

[This short annotated bibliography is designed to help you make practical use of the theology section of the Reference Room at Siena for your research and writing. I have included only the best works to be found there.]

BR 66.5 .E58

Encyclopedia of the Early Church. Good articles, illustrations, and chronological charts. It is an excellent source for general knowledge of the period

BR 95 .B6413

Bouyer, *Dictionary of Theology*. This is not a new book, but it is still a gold mine of information in fundamental or foundational theology.

BR 95 .N3

New Dictionary of Theology. This is very good and includes some more recent material.

BR 95 .E48

The Encyclopedia of Theology: The Concise «Sacramentum Mundi» This is an abbreviated version of the Great German Catholic encyclopedia of the same name.

BR 95 .O8

The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church. This covers the whole history of the church — it is very complete, although, understandably, it spends much time on the English church.

BR 95 .R47 *A Dictionary of Christian Theology*. This is a work of mainly Protestant historical scholarship — very competent and thorough.

BR 95 .P36

Jaroslav Pelikan, *The Methodology of Theology*. This is an excellent introduction to theological method. You can use it as a reference work or read it as a text.

BR 95 .S252

Sacramentum Mundi. This is the six-volume original, from which the abridgement mentioned above was made. Browse around in it and you will begin to feel at home anywhere in the theological domain.

BR 117 .C48

Christian Spirituality. Good short articles about spiritual writers, and a useful prelude to reading their actual works.

BR 162.2 .E53

Encyclopedia of Early Christianity, 2nd Edition. Excellent.

BR 302.8 .B16

The Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion. Useful if you want to move beyond the confines of the Judaeo-Christian tradition.

BS 417 .C735

The Collegeville Pastoral Dictionary of Biblical Theology. The title says it all. This is a very successful attempt to link two fields which need to be brought together.

BS 417 .N49

The New Jerome Biblical Handbook. Outstanding in every way. This is another great one for reference or for browsing.

BS 440 .A54

The Anchor Bible Dictionary. This multi-volume work is more than a dictionary — more like an encyclopedia, with almost uniformly excellent articles.

BS 449 .B4313

Sacramentum Verbi. In English, despite the title. This is an excellent encyclopedia dealing with scripture. It is the work of Catholic scholars, mainly in Germany.

BS 440 .B5713

Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament. This multi-volume reference work is the source for serious study of the vocabulary and ideas of the OT. Unfortunately the articles are keyed to the Hebrew words.

BS 491.2 .N484

The Jerome Biblical Commentary. This is an older version, and the articles are still very good, but use the *New Jerome Biblical Commentary* (BS 491.2 .B7 — right next to it on the shelf).

BS 491.2 .N484

The New Interpreter's Bible. An excellent work of mainly Protestant scholarship.

BS 543 .A1 L413

Leon-Dufour, *Dictionary of Biblical Theology.* Pre-Vatican II, but still has many useful articles. This is a good example of French Catholic biblical scholar-

ship.

BS 620 .G752

Atlas of the Bible. There are a number of fine atlases in this section, but Grollenberg's is outstanding, not only for the pictorial work, but for the articles on different aspects of biblical theology. They are gems which illustrate how the best biblical theology can be put in clear and simple language.

BS 2312 .K5

Theological Dictionary of the New Testament. This multi-volume series is the ultimate reference work for serious work in theology. The articles are written by Germany's top Protestant scholars. The only problem is that the words are indexed in Greek. A way around this is offered by the abridged version. It is called *The Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, abridged in one volume, by G. Bromley.* The words are indexed in Greek (but in the Latin alphabet) and the entries are cross-referenced, so you can move from the English word to the Greek very easily.

BV 173 .N485

The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship. This is an excellent reference work which covers liturgy as well as sacramental theology.

BX 830 .A3

Documents of Vatican II. This edition (Flannery's) is particularly useful because it includes some important post-conciliar documents.

BX 841 .H37

The Harper-Collins Encyclopedia of Catholicism. Richard McBrien is the editor of this work. As is the case with all encyclopedias, the articles are not of absolutely uniform quality, but, overall, they are of very high quality.

BX 841 .M63

The Modern Catholic Encyclopedia. This is another very good work which draws on solid contemporary Catholic scholarship. It is interesting to take an article or two from this encyclopedia and from the *Harper-Collins* word mentioned above, and compare them.

BX 870 .P25

The Papal Encyclicals.

This multi-volume work offers translations of papal encyclicals from the eighteenth century to the present (it hasn't quite caught up with JP 2's production).

BX 1406.2 .E53

The Encyclopedia of American Catholic History.

This is a very useful research resource, and it offers many opportunities for profitable browsing.

BX 1745.5 .H35

Handbook of Catholic Theology. This work is valuable for its treatment of the main themes of foundational or fundamental theology and for its overall synthesis of the whole theological enterprise.

BX 1747.5 .N413

The Teachings of the Catholic Church. This is an English translation of the famous *Denzinger* — a collection of papal and conciliar documents (which were almost entirely in Latin). Rahner edited the German edition. This is a very useful research tool, and it includes material from the pre-Nicene period up to Vatican II.

BX 1753 .N497

The New Dictionary of Catholic Social Thought. Judith Dwyer (not a relative) has edited a superb collection of articles dealing with all aspects of the church's social mission. The articles are all cross-referenced, and this is a great source of material both for research and for browsing.

BS 2350.65 .N49

The New Dictionary of Catholic Spirituality. This is another work of very competent scholarship. The articles give a good overview to help you orient yourself in this somewhat disorganized field.

[In this same section of the reference library, you will find several copies of Richard McBrien's book, *Catholicism*. This excellent study of the Catholic church from many points of view really belongs in your personal library. It secured a permanent place on the ultra-conservative hit-list for McBrien, and, for that reason, it is obviously a fine piece of work.