

SELECTED READING

The following books and articles have lighted the journey of a fledgeling Thinker.

ANCIENT HISTORY

Edmundson, G., *The Church in Rome in the First Century: An Examination of Various Controverted Questions Relating to its History, Chronology, Literature and Traditions*, Bampton Lectures, (London: Longmans, Green and Co., 1913).

The essential historical background to New Testament Studies (albeit in need of revision).

Robinson, John A.T., *Redating the New Testament* (London: SCM Press, 1976).

A tide-turner.

de Ste Croix, G.E.M., *The Origins of the Peloponnesian War* (London: Duckworth, 1972).

Ancient history as Martin learned to do it from the author.

Wenham, John, *Redating Matthew, Mark and Luke* (Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1992).

The most accessible introduction to the Synoptic Problem (relationships between the first three gospels).

See also the Bibliography to *The Three Gospels* (Section III on this website).

PHILOSOPHY (How to Think)

The Bible.

HH Dalai Lama and Howard C. Cutler, *The Art of Happiness: A Handbook for Living* (London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1998).

Jamison, Abbot Christopher, *Finding Happiness: Monastic Steps for a Fulfilling Life* (London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 2008).

de Mello, Anthony, *One Minute Wisdom* (New York: Image/Doubleday, 1985).

On opening the eyes.

Moir, Ann and David Jessel, *BrainSex: the Real Difference Between Men and Women* (Arrow: London: 1998).

The differences between the male and female brains.

Nasr, Seyyed Hossein, *Man and Nature: The Spiritual Crisis of Modern Man* (Chicago, IL: ABC International Group, 1997).

The West needs to rediscover the metaphysics which it lost at the Renaissance.

Pease, Allan & Barbara: *Why Men Don't Listen & Women Can't Read Maps: How we're different and what to do about it* (London: Orion, 2001).

Hilarious as well as instructive.

Peck, M. Scott, *The Road Less Travelled: A New Psychology of Love, Traditional Values and Spiritual Growth* (London: Century, 1987).

Plato's *Apology of Socrates*. In Penguin Classics, *Plato: The Last Days of Socrates*, translated by Hugh Tredennick (1959).

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The historic Socrates' defence speech when on trial for his life, upon which Western philosophy was founded.

Plato's *Republic*. Numerous editions. Probably the most accessible is H.D.P. Lee's translation in the Penguin Classics, which has run to several editions.

The traditional Western approach to metaphysics; one of the best teaching manuals on learning to Think ever written. See the [review](#) in Section IV.

Schumacher, E.F., *A Guide for the Perplexed* (London: Jonathan Cape, 1977).

How modern man can rediscover metaphysics. See the [summary](#) in Section IV.

MATHEMATICS

Crilly, Tony, *50 Mathematical Ideas You Really Need to Know* (London: Quercus, 2007).

Beautifully and simply presented.

Philip J. Davis and Reuben Hersh: *The Mathematical Experience* (USA: Birkhäuser, 1980); republished (Harmondsworth: Pelican, 1983)

Penetrating and enthralling grapple with the philosophy of mathematics, and particularly with the central issue of whether mathematics is discovered or invented.

W.W. Sawyer, *Mathematician's Delight* (Harmondsworth: Pelican, 1943).

Attempts to overcome the fear of mathematics by presenting the subject as an attractive mental exercise. One of the best teaching books I have ever read.

du Sautoy, Marcus *The Music of the Primes: Why an Unsolved Problem in Mathematics Matters* (London: Fourth Estate, 2003).

On the Riemann Hypothesis, its history and significance. Illustrates compellingly how front line mathematicians think today.

See also the [Bibliography to BW/003](#) in Section II (alternative mathematics).

RELIGION

de Caussade, Jean-Pierre, *Self-Abandonment to Divine Providence*, translated by Algar Thorold and revised by Father John Joyce, S.J. (Glasgow: Collins/Fontana, 1977); also other editions.

The first of the great Catholic classics to have made any sense to Martin. [Quoted](#) in Section VI.

Filby, F.A., *Creation Revealed: A study of Genesis 1 in the light of modern science* (London: Pickering & Inglis, 1963)

A gem of a book by a well qualified chemist who combines an appreciation of the *structure* of the account in question with a clear exposition of the *science* involved.

Humphreys, Colin J., *The Miracles of Exodus: A Scientist's Discovery of the Extraordinary Natural Causes of the Biblical Stories* (London: Continuum, 2003).

By a Cambridge University physicist.

Murray, Andrew, *Waiting on God* (c.1900, several editions).

Contemplative prayer as taught in the Bible. See the [verse summary](#) in Section VI.

Rumi, *Spiritual Verses: The First Book of the Masnavi-ye Ma'navi*, translated into blank verse by Alan Williams (London: Penguin Classics, 2006).

The principal poetry of Sufism; a real delight.

Schaeffer, Francis, *Death in the City* (London: Inter-Varsity Press, 1969).

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Which first taught me to love Jeremiah.

Tozer, A.W., *The Pursuit of God* (1948; Alberta: Horizon House, 1976) and other editions.
One of the great evangelical mystics.

Underhill, Evelyn, *The Mystics of the Church* (London: James Clarke, 1925).
A non-combative account of Church history.

Whybray, R.N., *The Making of the Pentateuch: A Methodological Study, JSOT Supplement Series 53* (Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1987).

LITERARY CRITICISM

Crump, M.M., *The Growth of the Aeneid: A Study of the Stages of Composition as revealed by the Evidences of Incompletion* (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1920)
Literary detective work done properly.

Lewis, C.S., Essay 'Fern-Seed and Elephants' in his posthumous book of that name (Collins/Fount, 1977 and other editions).
On Bultmann-type literary criticism. Lewis at his sparkling best.

Young, Douglas 'Miltonic Light on Professor Denys Page's Homeric Theory', *Greece and Rome*, Second Series, VI.1 (March 1959), 96-108.
Wittily disposes of the notion that authorship can be determined by statistical word counts alone.

POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

Bradley, Ian, *God Save The Queen: The Spiritual Dimension of Monarchy* (London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 2002).
Thought-provoking, balanced and well thought through.

Hailsham, Lord, *The Dilemma of Democracy: Diagnosis and Prescription* (London: Collins 1978).
Prophetic.

Parkinson, C. Northcote, *Parkinson's Law, or The Pursuit of Progress* (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1965).
Many a true word spoken in jest.

Sachs, Jeffrey, *Common Wealth: Economics for a Crowded Planet* (London: Allen Lane, 2008).
Practical proposals for saving the planet born of very considerable experience.

Sacks, Jonathan, *The Politics of Hope* (London: Jonathan Cape, 1997). Now in its second edition.
One of the great Thinkers of our day (alternative politics).

Schumacher, E.F., *Small is Beautiful: A Study of Economics as if People Mattered*, (1973; London: ABACUS, 1974).
An iconic book by the originator of the concept of intermediate technology.

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