
Recommended Books

The books listed below are recommended reading. Some of them reflect my own personal bias, but the list is none the worse for that. The list was first compiled in 1995. Some worthy books that I've read since are not included. Others are available online as free downloads, or available for use within Bible software packages such as [e-Sword](#).

Books marked with *are particularly recommended

Bible Study

Analytical Concordance to the Holy Bible—Young (KJV only)

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New Bible Dictionary—Inter-Varsity Press (3 volumes)

Interlinear Greek/English New Testament (Bagster)

Interlinear Hebrew/English Old Testament

Greek/English Lexicon of the New Testament—Thayer

Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words – a great resource for detailed study.

Word Studies in the New Testament—Vincent (2 vols) – almost a verse-by-verse commentary, giving many shades of meaning derived from the Greek.

Word Studies in the Greek New Testament—Wuest (Eerdmans). These are detailed studies of the Greek text of several books of the New Testament, giving a very literal translation.

*Halley's Bible Handbook. An introduction to all the books of the Bible.

Commentaries

*Jamieson, Fausset and Brown's Commentary (1 volume or 4) – a good, spiritual commentary.

Adam Smith's Commentary (Methodist)

*Matthew Henry's Commentary (1 volume or about 20) – a devotional commentary that gives more in the way of application than exposition.

John Wesley's Notes on the Old and New Testaments

Spurgeon published a book of comments on commentaries, which is worth consulting.

Biography

George Whitefield (2 vols)—Dallimore (Banner of Truth)

C.H. Spurgeon's Autobiography (2 vols) (Banner of Truth)

The Burning Heart (John Wesley)— Skevington Wood (Paternoster)

Southey's Life of Wesley (second-hand)

Amy Carmichael of Dohnavur—Houghton

Martyn Lloyd-Jones (2 vols)—Murray (Banner of Truth)

*A Chance to Die (Amy Carmichael)—Elisabeth Elliot (Revell)

*Biography of James Hudson Taylor (2 vols —The Growth of a Soul; and The Growth of a Work of God), by Dr. and Mrs. Taylor. Recently republished in full by OMF.

*Mountain Rain (J.O. Fraser of Lisuland)—Eileen Crossman

Behind the Ranges (J.O. Fraser)—Mrs. H. Fraser

Channel of Revival (Duncan Campbell of the Lewis Revival)—Woolsey (Hodder)

*Shadow of the Almighty (Jim Elliot)—Elisabeth Elliot (Hodder)

They Knew Their God (2 vols)—Harvey and Hey (MOVE Press). Two volumes of short sketches, including many lesser known people; a good introduction for further reading.

Memoir and Remains of R.M. McCheyne—Bonar (Banner of Truth)

Journal of George Fox (Religious Society of Friends) – founder of the Quakers.

George Fox and the Valiant Sixty

Wesley's Veterans

Against the Tide (Watchman Nee) – biography of China's best-known Bible teacher.

*The General Next to God (William Booth)—Collier. A secular account of the origins of the Salvation Army. A must-read for anyone concerned for justice!

Samuel Logan Brengle (look for the biography by Clarence Hall). One of the Salvation Army greats.

*Rees Howells, Intercessor—Norman Grubb

*Oswald Chambers, Abandoned Unto God—McCasland

There are many other biographies to be recommended, particularly those available second-hand, e.g. Adoniram Judson, J.C. Paton, Mildred Cable, Charles Cowman, Gladys Aylward, Praying Hyde, and so on.

Church History

*The Pilgrim Church—E.H. Broadbent. From the Acts to the early 20th century.

The Torch of the Testimony—Kennedy

Church History—A. Miller (Pickering and Inglis)

The Reformation in England—Merle d'Aubigné (Banner of Truth)

History of the Reformation—Merle d'Aubigné (4 vols). If you find this, let me know!

Foxe's Book of Martyrs

Revival

*The Price and Power of Revival (Lewis Revival, 1940s)—Duncan Campbell (Faith Mission). A short booklet by one who experienced it.

*Asuza Street (America 1900's)—Bartleman. Origins of the Pentecostal movement.

From Death Into Life (Cornwall, England)—W. Haslam (Good News Crusade)

Lectures on the Revival of Religion—Charles.G. Finney (second-hand)

Finney on Revival (condensed from the above) (Bethany)

*Why Revival Tarries —Leonard Ravenhill

*Remarkable Miracles —Bevington (Logos)

Prayer

*The Power of Prayer—R.A.Torrey (Zondervan). One of the best books on prayer available.

Books by E.M. Bounds, Leonard Ravenhill, R.A. Torrey, Madame Guyon

Devotional Writers

*Samuel Logan Brengle (Salvation Army)

S.D. Gordon

John Wesley

J.C. Ryle

*Amy Carmichael

Madame Guyon

*Oswald Chambers

Fenelon

F.J. Huegel

A.B. Simpson

John Fletcher

*A.W. Tozer

Marcus Dods (out of print)

C.H. Spurgeon

William Booth

G.W. North

Jessie Penn-Lewis

G.H. Lang (Schoettle Press, Miami)

Anthony Norris Groves (Schoettle)

J. Oswald Sanders

Watchman Nee

Andrew Murray

P.T. Forsyth

G. Campbell Morgan

*Geoffrey T. Bull (e.g. When Iron Gates Yield, God Holds the Key)

The Salvation Army in Toronto has re-published the writings of Catherine Booth in 5 volumes (about \$15).

Science and Scriptures

The Genesis Flood – Henry Morris (Creation-Life Publishers)

The Genesis Record – Henry Morris (a commentary on Genesis)

Books by H.M. Morris, J.C. Whitcomb, Gary Parker and others of the Institute for Creation Research.

Prophecy

My views on prophecy differ from most, so read at your peril! In my view many of the books on prophecy that are popular today should never have been written. Books by Ralph Woodrow (Riverside, California) are good on prophecy, e.g. Great Prophecies of the Bible; His Truth is Marching On; Babylon - Mystery Religion. He has a couple of other books that are not so good.

Books by H. Gratton Guinness may be obtained second-hand (if you are lucky). He was a historicist of the 20th century; some of his calculations of dates are now known to be inaccurate!

His Waiting Bride – Edgar F. Parkyns

The Church and the Last Things—D. M. Lloyd-Jones (Crossway). The most sane treatment I've read, with a very good synopsis of Revelation.

Marriage and Family

Marriage Takes More Than Love—J. and C. Mayhall (Navpress)

How to Raise Your Children for Christ—Andrew Murray

Books by Dr. James Dobson and associates

Addendum—2011

Much has changed, of course, since the list was first created in 1995. One of the most important changes is the availability of many old titles on the Internet. Bible software is also available as free downloads at [e-Sword](#) and other places.

- I recommend the English Standard Version of the Bible. It is not as much of a word-for-word translation as the New American Standard Bible (NASB, also recommended). It is much to be preferred over the NIV.
- Hundreds of older titles (mostly out of print) are available at the [Christian Classics Ethereal Library](#). Others are available for purchase or viewing at the [Internet Archive](#).
- Sermons are available for download at [Sermon Index](#) and many other sites.
- One author that I have read with considerable profit is N.T. Wright. You can read about him [here](#), and his many books are readily available. Start with "Surprised by Hope."