extent of the problem. It is not necessary to do an article-by-article, side-by-side comparison between editions. Try this simple test. At random from any volume in the new edition select 50 or, preferably, more consecutive entries. Count how many articles cite sources past the 1960's or early 1970's. Calculate the proportion.

A preliminary sample finds that anywhere from one half to two-thirds of current entries cite no sources published after the 1960's (or early 1970's in the case of supplements). For many librarians this will come as a surprise. In fairness, with further study, the proportions may change. It can also be objected that no weight is given to article length (as a rough gauge of importance). It was not practical to do this now, however. That such an adjustment is needed only highlights the problem.

In the AP wire review, Richard Ostling writes that ten per cent of the articles are new. This does not seem accurate, unless, perhaps, previously published articles (1974–2001) are included in this proportion. Also, Ostling's assertion that "most articles got new bibliographies and about a third were heavily re-worked" seems overstated.

[To get as fair an estimate as we can, I invite ATLANTIS readers who have both editions to do some of their own comparing. A rigorous method is not needed. Rather than send findings direct to the entire list, please e-mail them to me (j9malcheski@stthomas.edu). I will collate and post a digest.]

A Preliminary Review

Obviously, the encyclopedia's perspective remains in line with Roman Catholic doctrine, faith, and morals. One can be sure that the ideologically zealous will find faults. On the whole, though, its fidelity to the Magisterium will probably pass muster. A good religion encyclopedia tries to hold steady in the main stream of its theological river (not always an easy task). It is hardly surprising that the New Catholic Encyclopedia can be apologetic at times, but it is never polemical, and only partisan when an official teaching is widely challenged, within or without. Different viewpoints are represented fairly, although often from so respectful a distance (as in Womanist Theology) that an entry can read more like reportage than assessment.

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As we have come to expect, major encyclopedias do reflect their own time, the *zeitgeist*, so to speak. Many articles in the New Catholic Encyclopedia present the contemporary Church's understanding of issues and topics important to large numbers of readers. More than a generation removed from Vatican II, articles touching on and assessing this "interesting time" are plentiful enough. The encyclopedia provides accessible accounts of how reform and recent history have influenced, and in turn been influenced by, the Church, its teaching, and its people.

A single example of the present *zeitgeist* will have to suffice.

Evolution condenses the first edition's entry without substantive change, except for the concluding paragraph, which was strongly colored, naturally enough at the time, by the influential thought of Teilhard de Chardin. But these days his star shines less bright. Instead, the new edition deletes and substitutes a short account of John Paul II's 1996 address on evolution, which indeed accurately reflects the Church's position. The new conclusion refrains from including the Pope's briefly controversial, widely quoted remark in the address that "evolution is more than an hypothesis."

Nothing has been done for the bibliography, after 35 years of continuing discussion, not to say debate, in the Church and the world.

The Articles

Rather than review large numbers of entries in the new edition, it seems preferable to examine a handful on some high interest topics. Many of these articles have received welcome attention. Following this we take a look at some consecutive entries in a more or less randomly selected volume.

Abortion: A newly rewritten article. Staunchly opposed to abortion rights, and partisan in outlook but measured in tone.

Thea Bowman: Reprinted verbatim from the 1996 supplement; fair enough.

Buddhism: Considerably revised from 1967. Several paragraphs added or re-worked. Includes a thoroughly rewritten conclusion, "Buddhism in the West."

Capital Punishment: Revised and expanded. One heading from 1967, "Catholic Recognition of Capital Punishment," has been morphed into "Christian Attitudes." The *Zeitgeist* on duty.

Clerical Dress: Updated, especially regarding the 1983 canon law.

Ecology: Based on the 1996 supplement but revised for the new edition.

Holocaust: This new entry fails to take note of the strong negative Jewish reaction to recent official Church expressions. One of the more balanced recent books, by J. M. Sanchez, is cited here but, notably, not in the Pius XII article (see below).

Hominisation: Perhaps obscure today (Rahner wrote a book of this title). The entry comes direct from a supplement and describes a 1970 journal article as "recent." Of course, such gaffes occur in every major encyclopedia.

(Throughout the new encyclopedia, many of the supplements' entries are merely reprints, despite the fact that the first two came out in 1974 and 1979.)

Human Genome: A new entry for 2003. It could be less focused on the Genome Project itself and more comprehensively on bioengineering and biotechnology. Also gives concise Catholic views on "selected" areas (gene therapy, eugenics, cloning, etc.).

Justification: Revision covers the recent Lutheran-Catholic joint declaration.

Mary, Blessed Virgin (in Theology): This topic, so fundamental to Catholic theology, is covered by a verbatim reprint of the first edition's article, apparently written in the early 1960's. Even a 1967 review noted "for the most part it reflects the static, often unconvincing, Marian theology that was common in the days before Vatican II." [CBQ 29 (1967): 661–665]. Of course, it is easy to argue any particular editorial decision to leave well enough alone, but this one seems worth pointing out.

Notes, Theological: A helpful entry in the 1967 encyclopedia, long a boon to budding dogmatists. The only change made to the article has been to shift present tense to past tense in the opening sentences, as below. Here is the beginning of the 2003 entry:

Most manuals of theology before the Second Vatican Council presented their doctrine in the form of theses, and to each thesis they regularly assigned a "theological note." Thus one thesis may have been qualified as "of divine faith," another as "Catholic doctrine," or, again, "theologically certain."

Compare to the 1967 original:

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A still valuable article but Theological Notes misses an opportunity to discuss today’s presentation of doctrine in light of the “manualist” tradition.

Pius XII: Revised by adding a paragraph about the polemical, often bitter, controversy over Pius XII’s role in helping Jews in World War II. Obviously written by an ardent Pius defender (presumably Ralph McNery). Additional citations are only to like-minded apologists, none to any detractor or the few less biased books.

Elizabeth Ann Seton, Saint: Canonized in 1975. Basically a new entry.

(Overall, the new edition has done well in adding and/or revising hagiography and biography, a big chunk of the encyclopedia. Since the 1st edition, hundreds of saints and martyrs have been added to the calendar. Numerous articles also show signs of editing. Severe cuts were made in biographical entries, especially figures of more interest now to church history students than general readers.)

Womanist Theology: A good example of a soft pedal on controversy. Perhaps written to skirt approval or disapproval?

Women’s Ordination: A mistake in the index; I could not locate this article, although brief references to the controversy itself occur in other entries.

(There are similar omissions. Significantly, the 1996 supplement article, Pedophilia, did not make it into the new edition and the 1979 article, Black Theology, was also lost. It would be interesting, with the help of ATLANTIS readers of course, to see if there are more examples.)

For random sampling of article content, I decided, arbitrarily, to keep on going past the Theological Notes article:

Noticias Secretas de America. Deleted in the 2003 edition.

Notker Balbulus [poet]. Text unchanged in 2nd edition, citations identical.

Notker Labeo [scholar]. Text unchanged, citations identical.

Notker of Liege, Bl. [bishop]. Text unchanged, citations identical.

Notker Physicus. Deleted.

Notre Dame, College of [now Notre Dame de Namur University]. Deleted in the 2003 edition. College information is easily found in other works. Many Catholic colleges are still included.

Notre Dame, Sisters of (SND). Lightly edited and shortened.

Notre Dame College [N.H.]. Deleted.

Skipping ahead a few entries (some deleted, none changed much):

Noumena [Kantian]. Retained unrevised in the new edition. Important concept in mid-century theology, this entry could have been helped by a contemporary appraisal.

The Novel [very long entry]. Deleted for 2003. Quite justified, and a welcome cut.

Novena. Unchanged. A missed opportunity for assessment of a popular devotion.

Novgorod [city]. Wisely deleted, not in new edition’s scope.

Novitiate, Canon Law of. Significantly edited to reflect the 1983 canons.

Now [concept]. By today’s standards, a rather odd philosophical entry. Retained without change. How about an appraisal?

Nubia. In 2003 edition “The section of the Nile Valley” becomes “Nubia is the section of the Nile Valley.” Otherwise identical.

The Cuts

Then there are the cuts, deep cuts.

One source, in announcing the new edition, estimated 3.5 million words were excised. The same source quoted the editor, Berard Marthaler, as saying the cuts had had to be made “with a meat cleaver, not a scalpel.” [Publication of the 2002 New Catholic Encyclopedia. <<http://www.ofmconv.org/English/NewsArchives/2002CathEncyc.htm>> Accessed 2 June 2003].

A lot of this chopping was necessary and even desirable. By most accounts, the first edition’s scope was overly broad (particularly in the sciences and literature). On the other hand, many will feel that too much of the old was cut to make way for too little of the new. This is especially hard on this monument of a religion encyclopedia. Who knows how much important and authoritative information is no longer so conveniently gotten by readers. Even if

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it had taken longer and cost more, librarians I know would have waited, and paid, for less of the cleaver and more of a judiciously wielded scalpel.

A few years ago, the long-term project was completed to revise the Catholic and similarly authoritative *Lexikon für Theologie und Kirche*. A quick browse in the new edition seems to indicate more rewriting was done than in its American counterpart. The *Lexikon*, of course, is based on a different publishing model. It is noteworthy that the *Lexikon* was issued in parts, allowing far more than the three years reportedly given to editors of the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*.

Conclusion

A quandary for librarians:

Since so much of the content arrives untouched right from a mid-1960's time capsule, how are we going to "treat" the 2nd edition? Will patrons, with some justification, suspect the whole? Perhaps it is better to keep both editions on our shelves. The 1st edition is straightforwardly out of date; the 2nd edition is not straightforwardly up to date. Since this spanking new edition is decidedly "mixed," part old and part new, patrons may mistakenly conclude that a given article is contemporary, when in fact it can be thirty-five years old, or sometimes more.

A prospect worth considering:

It could well be that Thomson-Gale is already making plans for a more thorough revision, but this one to be published exclusively in electronic form. Brought to fruition, this prospect could be the needed fix. Yet it is a solution not likely to come soon, or cheap, for libraries. Having already purchased the print set, at some point in the not too distant future, we may find ourselves obliged to subscribe to yet another edition, this time online. In fact, Gale does offer an e-version of the 2nd edition via NetLibrary. In addition to a five-year subscription (\$1425), libraries also commit to an 15% annual fee. The library's contract with NetLibrary is an additional cost.

But then we might well ask, what good our \$1,200 books?

If not today then too soon, most content will be glaringly out of date. By 2013, say, thousands of reprinted articles frozen in time from the 1960's may seem more bizarre than outdated. This unconformity between past and present could undermine the value of the old articles in themselves. That would be a

shame, for lots of good stuff remains. It is just in need of an update.

For now, if room can be made on the shelves, most libraries (certainly at Catholic institutions) will want to keep old edition and new edition side by side. In my opinion, pride of place belongs to the first edition. In our own reference room, we take patrons first to the 1967 encyclopedia for many questions and then to the 2003 edition. Admittedly, this is not a gratifying or even satisfactory solution.

But, as we sometimes say in Minnesota, "it could be worse."

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August Reference Review

[There is no July Reference Review.]

Neusner, Jacob. *The Tosefta*, Translated from the Hebrew, with a New Introduction. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2002. 1984 p. in 2 volumes. ISBN: 1-56563-642-2, \$83.97.

In yet another offering from the prodigious pen of Jacob Neusner comes a reworked translation of the *Tosefta*. It needs to be stated at the start that this work is indeed a reworking of his former works on the subject. To quote from the verso of the title page, "The *Tosefta*, Translated from the Hebrew, with a New Introduction, by Jacob Neusner, reproduces the complete text of the six-volume edition originally published by KTAV Publishing House, Inc. (1977–1986), with the following changes: new front matter, continuous pagination, and combined indexes." For those libraries already owning the six-volume edition, this new offering from Neusner may seem repetitive. A quick search of the Graduate Theological Union library's catalog generates at least seventeen other items by Neusner on the *Tosefta*. From these other volumes it becomes apparent that the latest work, being considered in this review, borrows heavily from these previous works. So the question at hand is, why should a library buy the 2002 edition if it is so much like Neusner's other works on the subject? I would contend the value of buying the new edition lies with the following three factors. First of all, this is easy to use and easy to un-

derstand. Secondly, the lengthy introduction is a wonderful addition to previous works. Lastly, the finding aids include a list of the way the Tosefta is organized plus the indexes, which are thorough, give the reader a sense of the scope and ways to find individual tractates.

The Tosefta, 2002 ed., is probably not for the Hebrew scholar. Instead, it seems geared for people who need this resource in English and need it laid out in an easy-to-read format. As previously stated, Neusner has somehow reduced a formerly six-volume set into two easily readable volumes. He also does a credible job of explaining terms and giving the overall layout of the Tosefta, so students unfamiliar with the work can make sense of it. This is important, since there do not seem to be too many other resources in English for the student who wants to study the Tosefta. This is also in keeping with Neusner's other works, in which he translates many parts of Rabbinic literature into English and makes them accessible.

I think the greatest value of the Tosefta, 2002 ed., lies in the lengthy introduction. When I originally picked up volume one from the "New Book Shelf," I was immediately drawn into the introduction, in which Neusner asks and answers the question, "What Should We Know, and How Should We Know It, If the Records of Early Christianity Were Like the Rabbinic Literature of Late Antiquity?" From there he goes on to focus on the Tosefta in particular, paying close attention to the purpose and redactional character. He sees the Tosefta as the bridge between the Mishnah and the Talmud, and gives examples of how this works. Finally, the introduction is rounded out by a lengthy example of how the Tosefta fits into the sweep of Rabbinic literature. Neusner regards the Tosefta as being more important than the Mishnah because of the order in which they were written.

When we see in great detail precisely how for the sample at hand the Tosefta adds its amplification and explanation to the Mishnah, and then how the Yerushalmi and the Bavli in sequence take up the Tosefta's reading of the Mishnah, we shall grasp how profoundly the whole of Rabbinic literature in its formative age focuses upon not the Mishnah as the Tosefta, the kind of hub of the whole. (xxiii)

A final reason why a library might consider adding the Tosefta, 2002 ed., lies in the finding aids. Neusner includes two lists that give the reader the order and principal themes of each tractate as well as another with the divisions and contents of the Mishnah, the Tosefta, and the Talmuds. As mentioned before, these are helpful for people who don't know very much about the Tosefta and need a quick introduction. There is also a very thorough subject index and an index of Biblical and Talmudic references. All these entry points help the librarian and the researcher make sense of these documents.

So is the new edition of the Tosefta for every library? The answer is probably not. Neusner is certainly not providing a great deal of new content. However, for many of the points listed above, libraries may want to add this set, especially in reference, as a handy ready-reference tool on the wider scope of Rabbinic literature. I have found it very helpful to have such a great introduction to the subject without having to look in multiple sources. You may find this to be the case as well.

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Defense Against Hackers

The Internet, despite its many uses and advantages, can be a dangerous place for the unwary. Besides viruses, of which most people are now aware, there are also Trojan Horse programs and hackers lurking online seeking to gain surreptitious access to the information stored on your computer. It is increasingly important to be aware of the potential for attack and to take reasonable precautions to protect yourself and your data. I know. My desktop has been hacked, and I assure you, cleaning up is not fun.

Technically, a *hacker* is anyone who has the expertise to manipulate computer hardware and software at deep levels. However, in current Internet parlance, the term has come to mean someone who uses that expertise to gain unauthorized access to computers and data through the network. Typically, a hacker wants to appropriate the resources of the hacked machine for his own purposes, or wants access to the data on the hacked machine, or both. The media love hackers, often portraying them as pranksters or heroes. Unfortunately, an increasing number of hackers are malicious predators, engaged in criminal activities ranging from identity theft to stalking.

Until recently, the average desktop computer did not hold much interest for hackers. They concentrated on network server machines that were much more powerful than desktop machines. That has changed for several reasons:

1. More home users have acquired broadband (DSL or cable) connections. (Machines with dialup connections are too slow and erratic to be attractive to hackers.)
2. Desktop computers have become more powerful and now incorporate high storage capacity.
3. Desktop operating systems such as Windows XP and Apple OS X have brought true multi-user/multitasking capability to desktop machines.

These changes have made desktop computers more available to hackers, more desirable, and more vulnerable to hacking.

How Hackers Get Access

A computer interacts with the network by sending and receiving data. The various programs that move the data organize their work by creating *ports*, or virtual connectors. Each port is numbered to reserve it for use by the program that opened it. Many port numbers are universally assigned to a particular function or application so that all computers use the same port numbers. For example, HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) uses port 80. There are 65,535 potential ports available, though only a fraction of those is in active use. Of these, 0 through 1023 are assigned by the Internet Assigned Number Authority (IANA, www.iana.org) and known as "Well Known Ports." Ports 1024 through 49152 are registered by users and application developers with IANA. The remaining ports are available as private or dynamic ports. Ports may be designated as Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) or User Datagram Protocol (UDP), or both. UDP is a somewhat simpler protocol than TCP that is appropriate for some communications needs.

The most common means of hacking into a computer is through a network port. Hackers can scan the Internet for computers with specific ports open that are known to be vulnerable. Sometimes the software that operates the port is susceptible to attack because of a programming flaw. Sometimes the port is vulnerable because the password associated with it is weak or non-existent. Ports can also be opened by viruses or Trojan Horse applications (also simply known as Trojans).

A Trojan is any software that presents itself as benign, but that has a hidden, usually harmful, function. Trojans may be disguised as nearly any type of file, including software utilities, music or video files. They can be transmitted through e-mail like viruses, downloaded, or embedded in Web sites. The principal difference between Trojans and viruses is that viruses typically include functions to replicate themselves and infect other computers. Trojans rely on their disguise to delude users into installing them. Once installed on a computer, Trojans may open ports to allow hackers unrestricted access to the infected machine or they may actively collect sensitive data such as passwords and credit card data and transmit it. Some Trojans will record all Internet activity on the infected computer. Some are known to destroy or disrupt data on the local computer just as malicious viruses do.

What Hackers Do With Compromised Computers

What a hacker does with a computer depends on the hacker's motives and personality. At the most benign level, the hacker will "mark" the computer as a conquest. Typically, this is done by activating a function such as Internet Relay Chat (IRC), which will serve as evidence of successful intrusion. Computers are also hacked to serve as storage depots for (usually illegal) file sharing. Hackers can search computers for information such as credit card numbers, bank account numbers, Social Security numbers, and other information that facilitates identity theft. They can also commandeer computers to attack other systems and possibly conduct other illegal activities. In my case, the hacker installed a legitimate piece of software called DameWare (www.dameware.com) that gave him nearly unlimited access to my machine. The problem is that once you have determined that your computer has been hacked, there is no way of determining the extent or purpose of the incursion. Your safest course is to backup only your essential data and completely rebuild your system from scratch.

How to Know If You Have Been Hacked

The best way to know if your computer has been hacked is to monitor the network traffic at your machine. In most cases, your network administration will be doing this already. You should always consult with your network administrators if you suspect a hacking incident or if you want to take steps to prevent hacking. They may have already taken precautions you do not know about. I learned of the incursion on my own machine when our local network security people notified me of unusual network traffic originating at my machine. Most operating systems provide means for monitoring network activity on your own desktop, but it is not for the technically faint of heart. There are utilities that will help assess your current vulnerability and offer advice on securing your computer discussed below.

You may scan your computer for alien files, but the complexity of operating systems and application software nowadays make this is quite difficult. One simple approach is to scan your system for files larger than an arbitrary size (say 100MB). If your computer is being used for unauthorized sharing of

video files, this should uncover some of the files. You can also scan for particular file types (e.g. MP3s) and specific applications such as an IRC client or DameWare (filenames containing "dntu"). Unfortunately, negative results for these types of investigations are not probative.

Protecting Your Computer

Sadly, there is no foolproof way of preventing your computer from being hacked unless you are willing to disconnect it from the Internet permanently. While antivirus programs can identify and defeat known Trojans, most will do nothing to stop actual hacking. However, there are a number of steps you can take to make your machine more secure:

1. Disable any network functions you are not actually using: If you are not actually sharing files or printers or hosting a Web site, make sure these functions are turned off on your computer. This will close down the ports associated with these functions and cut back on the potential openings for a hacker.
2. Keep your software up to date: Microsoft and Apple regularly distribute updates and fixes to their software, many of which correct security flaws. Both Windows XP and Apple OS X can be set up to notify you of such updates or even load them automatically. Keep antivirus and application software up to date as well.
3. Use strong passwords: Avoid using blank passwords and common words. Always change the default password. Make your passwords a minimum of eight characters long and mix letters and numbers. If your application supports case sensitive passwords or the use of symbol characters, take advantage of those capabilities to strengthen your passwords.
4. Do not use the Administrator account as your regular login: Provide yourself with a user account with the privileges you need to do your daily work and use the Administrator account only when you need to perform system administration functions. Set a strong password for the Administrator account and change the name of the account if the operating system allows this.
5. Install a personal firewall: A personal firewall has two possible functions. First, it can block

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your computer from responding to unsolicited incoming queries. Windows XP comes with an Internet Connection Firewall (ICF) that performs this function. Some personal firewalls will also monitor outgoing communications in order to detect any Trojan applications attempting to connect to the network. An example of these is ZoneAlarm from Zone Labs (www.zonelabs.com). For more information on personal firewalls, see the Home PC Firewall Guide (www.firewallguide.com). Consult with your local network support team before installing a personal firewall.

6. Shut your computer down when it will be idle for prolonged periods: Unless you are actively sharing resources from your desktop, there is no reason to leave your computer up and running 24/7. Your computer cannot be hacked if it is shut down. Prolonged periods of idleness allow hackers more opportunity to investigate your system with less chance of detection. If you are sharing resources extensively, you need to treat your computer as a server and take more stringent security measures to keep your data safe.

There are services on the web that will help you assess the current state and vulnerability of your system. Symantec Security Check (<http://security.symantec.com/ssc>) provides an informative report with a minimum of hawking Symantec products. ShieldsUp is a popular free checkup available from Gibson Research Corporation (grc.com). The Internet Security Overview (www.firewallguide.com/overview.htm) offers links to several good starting points for getting additional information on securing your desktop, including the CERT Coordina-

tion Center Home Network Security document (www.cert.org/tech_tips/home_networks.html).

Securing your desktop against hacking is a lot like protecting your home from break-ins. Undue concern will inhibit the appropriate and necessary use of the Internet to accomplish your own purposes. Carelessness may prove costly. Take a little time to assess your risk and take reasonable precautions. However, if your system is compromised, remember that it is not your fault. Perfect security is no more obtainable in the cyber world than it is in the physical world. Vent your frustration, rescue what you can, try to learn from any mistakes you made, rebuild your system, and go on. I did.

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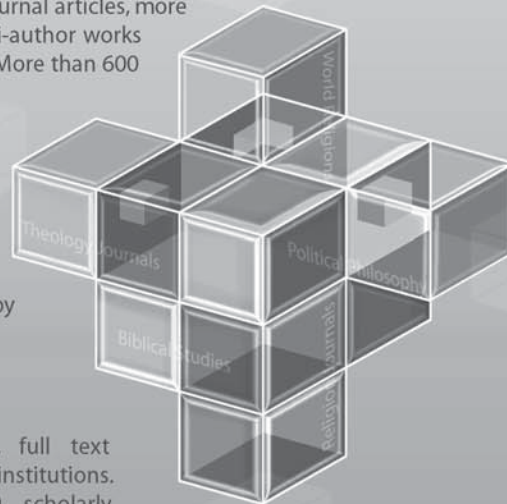
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- Knowledge of Arabic and/or modern Hebrew

Salary and Benefits:

ATLA is an equal opportunity employer located in downtown Chicago, offering a competitive salary and excellent benefits. Review of application will begin August 15, 2003, and continue until the position is filled. For more information about ATLA, please visit our web site at www.atla.com.

Application Information:

To apply, send (1) a letter of application specifically addressing qualifications for the position, (2) a curriculum vitae, and (3) a list of three references to Cameron J. Campbell, Director of Indexes, American Theological Library Association, 250 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 1600, Chicago, IL 60606-5889.



Director of the Library

Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC

Wesley Theological Seminary announces an opening for Director of the Library to begin on Janu-

ary 1, 2004. Wesley is a graduate theological school of The United Methodist Church with over 600 students in MDiv, MTS, MA, and DMin degree programs.

Responsibilities:

The Director of the Library serves as an administrative faculty member and is compensated at a faculty rank depending on qualifications and experience. The Director supervises a professional staff of five persons, oversees the development and quality of collections and services, manages the financial and material resources of the library, coordinates the role of the library with the educational programs and faculty research needs of the seminary, and serves on pertinent faculty committees.

Qualifications:

The Seminary seeks applicants with graduate degrees in library science and theological studies and demonstrated competence as a library director or administrator with broad responsibilities in an academic library (preferably a theological library). The applicant must have broad knowledge and skills in all areas of library work. Familiarity with educational technology as it relates to the role of the library in theological education is necessary.

Applications:

Compensation at faculty rank depends on qualifications and experience. Wesley is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Send a resume, academic transcripts, letters of reference, and a statement of the applicant's understanding of the role of the library in a theological school today, to Dr. Bruce C. Birch, Dean, Wesley Theological Seminary, 4500 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016-5690 (e-mail: bbirch@wesleysem.edu).



Chief Librarian

The University of St Michael's College in the University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Introduction:

The University of St Michael's College, one of three federated universities within the University of Toronto, is one of Canada's leading English-speaking Catholic universities. The University's John M.

Kelly Library develops and maintains collections and services in support of the teaching and research needs of the undergraduate division of the University of St Michael's College, graduate programmes in the Faculty of Theology, and programmes of the Continuing Education Division. The book collection numbers over 275,000 volumes, while the journal collection includes almost 500 current subscriptions.

Position Summary:

Reporting to the President, the Chief Librarian assumes a leadership role in determining library policy, developing and monitoring budget, and long-range planning. He/she manages all aspects of library operations, including personnel, public services, cataloguing, collection development, automation, facilities, purchasing, advancement, and internal and external relations. The position involves leadership of a staff of twenty, including seven professional librarians.

Qualifications:

Candidates should hold an ALA-accredited master of library science degree, or an accepted equivalent, and have successful experience in progressively more responsible management positions within an academic research library. St Michael's seeks applications from those who would be supportive of the Catholic mission of the University. Although all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.

Application Information:

The application deadline is 15 September 2003. The starting date for the position will be 1 January 2004, or later by mutual agreement. Candidates should forward their application and curriculum vitae as soon as possible to: The Chairman, Search Committee for the Chief Librarian, Office of the President, University of St Michael's College, 81 St Mary Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1J4. They should also arrange for three letters of recommendation to be submitted directly to the Search Committee by their referees. No e-mail applications will be accepted.



Director of Library Service

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, San Francisco, California

Golden Gate Seminary exists to train effective leaders for the churches, missions, and ministries of tomorrow. Founded in 1944 in the San Francisco Bay Area, Golden Gate is committed to contextualized theological education and currently offers degree programs at five locations with libraries in the western US: San Francisco, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Vancouver/Portland, and Denver. The administrative campus and the main library are at the San Francisco site. The Seminary is accredited with ATS and WASC and is an SBC educational institution.

The Director of Library Services is appointed by the President and is responsible to the Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA) for the overall direction of the library system, including both residential and regional campuses. The Golden Gate libraries have 200,000 items in the collection, not including the Marian Eakins Antiquities Museum and Collection. The main library has a staff of two professional librarians, five paraprofessional support persons, and a number of student workers. The extension campuses have a total of five professional library or paraprofessional support staff.

Current Challenges:

- Implementation of an automated collection audit process.
- Develop benchmarks for evaluation of collection quality and allocation of strategic resources.

Qualifications:

The following qualifications have been established for the position of the Director of Library Services.

- An ALA-accredited MLS or the educational equivalent.
- Successful professional work experience in a library is required.
- Three years working in a fully automated and integrated environment is preferred.
- Successful experience in a supervisory position in a library is preferred.

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- A second graduate degree from an accredited theological institution is preferred.
- A doctorate or candidacy for the doctorate in the field of library science, theology, or related field is desirable.

Responsibilities:

The Director of Library Services shall formulate and advocate policies and resources to develop and maintain Library Services in support of teaching, learning, and research in the disciplines relevant to the professional and academic degree programs offered by Golden Gate Seminary; hire, supervise, and evaluate staff in library services at all campuses and in harmony with seminary employee policy and the Director of Human Resources; serve as resource person to the students, faculty, staff, and administration in the making, communicating, interpreting, and implementing decisions relating to Library Services; serve on faculty committees and councils as assigned by the VPAA; and prepare and administer the seminary's operating budget in the areas related to Library Services. Please see the full job description under "Opening" at <http://www.ggbts.edu>.

Applications:

Send letters of application, CV, and names, addresses for surface and electronic mail, phone numbers for three current references to Dr. Rodrick Durst, VP for Academic Affairs, Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, 201 Seminary Drive, Mill Valley, CA 94941. E-mail: rickdurst@ggbts.edu. The position is available July 1, 2003. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.



Director of Technical Services
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana

Introduction:

The John T. Christian Library has a collection of more than 250,000 volumes, receives over 1,000 periodical subscriptions, and provides access to a variety of electronic resources. The library uses the Epixtech Horizon automation system. The library is presently engaged in a retrospective project converting the general collection from the Dewey Decimal

system to Library of Congress classification. The Director of Technical Services oversees all copy and original cataloging both at the New Orleans campus and the Atlanta extension center library. The Atlanta library cataloging department supports all sixteen extension center libraries throughout six southeastern states.

Qualifications:

MLS degree from an ALA-accredited institution is required and three years of original cataloging experience is strongly preferred. A theological degree is highly recommended. The Director of Technical Services should have (a) a thorough knowledge of library operations, administration, and computer applications; (b) a thorough knowledge of OCLC cataloging utilities, MARC format documentation, Anglo American Cataloging Rules, and Library of Congress Rule Interpretation; (c) excellent interpersonal skills in paraprofessional and graduate-level student staff supervision; (d) excellent organizational, oral, and written communication skills; (e) values and high moral standards consistent with the values of a confessional evangelical seminary; (f) a personal commitment to the mission and values of the seminary.

Contact Information:

Send, in print or electronic format, a letter of application and resume/vita to: Dr. Jeff Griffin, John T. Christian Library, 4110 Seminary Place, New Orleans, LA 70126; jgriffin@nobts.edu.



Regional Continuing Education Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

October 15
January 15

ATLA regional groups and ad hoc groups of Institutional Members may apply.

www.atla.com/prof_dev/prof_dev_grant.html



Product News

providing access to the scholarly literature of religion and preserving it for future generations

Product Notes

CDRI Database Now On-line

The American Theological Library Association is pleased to announce the debut of the Collaborative Digital Resources Project (CDRI). CDRI provides a freely available, web-searchable, central repository of digital resources contributed by participating ATLA libraries.

With the generous support of the Luce Foundation, CDRI allows individuals and libraries to access digital resources that include 2500 images. Digital images of woodcuts, photographs, slides, papyri, coins, maps, and manuscripts relevant to teaching and learning in theological education are now be available through the CDRI web site. There is no cost to search CDRI.

The eight libraries that participated in Phase I of CDRI include:

Ambrose Swasey Library at the Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School,
Bridwell Library at Southern Methodist University,
Claremont School of Theology,
Hartford Seminary Library,
Pitts Theology Library at Emory University,
Princeton Theological Seminary Libraries,
Vanderbilt Divinity Library,
Yale University Divinity School Library

Access CDRI images at
www.atla.com/digitalresources.



ATLA to Preserve 100 Years of African American Religious Serials

ATLA announces its most recent serials preservation initiative: the preservation of more than 152 journals that are representative of African American religious experiences published between 1850 and 1950.

With more than \$265,300 in funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), ATLA will ensure access to more than 152 endangered journals (approximately 1,520 volumes) exploring the African American Church through preservation microfilming and through the creation and dissemination of bibliographic records of these journal titles. The grant period began May 1, 2003, and ends April 30, 2005. Microfilms will be stored in ATLA's vault at Iron Mountain. Titles will be provided by twenty-one ATLA member libraries and fifty-three non-ATLA libraries, many holding just one of the titles included in the project. Libraries donating six or more titles include: Wesley Theological Seminary, the Ohio Historical Society, the Schomburg Center of the New York Public Library, the Wisconsin State Historical Society, and Texas Southern University.

ATLA has been committed to the preservation of core religious serials and monographs for more than forty years, having coordinated the filming of more than 1,900 journal titles and 30,000 core monographs in religion. The microfilm medium assures the life of the material for use by future generations of scholars, researchers, and students of religion and other related disciplines.



Product News

CPLI and OTA to Go On-line

ATLA is pleased to announce that it has reached agreement with EBSCO to produce online versions of *The Catholic Periodical and Literature Index (CPLI)* and *Old Testament Abstracts (OTA)* this fall. Information about the new online versions is available at the EBSCO web site: www.ebsco.com/home/whatsnew.

The Catholic Library Association (CLA) will continue to produce the print version of *CPLI* and the Catholic Biblical Association (CBA) will continue to produce the print version of *OTA*.

ATLA will continue to produce the CD-ROM versions of both databases, and will produce the **first windows versions** of *OTA on CD-ROM* this fall.

These two important Roman Catholic publications will now be available in three formats: print, CD-ROM, and online.



ATLA RDB and ATLAS Move to Quarterly Production

Beginning in this fall, ATLA will move production of the *ATLA Religion Database* and the *ATLASerials (ATLAS)* from semiannual to quarterly production. Online aggregators (OCLC FirstSearch, EBSCO, Cambridge Scientific Abstracts, OVID, and NISC) will be given new data each quarter of the year. ATLA's own CD-ROM version of the *ATLA Religion Database* will continue to be produced on a semi-annual basis, in August and February, and the *ATLA Religion Database Ten Year Subset* will remain an annual, produced in September.



Ten Year Subset Significantly Reduced in Price

For the 2003–2004 year (September 1, 2003–August 31, 2004), ATLA has reduced the price of the *ATLA Religion Database Ten Year Subset (TEN)*, from \$1,550 to \$1,000 for an institutional subscription. The *Ten Year Subset* contains nearly 400,000 records, including citations for book reviews, journal articles, and essays from 1993–2003.

For the first time this year ATLA is also offering the *ATLA Religion Database Ten Year Subset (TEN)* to **individual** subscribers for \$250.



ATLA Continues Reduced Pricing for Developing Countries

ATLA is pleased to renew its commitment to reduce by 50% the price of all of its products for institutions and individuals in a list of developing countries derived from the World Bank's list of the lowest two sectors of income in the world community.

Utilizing information produced by the World Bank for 2003, ATLA has created a list of countries that will be eligible for a 50% discount on all ATLA products effective September 1, 2003. As a not-for-profit association of theological libraries and librarians ATLA understands the importance of supporting theological education throughout the world and hopes that this action will make its print, CD-ROM, and online products affordable for theological seminaries and schools in these countries. The list is based on two of the World Bank's categories of average per capita annual income. Countries with whom such commerce is forbidden by the United States Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control are excluded from the list. Institutions in these 113 countries are eligible for the ATLA discount:

Afghanistan	Cambodia
Albania	Cameroon
Algeria	Cape Verde
Angola	Central African Republic
Armenia	Chad
Azerbaijan	China
Bangladesh	Colombia
Belarus	Comoros
Belize	Congo, Dem. Rep.
Benin	Congo, Rep.
Bhutan	Côte d'Ivoire
Bolivia	Cuba (educational ok)
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Djibouti
Bulgaria	Dominican Republic
Burkina Faso	East Timor
Burundi	Ecuador

Egypt, Arab Rep.	Nicaragua
El Salvador	Niger
Equatorial Guinea	Nigeria
Eritrea	Pakistan
Ethiopia	Papua New Guinea
Fiji	Paraguay
Gambia, The	Peru
Georgia	Philippines
Ghana	Romania
Guatemala	Russian Federation
Guinea	Rwanda
Guinea-Bissau	Samoa
Guyana	São Tomé and Príncipe
Haiti	Senegal
Honduras	Solomon Islands
India	Somalia
Indonesia	South Africa
Jamaica	Sri Lanka
Jordan	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Kazakhstan	Sudan
Kenya	Suriname
Kiribati	Swaziland
Kyrgyz Republic	Syrian Arab Republic
Lao PDR	Tajikistan
Lesotho	Tanzania
Liberia	Thailand
Macedonia, FYR	Togo
Madagascar	Tonga
Malawi	Trinidad and Tobago
Maldives	Tunisia
Mali	Turkey
Marshall Islands	Turkmenistan
Mauritania	Uganda
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Ukraine
Moldova	Uzbekistan
Mongolia	Vanuatu
Morocco	Vietnam
Mozambique	West Bank and Gaza
Myanmar	Yemen, Rep.
Namibia	Zambia
Nepal	



No Price Increases for Databases this Year

For the 2003–2004 year (September 1, 2003–August 31, 2004) all prices will be at or below the current year's price. ATLA is committed to providing affordable high quality databases to its customers and members.



Microfilm Prices Increase

Beginning September 1, 2003, Scholarly Resources, the exclusive distributor of ATLA's serials on microfilm, is raising the prices it charges ATLA members to \$100 per reel. The new member price constitutes a 23% discount from the prices Scholarly Resources charges non-members.

ATLA's On Demand filming program will increase the cost of its on-demand filming services from \$.35 to \$.38 per exposure on September 1.



New Catalog Released

ATLA has released its new catalog for 2003–2004. All current customers will automatically receive a copy of the new catalog. If you desire a copy and have not received one, please contact sales@atla.com, and we will be pleased to send you one.



Biblical Studies Subset to Be Released

On November 15, 2003, the new *ATLA Religion Database Biblical Studies Subset on CD-ROM* will be released. The price of the Biblical Studies subset remains the same as last year: \$375 for institutional and \$100 for individual subscriptions.



ATLA Religion Database Coverage Expanded

The *ATLA Religion Database*, already totaling more than 1,400,000 records, continues to expand in other ways as well:

1. The *Retrospective Indexing Project* continues to add pre-1949 indexing to the database for many journals. A complete list of titles that have been included in this important project is available on the ATLA web site at www.atla.com/news/rip/rip.html.
2. The Index Department has added several new journal titles to be indexed in the future:
Journal of Global Buddhism
Proceedings of the Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and the American Schools of Oriental Research
Reformation and Renaissance Review
International Journal of Systematic Theology
Islamic Studies
Journal of Mennonite Studies
Journal of Indo-European Studies
3. Collection-level records for the Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative (CDRI) projects created by ATLA Institutional Members have been added. (The CDRI is available at no charge on the ATLA web site: www.atla.com/digitalresources.)



RIM Updated

Research in Ministry (RIM), a free online database that provides index records for Doctor of Ministry Projects, is newly updated and available on the ATLA web site at rim.atla.com/star/rimonline_login.htm.



ATLAS Updated in August

The ATLA Electronic Products and Services Department will be making a significant update to *ATLAS*. Coverage has been extended for numerous titles, and the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* is a brand-new title that will appear in the August update. Additionally, the *Hebrew Union*

College Annual will extend back to 1925, making this journal the oldest title available in the *ATLAS* collection.

When *ATLAS* was launched in January 2001, updates were made semi-annually. Beginning with the August 2003 update *ATLAS* will be updated quarterly. These quarterly updates will include the most recent indexing available and newer images as well.

New issues for the August 2003 update include:

Catholic Biblical Quarterly: v. 63, no. 4 (2001)–v. 64, no. 1 (2002)

Christian Century: v. 118 (2001)

Church History: v. 57 (1988)–v. 58 (1989)

Cross Currents: v. 28 (1978)–v. 32 (1983); v. 51 no. 1, 3–4 (2001)–v. 52, no. 1 (2003)

Eastern Buddhist: v. 33 no. 2 (2001)–v. 34, no. 1 (2002)

Greek Orthodox Theological Review: v. 32 no. 1 (1987); v. 42, no. 3/4 (1997); v. 44 (1999), no. 1/4

Hebrew Union College Annual: v. 1–21 (1925–1948)

International Bulletin of Missionary Research: v. 25 (2001), no. 1–4

International Journal for the Psychology of Religion: v. 11 (2001), no. 2–4–v. 12 (2002), no. 1–4

Japanese Journal of Religious Studies: v. 28 (2001), no. 1–4

Journal for the Study of the New Testament: v. 25, no. 1 (Sept. 2002)

Journal for the Study of the Old Testament: v. 27, no. 1 (Sept. 2002)

Journal of Biblical Literature: v. 121, no. 1 (2002)

Journal of Ecumenical Studies: v. 36 (1999)–v. 37 (2000), no. 1–2

Journal of Family Ministry: v. 14 (2000), no. 1–4; v. 15 (2001), no. 1

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion: v. 17 (2001), no. 2–v. 18 (2002), no. 1

Journal of Pastoral Care: v. 54, no. 1–4 (2000)–v. 55, no. 1 (2001)

Journal of Pastoral Theology: v. 11 (2001)

Journal of Religious Ethics: v. 25 (1997), no. 1–3

Journal of the Canadian Church Historical Society: v. 42, no. 2 (2000)–v. 44, no. 1–2 (2002)

Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society: v. 34 (1991)–v. 44, no. 1–2 (June 2001)
Journal of Theology for Southern Africa: v. 110 (2001); v. 112 (2002)–v. 113 (2002)
Living Pulpit: v. 9, no. 1–2 (2000)
Modern Theology: v. 14, no. 1–3 (1998)
Muslim World: v. 88, no. 2 (1998); v. 90, no. 3/4 (2000)–v. 91, no. 3/4 (2001)
Near Eastern Archaeology: v. 63 (2000), no. 4
Theological Studies: v. 62 (2001) no. 1–4–v. 63 (2002), no. 1–3
Vetus Testamentum: v. 50 (2000), no. 1–4–v. 52, no. 1–3 (2002)

scribers should contact each of these aggregators directly for information about pricing, subscription terms, trials, and technical support.

Cambridge Scientific Abstracts: www.csa.com
 EBSCO: www.epnet.com
 Ovid Technologies: www.ovid.com
 SilverPlatter: www.silverplatter.com
 OCLC: www.oclc.org



ATLAS Alumni Special Offer

If your library currently subscribes to *ATLAS* you can provide *ATLAS* to **all** of your alumni regardless of when they attended school. This could be accomplished for a modest additional fee (\$250–\$650) to your subscription based upon the number of your alumni. Please contact ATLA for the exact cost involved in this option. This is an excellent opportunity to establish relationships with former students and to add value to your alumni.



ATLA Signs Agreement with NISC

ATLA has reached an agreement with the National Information Services Corporation (NISC) that allows NISC to produce its own version of the *ATLA Religion Database* in both CD-ROM and online versions.

NISC's bibliographic and full-text databases cover a wide range of topics in the natural and social sciences, arts and humanities. Some titles provide comprehensive coverage of particular geographic regions, such as Latin America, Africa, Southeast Asia or the Arctic & Antarctic. For more information, visit the NISC web site at www.nisc.com.

Five other online aggregators have produced their own versions of the *ATLA Religion Database*. These products are based upon MARC records provided to the aggregators by ATLA. Interested sub-

TechTips

With students away from campus for vacation, the summer months are often the ideal time to make sure that your library software is up to date and properly installed. Here are a few tips to ensure that you get the most from your ATLA products:

For CD-ROM-based products:

- If you notice that a previously working CD-ROM database is acting quirky while you are within it, the first thing to do is close down the program and restart it. Try closing down any other programs that may be running at this time as well.
- If rebooting the program doesn't work, try rebooting your computer.
- If rebooting the computer is still unhelpful, uninstall the disc, run disc diagnostics, and reinstall the disc.

For web-based products:

- Note what kind (if any) of error you are encountering. Are you receiving an error message? Does the error seem to be one of images being displayed improperly? Are you encountering an access-related problem? Noting the kind of error is one of the most important clues in resolving the difficulty.
- Note what kind of browser you are using. Make sure you are using a browser that is supported for use with your ATLA product, as not all browsers are supported. You can find supported browser information in the Help section of ATLA databases, or by calling ATLA technical support.
- If you are experiencing access-related issues with *ATLAS*, you may wish to clear out your computer's cache as well as delete any old cookies that may be blocking your access. A cookie is a small piece of information stored by your browser to help identify "who you are" by subscription-based databases. *ATLAS* uses cookies to keep you logged into your account as you move from page to page. If your cookie is not being accepted correctly, you will be logged out of the account as soon as you move to a different page on the site. If you need assistance lo-

ating the cache or cookie location for your particular operating system, please feel free to contact ATLA technical support.

- If you are using a web-based product from a library network and are experiencing access-related problems, your problem could be due to a firewall or proxy server issue. Test to see if the problem persists both on and off campus—a problem that only occurs off campus might indicate a proxy server problem, whereas a problem that only occurs on campus might indicate a firewall problem.

If you are having difficulty resolving an issue on your own, please feel free to call ATLA at 888.665.2852 (or e-mail support@atla.com) and request technical support. When you call, it will help your technical support representative more efficiently resolve your problem if you provide her with the following information:

- which ATLA product you are using
- whether you access your product from an online vendor (e.g., OCLC FirstSearch, EBSCO, SilverPlatter, etc.) or through ATLA
- your browser information (brand and version, e.g., "Internet Explorer 5.0")
- the content of any error messages you may have received
- whether you are using a standalone or networked product
- approximately how long you have been experiencing your problem

I look forward to hearing from you!

Kristen Terbrack
ATLA Product Support Analyst



Preservation: Serials Newly Preserved through NEH Grant

The following serial titles were microfilmed as part of the preservation grant "Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions, 1850–1950." The preservation of these serials has been funded in part by the office of preservation of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Serials on microfilm are available to ATLA Institutional Members for \$100 per reel beginning September 1, 2003. To purchase, please contact Scholarly Resources (800.772.8937; sales@scholarly.com).

American theosophist

"Official organ of the American Theosophical Society." The Society promotes the comparative study of religion, philosophy, and science. Published in Wheaton, Ill. ATLA no.: S0434A, 14 reels (1933–1996).

Oxford Mission to Calcutta. *Annual report* (1880)

Oxford Mission to Calcutta. *Report* (1887–1889)

Oxford Mission to Calcutta. *Annual report* (1890–1967)

Oxford Mission. *Annual report for the year . . .* (1968)

The annual reports of the Oxford Mission, a mission to Calcutta, and later to India and Bangladesh. "The mission was founded in 1880 in answer to an appeal from the Bishop of Calcutta to the University of Oxford to 'send out men to work among the natives of that city who have received or are receiving the advantages of the system of education provided by the English Government.' The form selected for the mission was . . . that of a 'missionary brotherhood' . . . [after two years] the bishop incorporated the first members of 'The Oxford Brotherhood of the Epiphany.'"—*from the Encyclopaedia of Missions, 1891*. Published in Oxford. ATLA no.: 2002-S099/2002-S100 through 2002-S102, 5 reels (1880–1968).

Der Missions- und Heidenbote

Translated as "The Mission and Heathen Messen-

ger," this German periodical was founded by Pastor Ludwig Doll, a revival preacher in Neukirchen, Germany, who founded an orphanage and set up a mission house to train missionaries for foreign service. The mission today is known as the Neukirchener Mission. Organ of the Waisen- und Missionsanstalten. Published in Neukirchen bei Moers. Text in German. ATLA no.: 2002-S512, 9 reels (1884–1941).

Theosophical forum

This serial on theosophy is in a question/answer format from 1889 until Sept. 1898; Oct. 1898–1905 in essay format. Edited 1889–April 1895 by Fullerton; May 1895–Aug. 1897 by Judge and Hargrove; Feb. 1898–April 1905 by Hargrove. 1889–1897 published by the Theosophical Society in America; issues edited by Hargrove 1898–1905 are not connected with the Theosophical Society. Published in New York. ATLA no.: 2003-S022, 2 reels (1889–1905).

Hawaiian Evangelical Association. *Minutes of the meeting of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association* Minutes of the meeting of the Association. Published in Honolulu. ATLA no.: 2003-S028, 1 reel (1854–1862). *Note: later titles also available on ATLA film 2003-S009 and 2001-S065 through 2001-S066.*

Burma Mission herald

Published by the Burma Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1904–1939) and Methodist Church (1940–) "for the promotion of evangelistic and educational work among the peoples of Burma." "These are days of history-making, and the events connected with our [Burma] Mission deserve a record. Moreover, announcements, reports and incidents will furnish interesting matter, from time to time, and help to extend acquaintance with our work."—*from the Jan. 1904 issue*. Published in Rangoon, Burma. ATLA no.: 2003-S029, 1 reel (1904–1941).

Society of the United Brethren for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathen.

Proceedings of the . . . general meeting of the Society for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathen (1864–1899)

Proceedings of the Society of the United Brethren

for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathen (1900–1904)

Proceedings of the Society for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathen (1905–1948)

Proceedings of the Society (SPG), which was reorganized in 1787 as a mission of the Moravian Church. “As the true and only design of the Society is, to assist such Missionaries and their Assistants, who from time to time are sent by the Directors of the Brethren’s Missions, to preach the Gospel to the heathen, we will with pleasure further this blessed work, by all the means in our power, and not confine our assistance to mere stated charities and contributions.”—*from Article IV, 1937*. Published in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. ATLA no.: 2003-S032 through 2003-S034, 6 reels (1864–1948).

Theosophic thinker (1893–1896)

Thinker (Madras, India) (1896–1897)

“Our sole object in our present attempt is simply to popularize Theosophy—the Wisdom-Religion of the hoary antiquity by means of clear and possible expositions of the tenet of Theosophy in popular and easy language.” Published in Madras, India, under the auspices of the Indian Section of the Theosophical Society. ATLA no.: 2003-S035 through 2003-S036, 2 reels (1893–1897).

The Recipient

New Jerusalem Church. “A quarterly medium of greeting & friendly communication between Christians, in all parts of the world where the English language is spoken, who espouse the doctrines and principles, and yearn of the life, of the New Jerusalem dispensation.” Published in Manchester. ATLA no.: 2003-S039, 1 reel (1865–1871).

A.B.M. review

The Australian Board of Missions (A.B.M.) supports missionary work in Australia among the Aborigines and Torres Straight Islanders, in Papua-New Guinea, the Pacific, Asia, and the Jerusalem Archdiocese. “The object of this review is to keep before the consciences of Australian churchmen the obligation which lies upon them as witnesses and missionaries of the truth of Christ.”—*from Apr. 15, 1910, issue of A.B.M.*

Review. Published in Sydney by the Australian Board of Missions. ATLA no.: 2003-S042, 8 reels (1910–1974).

Irish theosophist

“Devoted to universal brotherhood, the study of Eastern literature and occult science.” Irish folklore and theosophy. Published in Dublin. ATLA no.: 2003-S043, 1 reel (1892–1897).



Preservation: Serials Newly Available on Microfilm

ATLA has received written permission from the publishers to duplicate and sell archival microfilm copies of the following titles for preservation purposes and for the advancement of theological and religious research and studies. In all other cases the materials have passed into the public domain.

Serials on microfilm are available to ATLA Institutional Members for \$100 per reel beginning September 1, 2003. To purchase, please contact Scholarly Resources (800.772.8937; sales@scholarly.com).

Dansk kirketidende (Copenhagen, Denmark) (1845–1912)

Dansk kirketidende (Lindknud, Denmark) (1969–2001)

Lutheran Church in Denmark. Paper of Kirkeligt Samfund. “Udgivet med støtte af Kulturministeriets bevilling til almen kulturelle tidsskrifter.” Published in Lundknud, Denmark. Text in Danish. ATLA no.: S0368A-B, currently 32 reels (1845–2001).

Kirchliches Amtsblatt der Evangelische Kirche im Rheinland

Published in Düsseldorf. Text in German. ATLA no.: S0363, currently 8 reels (1971–1999).

Tidehverv

Lutheran Church in Denmark. Published in Denmark. Text in Danish. ATLA no.: S0633, currently 10 reels (1926–1999).

Research news & opportunities in science and theology

“An independent periodical covering the field of science and religion.” Published in Durham, NC. ATLA no.: S1022, currently 1 reel (2000/2001).

Monthly gospel-visitor (1851–1857)

Gospel-visitor (1857–1873)

A periodical of the Fraternity of German Baptists and the German Baptist Brethren (later split into the Church of the Brethren). “A monthly publication devoted to the exhibition of gospel principles & gospel practice in their primitive purity & simplicity, in order to promote Christian union, brotherly love & universal charity.” The German Baptist Brethren traced its roots to Germany, where members were persecuted for their simple Christian ways. They fled to and settled in Pennsylvania in the 1700s. ATLA no.: S1025 through S1026, 5 reels (1851–1873).

New-York ecclesiologist

An important source for mid-nineteenth century church architecture in America. “We recapitulate . . . what we think may be done through the medium of ‘The Ecclesiologist’: ‘It may be the Hand of the Church,’ to gather up its fragmentary history, now scattered and almost lost, and thus to go build up the archaeology of the American branch of Christ’s church, and, to effect this, we urge earnestly upon all its members, zeal in searching for, and care in collecting and remitting in a form for publication, all notices of early church edifices, accompanied, when possible, with plans and measurements.” Published in New York by the New-York Ecclesiological Society. ATLA no.: S1035, 1 reel (1848–1853).



Preservation: Ongoing Serials on Microfilm

New issues of various ongoing serials are filmed periodically in the On-Demand program. New issues of the titles listed below have been recently filmed.

Serials on microfilm are available to ATLA Institutional Members for \$100 per reel beginning Sep-

tember 1, 2003. To purchase, please contact Scholarly Resources (800.772.8937; sales@scholarly.com).

Algemeen doopsgezind weekblad. ATLA no.: S0336. Reel 27–28: v. 53–56 (1998–2001).

Amt und Gemeinde. ATLA no.: S0679. Reel 5: v. 46–50 (1995–1999).

Broderskap. ATLA no.: S0437. Reel 20: 1999–2000.

Brüderbote. ATLA no.: S0423. Reel 9: v. 50–54 (1997–2001).

Christen heute. ATLA no.: S0517B. Reel 6: v. 40–43 (1996–1999).

Communion. ATLA no.: S0641E. Reel 4: no. 134–158 (1995–2000).

Confronti. ATLA no.: S0635C. Reel 18: v. 27–28 (2000–2001).

Conscience et liberté. ATLA no.: S0355B. Reel 9: No. 53–60 (1997–2000).

Education newsletter. ATLA no.: S0833. Reel 2: 1987–1998.

ENI bulletin. ATLA no.: S0965. Reel 3: 2000–2001.

Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland. Amtsblatt. ATLA no.: S0371. Reel 15–17: v. 46–53 (1992–1999).

Evangelische Kirche in Hessen und Nassau. Amtsblatt. ATLA no.: S0777. Reel 11–12: 1993–1999.

Evangelische Kirche von Westfalen. Kirchliches Amtsblatt. ATLA no.: S0801. Reel 6: v. 140–143 (1998–2001).

Evangelische Kirchenzeitung. ATLA no.: S0397B: Reel 43: 2000.

Evangelischer Pressedienst für Österreich. ATLA no.: S0398. Reel 27: 1998–1999.

Faith and form. ATLA no.: S0826. Reel 3: v. 27–32 (1993–1999).

Product News

Faith-life. ATLA no.: S0369. Reel 11: v. 70–74 (1997–2001).

Fyens stiftsbog. ATLA no.: S0760. Reel 4: 1993–1999.

Glaube in der 2. Welt. ATLA no.: S0471. Reel 10: v. 26–28 (1998–2000).

Glaube und Heimat. ATLA no.: S0429. Reel 13: 2000–2001.

Kerkbode. ATLA no.: S0125C. Reel 137–139: v. 151–161 (1993–1998).

Hervormer. ATLA no.: S0792. Reel 10: v. 90–94 (1997/98–2001/02).

In die skriflig. ATLA no. S0966. Reel 7–8: v. 31–35 (1997–2001).

Homiletische Monatshefte. ATLA no.: S0345. Reel 21: v. 73–74 (1997/98–1998/99).

Japan Christianity activity news. ATLA no.: S0433B. Reel 6: no. 663–722 (1989–1999).

Kotimaa. ATLA no.: S0275. Reel 47–48: 2001.

Lutheran Synod Quarterly. ATLA no.: S0806B. Reel 9: v. 38–41 (1998–2001).

Mennonite Board of Missions. *Working reports*. ATLA no.: S0606G. Reel 11: 1994–1998.

Mission (Departement evangelique Francais d'action apostolique). ATLA no.: S0951. Reel 2: v. 170–174 (1995–1999).

North India Church review. ATLA no.: S0968. Reel 2: v. 28–31 (1998–2001).

Prabuddha bharata, or, Awakened India. ATLA no.: S0766. Reel 17: v. 104 (1999).

Predikant en samenleving. ATLA no.: S0618B. Reel 6: v.72–78 (1995–2001).

Texte aus der Velkd. ATLA no.: S0913. Reel 2–3: no. 56–95 (1994–1999).

Tidehverv. ATLA no.: S0633. Reel 10: v. 70–73 (1996–1999).

Zwiastun. ATLA no.: S0382B. Reel 19: 1999.

Waarheidsvriend. ATLA no.: S0479. Reel 16: v. 85 (1997).

Wisconsin Lutheran quarterly. ATLA no.: S0454C. Reel 21: v. 96 (1999).



Preservation: Monographs Newly Available on Microfilm

Each title is contained in one reel, unless otherwise specified. Monographs on microfilm are available to ATLA Institutional Members for \$100 per reel beginning September 1, 2003. To purchase, please contact Rick Adamek (888.665.ATLA; radamek@atla.com).

Demerara martyr : memoirs of the Rev. John Smith, missionary to Demerara. By Edwin Angel Wallbridge. Published in London, 1848. ATLA no.: B00640.

Biblical commentary on St. Paul's first and second epistles to the Corinthians. By Hermann Olshausen; translated from the German. Published in Edinburgh, 1855. ATLA no.: B00641.

Hosea : the heart and holiness of God. By G. Campbell Morgan. Published in London, 19—. ATLA no.: B00642.

Expository thoughts on the Gospel : St. Luke : for family and private use. "With the complete text of Luke." By J. C. Ryle. Published in New York. ATLA no.: B00643 (v. 1–2, 1859–1860).

Outlines of sermons to children : with numerous anecdotes. Sermons by Alexander Andrew and others. Published in New York, 1884. ATLA no.: B00648.

A new translation of the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Romans : with a commentary and an appendix of various dissertations. By Moses Stuart. Published in London, 1833. ATLA no.: B00649.

Robert Morrison : a master-builder. By Marshall Broomhall. Biography of the missionary to China. Published in London, 1924. ATLA no.: B00650.

Analekten zur Textkritik des Alten Testaments : neue Folge. By F. Perles. Textual criticism of the Old Testament. Published in Leipzig, 1922. Text in German and Hebrew. ATLA no.: B00651.

Das Buch Jesaja : erklärt. By Karl Marti. Commentary on the Book of Isaiah. Published in Tübingen, 1900. Text in German. ATLA no.: B00652.

Beiträge zur Geschichte der Kreuzzüge. By Reinhold Röhrich. "Contributions to the history of the crusades." 2 v. in 1. Published in Berlin, 1874–1878. Text in German. ATLA no.: B00653.

Der Brief des Julius Africanus an Aristides : kritisch untersucht und hergestellt. By Friedrich Spita. Published in Halle, 1877. Text in German. ATLA no.: B00654.

Ecclesiastes : an introduction to the book : an exegetical analysis and a translation with notes. By Thomas Tyler. Published in London, 1899. ATLA no.: B00659.

The Reformation : a religious and historical sketch. By J. A. Babington. Published in London, 1901. ATLA no.: B00660.

Story of the Christian Church. By Geroge R. Crook. Published in New York, 1897. ATLA no.: B00661.

Hildebrandine essays. By J. P. Whitney. Published in Cambridge, 1932. ATLA no.: B00662.

Complete works of Saint John of the Cross, doctor of the church. "Translated from the critical edition of P. Silverio de Santa Teresa and edited by E. Allison Peers. Published in London, 1934–1935. ATLA no.: B00663 (v. 1–3, 1934–1935).

Paul, the apostle of Jesus Christ : his life and work, his epistles and teachings : a contribution to a critical history of primitive Christianity. By Ferdinand Christian Bauer; translated from the

German. Published in London, 1873–1875. ATLA no.: B00664 (v. 1–2, 1873–1875).

Outline studies in church history. By Henry E. Dosker. Published in Louisville, Ky, 1913. ATLA no.: B00665.

New Testament in the Apostolic fathers. By the Oxford Society of Historical Theology. Published in Oxford by Clarendon Press, 1905. ATLA no.: B00666.

Das Problem des Hiobbuches : Vortrag, gehalten auf dem theologischen Lehrkursus für Feldgeistliche in Riga am 13. März 1918. Criticism, interpretation of the Book of Job. By Ernst Sellin. Published in Leipzig, 1919. Text in German. ATLA no.: B00668.

Homiletical index : a handbook of texts, themes, and authors for the use of preachers and Bible scholars generally. By J. H. Pettingell, 1878. Published in New York. ATLA no.: B00669.

Das Kirchenjahr des Christlichen Morgen- und Abendlandes : mit seinen Festen, Fasten und Bibellectionen historisch dargestellt. Church year. By Heinrich Alt. Published in Berlin, 1860. Text in German. ATLA no.: B00671.

Der Mensch nach Leib, Seele und Geist diesseits und jenseits. Immortality; psychology of the Bible. By Karl Friedrich Göschel. Published in Leipzig, 1856. Text in German. ATLA no.: B00672.



ATLA RDB and RIM Global Changes for July 2003

Between April 9 and June 30, 2003, more than 53,000 records in the *ATLA Religion Database and Research in Ministry* file were updated using the Global Change program created by Cuadra Associates, Inc., which runs against data fields under authority control in our local production system. The corrections primarily involve retrospective data cleanup but also include 159 changes to the 1994 Thesaurus. *African American* has replaced *Afro-American* in all topical subject headings. Personal and corporate names which used “e” in lieu of an umlaut or slash in the 1994 Thesaurus now include the correct diacritic. (Other personal and corporate names not in the Thesaurus—as well as series names—still include the additional “e” and will be corrected as time allows.) In addition a number of obsolete headings used in earlier *ATLA RDB* data have been corrected. Examples include *Atomic warfare* corrected to *Nuclear warfare*; *War and Christianity* corrected to *War—Religious aspects—Christianity*; and *Philo Judaeus* corrected to *Philo of Alexandria*. Where possible, topical headings using the earlier “in geographic area” phrase (e.g., *Missions in China*) have been re-

placed with a topical heading using a geographic subheading (e.g., *Missions—China*).

The corrected data will be included in the annual reload of the *ATLA RDB* to be sent to vendors and MARC customers in July 2003. (Consult your vendor for their update schedule.) These corrected records will also appear on the CD-ROM versions of the *ATLA RDB* to be released in August 2003. Updates to *RIM* data will first appear in the August 15, 2003, release.

Because of the amount of work to be done on the Thesaurus and other authority files, similar sets of corrections will be released in each quarterly update. We are still in need of a database in which we can maintain our subject headings and cross reference files—one which will both work with our data input system and enable us to output thesaurus files in multiple electronic or print formats as needed. We are currently in the process of testing the STAR/Thesaurus, also developed by Cuadra Associates, Inc.

A representative list of changes to the 1994 Thesaurus appears below. The full list of 159 changes made to the 1994 Thesaurus during May and June 2003 is posted in the Technical Support section of the ATLA products page. We currently plan to update this list quarterly to coincide with the quarterly updates to the *ATLA RDB in MARC* (July, October, January, April). The representative examples are:

1994 thesaurus

Afro-American clergy
 Afro-Americans—Church history
 Catholic Church—Diocese of Muenster
 Iraqi-Iranian conflict, 1980–
 Kierkegaard, Soeren
 Muenzer, Thomas, 1490?–1525
 Preaching, Afro-American
 Soelle, Dorothee
 Tuebingen school (Catholic theology)

changed to

African American clergy
 African Americans—Church history
 Catholic Church—Diocese of Münster
 Iran-Iraq War, 1980–1988
 Kierkegaard, Søren, 1813–1855
 Münzer, Thomas, 1490?–1525
 Preaching, African American
 Sölle, Dorothee
 Tübingen school (Catholic theology)

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From the Executive Director

ATLA's New Strategic Plan, 2004–2006

The current strategic plan will be the fourth plan I've developed with the Board and membership. The first plan, in 1996, was really an emergency plan, a one-year program designed to deal with our financial emergency and dramatic downsizing. Its goal was to financial and staff stability for the future. The second strategic plan was a three-year plan, 1998–2000. In that plan we dealt with infrastructure issues—financial, data, software and hardware, association relationships, personnel, and facilities. The third strategic plan (2000–2003) built upon the infrastructure improvements of the second and focused on association growth, visibility, financial security, new technologies and challenges, and collaboration among members and with partners.

The next strategic plan (2004–2006) will build upon the accomplishments of the third and focus upon improving the quality of our programs for members, products, and financial strength. With our new headquarters, technology infrastructure, skilled staff, and financial stability in place we will use the next three-year period to build upon our core competencies, including our

- commitment to shape our activities, projects, and products according to members' needs and goals;
- efforts to seek and attract new members to the Association;
- hospitality to members and guests at our new headquarters;

- ability to support more sophisticated member projects and services;
- ability to produce, transform, and deliver the highest quality bibliographic data in the fields of theology and religion;
- commitment to stay abreast of and respond to new developments in technology and publication;
- efforts to link bibliographic information to full-text documents;
- ability to work with a variety of publishing partners and vendors;
- reputation for creating the highest quality microfilm of brittle and endangered documents;
- ongoing commitment to develop mutually beneficial financial partnerships with a variety of partners;
- commitment to recruiting and retaining a highly skilled and dedicated staff.

Just in case you've forgotten what we proposed for the 2000–2003 period, here are some highlights of that strategic plan. We certainly tackled everything in the plan during the past three years even if our rate of success was mixed.

We definitely experienced growth, supported professional development opportunities for members, and made good use of our new headquarters for member activities and projects, and we completed the first major survey of ATLA's individual members. We promoted theological librarianship, recruited a few more members of under-represented minorities for theological librarianship, and improved on our support of the ATLA Endowment Fund.

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We did develop the capacity for in-house microfilm operations, developed the ATLA Serials Exchange database, successfully sought grant funding for a member-based digital project (the Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative—CDRI), and implemented the new CuadraSTAR inputting system for the creation of the *ATLA Religion Database*.

On the other hand, we closed the Atlanta CERTR site, creating instead a new Department of Electronic Products and Services in Chicago. We decided not to pursue our own online version of the *ATLA Religion Database*, we are just beginning our development of a members-only web site, and we are in the preliminary stages of developing courses in theological librarianship, goals that we identified in 2000.

During the next few months I will begin developing the new strategic plan, to be submitted to the ATLA Board of Directors at its January 2004 mid-winter meeting. Your ideas and comments and suggestions are most welcome as we begin this process. Please write or call or e-mail me with your concerns, suggestions, and hopes.

Dennis A. Norlin
ATLA Executive Director



Staff Notes

New Department Formed

ATLA's preservation activities will be consolidated into a new department on September 1, the Department of Preservation Products and Services. Russell Kracke has been chosen to serve as the new director of the department and will join the executive director and the other five directors (Index, Member Services, Information Services, Financial Services, and Electronic Products and Services) to constitute the staff leadership team.

As director of the new department, Kracke will oversee ATLA's on-demand microfilm program, NEH and other grant programs and projects, and

all other ATLA preservation activities. He will be guided by the Preservation Advisory Committee, chaired by Stephen Pentek (retired, Boston University) and including David Berger (Concordia) and Claire McCurdy (Union).



ATLA Has Resignations, New Hires

Since the May *Newsletter* ATLA has bid farewell to five staff members and has welcomed five new staff.

- Kurt Buhring (Index) left ATLA for a teaching position at St. Mary's in South Bend, Indiana;
- Chuck Slagle (Financial Services) left ATLA and relocated with his family to southern Illinois, where his wife will be teaching;
- Gwen Conti and Yuk Chow Tom, the student assistants in the Electronic Products and Services Department, graduated and moved on to other positions;
- Shannon Siggeman, publications assistant, graduated and accepted a position as an assistant editor at a publishing house.

New staff additions include:

- Sang Sul was re-hired in the preservation department to assist with the new NEH micro-filming grant project;
- Timothy Smith joined the Member Services Department as membership associate;
- Jayjay Gutierrez joined the Information Services as a part-time systems assistant;
- Joanna Bednarczyk and Fayyaz Alam joined the Electronic Products and Services Department as part-time student assistants with primary responsibility for scanning.



Staff Complete Evaluations of Supervisors

An ATLA staff committee, chaired by Executive Assistant Beverly Thompson, worked for nearly a year to create an upward evaluation instrument

that allows all ATLA staff to evaluate their supervisors. Taking into account the need for confidentiality and the small size of some departments, the task force worked with outside consultants to design an evaluation instrument that is being used for the first time this August.



Personnel Handbook Revised

ATLA directors have completed a revision of the ATLA Personnel Handbook, an instrument that sets the policies and procedures that guide ATLA staff. The revision includes suggestions and comments from many ATLA staff. Since the last revision of the handbook we have added a formal orientation program, an emergency response team, a revised evaluation process, and several new benefits. The new handbook will be reviewed by the ATLA Board of Directors' On-site Inspection Team during their visit in January 2004.



Executive Director to Attend BETH Meeting

Dennis Norlin will represent ATLA at the annual meeting of the European theological library organization (BETH) at Brixen, Italy, September 12–17. BETH includes national theological library association representatives from many European countries and representatives from major European research libraries. ATLA and BETH have an ongoing agreement that includes a number of projects and programs.



Steven Holloway Delivers Paper

For the first weeks of July, Steven W. Holloway, indexer-analyst and Director of the Retrospective Indexing project, was in London to attend the 49th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale. The annual conference, which was held at the British Museum as part of the commemoration of that venerable institution's 250th anniversary, is devoted to the study of the pre-Islamic civilizations of Mesopotamia. This year's topic was Nineveh, a theme suggested by the

signal role that city played in the formation of the British Museum's Assyrian collection. Among the many rich offerings on the program were a plenary session to discuss the impact of the latest Gulf War on Iraqi museums and antiquities sites, and implications for the future of Assyriology. Steven delivered a paper, "Nineveh Sails for the New World: Assyria Envisioned by Nineteenth-Century America." The conference web site is www.let.leidenuniv.nl/rencontre/RAI_2003.html.



Diane Shannon to Attend SAA Conference

ATLA Preservation Specialist Diane Shannon will travel to the annual conference of the Society of American Archivists (SAA) in Los Angeles August 21–23, where she will attend sessions on a variety of issues pertinent to archives management. In addition to her duties helping to complete NEH micro-filming grants for ATLA, and assisting in the Preservation Microfilm Center, Diane is a certified archivist who serves as ATLA's archives liaison to Yale Divinity Library, the official repository for ATLA's archives.



ATLA to Host Hospitality Suite at AAR/SBL

ATLA will be attending AAR/SBL in Atlanta, Georgia, November 22–25, 2003. A hospitality suite has been booked for members at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel (where AAR/SBL will be held); inquire at the ATLA exhibit booth.



Calendar

August

- 5 Melody de Catur planning conference exhibits, Kansas City, MO
- 21–23 Diane Shannon at Society of American Archivists Conference, Los Angeles, CA

September

- 1 Fiscal/membership year begins
- 1 Labor Day; ATLA office closed
- 12–17 Dennis Norlin at BETH meeting, Brixen, Italy

October

- 9–13 Annual Conference Committee, Education Committee, ATLA President Schrodt, and Karen Whittlesey at conference planning meeting, Kansas City, MO
- 16–17 Digital Standards and Projects Committee at ATLA headquarters
- 16–17 Professional Development Committee at ATLA headquarters
- 20 NFAIS meeting at ATLA headquarters

November

- 22–25 AAR/SBL Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 27–28 Thanksgiving Holiday; ATLA office closed

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