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- Alternatives: Mendeley, EndNote, RefWorks, Nota Bene etc. \$\$\$!
- MS Word???

## A. Importance

Managing your bibliographic data (book list, research notes, online resources in various formats):
 As pastor-scholars, we need more in-depth digestions and reflections instead of brief and shallow messages on social media!

Consequences we now face in a post-truth world where there is a constant flood of information:

- o fake news, distorted news, opinions, and views accepted as presented superficially
- o not only news but now every aspect in our daily life in this global village: social life, church life, personal faith, and theological studies
- o depth vs. breadth. You are what you read!
- O We need a space to reorganize, to reprioritize and to reflect
- Formatting issues: footnotes and bibliography in accordance to recognised citation styles
- Avoiding plagiarism

## **B.** Characteristics

- Standalone program + web browser plugin
- Stable
- Synchronization: online and offline
- Different ways to organize your stuff: library dir (main categories, e.g. by disciplines), notes (reviews/comments), tags (categories in another perspectives, e.g. interesting/boring/essentials), etc
- Platforms: PC, Mac (Mobile: 3<sup>rd</sup> party apps, see <a href="here">here</a>)

#### C. Basic Use

- Program & plugin: <a href="https://www.zotero.org/download/">https://www.zotero.org/download/</a>
- Plugin for Word: <a href="https://www.zotero.org/support/word">https://www.zotero.org/support/word</a> processor integration
- Register and sync your account
  - o user account size limit: 300Mb
  - o never store your pdf files there and you will never use up the quota. I started using it since 2009 and now I only used 27Mb
- Building up your library comprehensively from: Google Books, Amazon, EBSCO/ALTAS journal websites thru <u>bit.ly/ESLibCat</u>, Academic websites like OUP, Academia, WorldCat.org, <a href="http://www.ottobib.com/">http://www.ottobib.com/</a>
- Loading it in Word

## D. Chinese Citation Style

- Various Chinese styles throughout the years, by various Chinese seminaries (years ago our Alfred Suen wrote one for ES).
  - o Problems: incomplete, inconsistency, esp. with Turabian/Chicago style mostly used in the western world. Example: 楊牧谷: 〈Ignorance 無知〉,楊牧谷主編: 《當代神學辭典》上冊(台北: 校園,1997)。
- Style guide we now use: 李志秋和張心瑋,《學術研究與寫作:聖經、神學與教牧學研究手冊》,第三版(新加坡:新加坡神學院,2019)
  - $\circ\quad$  Currently the most complete one in Chinese theological circles



- o 安裝:從學院內部的 Google drive folder "學術研究與寫作\_Zotero 版" (校友要取連結請聯繫我),下載 chinese-research-writing-20200819.csl,在 Zoom Preferences / Cite 中按"+",把這檔案加進去,會出現"不是個有效 CSL 1.0.1 樣式檔,而且無法與 Zotero 搭配"信息,但照按確定便可。
- o Zotero 輸入中文項目時留意:
  - "language"一攔要輸入 "zh-TW", "Chinese Research Writing 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (full note)"
     方能把它以中文格式顯示
  - 作者的中文全名全放在"姓"一欄
- The authors plan to publish it online towards Nov/Dec after revising the guides
- Adding it to Zotero
- Loading it in Word
- How to deal with bugs? "Unlink citations" in your last step of editing (For any bugs observed, do let me or Wing Kei know)

## E. Building up a Library Database as a Scholar-Pastor

- Andy Naselli (Associate Professor of New Testament and Theology at Bethlehem College & Seminary):
  - a. My Personal Library.
  - b. Exegesis and Biblical Theology
    - Hermeneutics
    - New Testament. This breaks down into Gospels, Greek, Individual NT Books, Johannine Studies, Letters, NT History, NT Introduction and Survey, NT People, NT Textual Criticism, NT Theology, and Pauline Studies. For the individual NT and OT books, the main collections include resources on the entire biblical book (e.g., commentaries), and subfolders include special studies (e.g., books and articles on only a portion of a biblical book).
    - Old Testament. This breaks down into Hebrew, Individual OT Books, Jesus in the OT, OT History, OT Introduction and Survey, OT People, OT Textual Criticism, OT Theology, Pentateuch, Poetry, Prophecy, and Wisdom Literature.
    - Primary Sources. Bibles in English, Greek, Hebrew, Latin, and modern languages.
    - Second Temple Judaism
    - Whole Bible. This includes General Reference, Geography, Survey of Resources (e.g., commentary survey), Whole-Bible Biblical Theology (e.g., Kingdom of God, OT in the NT, Salvation History, Typology), Whole-Bible Commentary, and Whole-Bible Introduction and Survey.

# c. Historical Theology

- Introduction and Survey
- Groups and Ideologies
- Historiography
- Individuals
- Periods of History
- d. Other. This is for mostly my non-theological resources.
- e. Practical Theology
  - Christian Liberty and Lifestyle Choices
  - Christian Living: General (e.g., devotionals)
  - Counselling and Psychology
  - Culture
  - Education and Scholarship...

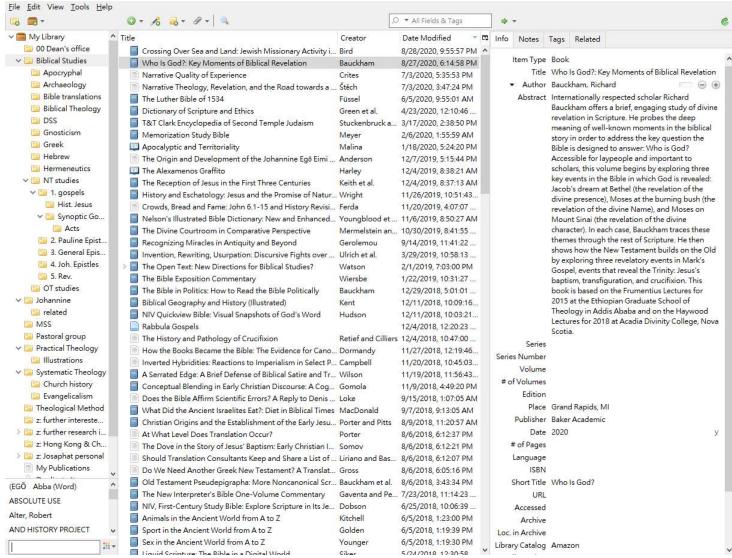
## f. Systematic Theology

- Apologetics. Subcategories include Approaches (esp. presuppositionalism), Atheism and Agnosticism, Cults, Miracles, Problem of Evil and Suffering, Reliability of the Bible, and World Religions.
- Bible Doctrine. This includes the basic categories in a typical systematic theology and subcategories for each.



#### Philosophy

#### 2. My own:



3. Collaborative (for a certain class, interest groups etc): https://www.zotero.org/groups/2571226/gospel of john eng-zh es

### F. Further info:

- Importing bibliographic info from your Logos: https://blog.logos.com/2016/04/exporting your logos 4 library to zotero/
- Andy Naselli, "Why You Should Organize Your Personal Theological Library and a Way How": <a href="http://andynaselli.com/personal-theological-library">http://andynaselli.com/personal-theological-library</a>; "Zotero: A Guide for Librarians, Researchers, and Educators": <a href="http://andynaselli.com/zotero-2">http://andynaselli.com/zotero-2</a>
- 3. Jason Puckett, *Zotero: A Guide for Librarians, Researchers and Educators* (Chicago: American Library Association, 2011).
- 4. Michael Kibbe, From Topic to Thesis: A Guide to Theological Research (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2016), 133-46.

