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Commemorating in Europe: Along Lines of Separation

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Saints, Sinners, and Stupid Asses: The Place of Faith in Luther's Doctrine of Salvation

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Abstract:	Luther's theology, and his identity as a Christian reformer at the end of the Middle Ages, is predicated upon his understanding of faith. While his concept is rooted in later medieval theological motifs, Luther develops it in a new and revolutionary fashion. The application of Luther's doctrine created a fundamental shift in religious practice. From a history of ideas perspective, a new chapter in the Christian

	doctrine of salvation emerges. The idea of faith alone (sola fide) represents a radical shift from medieval doctrines and proposes a new approach to religious practice at the dawn of the modern world. In Luther's hands, faith is neither intellectual assent nor adherence to a system of beliefs. Instead, faith is Christ, reality, relation, and dynamic spiritual being. An appreciation of Luther's idea of faith is essential to understanding Luther's theological and religious motivations.
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Towards a Dialogical 'Global Theology': Wolfhart Pannenberg and Wilfred Cantwell Smith

Author:	Pavel Hošek
Abstract:	This article explores similar yet different proposals of Wolfhart Pannenberg and Wilfred Cantwell Smith concerning the appropriate theory and framework of interfaith relations and dialogue. They both see the contemporary situation of a globalized and globalizing world as an imperative for developing a universal theology of human relatedness to the transcendent mystery. Both understand it as a non-confessional theological hermeneutics of the entire religious history of humankind, which must be done in dialogue and interactive cooperation of people from all religious and cultural backgrounds. But for Pannenberg Christian faith is to be offered as the relatively best candidate for the orienting centre, the anticipation and foretaste of the ultimate end of the religious history of humankind. For Smith Christian faith is the orienting centre of religious history, but may be only for Christians, because of its central function in the Christian cumulative tradition and its corresponding form of faith.
Keywords:	Wolfhart Pannenberg - Wilfred Cantwell Smith - Interreligious dialog.
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History and/or Old Testament Theology: The Question of the 'Traditioning Process' from a Prague Perspective

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Abstract:	The term "traditioning process " has in Czech Old Testament scholarship from its very beginnings specific referential value which is connected especially with the name of Slavomil Tíbor Daněk (1885-1946) who was the first teacher of the Old Testament at the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University in Prague. Concerning this "process " Daněk was occupied primarily with 'original religions data contained in biblical texts. To reach them requires, according to him, to read critically present "canonical" texts against the chronological axis. As a result, astonishingly new insights about theological thought of Israel might be gained. Canonical process serves in Daněk's thinking in the first instance as a

	line connecting present biblical text with its religiously interesting remote past. Although not that inventive as his preceptor, Milos Bic (1910-2004) pushed forward main bulk of Daněk's ideas. The same applies to Jan Heller (1925-2008) who as compared with Daněk advocates that the result of the discussed process, i. e. the so-called "final form" has its substantial theological importance which should be taken in biblical interpretation as a supreme hermeneutical variable. At the end of the study an opinion is expressed, that the pursued phenomenon of traditioning process ought to be carefully studied in a broader context of contemporary biblical scholarship.
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Beyond, before, and within the Text of the Bible: On the History and Its Importance for Old Testament Theology: The Case of Slavomil C. Dane?k (1885-1946)

Author:	Petr Sláma
Abstract:	In this essay the work of the Old Testament scholar Slavomil C. Daněk is introduced and discussed with particular attention to his relation to history. A contemporary of Walther Eichrodt, he also tried to break down the tyranny of historicism. Unaware of the helpful distinction between the historical and narrative character of the Bible, he sought to find the eternal and therefore timeless Word on the ruins of history. On the other hand, he paid due attention to the historical conditions of the readers' community.
Keywords:	Old Testament - History - Exegesis of Bible - historical criticism - Czech theology - Daněk Slavomil C.
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Biblical Studies in Hungary Today and in the Past

Author:	Gyo?rgy Benyik
Abstract:	This article aims to fill the gap in knowledge in international circles about the tradition of biblical studies in Hungary. The early beginnings go back to the Middle Ages. The Reformation profoundly influences the level of the discipline in the country, which had a large reformed community. Also the 19th and 20th centuries had either an encouraging or a restrictive impact on the state of biblical studies in Hungary. At present scholars are engaged in many projects and participate in the international community of biblical researcher
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The Insider/Outsider Debate and the Study of the Bible

Author:	Márta Cserháti
Abstract:	This article explores the significance and validity of usinemic and/or etic categories in studying biblical texts. Can we use terminology from another (e.g. modern) context to understand somtext or do we have to use only a terminology from the context of thetext itself? The author comes to the conclusion that they do not exclude each other.
Keywords:	Biblical studies - exegesis - emic - epic - anthropology.
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Interest (Usury) and Its Variations in the Biblical Law Codices

Author:	Miroslav Varšo
Abstract:	This article discusses the rules and practice for interest and usury in the Old Testament at the background of the practice in Ancient Near East. The example of the biblical Law of not taking interest makes visible how the option for the poor in a religious society is reformulated and reinterpreted and is dependent on the changes that the society undergoes in time and also in the structure of its inner organization.
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Vom positiven Umgang mit Feinden

Author:	Uwe F.W. Bauer
Abstract:	This article discusses four particular texts from the Hebrew Bible which about enemies in a positive way. They do not speak about love for the enemy, but suggest in a practical way how to deal with your enemy in order to live together as good as possible.
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Book review

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