

BOOK REVIEW GUIDELINES

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Send your review as a Word document to drghollifield@yahoo.com by January 15th or July 15th, as assigned.

Since journal space is limited, please be concise: **400 to 800 words**, unless otherwise indicated by the editor. Less is better.

New reviewers are urged to consult past EHS journals for examples of how to apply the following guidelines for form, substance, and expected standard of writing.

Form issues:

- Use Times New Roman, 12 pt font throughout.
- The book's title is to be at the head of your review, in italics. Following the title, please list (in the following order) the author's name, (first name, middle initial/name, last name; no titles, please), place of publication (city only, for the well-known publishing houses), publisher (omit words such as "Press," "Publisher," "House," etc., unless it is a university publication or an academic press), date of publication (year), ISBN number (the 13-digit number), number of pages, and price (and a notation if it is hardback). Do follow the format for punctuation, too. For example:

Biblical Preaching. By Haddon W. Robinson. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1980. 978-0801049125, 230 pp., \$16.95 (hardback).

- If the price of the book is not printed on the cover, please find it at www.amazon.com, and use the *list* price, not Amazon's discounted price.
- Place your name at the top of the review after a space below the bibliographic information (no titles or degrees, please), with the name of the institution you are affiliated with (school, church, or other organization), and its location (city and abbreviation for U.S. state/Canadian province)—all in italics after the word "Reviewer:" Use this form:

Reviewer: *Abraham Kuruvilla, Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX.*

- Create another blank line after the heading, and then provide your review of the book: indent first line of each new paragraph; use only left justification; please do not use footnotes or endnotes; page numbers referenced may be indicated in the body of the review within parentheses (without "p." or "pp." or "ff."), and *outside* quotation marks when it follows a citation from the book; also, please have only *one* space after a period at the end of sentences. For instance:

When Sweet declared, "[t]raditional textual exegesis is based on mining the ore of words to excavate the gems of 'biblical principles,' a biblical panning for nuggets of wisdom in one massive stream of words" (23), I gave it a hearty "Amen!"

Remember to summarize and critique. Good book reviews both restate succinctly and analyze reflectively, setting forth the relative strengths and weaknesses of the book. Where does the book fit in within the realm of homiletical scholarship? Is a new contribution being made to the field? What will be its potential impact? Attempt to specify the kind of audience(s) that would most benefit from a reading of this work.

Try to make your review crisp and purposeful, getting right to the point, and bearing in mind the audience you are writing for—the readers of this *Journal*: preachers and teachers of preaching.

And take a stance, yourself, on the topic the author is discussing. Feel free to disagree. But, needless to say, use propriety, and do not feel obligated to find fault. In short, simply give the book the type of review you think it deserves—praise where fitting, disagreement where necessary.

Please accept your review copy of the book as a token of our appreciation for your hard work, cooperation, and goodwill.

If you have any questions, contact me at drghollifield@yahoo.com.

Blessings to you!

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