Short Assignment 5: Investigate Two Books of Interest

Due: Mon Dec 4 at 11 pm CST

Word limit: 200 words for your written response to the reviews

 The following are websites of reputable publishers. Go to one or more and peruse their books on the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible. Pick at least two that look interesting and deal with some part of the Old Testament. Students will be asked to redo the assignment if a book is selected that does not focus on the Old Testament. For this assignment, it's good if the books are 3-20 years old (because new ones will not be reviewed).

> Baker Academic: <u>http://bakerpublishinggroup.com/bakeracademic</u> Cambridge University Press:

https://www.cambridge.org/us/universitypress/subjects/religion/biblicalstudies-old-testament-hebrew-bible/

Eerdmans: https://www.eerdmans.com/

ELCA Publishing House: https://www.fortresspress.com/

InterVarsity Press Academic: <u>https://www.ivpress.com/academic-textbook-</u> <u>finder/biblical-studies</u>

Jewish Publication Society: <u>https://jps.org/product-category/bible-commentaries/</u> Oxford University Press: https://global.oup.com/academic/category/arts-and-

humanities/religion/biblical-studies/?lang=en&cc=us

PCUSA Publishing House:

https://www.wjkbooks.com/Products/CategoryCenter/BAB/Academic-Bible.aspx

United Methodist Publishing House: <u>www.abingdonpress.com</u>

In the space below, list the web addresses of 2 books you found. These webpages should be specific pages about particular books, not the general links above.

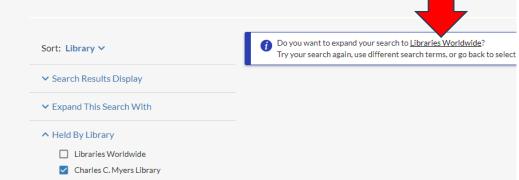
2. Provide a correct citation of each book. It should have this format:

Author's last name, Author's first name. *Book Title: Subtitle*. Series name (if applicable). Place of publication: Publisher, year.

(Example:) Sharp, Carolyn J. *The Prophetic Literature*. Core Biblical Studies. Nashville: Abingdon, 2019.

 a. If you have trouble finding any information, you can use our library catalog. Go to <u>www.dbq.edu/library</u> and enter the title in quotation marks under "Find Books and Media"... dbq.edu/library/

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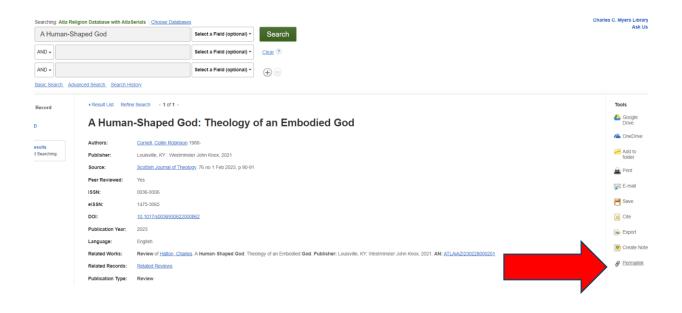


- 3. Use ATLA to read two reviews of each book you selected.
 - a. To find a book review, you need to get into ATLA. It will be easiest if you <u>click here</u>. Alternately, you can use the library homepage, click on the ATLA tab, enter a random search term, and then click on "New Search" once you're inside ATLA.
 - b. Once inside of ATLA, enter the title of the book you selected on a line. Do not hit "Search" yet.
 - c. Then, under "Publication Type" select "Review." Now, you can hit "Search."

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If there are no reviews, or only one review, you need to select a different book.

Once you've found two reviews of each book, provide proof. To do that, click on the title of the review, and on the right side of your screen, there should be a "Permalink" icon. Copy and paste each permalink below:



4. Type a brief reaction to the book reviews you read. Explain what initially interested you in the book. Describe whether the book is still interesting after reading reviews. Include a brief summary of each book based on the reviews. It's common for book reviews to offer some sort of critique. Were the critiques helpful to you? Sometimes, reviewers make critiques that amount to "If I had written this book, I would have done it differently," which isn't especially helpful. You do not need to provide a full citation here. Instead, you can say things like, "According to Newsom's review of Sakenfeld's book, her main argument is..." Limit: 200 words.