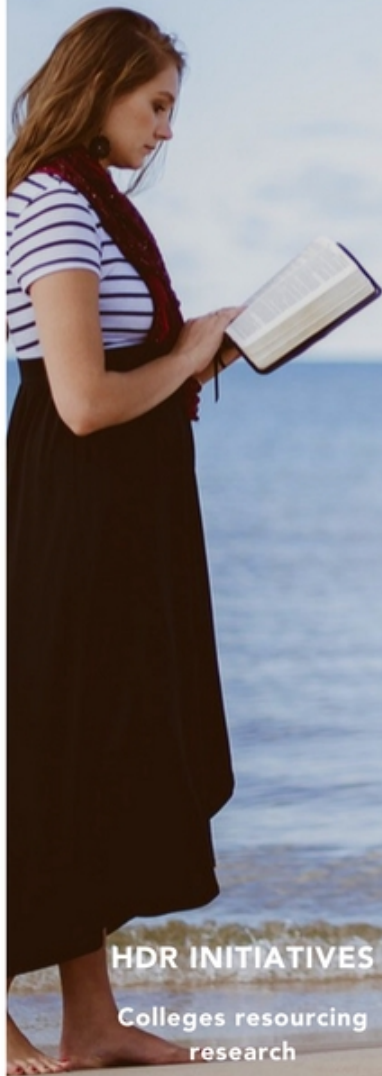


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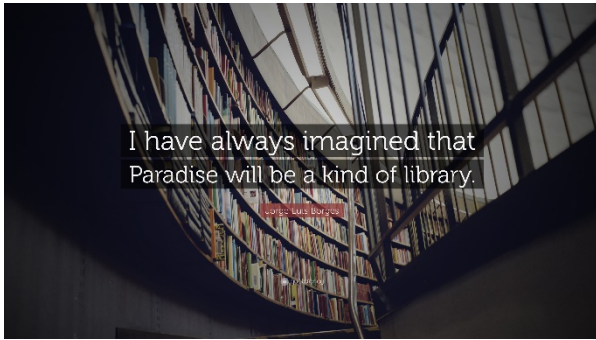
BOOKS THAT INSPIRE

Scholars nominate the
books that fed their spirit

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FROM THE EDITOR



I have always imagined that paradise will be a kind of library — Jorge Luis Borges

For our end of year edition, I decided to do an edition on books, to give you lots of reading material for the summer holidays.

Academics from within and outside the ACT graciously answered my request for a book which had influenced their theology and/or spirituality. In doing so, something of their selves is also revealed – the suggestions show humour, compassion and that within many of our academics beat the hearts of poets.

I've written a roundup of some noteworthy books of 2017. I'm sure many of you will argue with this list and have books you think should have been included. Feel free to email me with suggestions!

Two soon to publish books from the ACT Monograph Series have been featured, and you will see I carried the book theme over into that feature as well.



And as usual, this issue is packed with information and news from within the ACT and beyond.

As for me, which book would I have chosen? This was a hard choice – I considered Alister McGrath, the first theologian I read, who revealed to me that this

type of thinking was like food and water to me. Or Nouwen's *Wounded Healer*, which informed my pastoral practice greatly. But, given my love of poetry, I'm going to go with John Donne's religious poetry which presents a deeply personal and honest relationship

with God – the man of the love poetry not erased but transformed.

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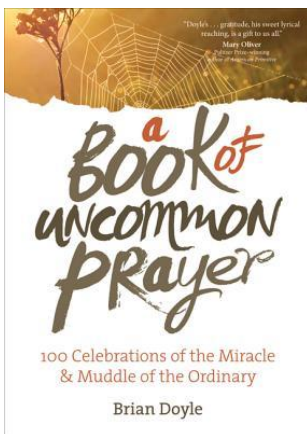


I asked several Australasian academics from within and outside the ACT to share with me a book which has influenced their theology and/or spirituality. Freedom was given as to what kind of book it could be. The outcome is a spectrum of genres – from theology to devotional, extending beyond the expected into novels and poetry. In this we see the many and varied ways God may nudge our thinking along. Within these recommendations I found old favourites and books to add to my always expanding to read pile. Enjoy.

Megan Powell du Toit

Matthew Anstey

Principal of St Barnabas College



Few books have had such a profound impact on my soul as Brian Doyle's *A Book of Uncommon Prayer: 100 Celebrations of the Miracle & Muddle of the Ordinary*. Simply the best way to convince someone to read (and reread)

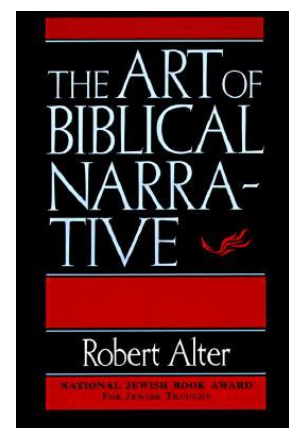
this book is to provide the titles for some of his prayers:

- * Prayer in Celebration of the Greatest Invention Ever, the Wicked Hot Shower
- * Prayer of Bemused Thanks for Scrunchies & Those Other Weird Lovely Things Women Wear in Their Hair
- * Prayer for Women Named Ethel and Men Named Elmer, for We Will Not See Their Likes Again
- * Prayer in Reluctant but Abashed Hesitant Appreciation of Death
- * Prayer for Sisters Not Related to You by Blood
- * Prayer for My Man Daniel Age Three Who Will Die from Cancer in About Two Weeks

A.J. Culp

Lecturer at Malyon College

I've always been fascinated by stories. This, no doubt, is how a kid like me—from rural, blue-collar people—ended up studying English Literature &

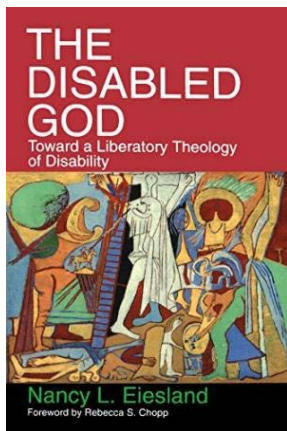


Writing at university. I realised I'd get to spend several years reading and telling stories! Yet for all this, when I went on to graduate school to study theology, I found myself forced to read the Bible's own stories as if they were accounting sheets. The stories, it seemed, were containers of truth that needed to be extracted, sorted, and tabulated. Fortunately, along the way I came under the guidance of an Old Testament scholar, M. Daniel Carroll R., who directed me to **Robert Alter's *The Art of Biblical Narrative***. For me, this was like walking through a magic wardrobe: the stories suddenly came alive and drew me into the biblical world.

Louise Gosbell

Lecturer at Mary Andrews College

I first came across **Nancy L. Eiesland's book *The Disabled God: Toward a Liberatory Theology of Disability*** when I began my BTh honours thesis addressing disability in the gospels. I was surprised at the time how



little academic interest there was in disability from biblical scholars. Eiesland's book was thus a breath of fresh air for me at the time. In Eiesland's view, disability was not wholly unconnected from the biblical texts, but rather, at the heart of the

Christian message: God in his great power chose to disable himself by taking on the limitations of the human body through the incarnation. Though the view of Jesus as 'disabled' rocked many scholars at the time, this concept is a helpful reminder of the great juxtaposition of the powerful God dwelling in limited human flesh and who is thus able to "empathise with our weaknesses" (Heb. 4:15).

Greg Goswell

Academic Dean and Lecturer at Christ College

The value of Austen and her six perfect novels is that exposure to literary greatness assists theological students to recognise the beauty and cleverness of the literature of the Bible. The regular rereading of her literary corpus also assists in a deeper understanding of

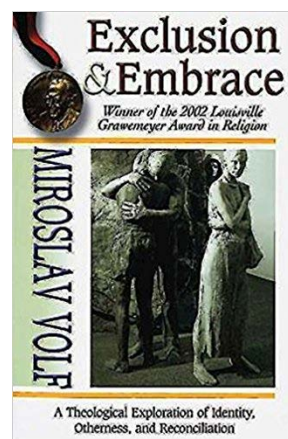


many Bible passages. One recent example I came across in my own studies was 2 Samuel 7:1, where Austen provides a much needed clue that this verse gives David's viewpoint and is not an objective account by the narrator. What we have in verse 1 is a biblical instance of what is called "free indirect discourse", such as perfected by Jane Austen, and particularly evident in her **novel *Emma***. This may be defined as a narrative "technique for rendering a character's thought in his own idiom while maintaining the third-person reference and the basic tense of the narration" (Cohn, *Transparent Minds*, 100–101).

Michael Jensen

Rector of St Mark's Anglican Church, Darling Point

I read **Miroslav Volf's *Exclusion and Embrace*** when I was at theological college. It was a revelation to me that a person with



an orthodox theology could also have a rich political and social vision for reconciliation and peace. Usually, it was liberal theology that had majored on politics. But Volf, interacting with all the philosophers I had read in my English degree, showed that the

Biblical gospel is applicable to the real world

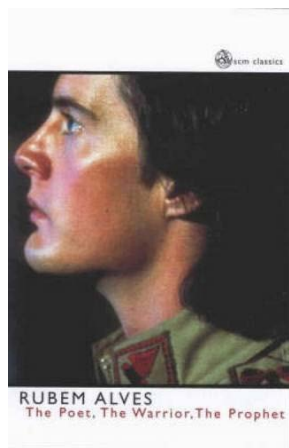
- the divided and hurting world. I've told people since that it changed my life!

Yael Klangwisan

Co-Head of School of Social Practice at Laidlaw College

Rubem Alves, *The Poet, The Warrior, The Prophet*. This

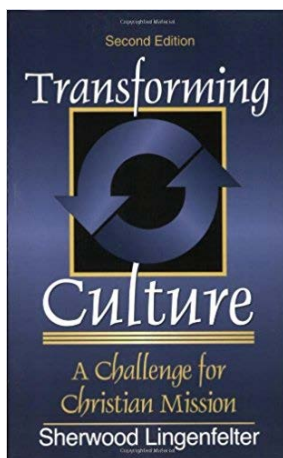
is a beautiful, poignant and courageous text written by the Brazilian liberation theologian, Rubem Alves. Alves develops what might be a theology of poetry or perhaps a compelling poetic rendering of theology itself. Alves' aesthetic sensibility combined with his skilful poetic weaving of a host of literary voices makes for epiphany after epiphany.



Tanya Riches

Lecturer and Masters Program Oversight, Hillsong College

One book that really impacted my theology/spirituality is ***Transforming Culture: A challenge for Christian Mission*** by Sherwood Lingenfelter. Sherwood draws



upon a number of anthropological theories, including the grid/group matrix developed by Mary Douglas and social game theory to develop a basic organisational theory suitable for church and mission. It really helped me and my husband identify our preferred

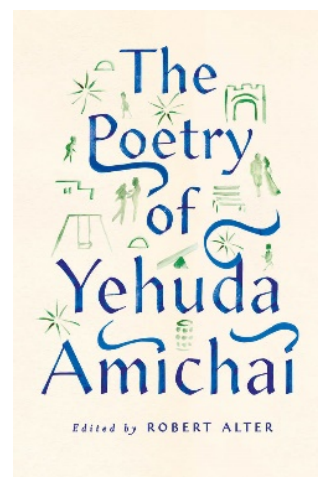
organisational culture, and contrast that with various ministry contexts we've served in. It's a simple read - I read it while on a music tour around Europe. It greatly assisted me in

thinking through the cultural frame that I brought to my church, and expectations I had upon spiritual formation, property, privacy, family and authority, dispute resolution and communication. It complexified questions from "Who should have the authority to speak in church?" through to "How do we demonstrate forgiveness?" and "How should conflict occur?"

Erin Sessions

Associate Academic Dean at Morling College

I grew up on poetry. When I became a Christian, I looked to poets like Gerard Manley Hopkins, Elizabeth Bishop and Czeslaw Milosz. Hopkins showed me how to praise God for creation. Bishop helped me to appreciate hymns for their "magic made by melody." Milosz taught me, in reference to Adorno's line, that



poetry after Auschwitz is not barbaric. Not only is poetry possible, it is necessary. Lately I've been influenced by the prophetic **poetry of Yehuda Amichai**. Amichai's poem The Eve of Rosh Hashanah ends:

And whoever uses people as handles or as rungs of a ladder

will soon find himself hugging a stick of wood

and holding a severed hand and wiping his tears

with a potsherd.



Summer reading noteworthy books of
2017

A select and by no means comprehensive list of noteworthy books of 2017

Culture Care

Makoto Fujimura

February 2017



Fujimura, artist, writer and Director of Fuller’s Brehm Center, issues a call to cultural stewardship in this book, for culture care instead of culture war. He argues that broken culture needs artists who act to restore it, but he broadens this call out to churches

and other communities. He says this of the call “It is time for followers of Christ to let Christ be the noun in our lives, to let our whole being ooze out like a painter’s colours with the splendour and the mystery of Christ, the inexhaustible beauty that draws people in. It is time to follow the Spirit into the margins and outside the doors of the church.”

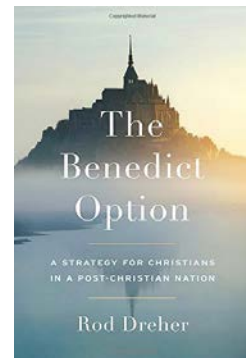
The Benedict Option

Rod Dreher

March 2017

This New York Times Bestseller is a must include on the list. Controversial, this made water cooler and blogosphere prime fodder.

People started coining alternatives – the Gregorian Option, the Jeremiah Option the Wilberforce Option among many others. Dreher counsels “a kind of deliberate, strategic retreat so that we can tend our own gardens, so to speak, and cultivate the deep roots that our kids and their kids, and their kids’ kids will need to hold on to the faith through the dark times ahead.”

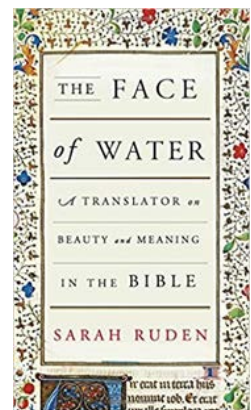


The Face of Water: A Translator on Beauty and Meaning in the Bible

Sarah Ruden

March 2017

Sarah Ruden isn’t a biblical scholar, but she is a classical translator, poet, and Quaker, and she brings that experience and sensibility to bear in this work. In this book, she looks at 14 biblical passages, and offers her own retranslations. In doing so, she aims to reanimate the literate nature of the texts. To quote: “the original Bible was, like all of ancient rhetoric and poetry, primarily a set of



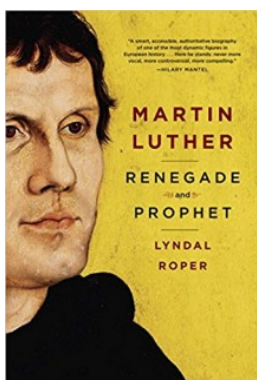
live performances and what they meant was tightly bound up in the way they meant it...this degree of difference can prevail when the Bible is translated without attention to its original forms particularly those that inform its striking and moving expressiveness-- that is, its beauty. Almost literally, if we can't dance to it, we don't understand it." Ruden also published a new translation of Augustine's Confessions this year as well.

Martin Luther: Renegade and Prophet
Lyndal Roper

March 2017

Predictably, as the year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, 2017 has seen an outpouring of books on Luther and the Reformation.

Which one to choose from among them? Even just among the Luther bios? Eric Mataxas has produced a bestselling biography of Luther. ACT's own Rhys Bezzant translated Volker Leppin's Luther bio. There is Mark C. Matte's work on Luther's theology of beauty, which sounds fascinating. But I'm going to go with Lyndal Roper's critically acclaimed biography *Martin Luther:*

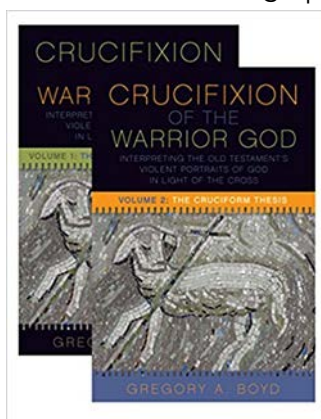


Renegade and Prophet.

The Crucifixion of the Warrior God
Greg Boyd (2 vols)

April 2017

Greg Boyd takes on the narratives of a violent God we find in the Old Testament,



which pose a problem for anyone who wants to defend the goodness of God. Over two volumes, and 1400 pages, Boyd wrestles with the proposed solutions, developing what he calls a cruciform hermenetic and suggesting a principle of redemptive withdrawal. Boyd has done this while retaining a high view of

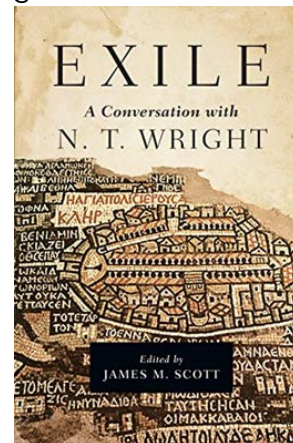
Scripture. It seems he has written a weighty but necessary read for the ongoing conversation of this problem.

Exile: a conversation with N.T. Wright
ed. James M. Scott

August 2017

This book brings together 11 scholars, as well as Wright himself, to engage in a conversation together about Wright's thesis that Israel's

continuing exile was a crucial issue for Second temple Jews. Contributors include Walter Brueggemann and Scot McKnight. Wright concludes: "these eleven essays, in their different ways, have done what academic



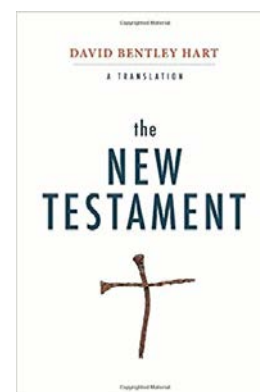
conversation ought to do: that is, they have compelled me to think through once more what exactly I have been wanting to say".

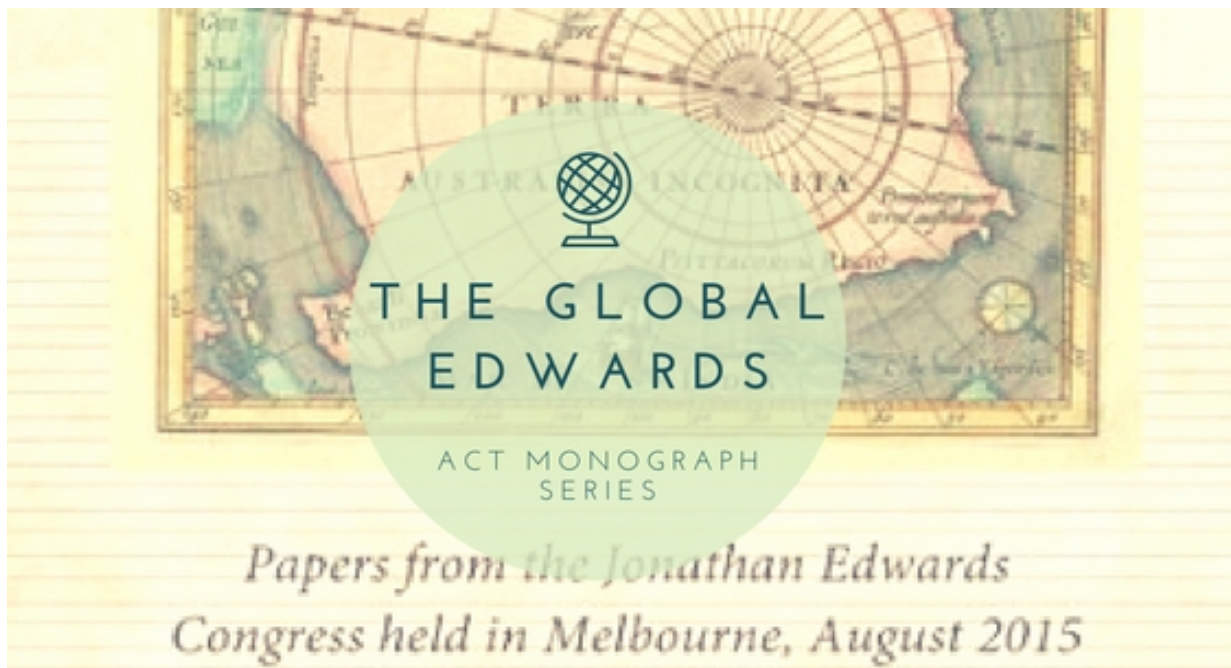
The New Testament

trans. David Bentley Hart

October 2017

Orthodox scholar David Bentley Hart set out to write this new translation of the New Testament: "as if doctrine is not given", as "an almost pitiless literal translation" and in order to make "the familiar strange, novel and perhaps newly compelling." Well, with those aims, it was never going to be bland. One to read to unsettle yourself.





Hot off the press is the latest volume in the ACT Monograph Series, *The Global Edwards*, based on papers from the Jonathan Edwards Congress held at Ridley in 2015. The editor is Rhys Bezzant Dean of Missional Leadership and Lecturer in Church History at Ridley and the Director of the Jonathan Edwards Center Australia.

Ridley hosted a Jonathan Edwards Congress in 2015, which happily saw every continent represented. Rhys has put together a book of papers under the title *The Global Edwards*, with contributions to missiological, theological and pastoral debates that Edwards can speak about, and often prompted in the first place. It was a massive task to pull together, as the contributors came from countries as diverse as Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Brazil, the US, South Africa, Singapore, China and Australia. As the fountainhead of the movement, Edwards' ideas impact the story of evangelicalism profoundly. As Australians, we are not so aware of our own history, which has many dangers and snares for the unwitting. The volume which emerged from the Congress represents my own aspirations that we better appreciate the lifeblood of our theology and practice as evangelical Christians in Australia.

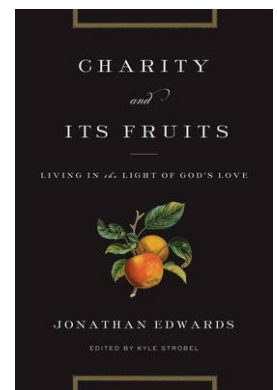
Foreword: Kenneth P. Minkema.

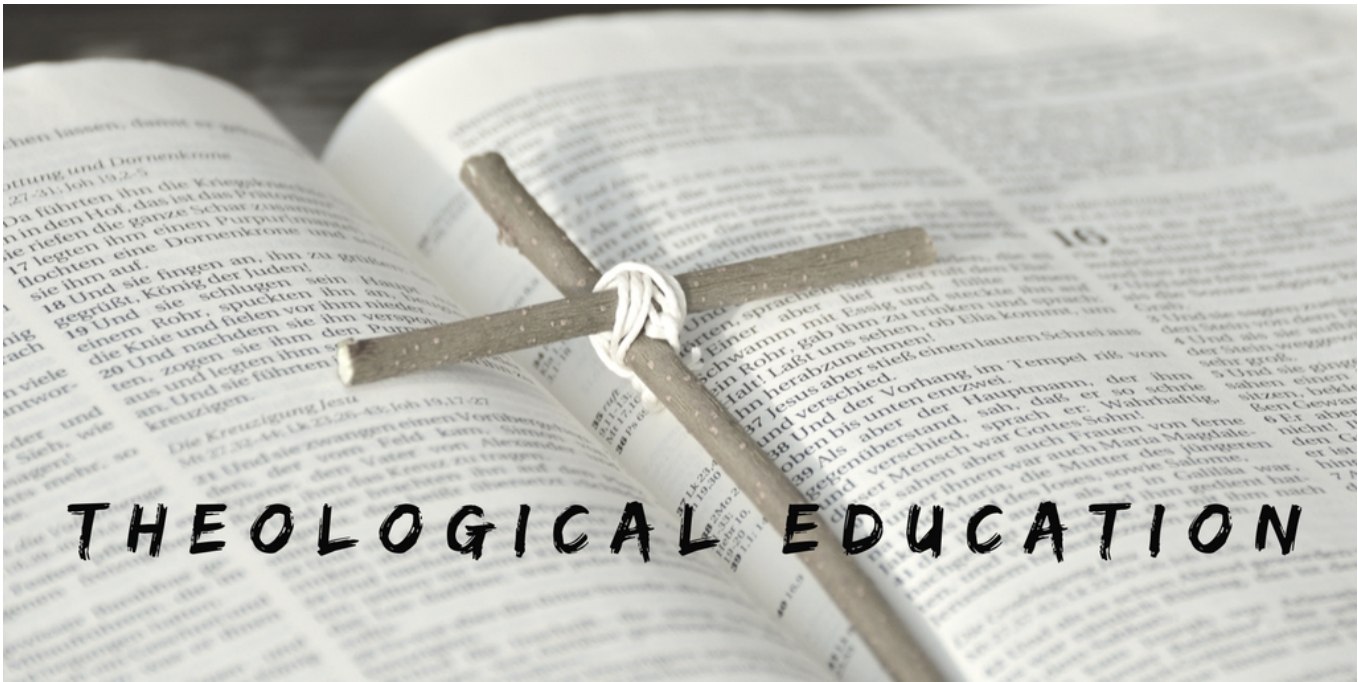
Contributors: David Bebbington, Corné Blaauw, Joel Burnell, Heber Campos, Jr.,

Michal Choiński, Nick Coombs, Philip Fisk, Richard Hall, Gerald McDermott, Ian Maddock, Adriaan Neele, Glen O'Brien, Stuart Piggin, Jan Rybicki, Andrew Schuman, Kyle Strobel, Seng-Kong Tan, Willem van Vlastuin, Victor Zhu

In line with the theme of this issue, I asked Rhys "Which of Edwards' writing has particular resonance for you?"

Rhys: My favourite writing of Edwards is the sermon series "Charity and its Fruits." Written sermons are not known for their power, but these extraordinary theological expositions of 1 Corinthians 13 are composed by a wordsmith in the height of his powers. One in particular, "Heaven is a world of love," transported me to glory. His most famous sermon, "Sinners in the hands of an angry God" is not the place to start if you want to read Edwards. There he tried a different style of sermon, and decided it wasn't for him. Love and beauty were Edwards's standard themes. Put this sermon to the test.



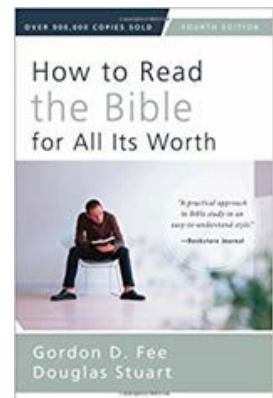


Due out any moment now is another book in the ACT Monograph Series *Theological Education: Foundations, Practices and Future Directions*. It has been edited by ACT faculty Andrew Bain (QTC) and Ian Hussey (Malyon). Contributors include many other ACT people, namely Les Ball (former Malyon), Kit Barker (SMBC), Rhys Bezzant (Ridley), Anthony Brammall (SMBC), Graeme Chatfield (ACT), Moyra Dale (MST), Megan Powell du Toit (ACT), Jill Firth (Ridley), Martin Foord (TTC), Peter Francis (Malyon), Mike Frost (Morling), Mark Harding (former Dean), Brian Harris (Vose), Diane Hockridge (Ridley), Karina Kreminski (Morling), Kara Martin (MAC), Delle Matthews (MST), Phillip Scheepers (RTC), Nathain Secker (TP), David Starling (Morling), Geoff Treloar (ACT), Wally Wang (BST), and a foreword by Martin Sutherland (ACT Dean).

As one can see from the list of contributors, this is a wide ranging volume looking at the many and varied aspects of theological education, past, present and future. Some of these topics will be canvassed at the upcoming ACT Professional Development Week in December.

In keeping with our theme, I asked one of the editors, Ian Hussey: "Besides the Bible, which book should every theology student read?"

Ian: It might not be an extremely large volume, nor technical, but the book I would recommend every theology student should read would be **Fee and Stuart's *How to Read the Bible for All It is Worth***. Here the foundational principles of evangelical hermeneutics are presented in a way which the novice teacher can understand and use. Whenever I pick up the book (as I have just now) I am struck by how deeply it has shaped my hermeneutics. Sure, there may be more recent and sophisticated texts on hermeneutics, but for a basic but comprehensive survey of genres and their grammatical-historical interpretation it is a great place to start.



To talk about publishing in the ACT Monograph Series, please contact [Megan Powell du Toit](#).

Many of our colleges have been celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this year. This has culminated with celebrations this week for Reformation Day.

RIDLEY

Ridley had a series of events called Reformation @ 500 which included an overseas tour.

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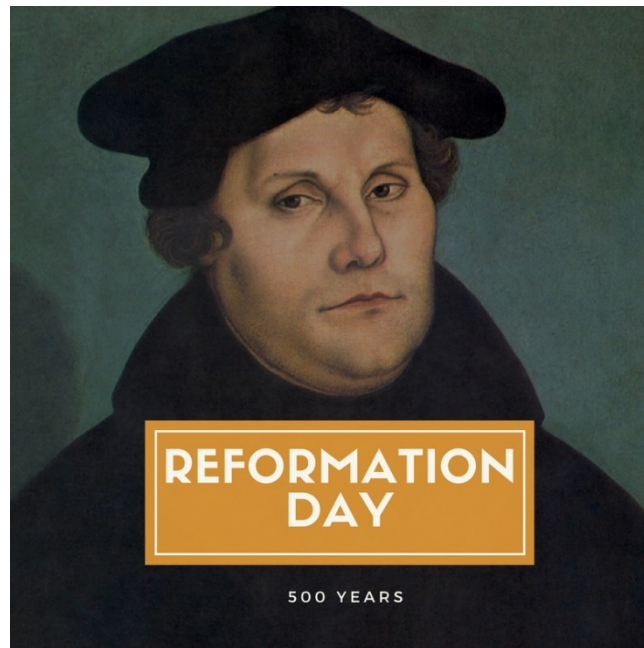
Here at the ACT we are having a special lunch this week with freshly baked Luther Bread on offer. On the day, the 95 theses were posted at our door and indulgence lollies given out.

SMBC

Kit Barker over at SMBC was selling indulgences. They also had Reformation sausages for lunch and Reformation birthday cake.

VOSE

Vose pulled out the stops for Reformation Day and held Luther@500 on the day. Lectures were given by Peter Elliott (Perth Bible College), Matthew Bishop (Bethlehem



Lutheran Church) and Michael O’Neil and Brian Harris from Vose.

The theme of the half-day conference was The Pastoral Luther, picking up a comment made in 2009 by Timothy Wengert:

As Luther fans the world over are already gearing up for the celebration in 2017 of the 500th anniversary of their posting [i.e. the Ninety-Five Theses] on 31 October 1517, too often the celebrations will

focus on Luther’s break with Rome or his Reformation breakthrough rather than on Luther’s own stated reason for the dispute: pastoral care for his flock in Wittenberg.¹

The Conference was an ecumenical affair with participants attending from many different denominations and backgrounds.

Reformed Theological Review

A special supplement on Luther was produced with contributions by many from the ACT, including Jared Hood (PTCV), Peter Barnes (CC), Rhys Bezzant (Ridley), Rowland Ward (PTCV) and Ian Maddock (SMBC)

Note: the picture of Luther used on this page is by Cranach – take a look at what Graeme Chatfield says about Cranach’s Luther portraits in his update in this issue.



¹ From “Introducing the Pastoral Luther” in Wengert (ed.), *The Pastoral Luther: Essays on*

Martin Luther’s Practical Theology (Lutheran Quarterly Books; Eerdmans, 2009), 5.



A snapshot of what some of our colleges are doing for HDR candidates.

Ridley College

Ridley held its annual RESCON on 10-11 August for its Australian and off-shore HDR candidates. It was a two-day event filled with seminars, discussions, and presentations. Student gave updates on their research, learned about ACT processes for candidature and graduation, attended workshops on writing and data-management tools, reflected on the pastoral and scholarly aspects of Christian academia, and reviewed biographies of Christian scholars.

Morling College

Two ways Morling College supports HDR candidates and foster their careers: a postgraduate student research day and Postgraduate Research Fellowships. Morling run an annual half-day seminar specifically focused on developing early-career researchers. The day begins with a panel comprising senior researchers and a recent HDR graduate which discusses their research practices, tips on publication and the like and fields questions from HDR students. This is followed by an extended time for HDR student presentations: short papers for

people in their first years of candidature, fuller papers from those nearing completion. Students seem to find the day very helpful indeed. They also now offer Postgraduate Research Fellowships to HDR students enrolled through Morling which provide them both financial support and useful experience.

Malyon College

Malyon is a sponsoring college of [Crucible](#) journal. Crucible is a generic online journal but especially focusses on the intersection of theology and ministry. Ian Hussey is the current General Editor. Malyon HDR students and faculty have published in Crucible in recent years and the College generated the entire content for the May 2016 issue. Crucible is an especially appropriate journal for Doctor of Ministry students because of its ministry and practice emphasis.

ACT

In October, the Research and Research Studies Committee of the ACT passed a new HDR Minimum Resources policy, which sets out the expectations for resourcing HDR candidates. This policy can be found in the documents section of the ACT website.

CONFERRALS

June 2017 – October 2017

Doctor of Philosophy

Joseph Smith MST

For a thesis: The Life, Work & Legacy of Carl Pfander, 19th century Apologist to Islam

Supervisor: Peter Riddell

John Dekker CC

For a thesis: Piety, Persuasion, and Plot: The Portrayal of Women in the Book of Samuel

Supervisor: Greg Goswell

Doctor of Ministry

Richard Trist Ridley

For a project: Two are Better than One: An Evaluation of a Program of Coaching of Church Leaders in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne.

Supervisor: Tim Foster

Michael Brown Laidlaw

For a project: Why do they leave? Pastoral Transition within ACTS Churches of New Zealand, 2003 to 2012

Supervisor: Kevin Ward

Michael Chu Morling

For a project: The relevance and application of Cultural Intelligence (CQ) to the pastoral leadership of the congregational Chinese Churches of Sydney with culturally diverse leadership team and members

Supervisor: Darrell Jackson

Master of Theology

Darren Davies MST

For a thesis: An Exegetical analysis of John 20:22 including an appraisal of the most popular interpretations, with a suggested appropriate interpretation and then in the light of this, assessing the validity of the way this verse has been understood from a traditional Pentecostal approach

Supervisor: Colin Kruse

Robert Robayna SMBC

For a thesis: The church as “the new world on the way” – an evaluation of John Howard Yoder’s ecclesiology and its usefulness for developing an evangelical theology of church planting

Supervisor: Malcolm Gill

RESEARCH UPDATE

This year has been significant for me as I’ve stepped up my research in Reformation studies, attended a 500th Anniversary conference in Wittenberg, and read Lyndal Roper’s *Martin Luther: Renegade and Prophet* (see our Summer Reading list this issue). Occasionally a book makes a significant impact, and Roper’s book has done just that for me. Far from being a hagiographic stylised image of Luther, echoing the Cranach studio propaganda portraits of Luther, Roper gives us a picture of Luther developed from extensive investigation of his letters as well as his published works.

Like all historians, Roper comes to her task with a series of questions that influence the direction and conclusions of the research. Her conclusions about Luther’s view on sexuality and marriage may well provoke debate; as will her view on Luther’s anti-Semitism. However, from my perspective, her rehabilitation of Andreas Bodenstein von Karlstadt as someone more than a peripheral actor on the Reformation stage stands out as a major contribution.

I would hope those who teach Reformation history will include this text in their reading lists, so students engage with a broader view of what the 16th century Reformations.

Rev Dr Graeme Chatfield
Associate Dean & Director of Research

POLICY UPDATES

Policy updates can be found in the [documents area](#) under the relevant folder. You will need to login in order to see all the documents relevant to yourself. With the new website, you should be receiving notification when policies relevant to yourself are

updated on the website. Please contact the ACT office if you have any access or notification issues.

New policies currently in draft:

Communications Policy (document owner Tara Holdaway)

Domestic Violence Policy (document owner Megan Powell du Toit)

Policy Framework Policy (document owner Megan Powell du Toit)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The ACT Professional Development Conference will be held this year at SMBC from the 7-8 December 2017. A TATAL workshop will be held the day before on the 6 December 2017.

For more information, contact [Geoff Treloar](#).

Dr Geoff Treloar
Director of Learning & Teaching

ACT NEWS

Honorary Doctorate: Rev Dr Mark Harding



Mark Harding was recently celebrated at the ACT Consortium Conference dinner. The ACT was happy to present Dr Harding with an honorary Doctorate for his significant contribution to theological

education and the Anglican Church of Australia.

For over 30 years, the Reverend Dr Mark Harding has made a distinguished contribution to theological knowledge and understanding as a teacher and New Testament scholar, and to higher theological education in this country and beyond as an academic leader.

Team news:

Adam Kelley has accepted a job as a librarian, which is his area of professional expertise. He finishes this week. We will miss him at the ACT office, and wish him all the best.

COLLEGE: RTC

New Melbourne Campus

In 2017 RTC has hit the ground running - moving its teaching operations to a new campus in Queen Street, Melbourne. This has placed RTC in close proximity to churches seeking quality theological education, allowed inner city workers and dwellers to study at the RTC, and enabled RTC leaders to network with other Melbourne CBD ministries.

Some highlights:

Feb 16: The official launch of RTC Melbourne Campus; keynote address by Peter Adam

May 1: The Vine Project discipleship training seminar with Colin Marshall

June 1: The launch of The Way discipleship training resources for small groups and churches

Sep 28-29: RTC Preaching Conference "Preaching Romans" with special guest Dr Bryan Chapell



COLLEGE: QTC

Paul Tripp and Carl Trueman

Carl Trueman, Professor of Church History at Westminster Theological Seminary, was at QTC in July speaking on Martin Luther and the Reformation (the audio is available on the QTC website).

In August Paul Tripp spoke to about 1000 people on the dangers of ministry, the joys

and challenges of marriage and the way in which God uses all of his people as instruments of grace.



COLLEGE: CHRIST

Administrator retires

As she enters her 20th year of work with Christ College (and the Presbyterian Theological Centre), Susan Finlay has announced her retirement. Susan has been the Administrator of the College, serving its staff and students faithfully for many years.

Tour in 2018

Christ College will be going on a Study Tour to Israel and Jordan again in 2018. They are holding an initial information evening on Tuesday November 7th for all those interested. For more information, visit www.christcollege.edu.au/studytour.

COLLEGE: RIDLEY



Graham Stanton, Lecturer in Pastoral Theology at Ridley, has just attained his doctorate from UQ. Congratulations Graham, from all of us at the ACT.

PUBLICATIONS

Consortium

Faculty publication information is now available on the ACT [website](#). Links to purchase books can be found there.

Department of Bible and Languages

Mark Harding and Alanna Nobbs, eds. *Into All the World: Emergent Christianity in Its Jewish and Greco-Roman Context*, Eerdmans 2017.

Allan Harman, *Exodus: God's Kingdom of Priests (Focus on the Bible)*, Christian Focus, 2017.

Ben Chenoweth, *The Rome Gospel* (Exegetical Histories, Vol. 3), MST Press, 2017

Department of Christian Thought and History

Rhys Bezzant, ed., *The Global Edwards*, ACT Monograph Series, Wipf & Stock, 2017.

Michael Bird, *Jesus the Eternal Son: Answering Adoptionist Christology*, Eerdmans, 2017.

Paul F. Cooper and David A. Burke, *Burning or Bushed: the Presbyterian Church of Australia 40 years on*, Eider, 2017

Volker Leppin (Auth), Rhys Bezzant (Trans), Karen Roe (Trans) *Martin Luther: A Late Medieval Life*, Baker Academic, 2017.

Department of Ministry and Practice

Andrew Prince, *Contextualization of the Gospel: Towards an Evangelical Approach in the Light of Scripture and the Church Fathers*, ACT Monograph Series, Wipf & Stock, 2017.

Beyond

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18 Malyon, [Principal John Sweetman farewell](#)

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13-15 [SMBC Preaching Workshop](#) Preaching in a Pastoral Context Alasdair Paine & David Cook

17 [SMBC 2018 Women's Conference](#)

26 [Morling Annual Tinsley Lecture](#), speaker Brooke Prentis

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5 [SMBC 2018 Children's Ministry Conference](#)

18 [MST Paradosis Conference 2018: Ethics](#)

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18-20 [SMBC 2018 Biennial Missions Conference](#) Tim Chester, Byung-Kook Yoo, & Brian Dale

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8 [Public Christianity for a Post-Christian World](#), Centre for Public Christianity, Hillsong, Alexandria

8 [TGCA Reformation lectures](#) Melbourne Brian Rosner & Rhys Bezzant (Ridley)

11 & 15 [Beyond The Divorce](#) - A Dialogue, 500 Years After the Reformation: Peter A Comensoli & Michael Jensen

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1-4 [ANZATS Conference: Sacrifice, Brisbane, speaker](#) Andrew McGowan

13-14 [Theology Connect](#) Sydney, Kelly Kapic, Alan Torrance, Simon Chan Andrew Leslie

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