



Faculty Book Suggestions for New Theological Students 2022

BIBLICAL STUDIES

1. Mark S. Gignilliat, *Reading Scripture Canonically* ([Baker Academic, 2019](#))
"Meant to be a basic introduction by a veteran teacher . . ." (Professor Chris Seitz)
2. Bruce Longenecker, *The Lost Letters of Pergamum* ([Baker, 2016](#))
"It's a novel, and fun to read, but it also provides a very accurate portrayal of the social world in which the NT texts were written" (Professor Stephen Chester)
3. John Schwarz, *Word Alive! An Introduction to the Christian Faith* ([Tabgha Foundation, 1998](#))
"Thumbnail sketch of Bible history, biblical books, Church history, key tenets of Christian faith and ethics, etc. . . . a sort of Coles notes, ideal for anyone without much knowledge of the big picture" (Professor Emeritus Glen Taylor)
4. [The Bible Project](#)
"Excellent overviews of each biblical book as well as excellent series on how to read the Bible" (Professor Marion Taylor); "an easy entrée into the Biblical books - whether they read them or listen to them" (Professor Ann Jervis)

MISSION AND EVANGELISM

1. Jehu Hanciles, *Beyond Christendom* ([Orbis, 2008](#))
"Offers an interdisciplinary exploration of how globalization, migration, and mission are linked, and is written by a scholar of African background" (Professor Judy Paulsen)

THEOLOGY

1. Robert Jenson, *A Theology in Outline: Can These Bones Live?* ([OUP, 2016](#))
"Concise and brilliant" (Professor Joe Mangina)
2. Lamin Sanneh, *Summoned from the Margin: Homecoming of an African* ([Eerdmans, 2012](#))
"Represents one of the best personal accounts of the kinds of Christian concerns and realities that properly shape many . . . of Wycliffe's own commitments: evangelical Christian truth, cultural

sensitivity, mission, scholarship, clarity, critical acuity, humility, global mission” (Professor Ephraim Radner)

SPIRITUALITY

1. **St Augustine, *Confessions*** (trans. Chadwick, [OUP, 1998](#); or trans. Boulding, [New City, 2012](#) or [online](#))
“Often classified as a work of Christian apologetics, this is the spiritual autobiography of one of the Church’s greatest theologians and recounts how he discovered the grace of God’s love in Christ” (Principal Stephen Andrews)
2. **George Herbert, *The Country Parson and the Temple*** (orig. 1633; [Paulist, 1981](#); also [online](#))
“No one captures better—and without any sentimentality—the beauty of the Christian faith and the heart of the pastor” (Professor Catherine Sider-Hamilton)

HISTORY

1. **Philip Jenkins, *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity*** ([OUP, 2007](#))
“Students today need to be aware of global trends in Christianity” (Professor Tom Power)
2. **Wayne C. Booth, Gregory D. Colomb, Joseph M. Williams, Joseph Bizup, William T. Fitzgerald, *The Craft of Research*, 4th ed.** ([U of Chicago, 2016](#))
A text for the academically inclined, but “useful for many basic degree students too” (Professor Alan Hayes)

CHURCH & CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

1. **Heinrichs, Steve, editor, *Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry: Conversations on Creation, Land Justice, and Life Together*** ([Waterloo, ON: Herald Press, 2013](#)). Coming from a diversity of contributors, this book “creates a space with quite different perspectives around the circle. It also employs a pleasant array of genres: mostly traditional essays, but encircled by poetry, biographical snippets, prayers, graphic narratives” (Professor David Kupp)
2. **Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Cost of Discipleship*** (Touchstone, originally 1937), R.H Fuller, translator.
“Bonhoeffer’s lectures to his ministerial students at Finkenwalde offer a profound exploration of what it means to follow Jesus today. Accessible enough for lay people, deep enough to challenge even the most theologically literate, *Discipleship* is a true modern day classic of Christian reflection. I encourage anyone weary of the ‘cheap grace’ of much contemporary Christianity to take up and read” (Professor Justin Stratis).