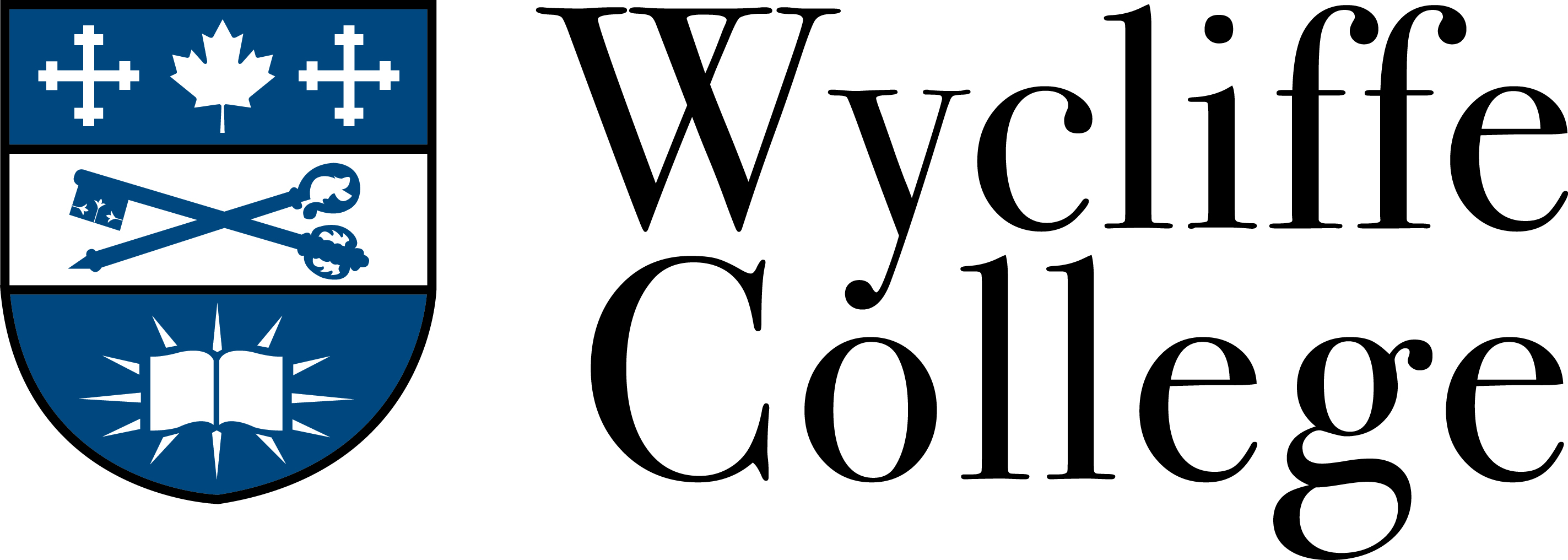
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*Trinity College Pastor’s Electronic Library.* [*http://www.trinity.utoronto.ca/library\_archives/theological\_resources/epastors\_library.html*](http://www.trinity.utoronto.ca/library_archives/theological_resources/epastors_library.html)*.* This is an excellent resource from our friends over the road. Access commentaries, exegetical tools, journals other great theological resources. (Tom Power)

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1. Credit should be given to Professor Glen Taylor for originally compiling this reading list, and to Lane Scruggs for updating the list with recent Faculty suggestions. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Taylor: “I pull this off the shelf more than almost any other book. It is a goldmine of information on all kinds of theological and Bible- or history-related topics, e.g. God, Paul, Charles Simeon, baptism, salvation, deity of Christ, Cranmer, etc.” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
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4. Words have meaning mostly in relation to their context and not alone. Nevertheless, this book provides accurate, brief, accessible information on the meaning of key words, whether in Greek or Hebrew, in the Bible. Best of all, no knowledge of Greek or Hebrew is required to use this very helpful resource. Mounce contains three sections: 1) an English word dictionary that gives the meaning of the Hebrew and Greek equivalents to that word (along with the Strongs and K/B number); 2) a Scripture index that directs the reader to pages where a word found in a particular verse is discussed; and 3) a Hebrew English dictionary that lists words according to the G-K number (which obviates the need to recognize and know Hebrew); and 4) a Greek-English dictionary that also lists words according to the G-K number (which obviates the need to recognize and know Greek). The discussion of the meaning of Hebrew and Greek words is more up to date than the old Vine’s. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. The Popular Patristics series is comprised of more than 40 volumes. The series aims to provide readable and accurate translations of a broad range of early Christian literature to a wide audience--from students of Christian history and theology to lay Christians reading for spiritual benefit. Recognized Patristic scholars provide short but comprehensive and clear introductory essays according to their specializations for each volume. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
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17. Promotional description reads: “designed for students taking a first short course in Christian theology or for lay Christians who wish to find out more about their faith. Accessible and lively…introduces readers to key theological issues, such as God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, faith, creation, salvation, atonement, [etc.]” [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
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