

BOOK REVIEWS

Alsop, John R., ed. *An Index to the Revised Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich Greek Lexicon, Second Edition* by F. Wilbur Gingrich and Frederick W. Danker. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 1981. 525 pp. Paperback, \$10.95.

This second edition of the Index was necessitated by the fact that a new edition of Bauer's Lexicon in English has been published since the appearance of the first Index. This Index is intended as a time-saver for the student who uses Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich by providing for each word the page, the place on the page, and the section where the specific meaning of the word (in that particular text) is treated. The editor suggests that more than half the time is saved for the ordinary Greek student and considerably more for the student who knows only a little Greek.

The Index was originally published to provide for the Wycliffe Bible Translators "quicker and easier access to the wealth of information" in Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich. Others can benefit from this tool as well, although one must assume some basic knowledge of Greek in recognizing the actual forms as they are found in the text. Nothing is indicated as to how much knowledge of Greek is required before this tool can be used with satisfaction. Obviously the Wycliffe Bible Translators assume a certain standard. In that case one wonders why every word is provided, including proper nouns and frequently occurring words.

An admirable aspect of the Index is that the student is led to Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich for the specific meaning of the word for each particular use. However, one should be aware of the fact that there are differences of opinion as to the precise meaning of many words.

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Aune, David E. *Jesus and the Synoptic Gospels: A Bibliographic Study Guide*. Madison, Wisc.: Inter-Varsity Press, 1980. vi + 93 pp. Paperback, \$2.50.

This volume is the first in a series of bibliographic study guides for the Bible, which is jointly sponsored by the Institute of Biblical Research and the Theological Students Fellowship. The series promises to treat the major sections of the Bible and periods of biblical history. Other volumes in preparation cover such areas as: "Pentateuchal Studies," "Intertestamental Studies," "Pauline Studies," and "Second-Century Christianity."

The principal purpose of this book is to provide a bibliography for the study of Jesus and the Synoptics, which is designed to serve the needs