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The Word Biblical Commentary delivers the best in biblical scholarship, from the leading scholars of our day who share a commitment to Scripture as divine revelation. This series emphasizes a thorough analysis of textual, linguistic, structural, and theological evidence. The result is judicious and balanced insight into the meanings of the text in the framework of biblical theology. These widely acclaimed commentaries serve as exceptional resources for the professional theologian and instructor, the seminary or university student, the working minister, and everyone concerned with building theological understanding from a solid base of biblical scholarship.

Overview of Commentary Organization Introduction--covers issues pertaining to the whole book, including context, date, authorship, composition, interpretive issues, purpose, and theology. Each section of the commentary includes:

- Pericope Bibliography--a helpful resource containing the most important works that pertain to each particular pericope.
- Translation--the author's own translation of the biblical text, reflecting the end result of exegesis and attending to Hebrew and Greek idiomatic usage of words, phrases, and tenses, yet in reasonably good English.
- Notes--the author's notes to the translation that address any textual variants, grammatical forms, syntactical constructions, basic meanings of words, and problems of translation.
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A standard Greek reference tool allowing students to learn vocabulary quickly by listing words according to their frequency of use in the New Testament.

Bruce Manning Metzger, New Testament professor emeritus at Princeton Theological Seminary, died in February 2007 at the age of 93. This volume in his honour was already in preparation, and has become of necessity a memorial volume rather than the Festschrift that was intended. Metzger has been called the greatest American New Testament critic and biblical translator of the twentieth century. Among his writings most commonly cited are his classic studies *The Text of the New Testament, its Transmission, Corruption and Restoration* (1964) and *The Early Versions of the New Testament, their Origin, Transmission, and Limitations* (1977). He was also Chair of the Committee of Translators for the *New Revised Standard Version of the Bible* (published 1990). The first of these two wide-ranging and often innovative volumes created in his honour, subtitled *Interpretation of the Text for the Community*, falls into two parts: *The Nature of the Bible: Manuscripts, Texts, and Translation* (e.g. an ancient papyrus biblical fragment, biblical exegesis in the third world), and *Understanding the Bible: Hermeneutics* (e.g. biblical interpretation in Paul in its cultural context). The second volume, on *Implementation of the Text in the Community*, has as its two

parts, *The Church and the Bible: Pulpit and Parish* (e.g. pastoral care and the Bible) and *The Academy, Science, Culture, Society, and the Bible* (e.g. psychological method and the historical Jesus, Jungian and Freudian perspectives on gender in the Gospel of John). Biblical scholar Bruce Metzger presents the fruits of solid scholarship in a non-academic style to help readers understand the puzzling--sometimes frightening--Book of Revelation. He focuses on the comfort and beauty to be found in the book.

After a thorough survey of the fundamentals of Greek palaeography, the author discusses many of the distinctive features of biblical manuscripts, such as musical neumes, lectionaries, glosses, commentaries and illuminations.

A comprehensive introductory study guide to the New Testament, presenting the student with the results of recent scholarship in a clear and fresh way.

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This collection of apocryphal writings supersedes the best-selling edition by M.R. James, first published in 1924. Since then, several new works have come to light, and the textual base for some of the works previously translated by James is now more secure. This volume presents new translations of the texts into modern English, together with a short introduction and bibliography for each of them. It is designed to give readers the most important and famous non-canonical Christian writings, many of them popular legends with an enormous influence on later, particularly medieval, art and literature, as well as on later beliefs and practices of the Church.

By Roger Omanson. Based on the Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament of Bruce M. Metzger, this edition is designed for translators who have no formal training in textual criticism. Hardcover. 554 pages. 6 x 9

How and why did the early Church come to regard certain gospels, epistles, and other

books as authoritative Scripture? What considerations dictated the present sequence of the books in the New Testament? Dr Metzger takes up such questions and considers whether the canon is a collection of authoritative books or an authoritative collection of books.

Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Pages: 27. Chapters: Andy Panko, Bruce M. Metzger, Daniel Fox (chemist), Don Friday, Gary Miller (conductor), John S. Brenner, John Sant'Ambrogio, Mark B. Cohen, Paul E. V. Shannon, Peter George Olenchuk, Rowland Barnes, Tom Corbett, W. Maynard Sparks. Excerpt: Mark B. Cohen (born June 4, 1949) is a Democratic politician from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Succeeding Eugene Gelfand, he has represented Pennsylvania House of Representatives, District 202 in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives since June 10, 1974, making him the most senior member in the Pennsylvania General Assembly since the December 27, 2010 death of Sen. Michael O'Pake, and one of the longest serving state legislators in Pennsylvania history. Unlike the Dean of the United States House of Representatives, being the most senior member of the Pennsylvania House is not considered a formal position. Cohen served as a member of the House Democratic leadership from January, 1990, through November, 2010, in the positions of Democratic Caucus Chairman (1990-1992 and 1994-2010) and Majority Whip (1992-1994). As an elected leader of the House Democratic Caucus for 21 years, he worked to unite an

often deeply divided group of Democratic legislators, His efforts sometimes led his colleagues to publicly praise him. His efforts for party unity did not always succeed, either in caucus elections or in public policy In the April 24, 2012 Pennsylvania Democratic primary election, Cohen "comfortably" and "decisively" defeated the "spirited challenge" with "a whiff of Identity politics" of his "organized" and "energetic" primary opponent and won nomination for a 21st term (20th full term) in the Pennsylvania House. He had no Republican opponent in the General Election. Seen as a "valuable asset" in the legislature, Cohen received 63.5% of the vote. This victory came in a year in...

The Bible has had an immeasurable influence on Western culture, touching on virtually every aspect of our lives. It is one of the great wellsprings of Western religious, ethical, and philosophical traditions. It has been an endless source of inspiration to artists, from classic works such as Michaelangelo's Last Judgment, Handel's Messiah, or Milton's Paradise Lost, to modern works such as Thomas Mann's Joseph and His Brothers or Martin Scorsese's controversial Last Temptation of Christ. For countless generations, it has been a comfort in suffering, a place to reflect on the mysteries of birth, death, and immortality. Its stories and characters are an integral part of the repertoire of every educated adult, forming an enduring bond that spans thousands of years and embraces a vast community of believers and nonbelievers. The Oxford Companion to the Bible provides an authoritative one-volume reference to the people, places, events, books,

institutions, religious belief, and secular influence of the Bible. Written by more than 250 scholars from some 20 nations and embracing a wide variety of perspectives, the Companion offers over seven hundred entries, ranging from brief identifications--who is Dives? where is Pisgah?--to extensive interpretive essays on topics such as the influence of the Bible on music or law. Ranging far beyond the scope of a traditional Bible dictionary, the Companion features, in addition to its many informative, factual entries, an abundance of interpretive essays. Here are extended entries on religious concepts from immortality, sin, and grace, to baptism, ethics, and the Holy Spirit. The contributors also explore biblical views of modern issues such as homosexuality, marriage, and anti-Semitism, and the impact of the Bible on the secular world (including a four-part article on the Bible's influence on literature). Of course, the Companion can also serve as a handy reference, the first place to turn to find factual information on the Bible. Readers will find fascinating, informative articles on all the books of the Bible--including the Apocrypha and many other ancient texts, such as the Dead Sea Scrolls, Pseudepigrapha, and the Mishnah. Virtually every figure who walked across the biblical stage is identified here, ranging from Rebekah, Rachel, and Mary, to Joseph, Barabbas, and Jesus. The Companion also offers entries that shed light on daily life in ancient Israel and the earliest Christian communities, with fascinating articles on feasts and festivals, clothing, medicine, units of time, houses, and furniture. Finally, there are twenty-eight pages of full-color maps, providing an accurate, detailed portrait of the

biblical world. A vast compendium of information related to scriptures, here is an ideal complement to the Bible, an essential volume for every home and library, the first place to turn for information on the central book of Western culture.

Featuring more than two hundred in-depth articles, a comprehensive resource introduces the principal players in the history of biblical interpretation and explores their historical and intellectual contexts, their primary works, their interpretive principles, and their broader historical significance.

This study describes all the versions of the New Testament made before A.D. 1000, providing an account of the scholarly investigation, textual analysis and progress of research on each version.

For almost fifty years, much has been written concerning Mark 16:9-20. During the same time period, evidence once counted against Mark 16:9-20 was shown to be otherwise. In this study, David W. Hester surveys modern scholarship (1965-2011) surrounding the passage. He examines the passage itself--the external evidence, with particular attention paid to the manuscripts and the patristics, especially those of the second and third centuries; and the internal evidence, featuring details that are problematic as well as those that favor Markan authorship. Finally, a proposal concerning the origin of the passage is presented. The first edition of Mark's Gospel ended at 16:8, resulting in the

manuscript tradition that omits the passage, but this was not his intended ending. Later, his associates attached Mark's notes and published a second edition of the Gospel with the last twelve verses. This led to its inclusion. Given that the passage is cited by second- and third-century witnesses and attributed to Mark, along with the biblical prohibition against adding to or taking from Scripture, it is doubtful that an anonymous second-century author could have been successful in adding his own composition and it being widely accepted by the early church. The purpose is to take concepts that are often spoken in intellectual and theoretical terms and cause them to be philosophically practical, which helps to be applied to Christian spirituality. As a result, Christian spirituality must be practical so that it can be lived and experienced, transcending the theoretical, making it more real. Otherwise, it is limited as beliefs to be believed and stuffed into the head.

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the Code serves as a key for understanding this powerful and puzzling book from the first century of the Christian Era. Topics include: Introducing the Book of Revelation/John's Vision of the Heavenly Christ (Revelation 1:1-20) Letters to Churches/More Letters to Churches (Revelation 2:1- 3:22) John's Vision of God and the Lamb (Revelation 4:1-5:14) Opening the Seven Seals of God's Scroll (Revelation 6:1-8:2) Sounding the Seven Trumpets (Revelation 8:3-11:19) The Satanic Trinity: The Dragon and the Two Beasts (Revelation 12:1-14:20) The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath (Revelation 15:1-18:24) The Final Victory and the Last Judgment/John's Vision of the Heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 19:1-22:21) This guide to people and places of the Bible covers both the New and Old Testament. It will be of interest to anyone needing an A-Z reference work on the people and places mentioned in the Bible, from prophets and apostles, to kingdoms and monuments.

A dictionary designed for use with the Greek New Testament (UBS4) and Nestle-Aland Novum Testamentum Graece (NA27).

A trustworthy guide to understanding the Book of Revelation

The Bible has been translated more than any other piece of literature and is currently available in over two thousand languages, with several languages having numerous versions. Outlined here is the development of biblical

translation, including a careful analysis of more than fifty versions of the Bible. One of the most respected living biblical scholars, Bruce Metzger begins this engaging survey with the earliest translations of the Old and New Testaments before proceeding to English versions dating from the eleventh century to the present. Metzger explores the circumstances under which each translation was produced and offers insight into its underlying objectives, characteristics, and strengths. Having served on a number of modern translation committees, his insights into the evolution of Bible translation flow not only from careful research, but also from personal experience. Students, pastors, and interested readers will discover the history of the written Word and gain useful insight into which modern translations best serve their own needs.

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In the third century CE, Emperor Septimius Severus unleashed a shocking and severe persecution against the Christian church. Witnessing the fear and confusion in his congregations, the presbyter Hippolytus crafted his Commentary on Daniel to encourage Christians confronted with the reality of martyrdom and persecution. In a work which comes to us as the earliest orthodox Christian commentary on scripture, Hippolytus interprets the text through allegory,

typology, theodicy, paraenesis, and reflection to create a motif of martyrdom. By doing so, Hippolytus guides Christians in their communities as they stand heroically before the tribunal of Caesar, like the Danielic characters stood before authorities in Babylon. His purpose in the commentary is clearly pastoral, arising from his role as presbyter: to exhort his Christian congregations to prepare to be martyred for Christ amidst Roman persecution.

This thoroughly revised edition of Bruce M. Metzger's classic work is the most up-to-date manual available for the textual criticism of the New Testament. The Text of the New Testament, Fourth Edition, has been invigorated by the addition of Bart D. Ehrman--author of numerous best-selling books on the New Testament--as a coauthor. This revision brings the discussion of such important matters as the early Greek manuscripts and methods of textual criticism up to date, integrating recent research findings and approaches into the body of the text (as opposed to previous revisions, which compiled new material and notes into appendices). The authors also examine new areas of interest, including the use of computers in the collection and evaluation of manuscript evidence and the effects that social and ideological influences had upon the work of scribes. The standard text for courses in biblical studies and the history of Christianity since its first publication in 1964, *The Text of the New Testament* is poised to become a

definitive resource for a whole new generation of students.

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Compiled in honor of Bruce M. Metzger, the most highly respected American textual critic in the history of the discipline, this volume comprises twenty-two full-length essays on every major issue relating to New Testament textual criticism, each written by an internationally recognized scholar in the field.

In this informative volume, dozens of eminent scholars explore how the Bible has influenced religious, ethical, artistic and philosophical traditions in more than 200 entries.

Lists every occurrence of every word in the Bible and provides study aids.

Bruce Manning Metzger's memoirs trace his life from his childhood in the Pennsylvania Dutch country and his student years at Princeton through his distinguished career of teaching, writing, lecturing, and editing. Professor Metzger's work has won him the gratitude of both biblical scholars and the larger Bible-reading public. His text-critical work on the New Testament is reflected in the standard Greek text now used and appreciated by scholars worldwide. His efforts on the Revised Standard and New Revised Standard versions of the Bible helped produce the readable, accurate English translations used for study and devotion by so many. His work on The Reader's Digest Bible and The Oxford Companion to the Bible has made the Bible more accessible for an untold number of readers. In these memoirs, Professor Metzger's own words put a human face on his monumental scholarly achievements. The wide array of

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stories and vignettes--from Senator Joseph McCarthy's attack on RSV committee members and Metzger's audiences with the pope to the time Professor Metzger and other members of the NRSV committee had to crawl out of a library window to get to their dinner--offer the reader a personal insight into some of the twentieth century's crucial developments in the text and translation of the Bible.

Veteran guide Bruce Metzger provides a succinct, readable yet thorough introduction to those books included in the Roman Catholic canon but deemed heretical by Protestants.

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