

## **REPORT OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH GENERAL MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

The 37th General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was hosted by Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, and was in session from Monday, August 19, to Thursday, August 22, 1974. Rev. Raymond Baumhart, S.J., President of Loyola University, opened the Meeting with cordial words of welcome. John E. Huesman, S.J., of the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, delivered the Presidential Address, "Archeology and Early Israel: The Scene Today." Huesman concerned himself principally with the period of the Amorite invasion and the Israelite patriarchs. He concluded that the archeological evidence argues well for the historicity of the patriarchs as part of the Amorite movements at that time, although the patriarchal narratives do have a complicated literary history which must be taken into account.

### **Sessions on Tuesday, August 20**

Two Task Forces and seven Continuing Seminars met simultaneously each day. In the first of the morning sessions, 9:00-10:15 A.M., Jack Dean Kingsbury was moderator of the Task Force on "The Composition of the Gospel of Matthew"; other members of the core group were Joseph A. Comber, C.F.X., Lamar Cope, Douglas R. A. Hare, Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., John P. Meier, James M. Reese, O.S.F.S., and William G. Thompson, S.J. Richard J. Clifford, S.J., was moderator of the Task Force on "Apocalyptic Tradition"; Adela Yarbro Collins, John J. Collins, John R. Donahue, S.J., Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., John S. Kselman, Pheme Perkins, and Anthony J. Saldarini, S.J., comprised the core group. The Continuing Seminars with their respective leaders were: James P. Clifton, C.F.X., "Pauline Dualism"; John F. Craghan, C.S.S.R., "The Mari 'Prophetic Texts' and the Old Testament"; John H. Elliott, "Peter, Ministry, and Church Order in the New Testament"; Bruce J. Malina, C. Thomas Moore, O.P., and John J. Pilch, "First Century Cosmology and the New Testament"; Roland E. Murphy, O.Carm., "Selected Questions in Old Testament Wisdom Research"; Kevin G. O'Connell, S.J., "A Fresh Look at the Theological Perspectives of J and the Other Pentateuchal Sources"; and Patrick W. Skehan, "Heno- and Melchizedek in the Light of Qumran."

The morning concluded with two papers read in simultaneous sessions, 11:00-12:00 A.M. Walter R. Wifall addressed himself to the question of "Son of Man—A Pre-Davidic Social Class?" while Carroll Stuhlmueller, C.P., spoke on "Biblical Theology and the Problem of Synthesis: With Special Reference to Deutero-Isaiah." A response to the latter paper was made by James P. Doyle.

The Most Reverend Nevin W. Hayes, O.Carm., auxiliary to the Archbishop of Chicago, was the principal concelebrant at the midday liturgy; Richard Sklba was the

homilist. In his welcoming address Bishop Hayes encouraged the members in their work of making the word of God better known and understood. He noted that much misinformation about the Scriptures still exists and that biblical scholars must redouble their efforts to bridge the communication gap between the scholar and the layman.

The afternoon consisted of three sessions of four simultaneous sections each and a fourth general session. In the first three sessions the topics discussed were: William G. Thompson, S.J., "Miracle Stories in Mark: A Contemporary Paradigm?"; Edward L. Bode, "The Settlement of the Promised Land"; James H. Swetnam, S.J., "Hebrews 2:10-11 and the Akedah"; Thomas W. Leahy, S.J., "Adam at Qumran"; P. Joseph Cahill, "The Johannine Logos as Center"; John F. Craghan, C.S.S.R., "The Mari 'Prophetic Texts': The Present State of the Question"; William G. Most, "An Interdisciplinary Approach to Hebrews 5:8"; Anthony J. Saldarini, S.J., "Farewell Speeches in Rabbinic Literature"; John R. Donahue, S.J., "The Evangelist as Theologian: A Question of Method"; William H. Irwin, C.S.B., "A New Translation of Isaiah 26"; Edward M. Gaffney, "Due Process of Law and the Bible"; Leo J. Tibesar, "Targumic Influence on Abel in the New Testament."

In the afternoon general session Jack Dean Kingsbury of Luther Theological Seminary spoke on "Matthew: Gospel of the Son of God." Arguing from the structure of the gospel, especially Mt 1:1-4:16 as the first of three major divisions in format, Kingsbury contended that Matthew's primary focus is to present Jesus as the Son of God. All other titles of Jesus and motifs are subordinated to this primary purpose. A response was made by William G. Thompson, S.J.

In the evening general session Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J., of Weston College School of Theology delivered a paper entitled "Some Reflections on the Semitic Background of the *Kyrios*-title in the New Testament." After reviewing the various current theories about the origin of the *Kyrios*-title, Fitzmyer called attention to new evidence from Qumran and elsewhere which proves that Palestinian Jews of the first century did call Yahweh *mārê* (Aramaic) and *'ădôn* (Hebrew). This strongly suggests that the *Kyrios*-title in the NT derived from a Palestinian Semitic religious background. A response was made by Myles M. Bourke.

#### Sessions on Wednesday, August 21

The morning was occupied with the Task Forces and Continuing Seminars, as on the previous day, and with the annual Business Meeting at eleven o'clock. CBA President John Huesman, S.J., chaired the Business Meeting. The Treasurer's Report was given by James P. Clifton, C.F.X. The report of the Board of Trustees was given by its chairman, Myles M. Bourke.

Executive Secretary Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., reported that: (1) CBA attempts an informal placement service for the benefit of its members. Institutions may send vacancy notices; individuals seeking positions should send their *curriculum vitae* along with information about the type of position sought. (2) The CBA letter of Sept. 14, 1973, to the U.S. Catholic Bishops (see *CBQ* 35 [1973] 502-505) and its aftermath led to a meeting between representatives of Catholic scholarly societies and the Bishops' Liaison Committee of the NCCB on June 17th; among the recommendations from the meeting was for provision of a permanent mechanism for consultation

between Bishops and scholars. In anticipation of a joint committee from the Catholic scholarly societies, the Executive Board voted to establish a CBA Episcopal Liaison Committee, whose representative would serve on the joint committee. The secretary therefore requested that suggestions for membership and procedures for such a committee be handed in that day so that it could be launched before the annual meeting was concluded. (3) Grants approved by the Executive Board for this year included: (a) \$500 subsidy to *Elenchus Bibliographicus*; (b) \$750 to the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum translation project (Bernardin Schneider, O.F.M., personally thanked the members for continued support of this project); (c) \$1500 plus round-trip air fare each to Aelred Cody, O.S.B., CBA Visiting Professor to the Pontifical Biblical Institute, and William Fulco, S.J., CBA Visiting Professor to L'École Biblique; (d) \$1130 for relief to famine victims in Africa (this amount represents a tithe or 10% of CBA annual membership dues). (4) The Executive Board has approved in principle the proposal of Roland Murphy that, on the occasion of the bicentennial anniversary of the founding of this country, an historical study of the CBA be done. (5) Attempts will be made to establish a CBA scholarship fund for the help of young biblical scholars; requests for bequests for this purpose will be made in *CBQ*. (6) Suggestions are solicited (names and ideas) for a possible CBA Research and Publications Committee, whose function would be to pinpoint new needs, evaluate present operations, etc. (7) Next year's CBA Meeting is to be held in Denver, August 18-21; host institutions are Iliff School of Theology and St. Thomas Seminary.

*CBQ* Editor George Montague, S.M., reported that in 1974 58 articles had been received, of which 21 have been accepted for publication and another 14 are still under review. This represents a slight decrease from last year. Members are encouraged to contribute. Book reviews published in 1974 will number approximately 192. An effort is being made to eliminate popular materials from review. New book reviewers are solicited; those interested should inform the Book Review Editor (Mark Sheridan) of their specific areas of interest, areas in which they have published, and which languages they read. Those whose interests and competencies have shifted were asked to update this information. Thanks were extended to outgoing Associate Editors David M. Stanley, S.J., Myles M. Bourke, Jerome D. Quinn, and Dennis J. McCarthy, S.J. A search committee for a new editor has been formed consisting of Francis S. Rossiter, Chairman, Carroll Stuhlmueeller, and Anthony J. Saldarini.

Patrick W. Skehan, Chairman, *CBQMS* Editorial Board, reported that three manuscripts have been accepted for publication. He indicated that the members would be asked to vote affirmatively on Bruce Vawter, C.M., in the *CBQMS* chairmanship.

Arnold Tkacik, on behalf of the Committee on Nominations, presented the following slate: *President*: Francis S. Rossiter; *Vice-President*: Alexander A. DiLella, O.F.M.; *Executive Secretary*: Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; *Treasurer*: James P. Clifton, C.F.X.; *Chairman, CBQMS Editorial Board*: Bruce Vawter, C.M.; *Chairman, Board of Trustees '74-'77*: Myles M. Bourke; *Consultors*: John R. Donahue, S.J., and Elizabeth Schüssler Fiorenza; *Associate Editors*: Philip J. King, John P. Meier, PHEME PERKENS, and Donald P. Senior, C.P.; *Committee on Nominations*: James M. Reese, O.S.F.S.; *Delegate to CSR*: Richard J. Skiba; *Program Committee*: PHEME PERKENS and David P. Reid. These candidates were elected unanimously by the members.

Alexander Di Lella, O.F.M., on behalf of the Committee on Credentials, proposed the following candidates:

*For Active Membership:*

Rev. Dr. Robert Alden, Rev. Robert J. Barone, Dr. Joseph A. Burgess, Rev. Gerald S. Byrne, Rev. Francis T. Fallon, Rev. Mark Che-yong Fang, S.J., Rev. James J. Foley, Dr. Harold O. Forshey, Rev. Francis T. Gignac, S.J., Sister Joan F. Gormley, S.N.D., Rev. Pierre E. Guillemette, Mr. Paul M. Jurkowitz, Rev. Terence J. Keegan, O.P., Rev. John J. Kilgallen, S.J., The Rev. Anitra B. Kolenkow, Dr. James C. Moyer, Rev. André Myre, S.J., Prof. Lorenz Nieting, Dr. Richard V. Rubinkiewicz, S.D.B., Sister Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M., Thomas L. Thompson, Rev. James A. Wilde, O.S.B.

*For Associate Membership:*

Mr. Harold W. Attridge, Jr., Mrs. Paula J. Bowes, Sister Adrienne de Champlain, S.U.S.C., Ms. Carol L. Cowgill, Sister Genevieve Datchuck, D.W., Sister Dorothy M. Dawes, O.P., Rev. Paul E. Dinter, Rev. Albert A. Godlewski, Sister Helen Ann Kenik, O.P., Mr. Paul J. Kobelski, Sister Jean V. McCarthy, O.P., Rev. William T. Miller, S.J., Ms. Mary Ann Moscato, Rev. Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J., Mrs. Joan K. Rothman, Sister Jane D. Schaberg, R.S.C.J., Fernando F. Segovia, Rev. John B. White.

Acceptance of these candidates was voted unanimously.

As CSR delegate Joseph Jensen reminded members of the job placement information available through the CSR project *TOIL* (Teaching Opportunities Information Listing), reported on proposed or actual publication projects (review journal, journal of American religion, and bibliographic series), outlined pending CSR grant requests, and called attention to travel grants available through the CSR (see Oct. 1973 *CSR Bulletin*). (Additional note: see now Oct. 1974 *CSR Bulletin*, p. 18.)

Stephen Hartdegen, O.F.M., of the U.S. Center for the Catholic Biblical Apostolate, asked that notice of corrections to be made in printed editions of the NAB be sent to him. He also invited scholars to popularize works on the Scriptures for adult education and bible discussion groups and called for cooperation on the part of Catholic scholars in promotion of National Bible Week, which this year is Thanksgiving week.

Brendan McGrath, O.S.B., speaking for the Committee on Resolutions, proposed that the Association extend congratulations to Very Rev. Thomas O. Barrosse, C.S.C., on his recent election to the office of Superior General of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, and to Rev. Msgr. John E. Steinmueller on the occasion of the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood; that the Association respectfully request the Holy See favorably to consider the appointment of a number of women theologians to serve on the Pontifical International Committee of Theologians; and that the Association convey its gratitude to the members of the program committee and to those who delivered papers or the like; to Bishop Hayes for his celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy and his warm words of encouragement; and to Rev. Baumhart and others of Loyola University for making this meeting a pleasant experience for all in attendance. This resolution passed unanimously.

The business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

Brendan McGrath, O.S.B., was principal concelebrant and homilist of the midday liturgy.

During the first of the afternoon's two sessions, Charles H. Giblin, S.J., spoke on "Paul's Understanding of the Oneness of God—Considered in the Light of its Biblical and Jewish Contexts"; a response was given by Jerome D. Quinn. Simultaneously, James M. Reese, O.S.F.S., addressed himself to the question, "What Can the *Hapax Legomena* of the Book of Wisdom Tell Us?"; responding was Eugene Maly. In the second session papers were delivered simultaneously by William Klassen on "'Love Your Enemies': Context and Content of a Saying of Jesus" and John A. Miles, Jr., on "Understanding Albright: A Revolutionary *Étude*." A response to the latter paper was given by James Price.

In the evening general session Paul J. Achtemeier read a paper entitled "The Lucan Perspective on the Miracles of Jesus: A Preliminary Sketch." Achtemeier's thesis was that a comparison with the other Synoptics shows that in the Lucan perspective miracles have the capacity to validate Jesus and faith in Jesus. The magical elements of miracle reports, so common in the Hellenistic culture, were deliberately avoided by Luke. The response was given by PHEME PERKINS.

#### Sessions on Thursday, August 22

The Task Forces and Continuing Seminars held their concluding meetings. In the last session of the morning, Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza spoke on "Cultic Language in Qumran and in the New Testament." Simultaneously, Geoffrey Graystone, S.M., delivered a paper entitled "At-one-ment or Reconciliation in Pauline Theology"; Joseph Wilhelm, S.M., gave the response.

The meeting formally closed with the midday Eucharistic liturgy; Thomas M. Suriano was principal concelebrant and homilist.

CBA members and invited guests in attendance were:

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Batto, Bernard F.	Ciuba, Edward J.
Barbieri, Amedeo, P.I.M.E.	Clifford, Richard J., S.J.
Bellet, Paulinus, O.S.B.	Clifton, James P., C.F.X.
Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A.	Collins, Adela Yarbrow
Bossman, David, O.F.M.	Collins, John J.
Bougie, Pierre, S.S.	Comber, Joseph A., C.F.X.
Bourke, Myles M.	Cope, Lamar
Bowes, Paula J.	Cordano, Virgil, O.F.M.
Boyle, John L., S.J.	Craghan, John F., C.S.S.R.
Brummel, Thomas, C.M.F.	Crone, Theodore M.
Bucher, Otto, O.F.M.Cap.	Daly, Robert J., S.J.
Buckley, Thomas M.	Davis, James J., O.P.
Burke, John, O.P.	Dawes, Dorothy M., O.P.
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Buss, Martin	Dietlein, Damian, O.S.B.
Byrne, Gerald S.	Di Lella, Alexander A., O.F.M.
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- Donahue, John R., S.J.  
 Draina, Cyril, S.T.  
 Elliott, John H.  
 Fallon, Francis T.  
 Fang, Mark, S.J.  
 Filas, Francis L., S.J.  
 Fiorenza, Elisabeth S.  
 Fischer, James A., C.M.  
 Fitzgerald, Aloysius, F.S.C.  
 Fitzmyer, Joseph A., S.J.  
 Flanagan, Neal  
 Gammie, John G.  
 Giblin, Charles H., S.J.  
 Gaffney, Edward McG.  
 Gormley, Joan, S.N.D.  
 Graycar, Paul M.  
 Graystone, Geoffrey, S.M.  
 Hamm, Dennis, S.J.  
 Hare, Douglas R.A.  
 Harrington, Daniel J., S.J.  
 Hartdegen, Stephen, O.F.M.  
 Heemrood, Johannes A., O.M.I.  
 Held, M. Leontine  
 Heupler, Charles G., O.F.M.Cap.  
 Hollar, John A.  
 Hopkins, Martin, O.P.  
 Huesman, John E., S.J.  
 Hurst, Thomas R.  
 Irwin, William H., C.S.B.  
 Janecko, Benedict, O.S.B.  
 Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.  
 Jones, David L.  
 Karris, Robert J., O.F.M.  
 Kearney, Peter J.  
 Keating, John R., S.J.  
 Keegan, Terence J., O.P.  
 King, Philip J.  
 Kingsbury, Jack D.  
 Kodell, Jerome, O.S.B.  
 Kolenkow, Anita B.  
 Kraus, Damien, O.S.B.  
 Kselman, John S., S.S.  
 Kugelman, Richard, C.P.  
 Kumaki, Francis K.  
 Kurz, William S., S.J.  
 Langerholz, Callistus, O.F.M.  
 Lazor, Bernard, O.S.A.  
 Leahy, Thomas W., S.J.  
 L'Heureux, Conrad E.  
 Malina, Bruce J.  
 Maly, Eugene H.  
 Martin, Francis  
 Maurer, M. Sylvia, C.S.C.  
 McAlee, Eugene A., C.S.S.R.  
 McCarthy, Jean V., O.P.  
 McHatten, M. Timothy, O.P.  
 McLaughlin, Gertrude, S.N.J.M.  
 McGrath, Brendan, O.S.B.  
 McLinden, Marion, O.P.  
 Meier, John P.  
 Milano, Marylou  
 Miller, Charles H., S.M.  
 Montague, George T., S.M.  
 Most, William G.  
 Mulhall, Michael, O.Carm.  
 Navarre, Nanette, O.S.U.  
 Neyrey, Jerome H., S.J.  
 Nickels, Peter H., O.F.M.Conv.  
 O'Connell, Kevin G., S.J.  
 O'Donnell, Patrick J., C.M.  
 Perkins, Pheme  
 Petronek, Thomas C.  
 Pilch, John J.  
 Plevnik, Joseph, S.J.  
 Prendergast, Terence, S.J.  
 Price, James  
 Quinn, Jerome D.  
 Rausch, Jerome W., O.S.C.  
 Reaume, Michael, S.M.  
 Reese, James M., O.S.F.S.  
 Reges, M. Stephen  
 Reid, David, SS.CC.  
 Riehl, Claudia, O.S.B.  
 Rossiter, Francis S.  
 Rubsys, Anthony L.  
 Rybolt, John, C.M.  
 Saldarini, Athony J., S.J.  
 Schaberg, Jane  
 Schneider, Bernardin, O.F.M.  
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 Skehan, Patrick W.  
 Sklba, Richard J.  
 Schmitt, John J.  
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Suriano, Thomas M.  
Swetnam, James, S.J.  
Tambasco, Anthony, S.M.M.  
Theiss, Norman  
Thompson, William G., S.J.  
Tibesar, Leo J.  
Tkacik, Arnold  
Topel, L. John, S.J.  
Trautman, Donald  
Turner, Wayne A.  
Van Linden, Philip A., C.M.

Van Zutphen, Vincent H., O.S.A.  
Vater, Ann M.  
Wahl, Thomas P., O.S.B.  
Wang, Peter  
Wcela, Emil A.  
Weis, Earl A., S.J.  
Werner, M. Assunta, C.S.C.  
Wifall, Walter R.  
Wilde, James A., O.S.B.  
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